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Santa showed up to the McCaslin Lions Christmas Party



It was a great day! Santa arrived on a fire truck along with Mrs. Santa. 20 bikes were given away to some lucky children. There was great food, games and prizes and a great party was had by all. The event was held on December 2nd.



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Conservation Corner

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Department. For more information, contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director, at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at Icc@co.forest.wi.us.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Our neighbors to the East in Michigan have

reported an outbreak of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

These insects are considered invasive because they are not native to the state and can cause significant harm to Michigan's estimated 170



million hemlock trees. As they feed, these tiny, soft-bodied insects consume a hemlock's stored nutrients, slowly sucking the life from the tree.

Infestations of hemlock woolly adelgid have been confirmed in Allegan, Benzie, Mason, Muskegon, Oceana, Ottawa and Washtenaw counties in Michigan.

Winter is the best time to look for evidence of an infestation, according to Robert Miller, an invasive species prevention and response specialist.

"Cooler temperatures trigger feeding activity," Miller said. "As hemlock woolly adelgid feeds, it secretes a white, waxy material that creates ovisacs. The presence of these small, round, white masses make it possible to identify infested trees."

Throughout the winter, survey crews from the Michigan DNR and several cooperative invasive species management areas (CISMAs) will look for signs of hemlock woolly adelgid, conducting surveys within a 5-mile border along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

One of the CISMAs we work with in Forest County is Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC). WRISC is responsible for Forest and Florence County in Wisconsin and Menominee, Dickinson and Iron counties in the LIP

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Lt. Governor Rodriguez visits Crandon on northern tour



Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez paid a visit to Crandon on Tuesday, December 12. We photographed her shopping in Flowers From the Heart, above, and she also shopped at Tricias Treasures. Her good-will tour of the North also included Oconto Falls, Florence, and when leaving Crandon, headed to Antigo.



With Tricia at Tricia's Treasures



Her visit to Flowers From the Heart gave her a visit with Linda Fehrenbach.

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This is our last issue before Christmas. If your business would like to extend Christmas Greetings to their customers in the Dec. 25 issue give us a call!

Crandon International Raceway announces event schedule for 2024 Season

See us online at pioneerexpresscrandon.com



FIRE AND FURY: Unlimited race trucks such as the #43 Pro 2 of Bob Brand have wowed fans at Crandon for decades. Large fields of these fire-breathing vehicles are expected to entertain young and old in 2024. (Photo: Champ Off-Road)

After posting another historic season defined by record crowds, racers and corporate partnerships, Crandon International International today released official event and reservation dates for its upcoming 2024 season.

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GAC Lions donate to the GAC High School



Above Tech Ed student Austin Domine, Tom Wysocki, GAC Tech Ed Department Director, GAC Lions Club President, Wayne Brehmer, and Tech Ed students Joey Stec, Pietro Ipsa, and Nick Niven.

The Goodman Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club presented a \$1,400 check to the GAC High School. The donation was used to purchase an air compressor for the Tech Ed Department for use with their pneumatic equipment; a purified water bottle filling station for use by students and staff; and money towards the purchase of a defibrillator machine.

See page 13 for more!



Town of Blackwell donates to NEWCAP

 ${\it Alex\ Oul\ accepts\ the\ donation\ from\ Jeff\ Schadrie}.$

The Town of Blackwell hold a Wellness Walk event. Funds raised at the event are donated to a nonprofit. This year, the Town of Blackwell chose NEWCAP. Town Supervisor, Jeff Schadrie, recently dropped off 14 bags of groceries and \$350. Alex Oul accepted the donation on behalf of NEWCAP.

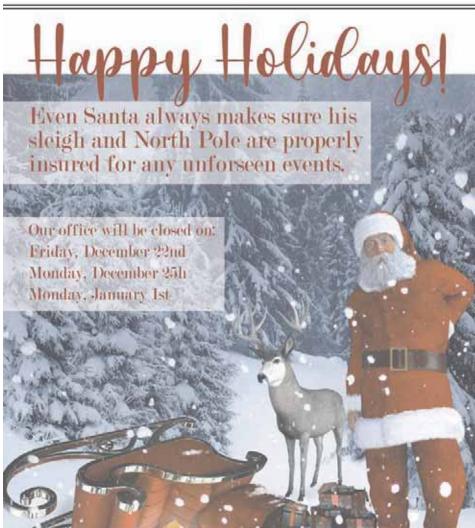


Town of Blackwell Supervisor Jeff Schadrie delivers donation to NEWCAP.









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Mrs. Deer's 4th grade class was quite excited to hold the 3rd annual Wabeno Elementary Ugly Sweater Contest! The students have been working hard to not only design their very own ugly sweater but they had to write a persuasive paper, convincing the audience that their sweater was the ugliest and deserved to win. What made it even more exciting was that they invited their principal, Mr. Brauer, to be their judge! T

hey all did a terrific job! Congratulations to Chelsie for winning the contest.





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Praise Chapel Kids Club will be starting in January for students in Kindergarten-8th grade. You will need to pre-register. Please call the church for a list of registration dates at 715-478-7755. All are welcome.

The School District of Crandon will be hosting a Career Fair on Wednesday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. -

The Career Fair is a chance to:

- · Meet future employees and customers from
- Present for 20-25 minutes about your career/business to the 10th-12th grade students (optional)

If you would like your business showcased to our middle and high school students, please contact Jessica Keao at keaojess@sdofcrandon.com or (715) 478-3339

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centerpieces. Dec. 11, 12, 13 and 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 2373 Mud Creek Rd., Monico. Next to the planetarium. Call 715-902-

Blackwell Job Corps wreath making and giving to the community

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The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation, which has been in this area for almost 60 years, is one of the nation's largest free residential career training programs for low-income young adults ages 16 through 24, interested in the high-demand trades of carpentry, welding, masonry, construction, forestry conservation, and wildland firefighting. Please contact Blackwell Job Corps Liaison Kathy McLaughlin at 715-674-2311 or 715-674-7372 for more information or for a campus tour.



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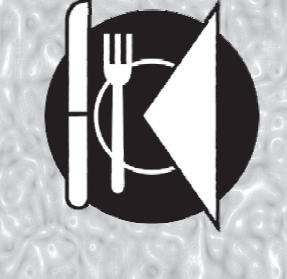
- Spotlight your business at your career fair booth
- Crandon, Elcho, Goodman-Pembine, Laona, Three Lakes, and Wabeno schools
- · Let students know about the employment opportunities available locally and state-wide
- · Promote summer or part-time employment that may be available to students

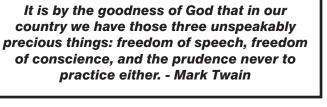
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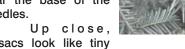




Because hemlock trees can be protected from these insects with proper insecticide treatments, infested trees and any other hemlocks within the area will be mapped and tagged, then prioritized for summer treatment.

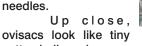
Since adelgids feed and form ovisacs only on eastern hemlock trees, it is important to distinguish hemlocks from other conifers like pines or spruces. Look

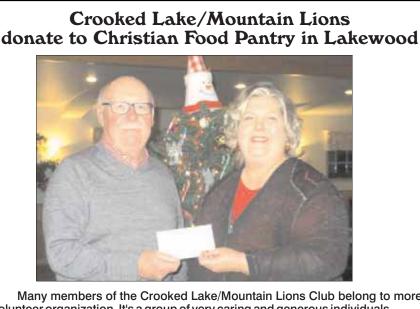
- Cone- or egg-shaped trees up to 75 feet tall.
- · Drooping or feathery branches.
- Flat needles growing individually from the sides of twigs.
- Needles that are dark green on top with two parallel, white stripes underneath.
- Papery cones about three-quarters of an inch long that hang downward from branches.



cotton balls and may appear alone or in clusters. The short video "Hemlock woolly adelgid: invasive species in Michigan" provides helpful identification tips.

Late fall through early spring is the best time to check hemlock trees. Look on the underside of branches for evidence of round, white ovisacs near the base of the needles.





Many members of the Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club belong to more than one volunteer organization. It's a group of very caring and generous individuals.

An example is that at the Lions Christmas Party Lion Matt Connell, Treasurer of the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood, accepted a Lions \$1000 donation from Lion Mary Liner, Secretary of the Christian Food Pantry. The Lions donate \$1000 twice a year to the Food Pantry.

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Applications for these positions can be found on the school website:

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McCaslin Lions Christmas Cont. from pg. 1





The crew that throws the party!

13th Annual Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest

The 2024 Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest is in its 13th year and currently reaches school districts within 18 Northwoods' counties (Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, Shawano, Washburn, and Vilas). We would love to receive posters from other counties since all 4th through 8th grade students in the State of Wisconsin are eligible to enter this contest! Invasive species do not recognize county lines and neither should this contest!

Creating and submitting a poster will help students gain a better understanding of how invasive species can impact the environment. Topics can include the Emerald ash borer, Yellow iris, Rusty crayfish, Rock Snot, or one of a hundred others. Designing a poster about the Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive that is getting close to the Wisconsin border, can help create awareness about a new invader and allow resource managers to contain its spread.

If you have a student or a class interested in being a part of this contest, please visit us at the Oneida County Land a n d Water Conservation website at: https://www.oclw.org/2024-northwoods-invasive-species-poster-contest.html.

A brochure with complete instructions, drop-off locations and fillable entry forms can be found on the website. Entries are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024. Posters and poster entry forms may be mailed in or dropped off at any one of sixteen drop-off locations. If drop-off locations are not convenient for you, or you need additional information, contact us at 715-369-7835 and we will do our best to make sure we get your posters.

PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 5, DECEMBER 18, 2023 DNR offers tips on reducing, reusing & recycling waste this holiday season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering tips to help families save money, reduce waste and keep recycling and trash workers safe during upcoming holidays.

"We know recycling can be confusing," said Jennifer Semrau, DNR Waste Diversion and Recycling Coordinator. "But there are some basic tips people can use to make tackling holiday waste less overwhelming. Knowing the right thing to do with things like batteries and light strings can prevent damage to recycling facilities and keep workers safe."

WHAT SHOULD GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Many items can be recycled anywhere in Wisconsin. These items, which the state bans from landfills, include:

- Cardboard Flatten boxes before putting them in carts or bins so that recycling equipment can handle them properly
 Newspaper • Magazines • Office paper • Plastic #1 and #2 containers • Aluminum cans • Steel (tin) cans • Glass
- bottles and jars Wrapping paper that can be torn and doesn't have any glitter, foil or other adornments can be recycled in the majority of programs in Wisconsin.

Be sure the items are empty of any liquids and excess gunk, but you don't need to wash them with soap or put them through the dishwasher. For cans or bottles going into a curbside recycling cart or container, don't crush or flatten them – this makes it harder for equipment at recycling facilities to recognize and properly sort things like aluminum cans.

Most communities include junk mail and other mixed paper, such as cereal boxes. Check locally for a complete list, and don't rely on packaging labels. Keep in mind that what you can recycle at a relative's home may be different than what you can recycle at your own.

WHAT SHOULD NOT GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Some items can cause serious problems at recycling facilities that aren't designed to handle them, including a risk of fire and worker injury. Many of these can be recycled at drop-off sites but should not go in curbside recycling bins or carts. These include:

- Tissue paper
- Holiday light strings, cords and other "tanglers"

At modern recycling facilities, these get wrapped around equipment, meaning a facility has to be shut down for workers to cut the material loose. Some retailers, electronics recyclers and communities offer seasonal recycling programs for light strings. If that's not an option, put broken lights in the trash.

• Plastic bags, plastic film and wrap

These also get tangled in recycling equipment. Bagged recyclables also cause problems because workers can't be sure what's inside. Empty cans, bottles and other recyclables into your bin or cart, then put the bag in the trash. You can take many types of clean, dry plastic bags and wrap to store drop-off locations. Learn more about reducing, reusing and recycling plastic bags and wrap on the DNR's recycling plastic bags webpage.

• Batteries and electronics

Recycling facilities that manage cans, bottles and cardboard and waste facilities that manage household garbage aren't set up to handle batteries and electronics. Rechargeable batteries cause fires in collection trucks and facilities if they are damaged by equipment, and many electronics contain hazardous materials. Find more information on how to recycle batteries and electronics, including drop-off site locations, on the DNR's electronics recycling webpage.

For more information about what can and can't be recycled, visit the DNR's What to Recycle in Wisconsin webpage.

SAVE MONEY WITH FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS

A 2020 study conducted by Penn State estimated households lose \$1,866 a year on food that's thrown out.

Here are some tips to reduce and prevent food waste at home:

Understand date labels and when food items are actually unsafe. Date labels are NOT regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any other federal agency. Manufacturers apply date labels at their own discretion, with the exception of infant formula products. The FDA advises consumers to examine foods to determine if the quality is sufficient for use. Relying on your eyes and an old-fashioned sniff test can be a better indicator of the suitability of food for your use and could help you avoid disposing of healthy and safe food. That jar of nutmeg from last year is most likely still good, so you might be able to avoid re-purchasing some special holiday food items.

Shop with a plan and prepare for gatherings. Purchasing more food than what is needed often leads to more food waste. You can reduce this problem by taking inventory of what you already have, planning meals and making detailed shopping lists.

Store food to extend its life. Storing food in the best manner for that food type can go a long way to reducing food waste and saving the time and money associated with additional grocery store runs. Save the Food's Store It guide is an excellent tool for learning the detailed recommendations for food items you buy the most or have the most challenging time keeping fresh.

For more details and additional tips, visit the DNR's Reducing Food Waste at Home webpage.

Find more information on reducing household waste during the holidays on the DNR's Recycling and Waste reduction webpage.

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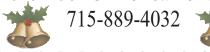
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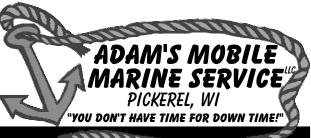


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The Crandon Cardinal wrestling team's season is off to a strong start. The first matches of the season took place in Stratford on December 2 at the Schoenherr Duals. The team went 3-2 on the day defeating Southern Door, DePere and Wausau East.

The team was led by a 5-0 day by seniors Elias Glinski, Conner Lawrence and juniors Mason Dewing and Ty Dennee. Glinski notably took home the tournament's trophy for the most pins in the shortest amount of time.

On Thursday (12/7), the team took down Bark River-Harris in their first home dual of the season by a score of 56-11. Earning pins on the night were Reid Votis (113), Mason Dewing (120), Brayden Madl (132), Riley Johnson (138), Elias Glinski (144), Nolan Bradley (165), Cruz Palubicki (190), and Conner Lawrence (HWT) and in the most exciting match of the night, freshman Reece Mayer (175) won a close one 11-9. Edward Alloway and Tyler Lawrence also earned pins in JV action.

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Linda was born January 24, 1950, in Racine to the late Walter and Viola (Mc Cormick) Rusch. She graduated from William Horlick High School with the class of 1968.



She moved to the Townsend area in 1978 with her children, George and Anna. She was employed with various companies over the years including O'Brien's Potato Farm, Lakewood Super Valu, and most notably St. John Lutheran Church. Linda had a spitfire personality. She enjoyed entertaining guests in her home and hosting parties for holidays and family functions all while preparing huge spreads of food. She was a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan, rarely missing a game. She also liked attending in person at Lambeau Field. She had a spitfire personality and loved to laugh. Linda loved spending time with her family, especially cooking and baking with her granddaughter, Shayla. Her faith and Love of God was endless. She will be missed dearly by all who were blessed to have known her.

Visitation for Linda will be held, Saturday, December 16, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Townsend from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Pastor Richard Kelm will preside. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery in Townsend.

The family has established a GoFundMe page to assist with Linda's final expenses. Please consider making a donation in lieu of flowers to the following link https://gofund.me/30f1f11b.

Online condolences may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Lisa (Skrzysowski) Allred,

aged 59, passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Her husband and daughters were by her side during her last hours of life.

Lisa was born an only child on April 20, 1964, to Mary (Wilson) and Frank Skrzysowski at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. A couple of years later, the young family moved to Duluth, Minnesota. When Lisa was in



junior high, they relocated to her mother's hometown of Crandon, Wisconsin. Lisa was the Salutatorian of her 1982 Crandon High School graduating class. She attended the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh and graduated in 1986 with a degree in Business Administration. Later that year, Lisa married Curtis Allred, and the couple moved to Texas. They relocated to Crandon in 1993, where Lisa resided for the remainder of her life.

Lisa worked several jobs throughout her lifetime but working as a casino analyst at the Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel for 15+ years was the one she enjoyed most.

Lisa is survived by her husband; her three daughters, Carly Allred, Kaele DeLeeuw (Ronnie) and Alanna Allred (Maddie); and her three young granddaughters, Raelee, Isla, and Veira. Lisa is also survived by her many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. Lisa is preceded in death by her parents.

Lisa's greatest joys in life were her precious granddaughters. She adored them and spent a lot of time with them as she loved being a grandma. Lisa liked living in the Northwoods with all it had to offer. She enjoyed the changing seasons, the lakes, and the forests. Lisa was creative, artistic, and very talented. She absolutely loved talking with people and spending time with her family and friends

Lisa made the world a brighter place, just by being in it, with her eternal optimism, sense of humor, caring nature, and warm hugs. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Visitation was held at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Crandon on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. Pastor Don Dewing presided.

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Fred James Letto of Crandon, passed away on December 7, 2023, at Friendly Village Nursing and Rehabilitation following a courageous battle with existing health complications. He was 73 years old.

He was born in Crandon on March 2, 1950, to the late Fred Sr. and Anna (Bocek) Letto.

When Fred was a young

child, his parents moved to the Milwaukee area where they were raised. Life eventually led Fred back to the Crandon area where he spent most of his life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, spending time with his family and woodworking projects with his father. He was also an avid gun enthusiast and collector of all things "Betty Boop" related. He will be missed by his dear family and friends.

Survivors include sisters, Irene Pagel and AnnaLee Pavasil; and brothers, Alois (Julie) Letto, and Kenneth (Grace) Letto.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Collins; and brothers-in-law, Eldred Pagel and Tom Pavasil Sr.

Per Fred's wishes no services will be held.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the Editor; however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

Senator Baldwin Statement on Emergency National Security Funding; Calls for Border Deal

Baldwin: "We owe it to the American people to find a compromise that helps secure our border and stops the flow of fentanyl into our communities - and I am committed to being part of the solution"

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) released the following statement after voting to advance legislation that would provide support for our allies, including Israel and Ukraine, deliver humanitarian assistance to innocent civilians, and strengthen our Southern border:

"This emergency funding package is necessary to keep Americans safe at home and support our allies abroad, and I was proud to vote to advance it. This legislation makes key investments in our Southern border, helps our allies like Israel and Ukraine defend themselves in brutal wars against terrorists and war criminals, and delivers needed humanitarian aid to the innocent people caught in the crosshairs of these conflicts, like those in Gaza.

"This bill would make long overdue investments in security for our Southern border and help stop the flow of deadly drugs like fentanyl from coming into our country - but the truth is, it's not enough. I was encouraged by my colleagues' talks to draft a bipartisan deal that will help address our broken immigration system and strengthen our Southern border, and we must come back to the table to continue those negotiations. We owe it to the American people to find a compromise that helps secure our border and stop the flow of fentanyl coming into our communities - and I am committed to being part of the solution."

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Thursday, December 14: Rhinelander Tuesday, December 19: Antigo Thursday. December 21: Iron Mountain Tuesday, December 26: MERRY CHRISTMAS! Thursday, December 28: Rhinelander

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<u>CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA</u>

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Monday - Dec. 25 - No meals the week of the 25th-29th. Merry Christmas!

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Dec. 19 - Sliced turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, romaine and tomato slice, Tuscan bean soup with chicken and sausage, crackers, peach slices, cookie

Tuesday - Dec. 26 - No meals the week of the 25th-29th. Merry Christmas!

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - Dec. 20 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, cranberry cake

Wednesday - Dec. 27 - No meals the week of the 25th-29th. Merry Christmas!

ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday - Dec. 21 - Ham salad with tomatoes and carrots, baked beans, hashbrown casserole, dinner roll,

Thursday - Dec. 28 - No meals the week of the 25th-29th. Merry Christmas!

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Bids & Notices

School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2023

High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard (virtually), Dawn Jakubiec, Dan Christianson, Emy Belland, and Carlton Stealer. Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services.

Others Present: Jess Habeck, Teresa Romprey, Elise Harris, Lee Mattern, Carol

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2)).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Annual School Board Meeting minutes of October 23, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 85431 to 85558 for \$325,254.92 and payroll checks 900049507 to 900049844 for \$445,370.79, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$153,850.26. Carried 7 to 0.

William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services shared updates and upcoming events with the Board.

The Board commended/thanked the following:

-Brian VanEperen, Fab Lab Director, award winner at the NEW Manufacturing Alliance ceremony. Brian was recognized for his manufacturing partnership with Nicolet Plastics and our Youth Apprenticeship students. This award recognizes "Excellence in Manufacturing and K-12 partnerships." Wabeno was 1 of 9 recognized schools in NE Wisconsin. This is a great honor and accomplishment for the entire district.

-Middle School Halloween Dance - Thank you to the staff for making it happen.

-Varsity volleyball team - Congratulations on a great season!

-Trunk or Treat event was another success. Thank you to Home and School once again

-Band concert was amazing! Great job Mrs. Boor and students.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to accept the quote from Energy Control & Design, Inc. for a new heating and cooling unit for the district office.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Emy Belland to accept the quote from Demco for new elementary library shelving. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve prombeing held Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Springs. Carried 7 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on AGR plan. Tabled until December. No action taken. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Matt Popp's resignation from junior high girls basketball coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Emy Belland to accept Bonnie Jost's resignation from elementary aide with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to accept Scott Tinsman's resignation from co-head girls softball coach with many thanks from the board. Carried

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Katie Pintsch's resignation from 6th grade girls basketball coach with many thanks from the board.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Kim Winkelman's resignation from junior high girls volleyball coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve hiring Mitchell Woulf as middle school 8th grade boys basketball coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve hiring Ryan Nelson as middle school 7th grade boys basketball coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve hiring Maggie

Reynolds as a 4k elementary aide. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve changing Daycare

Handbook sick leave verbiage to PTO verbiage. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve real estate closing paperwork for downtown baseball field and to authorize Bill Taylor to sign paperwork. Carried 7 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on NEOLA policy po 0142.5. No action taken.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve using the 125 cafeteria plan balance for eduCLIMBER. Remaining assets to be spent as determined by District Administrator Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to go into closed session at 6:42 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes, Carlton Stealer, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:

a. Discuss district administrator evaluation process.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to return to open session at 6:58 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes; Carlton Stealer, yes.

Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to adjourn at 6:59 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk



Laona-Wabeno Fall Sports Co-Op Meeting Laona/Wabeno Boards of Education Monday, November 13, 2023 5:30 P.M.

High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Wabeno Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard (virtually), Dawn Jakubiec, Emy Belland, and Carlton Stealer. Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator and Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Wabeno Board members absent: Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal and Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services

Others present: Samantha Hoffman, Melissa McLaughlin, Jason Bertrand, Michelle Boor, Hope Gilligan, Larry Palubicki, Mandi Stamper, and Ken Carroll Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the amended agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Michelle Boor presented the Fall Sports Update:

Rebel Football Varsity went 4-4 on the season and did not make playoff this years. JV went 0-6-1 on the season.

All-Conferences selections include:

First Team: Offense - Brady Shepard-Wide Receiver, Timber Cronauer-Back; Defense – Timber Cronauer-Lineman

Second Team: Offense - Cooper Albrecht-QB; Walker Winkelman-Tight End; Colten Cooper-Wide Receiver; William Collins-Lineman; Cooper Albrecht-Kicker; Defense -Colten Cooper & Walker Winkelman-Backs; Cooper Albrecht Linebacker; Brady Shepard-Lineman

Honorable Mention: Marshal Smith-Defensive Linebacker

Junior high played 8 games this year going undefeated. We had large numbers this season putting us right around 30 students.

Rebel Volleyball Varsity was 10-0 conference, 36-9 overall. Conference Champs, Regional Champs and fell to Newman Catholic in Sectional Semis where the girls had an off night.

JV finished the season taking first place at the conference tourney and finished their season with a record of 23-8.

All Conference Selections:

First Team: Allison Albrecht, Lily Terry, and Malerie Krawze

Second Team: Holly Gilligan.

Coach of the year: Michelle Boor

WVCA All State Honorable Mention: Allison Albrecht & Lily Terry

Middle School finished with 30+ students.

8th grade went 10-3 without including tournament games while the 6th and 7th grade made tons of progress on developing their skills.

Rebel Cross Country Had 3 boys out for high school while middle school had 3 boys and 3 girls.

Laona/Wabeno hosted the conference and sectional meets successfully. Behavior of fans at sporting events. Discussion of our athlete's behavior while attending sporting events at other schools.

Discussion on softball head coach position. Due to Scott Tinsman's resignation, Danielle Peterson will now be the sole Head Softball Coach. The new hire will be an

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to go into closed session at 5:49 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the Board will enter into closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes; and Carlton Stealer, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

a. Coaches evaluations.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to return to open session at 6:23 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes; and Carlton Stealer, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Michelle Boor presented the Fall Sports Coaches Report:

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to pay Colin Schubert as Asst. Football Coach for the 2023-24 season. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to renew the following contracts:

Football: JV/Asst. Head Coach - Pete Liptack, Asst. Coaches - Dan Moravec and Colin Schubert, JH Coaches - James Reed and Ryan Nelson. Carried 6-0-1. Trinity Shepard abstained.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Emy Belland to renew the following contracts:

Volleyball: Head Varsity Coach - Michelle Boor, JV Coach - Sara Perry, 8th grade coach - Bill Perry, and 7th grade coach - Ashley Seiler. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Emy Belland to renew the following

Cross Country: Head Coach - Rich Sorenson. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to adjourn at 6:28 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

Town of Crandon Change of Meeting Hours

Starting with the second Monday in January, the 8th, the town will meet at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. This change will remain in effect until further notice. Ron Cole,

Clerk, Town of Crandon



WHAT'S TO EAT

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT BREAKFAST MENU

DEC. 18-22 Mon. - Whole grain cereal, string cheese, peaches, juice

Tues. - Cinnamon roll, pears, juice

Wed. - Muffin, tropical fruit,

Thurs. - Cinnamon breakfast round, applesauce, juice

Fri. - Whole grain cereal, yogurt cup, mixed fruit, juice

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH MENU Nov. 18-22

Mon. - Loaded macaroni and cheese, ham or BBQ chicken, broccoli, pears Tues. - Spaghetti, corn, mixed berry cup, garlic bread, tossed salad

Wed. - Ham dinner, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, applesauce, dinner roll, ice cream

Thurs. - Pizza, carrots, pineapple, tossed salad Fri. - Grab and go beef stick and string cheese, carrots and dip, apple slices, goldfish, 9-12 uncrustable



Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Dec. 18 - 22

Monday - Scrambled eggs, biscuits/gravy, breakfast potatoes, pineapple tidbits, oranges, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Assorted cereal, grapes, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Breakfast tacos, apple churros, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - French toast sticks, bacon, apple sauce, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Dec 18 - 22

Monday - Chicken dumpling soup, w.G. bread sticks, apple slices, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Turkey croissant, chips, green beans, berry cup, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/w gravy, corn, apple saucegarden bar, milk

Thursday - Crispito, Spanish rice, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk

Friday - Assorted pizza, garlic bread, California blend, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk

GAC Lions donate to the GAC Fire & Rescue Operations



The Goodman Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club presented a \$2,000.00 check to the GAC Fire and Rescue organizations. The donation will be used for necessary equipment and expenses.

Director, Craig Smith, Fire Chief, Stan Maruszczak Jr., Captain, Wayne Brehmer, President GAC Lions Club, Stan Maruszczak, Asst Chief, Mark Kowalkowski, Member, Tyler Moddie, Member.

Operation Christmas Child



Members of the Mission/Evangelism Committee at Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church (Laona, Wabeno, and Lakewood) deliver shoeboxes to begin their journey around the world to children needing something cheerful for Operation Christmas Child.

Members of the church lovingly filled the boxes with new toys and articles of new clothing. This same crew also delivered Christmas ham portions to the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood and the Food Pantry at the Crandon NEWCAP. Pictured (left to right) are Audrey Peterson, Karen Smit, Karen Prueter, Linda Kortbein, Kathy Hilsberg, Suzanne Bell and Shirley Rohe.

Bids & Notices

NOTICE SCHOOL BOARD OF WABENO AREA

Seeking School Board Candidates

The School District of Wabeno Area is seeking 2 candidates for the April 2024-April 2027 school board term.

-1 candidate residing in Oconto County Area
 -1 candidate residing in Forest County Area
 including parts of Forest, Langlade, and

Marinette.

Incumbents David Seeber and Katryna VanEperen have declared non-candidacy for the April 2, 2024 election.

Interested candidates must file paperwork (Sworn Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Finance Registration Statement) at the District Office, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI by 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Full list of eligibility requirements available at the District Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 40 CFR 25.5 and Section 100.11 of the Sokaogon Chippewa Natural Resource Administrative Ordinance, the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Natural Resources Board will hold a public hearing on January 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sokaogon Chippewa Environmental building located at 3051 Sand Lake Road, Crandon, Wisconsin.

Public input will be sought on:

Sokaogon Chippewa Community's Water Quality Standards Triennial Review.

Interested public officials and private citizens are welcome to attend. All applicable written materials pertaining to this hearing are available for public review by contacting the Sokaogon Tribal Hydrologist, Nathan Podany at (715) 478-7611 or emailing nathan.podany@scc-nsn.gov

The GAC Lions donate to the Fence Fire and Rescue Squad



The Goodman Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club presented a \$2,000.00 check to the Fence Fire and Rescue Squad organizations. The donation will be used for necessary equipment and expenses.

Above: Jeff Sternhagen, Fire Department Chief, Wayne Brehmer, President GAC Lions Club, Shelley Dumais, Fire Department Member and EMT Rescue Squad Member accept the check.

GAC Lions donate to the GAC Food Pantry



The Goodman Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club presented a \$500.00 check to the GAC Food Pantry.

Above are GAC Food Pantry Coordinator, Lion Bob Nelson and GAC Lions Club President, Wayne Brehmer.

PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 13, DECEMBER 18, 2023 Crandon Raceway Cont. from pg. 1

Named "Facility of the Year" exactly one year ago at the Performance Racing Industry (PRI) show, Crandon International Raceway hosted more than 85,000 guests at its two massive off-road races in 2023 -- a season that including a KISS "End of the Road" tour concert at the Labor Day weekend Polaris Crandon World Championships. Event attendance records were set at both June's 30th anniversary Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run and September's Polaris Crandon World Championships and Red Bud World Cup Sunday.

The new 2024 schedule also reflects a reunification with the Minnesota-based Championship Off-Road series after operations of a newly-formed national Pro short course series unexpectedly ceased operation a few short weeks ago. Crandon International has signed a new, three-year contract with the Championship Off-Road Series to exclusively bring short-course off-road racing to the facility known by fans as the "Big House."

The 2024 Crandon schedule will kick-off with the 31st Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run races, taking place Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23. Gates of Camp Crandon will opening for weekend camping at 12:00 noon (CST) on Thursday, June 20. The popular weekend will feature practice and qualifying sessions, as well as two full rounds of racing for all Pro and Sportsman categories that make up the AMSOIL Champ Off-Road series presented by Air Force.

Race fans can expect large and highly competitive fields of truck, buggy and SxS classes, including the spectacular Pro 4 and Pro 2 unlimited trucks. The weekend concludes on Sunday afternoon with the prestigious Crandon Forest County Potawatomi Community Cup race, an all-out competition for Pro 2 and Pro 4 racers on the track at the same time with a time staggered start.

In the world of motorsports, Labor Day weekend is synonymous with just one thing -- the annual Polaris Crandon World Championships. Next year's 55th running of the sport's biggest and best off-road race returns for a four-day schedule of on-track competition, concerts, camping and more from Thursday, August 29 through Sunday, September 1. Comprised of 2,300 sites, the massive Camp Crandon is expected to be sold-out early again this year, with gates opening to racers and the public at 12:00 noon (CST) on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

A record event crowd of just under 60,000 people enjoyed more than 425 teams from across America competing in more than 50 races spread over four days and nights. The massive race weekend is the largest, oldest and most prestigious short-course off-road race in the world, and includes a complete schedule of Pro and Sportman AMSOIL Champ Off-Road series racers going all-out to win both season championships and Crandon World Champion title and rings for all classes.

Also confirmed for the fourth consecutive year will be the Crandon Class 11 World Championships, a fan favorite featuring nearly stock vintage Volkswagen Beetles.

Capping off the weekend on Sunday, September 1 will be the 9th annual Red Bull World Cup, with the sport's best Pro drivers earning coveted Crandon World Championship titles in a variety of classes. The World Championship weekend ends with the biggest prize of all—the annual Red Bull Cup race finale. In 2023, local favorite Keegan Kincaid took home the Red Bull Cup with a Ford Pro 2 unlimited truck, along with a Crandon "Top Gun" engraved Henry rifle

The race track today also released event on-sale dates for Camp Crandon campsite and Grandstand seat reservations. Last year, reservation for Camp Crandon on Labor Day weekend were sold-out six months in advance -- also a new Crandon record. All reservations for 2024 can be made online by visiting www.crandonoffroad.com.

Pre-event reservations will open Monday, March 4, 2024 at 12:00 noon (CST) for the 2024 Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run. Fans with Brush Run camp reservations will be allowed to reserve Camp Crandon sites and grandstands seats for the Polaris Crandon World Championships/Red Bull Cup from Monday, March 18 at 12:00 noon (CST) through Sunday, March 24. On Monday, April 25 at 12:00 noon (CST) reservations for the World Championship weekend will be open to all.

Teams can purchase racer camping for either or both Crandon race weekends beginning on Monday, April 1 at 12:00 noon (CST).



GREAT CRANDON TRADITION: For more than five decades racers, teams, race cars and fans have gathered in downtown Crandon on Friday morning of Polaris World Championship for the annual Lucas Oil Labor Day Parade. Thousands of spectators will return for next year's 55th anniversary parade, which will take place on Friday, August 30, 2024. (Photo: Jason Zindrowski)

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Pictured at left are students with their treasures. The middle picture is Thrift Store volunteers helping students. Far right is a Home and School volunteer assisting students wrapping gifts. The staff and students truly appreciate everyone's time and talents. MERRY CHRISTMAS **EVERYONE!**



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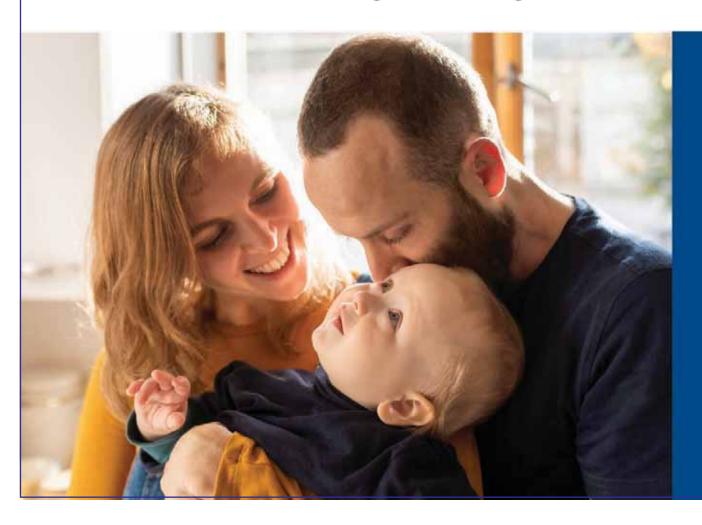
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