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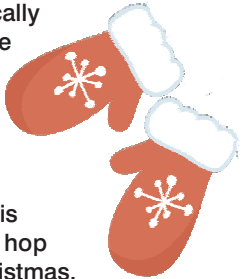
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A Christmas Stole-away

By Melissa Monte

When Cornelius the elf decided to sneak into Santa's sled on Christmas Eve, he never factored in how cold it might be flying at the speed of magic in northern Wisconsin. Santa never mentioned the freezing temperatures when he came back to the North Pole after he finished delivering presents to all the girls and boys of the world, but then again, the red suit he wore was fur-lined and he did get to warm up inside people's houses every few minutes while he enjoyed his milk and cookies. One would think that being a North Pole native would acclimatize an elf to frigid winter temperatures, but Cornelius typically spent most of his time in the workshop or curled up under a warm blanket in the elf barracks. All Cornelius did was go from one warm room to another.



It was precisely for this reason Cornelius decided to hop onboard Santa's sleigh this Christmas. He'd never been anywhere outside the Arctic Circle and felt it was due time he got out of the workshop and saw the world. What better time than Christmas eve? It would be easy enough to hide amongst the countless presents filling the sleigh, and the week after Christmas was the one time the elves of the North Pole got some much-needed time off. Most elves spent that time with family and friends, celebrating another successful Christmas season, but Cornelius had other plans in mind. All his life he'd made toys for all the girls and boys on Santa's nice list, but he never gotten to experience seeing the joy on a child's face when he or she opened the gifts he worked so hard to make.

So when Santa was busy readying his reindeer, Cornelius climbed into the back of the sleigh and scattered a few presents around him to hide him from sight. While he was sure Santa wouldn't mind giving him a world-tour from the sleigh, Cornelius wasn't sure how the big man in red would feel about him sneaking into a house to see a child open their present. Santa did have a very tight schedule after all, and Santa and his elves aren't exactly supposed to be seen delivering presents.



Now, however, as the icy winds froze the tips of his ears and he had fewer and fewer presents to help insulate his tiny body, Cornelius was regretting his decision. When they had delivered the gifts over the warmer climates of the world, Cornelius, not accustomed to tropical climates, had pulled off his hat and gloves in a desperate desire to cool down. But, in his rush, the wind caught his warm winter-wear and his wool hat and gloves landed somewhere over the Caribbean.

It was now nearly dawn. Santa was snaking his way back up north and the temperatures were dropping fast. Cornelius knew he'd have to reveal himself to Santa soon or risk losing a few fingers to frostbite, but he still desperately wanted to succeed in his mission to see a child open their present. The next house, Cornelius decided, he would follow Santa inside and hope that he could get a glimpse of the Christmas morning excitement. He'd have to

be quick and he'd have to get lucky, but even if he failed in his mission, he'd at least be able to warm his hands, which were aching from the cold.

Santa landed his sleigh on a rooftop of a home in the small town of Crandon, Wisconsin. As Santa checked his list for the second time, Cornelius quietly climbed out of the back of the sleigh and slid down the chimney. He could hear Santa loading the presents and making the climb down the chimney behind him, so he quickly hid himself behind a nearby armchair.

While Santa placed the gifts under the family's lit Christmas tree, Cornelius relished the warmth flowing back to his extremities. However, his relief was short-lived, as it was then that he noticed that next to the chair he was hiding behind was a table holding a plate of cookies for Santa and some carrots (presumably for the reindeer). Santa was sure to spot him! Cornelius made the snap decision to find a new hiding place and ran into the next room while Santa's back was turned.

Out of the frying pan and into the fire, Cornelius discovered that his latest hiding place was none other than the bedroom of a little boy, who lay sleeping just feet away from him. Oh gumdrops, thought Cornelius, now I really am in trouble. He slowly tried to back out of the room, but accidentally stepped on a Lego piece left on the floor and let out a yelp. At the noise, the little boy's eyes popped open.



Cornelius darted out of the room and ran right into Santa's open bag of presents. What luck, thought the elf, as he hid himself inside. Santa, upon hearing the child waking, put down his glass of milk and grabbed the bag with Cornelius inside. As Santa scurried behind a curtain, the little boy ran into the living room, saw the pile of presents awaiting him and his family and ran into another bedroom, yelling, "It's Christmas! It's Christmas! Santa came!"

Two more excited children appeared in the living room, followed by their bleary-eyed parents who looked as if they'd rather wait until the sun was up to celebrate the holiday. Santa hid patiently while the children excitedly dragged their parents over to the tree and began opening presents, squealing with delight at their new toys.

"You know, if you wanted to come along Cornelius, all you had to do was ask," whispered Santa just loudly enough for Cornelius to hear over the noise of the crinkling wrapping paper, the beeps and boops of new toys and the joyful laughter of the family as they opened their gifts.

Cornelius peeked his head out of the bag and

looked up at the bearded man. "How did you know I was here?"

"Well, I knew someone was with me when I caught an elf-size wool hat and gloves falling out of the sky somewhere over Jamaica," he said, handing Cornelius his missing winter-wear. "I didn't know it was you until you tried to sneak out of the sleigh. We will need to work on your stealth if you want to help me out next year."



"Next year?" asked Cornelius. He could hardly believe what he was hearing.

"I could use an assistant. This is a big job and I need all the help I can get. Plus, it seems like you enjoy seeing the joy on the children's faces as much as I do." Santa peered his head around the curtain to see if the coast was clear. "Well, have a look then," he said, pulling the curtain aside just enough for Cornelius to see.

The excitement on the children's faces was as plain as the stripes on a candy cane. Even the parents, curled up on the couch with their steaming cups of coffee, smiled as they watched their children eagerly compare their toys. Cornelius couldn't help but feel proud that he was part of the reason for their happiness. Seeing the joy he helped bring to that family and other families around the world made the months of hard work worth it.

After a few moments, Santa motioned that it was time to leave. There were still a few more houses they needed to deliver presents to before the rest of the world woke up. The tired parents had begrudgingly admitted that they were up for the day despite it still being dark outside, and herded the children into the kitchen to prepare some pancakes for breakfast. As they left the room, Santa and Cornelius snuck back to the fireplace and with a twitch of the nose, were back on the roof with the waiting reindeer.

"Let's get going. We still have a few more houses to hit before dawn," said Santa, climbing into the sleigh and patting the seat next to him. "When we get back to the North Pole, we will sit down over a nice cup of hot cocoa and discuss your new position."

"Thank you, Mr. Claus," said Cornelius, settling in next to him on the sleigh. "And Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, Cornelius."





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Tips for staying active and healthy throughout the winter

It can be hard not to lose your desire to exercise after winter weather sets in. It's so much easier to stay inside where it's warm than to bundle up and head outdoors for a cold, swift walk. Amidst the temptation to hibernate indoors, it's important to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle year-round.

"You can still enjoy working out during chilly winter months," said Joelle Wennlund, MD, Aspirus Woodruff Clinic. "Just because the temperatures may have dropped and the snow is falling, staying active for your overall health is important."

- Winter Wonderland Workouts. Northern Wisconsin is a wonderful place to embrace the winter wonderland and enjoy the unique area. Whether it's skiing, snowshoeing, or even a brisk winter hike, there are plenty of outdoor activities that can keep your body moving and spirits high.
- Indoor Exercise Ideas. Winter weather may not always be conducive to outdoor activities. Here are a variety of indoor exercise ideas to keep individuals moving in the comfort of their homes. From virtual fitness classes to home workout routines, there are countless ways to stay active without braving the winter chill. Try these indoor activities:

- Crank up some music and dance around your home.
- If you live in a multilevel house, walk up and down the stairs.
- Buy a jump rope and some hand weights and work out while listening to a podcast or watching your favorite show.
- Walk laps around a nearby mall. (You can window shop at the same time.)
- Go bowling.
- Ice skate at your local rink.
- Play volleyball or basketball at your area community center or YMCA.

"Winter can present unique challenges to maintaining a healthy and balanced diet," added Dr. Wennlund. "It's important to maintain a healthy diet during the winter months in addition to staying active."

Try incorporating these tips:

- Include seasonal produce. Take advantage of winter fruits and vegetables such as citrus fruits, apples, Brussel sprouts, sweet potatoes and winter squash. These foods are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants that support immune health.

- Prioritize vitamin D. Since sunlight exposure may be limited during the winter, consider incorporating foods rich in vitamin D into your diet.
- Stay hydrated. It's easy to forget to stay hydrated in colder weather, but it's just as important as the summer. Drink water, herbal teas and warm beverages to help maintain proper hydration levels.
- Mindful snacking. Choose nutritious snacks like seeds, nuts, yogurt, fresh fruit or vegetables. Avoid excess intake of processed snacks and sweets, which can lead to energy crashes.
- Exercising during the winter months when the temperature drops can be challenging, but finding ways to stay active both indoors and outdoors can help with your fitness goals.

To learn more about Aspirus Woodruff Clinic, located inside Howard Young Medical Center, or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Joelle Wennlund, please call 715.356.8718 or visit aspirus.org.



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Dec 24th 6:00pm-Christmas Eve Service St. John Laona Service of Lessons and Carols

Dec 25th 9:00am-Joint Christmas Service at

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Praise Chapel Kids Club

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.

Crandon Library Winter Movie Days

The Crandon Public Library will be having Winter Movie Days in December. Bring a friend, a pillow, blanket, and your plushy, or stuffed animal! On Wednesday 27th, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. will be a showing of the animated version of The Disney Muppet Christmas Carol, and on Thursday 28th, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. will be a showing of the animated version of Disney's Christmas Carol.

The movies will be shown, and popcorn and a beverage will be served, in the lower level. Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call for more information. Phone: 715-478-3784.

Crandon places second in Rebel Invitational



Twenty-two schools were represented at the 2023 Rebel Invitational. The tournament took place at the Forest County Potawatomi Community Center on Saturday, December 9. Ty Dennee, Mason Dewing and Elias Glinski (bottom row- left to right) were champions in their respective weight divisions. Also taking the podium for the Cardinals were: Conner Lawrence (2nd Place), Reid Votis, Cruz Palubicki, Brayden Madl (3rd Place) and Nolan Bradley (5th Place). The team scored 181.5 points on the day and fell just short of Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood's 185 points.

On Thursday, the team travelled to Bonduel for a triangular with Bonduel and Pulaski. Crandon defeated Bonduel in the first dual of the night by a score of 51-30 with pins by Conner Lawrence (HWT), Ty Dennee (144), Nolan Bradley (157), Cruz Palubicki (175) and Dylan Davis (215). The team fell short against Pulaski but Glinski and Dennee won their matches in an impressive fashion. In JV action, Aiden Mueller, Riley Johnson and Tyler Lawrence were able to pin their opponents.

AREA EVENTS

Laona Lions Club Predator Hunt Saturday, January 6, 2024 Senolihn's Bar in Laona

Register to Hunt & Pick Up Mouthpiece between 5-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2024

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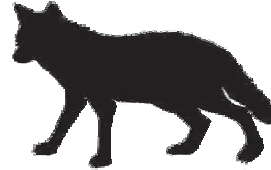
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12/25 Christmas Day Service

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The GAC Lions hosted the Annual Senior Christmas Dinner



The Goodman Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club hosted their Annual Senior Christmas Dinner at the Armstrong Creek Community Center on December 17, 2023. The dinner was free and delicious. Many seniors attended and Santa delivered meals to seniors who could not attend. Included in the dinners delivered by Santa were beautiful cookies hand made by Amy Tomaszewski, daughter of Lion Bob Nelson. The GAC Lions continue to honor the Lions Club motto: "We Serve".

Shown below: Lion Oscar Anderson, Brayden Lewis (son of Lion Angela Brehmer, Santa Claus, Chef Deb Thompson, Lion Angela Brehmer, Lion Bob Nelson and Lion Lee Schauman.



Wabeno 4K students sing their "4K Music Showcase"



Students in Wabeno's 4K showed their parents and family members some of the Christmas/winter songs they have been working on this month during their "4K Music Showcase."

Crandon School District

Administrator position announcement

Kirby Schultz has been our Interim District Administrator since July of 2023, at which time he signed a one year contract with the district. Under Mr. Schultz's leadership and unwavering focus on student achievement, the District has grown in the past few months. He led the implementation of our new strategic plan. This plan reflects our mission, vision and values. Mr. Schultz went above and beyond our expectations within his role.

As we look to the next school year, we are pleased to announce that the Board of Education has decided to contract Mr. Schultz for the 24-25 school year. The Board of Education feels that leaving Mr. Schultz in the District Administrator position is the best choice for the district. Consistency is needed at this time to keep our district going in the direction we all want it to go. We believe that with Mr. Schultz's leadership, the School District of Crandon will continue to build upon its achievements and further enhance the opportunities available to our students. We remain committed to empower and inspire lifelong learners in a safe school community.

Mr. Schultz will be working diligently with the Board of Education for the remainder of the year to create a time-line and process for the filling of the long term District Administrator position. The Board of Education wants to take their time and ensure the process is done with as much stakeholder input as possible.

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 lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

It is an age-old question; how many trees are there? In recent years some have asked, Are there more trees on earth than stars in the Milky Way? NASA estimates that the Milky Way has approximately 100 billion stars. So let's see how trees stack up.

In the United States, the U.S.D.A., U.S. Forest Service (USFS) supervises and assists with the collection of data. The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program has been in continuous operation since 1930 with a mission to: "make and keep current a comprehensive inventory and analysis of the present and prospective conditions of and requirements for the renewable resources of the forest and rangelands of the U.S." The Northern Research Station FIA unit is responsible for creating and maintaining a comprehensive forest inventory for 24 States including Wisconsin. The FIA program partners with states in various ways to meet the needs of the program and the needs of each state.

Ryan Heiderman, WI DNR, oversees the data needs and collection for the State. Wisconsin partners with the USFS to get the plots collected with a mix of USFS employees and local contractors. Currently, Wisconsin is on a 7-year re-measurement interval and does a double intensity relative to the national standard. Wisconsin puts in twice as many plots, about 1 plot per 3,000 forested acres. This is about 11,600 plots total, of which about 6,400 are 'accessible forested conditions'. Non-stocked or unaccessible plots can be those located in agricultural fields, parking lots, airports, or other non-forested lands which are not measured.

The FIA Data Collection and Analysis explains data collection consists of a three-stage systematic sample of sites. Plots are selected using remote sensing to determine forested conditions and accessibility. Some plots are re-measured from a prior survey and while other plots are new to the survey. Data collected includes type of ownership of the land where the plot is located and type of current land use. Some WWOA members have FIA plots on their woodlands.

Field crews follow specific measurement standards to collect data on forest type, tree species, tree size, and overall tree condition. A subset of sample plots are measured for a broader suite of forest health attributes including tree crown conditions, lichen community composition, understory vegetation, down woody debris, and soil attributes. Data loggers are used to collect the information measured on site. These are handheld microprocessors with forms that are completed as the data is collected in the field. The data can then be downloaded to computers for analysis. Research and pilot programs are looking into other ways to collect inventory data via remote sensing, such as using LiDAR and photogrammetry, but they are not in use yet.

In Wisconsin, there is an estimated 11.75 billion live trees over 1 inch in diameter at breast height (dbh), or 2.2 billion growing stock trees. Recent, FIA data showed that the USA had 300 billion trees. In 2015, a Yale-led study reported that researchers using 400,000 forested plots to collect tree density information from around the world created a model to predict the estimated number of trees at each location around the globe. This analysis resulted in 3.04 trillion trees on Earth.

The trees win – so take a walk in your woods today to celebrate! If you are a night owl waiting for dark to enjoying the Milky Way, make sure you take in the Geminids meteor shower in December!



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Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition Underage Tobacco, Nicotine Sales on the Rise in Wisconsin

The rate of selling tobacco to underage individuals in Wisconsin surged from 5.5% in 2019 to 13.6% in 2023, according to the Synar Survey. The Synar Survey is Wisconsin's yearly check to see how often stores sell tobacco to people who are too young. If this trend continues, Wisconsin could lose millions of dollars in federal funding that depends on underage tobacco sales rates being low.

In 2019, Tobacco 21 became a law for the whole country, making it illegal to sell cigarettes and other tobacco products to anyone under 21. Since then, the Synar Survey has been checking if states are following this law. Wisconsin is one of just eight states that hasn't changed its own law to match the national Tobacco 21 law.

FDA inspectors are working hard to make sure stores follow the federal Tobacco 21 law in Wisconsin. However, local officials cannot enforce the legal tobacco sales age of 21 because they get their authority from state law. This confusion about different laws makes it easier for young people to get their hands on tobacco products.

If state lawmakers change Wisconsin's law to match the federal one, it would authorize local law enforcement to stop young people from buying tobacco and nicotine products. It would also allow Wisconsin Wins, a program that checks on stores selling tobacco products, complete more checks to make sure they are following the national law.

Using tobacco products at a young age puts people in danger of getting addicted to nicotine for their entire life. In fact, 95% of people who use tobacco now started before they were 21. If we all follow the national law, we can decrease tobacco-related harm and make our community healthier.

Looking for resources? Stores can get free training to understand the Tobacco 21 law at witobaccocheck.org. If people in Wisconsin want help to stop using tobacco, they can go to WIKUIT.org or call 1-800-QUIT NOW or text "READY" to 200-400 for free help. Questions contact Coalition representative Kathleen Kautz, RN, MSN, Forest County Health Department 715-478-3371.



Looking to relax after the holiday rush?

If you are looking for a free, fun, and relaxing activity as the holidays wind down and the chilly winter days set-in, then join Forest County Health Department staff member Lenore Blemke for one or all of the upcoming "Creative Open Art Sessions". The sessions require no specific artistic talent, just individual self-expression. Creative art can provide an expressive outlet, increase problem solving skills and self-confidence, decrease stress, anxiety and depression, foster emotional resilience and promote positive self-esteem and awareness.

Session dates and times:

- Thursday, December 28th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 16th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 31st 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting location:

• Forest County Courthouse Board Room North Annex Room 107, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon
 Sessions are open to all Forest County adults. Pre-registration is not required, but welcomed to ensure that adequate supplies are available. To pre-register call the Forest County Health Department 715-478-3371 or e-mail Lenore Blemke at Lenore.Blemke@co.forest.wi.us.

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DNR seeking nominations for 2023 hunter and archery education awards

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting nominations for the 2023 Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, Hunter Education Group of the Year and Archery Education Instructor of the Year awards.

Current hunter and archery education instructors and hunter education groups that have significantly advanced hunter safety on a voluntary basis through extraordinary service are eligible to be nominated.

"Hunter and archery education instructors are often pillars of their community who continue to advance the sport of hunting through providing high-quality safety training to the next generation of hunters," said DNR Hunter Education Administrative Warden Lt. Michael Weber. "These awards are important so the program can continue to recognize the great work that our instructors and groups do."

Extraordinary service can come in various forms, including recruiting new instructors, recruiting new students or hunters, the volume of courses taught or involvement in other activities in their community related to hunter education.

To nominate an individual or group, download the nomination form on the DNR's volunteer webpage and email the completed form to DNRLESafety@wisconsin.gov by Feb. 15, 2024.

Bids & Notices

WHAT'S TO EAT

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

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

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT BREAKFAST MENU DEC. 25-29

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Tues. - No school
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Thurs. - No school
Fri. - No school

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Dec. 25- 29

Monday - No School
Tuesday - No School
Wednesday - No School
Thursday - No School
Friday - No School

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH MENU DEC. 25-29

Mon. - No school
Tues. - No school
Wed. - No school
Thurs. - No school
Fri. - No school

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Dec. 25 - 29

Monday - No School
Tuesday - No School
Wednesday - No School
Thursday - No School
Friday - No School

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

Crandon School Trap Team

* Save the Date - Feb. 10, 2024
* Predator Hunt Fundraiser
Details coming later

TOWN OF LINCOLN HOLIDAY TRASH SITE HOURS Open 12/23, Closed 12/24, Open 12/27, Open 12/31



A letter from the Chairman of Lincoln,

The season's change fast here in the north but this winter feels different. Warmer than average temps and below precipitation is forecasted this winter. Let's hope for our local businesses we get the snow needed for all winter recreation activities we all enjoy.

First of all, let's talk snow. The Town Board is aware of the issues that plagued snow removal last year from our roads. Here are a few things we have addressed to help things flow smoother going forward. First and foremost, we have one full time employee and several part-time employees. We have upgraded the loader and purchased a large snow blade for the front for heavy snows that the trucks might struggle with. Plow route maps will be in each of the plow trucks so roads and homeowners are not missed. We believe these changes will help with snow removal. Typically, we plow after 2-3" of snow has fallen. If the snow is less than that, we will go do a touch up plow and get the hills, curves, and intersections sanded. We typically only salt-sand intersections, hills and sharp curves while plowing. Ice storms require us to salt-sand all roads after the event, but not during. Please keep in mind we do not have the budget to keep roads plowed to bare pavement, so please drive with caution and be safe this winter.

Last year's late snows created some real headaches with road washouts, culvert failures, and other issues. The road failures came fast and at a cost, we were able to repair and recoup over \$44k of the repair costs with state grants we took advantage of. Broadband/internet is something we keep fighting for to improve on. Bug Tussel keeps promising to put up a tower in the town for the last few years and still has not delivered. We were also told we were getting fiber buried this past summer and this did not happen either. This is very frustrating to all the board members and we will continue to fight for better internet for all. In the meantime, Star Link is available for everyone in our township and has worked flawlessly for the past few years.

Finally, we made changes to the dumpster pick-up schedule half way thru summer and hopefully you noticed a difference with not having to throw your trash in the roll off dumpsters. This also helps keep things cleaner at the dump since the critters can't get to household trash in the compactor. Please remember the dump takes no construction waste, tires, furniture, yard waste, electronics as well as some other items that are on the board as you pull into the dump. Please follow accordingly. Like always we are available via email and phone if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

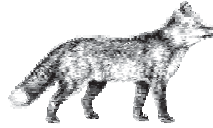
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Sincerely,
Chairman Jason Headson**

Recreational



Laona Lions 11th Annual Predator Hunt & Fundraiser Saturday, January 6, 2024



5-7 p.m. at Senolihn's Bar & Grill, Laona

\$10 Entry Fee for all Hunters & Callers.

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED FOREST TOOL

Forest Tool in Crandon is accepting applications for several positions:

General Machinist

CNC 3 Axis Mill Operator/ Programmer CNC Lathe Operator

Applicants with machining and CNC experience are welcome to apply. Full time hours with Benefits and Competitive pay based on experience. Will to learn and have ability to plan and complete projects on time for customer schedules is required.

Forest - Tool builds Injection Molds, Stamping Dies and also provides production machining. Manual and CNC machines are commonly utilized.

Please call 715-478-5870 for more information.

HELP WANTED

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON CO-CURRICULAR VACANCIES

Head Volleyball Coach (Beginning 2024-2025 School Year)

Wage for this position will be \$3,150.00 per year

Assistant Volleyball Coach (Beginning 2024-2025 School Year)

Wage for this position will be \$2,150.00 per year

Assistant Soccer Coach

Wage for this position will be \$1,500.00 per year

These positions will be contingent upon participation numbers. The District reserves all rights to not hire the positions posted, should participation numbers not warrant a coach.

Any persons interested in these positions should submit a written application to the District Office.

Attention: Brady Weber, Activities Director

9750 US Highway 8 W
Crandon, WI 54520
715-478-6124

Deadline: Thursday, December 28, 2023

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POSITION OPENING FOR BUS/VAN DRIVER

The Forest County Office on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Bus/Van driver position that includes one (1) position. Applicants must possess a valid Wisconsin's Driver's License, and have a good driving record.

Applications and the Job Description is available at the County Clerk's office. Applications should be returned by mail to the County Clerk's office, 200 East Madison St. Courthouse Crandon, WI 54520, or by email at nmatuszewski@co.forest.wi.us.

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HELP WANTED TOWN OF ARGONNE

Full-Time Employment Opportunity

- Maintain town roads, plow snow, mow grass, cut brush, maintain town buildings, grounds, parks, recreational areas, etc.
- Wisconsin CDL holder, in good standing, preferred.
- Operate grader, truck, loader, tractor mower, chipper, chain saw and similar equipment of comparable size and complexity.
- Available nights, holidays and weekends during snow, ice and/or windstorms, and other emergencies.
- Ability to bend, sit, stand, and lift 50+ lb. objects on a regular basis and heavier objects on an occasional basis.
- A demonstrated acceptable driving record.
- Other duties as directed by the Town Board.
- Average 10-hour workdays in the summer, 8-hour workdays in the winter.

Wages determined by qualifications of applicant. Benefits include six paid holidays, paid time off (3 weeks after 60 days of employment), health insurance premium support and retirement plan contributions.

Submit a letter of interest and qualifications by 12/20/23 using one of the below options:

-Email: townofargonne@fronternet.net

-Text/Call: 715-490-5541

-Standard mail:

Town of Argonne
PO Box 295
Argonne, WI 54511

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HELP WANTED

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON

Position Title: Special Education Paraprofessional

Position Details:

- Reports to: Principal and Director of Pupil Services

Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking a Special Education Paraprofessional to work with students in Middle School. This position will be a minimum of 37.5 hours per week. Pay for this position will begin at \$15.07 per hour, with benefits offered. Pay will be based on experience and this position will begin immediately.

Qualifications:

- Previous experiences working with children with students with disabilities is preferred, but not required.
- Have/or be willing to acquire a Special Education Program Aide License through DPI, at the cost of the applicant.
- Have/or be willing to acquire CPR Certification.
- Associate Degree, a minimum of 48 college credits, or be willing to take and pass the ACT Work Keys test.
- Applicant will be required to complete and pass a criminal background check prior to hire.

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation

Application Deadline: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

How to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to Kirby Schultz, Interim District Administrator, School District of Crandon, 9750 US HWY 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520, or on WECAN.

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HELP WANTED

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON

HELP WANTED – SUBSTITUTES

The School District of Crandon is seeking substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, clerical, kitchen and custodial staff.

If you are interested in being a substitute for the District for the 2023-2024 school year, please contact the District office at 715-478-3339.

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

www.sdoofcrandon.com or located in the District Office at 9750 U.S. Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520.

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HELP WANTED

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON

Position Title: Custodian

Position Details:

- Reports to: Director of Custodial and Maintenance

Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking a full custodian to begin January 2024. This position will be approximately 40 hours per week. This position may have an adjusted work schedule at the discretion of the supervisor, should an event need coverage and weekend work may be scheduled, as needed. These changes would be given advance notice. Pay for this position will begin at \$15.07 per hour, with benefits.

Qualifications:

- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Ensure all campus areas are kept very clean and in proper working order.
- Must be able to use cleaning equipment such as, but not limited to, vacuums, sweeping/waxing machines, floor scrubbers, disinfecting machines, etc.
- Ability to perform general maintenance and repair tasks in a variety of areas and as assigned by the Director of Custodial.
- Able to work with repetitive motions, walking and/or standing for extended periods of time and frequent lifting, pushing, and carrying.
- Ability to multi-task and complete tasks with minimal supervision.
- Applicant will be required to complete and pass a criminal background check prior to hire.

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation

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Forest County Sheriff's Office Job Notice

Forest County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Full-Time 911 Dispatcher positions
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\$20.51/hr and 80 hours of vacation after 1 year of employment
\$1,500 bonus at Start, \$400 clothing allowance,
\$1,500 bonus after 12 months and progressive pay scale.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be age 18 or older, no felony convictions, have a high school diploma or GED, and have a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

SALARY & BENEFITS: 40 Hours of Vacation after 90 days, Pay Wage and Vacation time increases with longevity. Benefits include: Wisconsin Retirement Fund, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Sick Leave, Vacation Time, 9 Paid Holidays, Uniform Allowance, and Deferred Compensation.

APPLY: Application and background packet available at the Forest County Sheriff's Department or Submit Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Form DJ-LE-330 Application. Email applications to: jmarvin@forestcountysheriff.org or awalrath@forestcountysheriff.org.

Or Mail applications to: Chief Deputy Alex Walrath
 Forest County Sheriff's Office
 100 South Park Avenue
 Crandon, WI 54520

Applications are available at the Forest County Sheriff's Office or online at <https://wilenet.widj.gov/employment/employment-opportunities/780> or at <https://wilenet.widj.gov/training-standards/officer-training-employment-and-reciprocity>

All questions on the application must be completed, including Section 6 - Questions A, B & C. Please supply your social security number on the application.

Please supply a valid phone number & email address on your application.

NOTE: Successful applicants will be required to submit to a written examination, oral interviews, background investigation, physical fitness test and drug testing.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Forest County Sheriff's Office Job Notice

Forest County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Full-Time Correctional Officers
No experience needed

\$20.51/hr and 80 hours of vacation after 1 year of employment
\$1,500 bonus at start, \$900 clothing allowance after 1 year,
\$1,500 bonus after 12 months and progressive pay scale.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be age 18 or older, no felony convictions, have a high school diploma or GED, and have a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

SALARY & BENEFITS: 40 Hours of Vacation after 90 days, Pay Wage and Vacation time increases with longevity. Benefits include: Wisconsin Retirement Fund, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Sick Leave, Vacation Time, 9 Paid Holidays, Uniform Allowance, and Deferred Compensation.

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 100 South Park Avenue
 Crandon, WI 54520

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Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER

• Experience with accounting principles and bookkeeping preferred

Responsibilities: Record and verify transactions to reconcile accounts; maintain records to create reports and financial statements

TAX PREPARER

• 3-5 years experience with income tax preparation

• In-depth knowledge of tax laws, regulations and deadlines, familiarity with tax forms

Responsibilities: Prepare income tax returns for individuals and businesses; maintain and analyze tax records; communicate with clients and tax authorities

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

• Experience with accounting principles preferred

• Experience with payroll processing preferred
Responsibilities: Process payroll for various companies and maintain accurate payroll records; record accurate bookkeeping information and reconcile accounts; answer phone calls and assist clients; clerical duties including, filing, typing, copying, collating, scanning, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

• Experience in customer service
 • Excellent written and verbal communication skills

• Highly detail oriented and organized
Responsibilities: Answers phone calls, schedules meetings, and assist visitors; clerical duties including, filing, typing, copying, collating, scanning, etc.

Visit our website www.kmeaccounting.com for an application.

Applications & resumes can be sent to James Elam II at kme.jelam@gmail.com For any questions, call 715-478-3250 or visit us at 605 S Lake Ave. Crandon, WI 54520.



A note from the four busmen (Mike, Christ, Bob & Kevin) ...

Happy New Year! Another year has passed and another year has come. We wish you courage, hope and faith to overcome all the hurdles you may face. May your New Year be filled with peace, love and happiness!

Please let us know if there are any special trips on your bucket list and we will see if we can make it happen.

Please call 715-784-1497 if you would like to join us for these trips or for any other rides you'd like to attend.

Tuesday and Thursday Trips

Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain. We will pick you up at your home sometime between 8 and 9 a.m. and typically arrive at the destination town around 9:45. Walmart is a popular stop but we will attempt to take you wherever you wish. Then...LUNCH!!! (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1:00 and 2:00 most days.

Thursday, December 21: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, December 26: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday, December 28: Rhinelander

Tuesday, January 2: Antigo

Thursday, January 4: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, January 9: Rhinelander

Thursday, January 11: Antigo

Tuesday, January 16: Iron Mountain

Thursday, January 18: Rhinelander

Tuesday, January 23: Antigo

Thursday, January 25: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, January 30: Rhinelander

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.

To the Editor:

I'm, Scott Goode, and six years ago I was elected to the County Supervisor position in District #4, Armstrong Creek. Over those past six years we have faced challenges and issues that many good people on the County Board have worked hard to address.

Currently we are facing dire financial problems that threaten our county. Many years (decades) of either poor planning or bad decisions have now come to a point that is threatening the well-being of Forest County. Although many great ideas have come from our leaders, we are going to have to make changes to survive.

Much of the problem is that the majority of our county is owned by the federal government (82%) and we receive no financial compensation for that loss of taxable land, making our situation unique and more emergent than similar neighboring counties. Although we have contacted our Senator (Felzkowski) as well as our Congressman (Tiffany) there have been very few ideas that will help the current situation.

I believe in searching for help from anyone with thoughts on the subject, and as a concerned citizen would like input from our County Tribal leaders, community leaders, business owners and citizens who have positive or constructive ideas to share. Feel free to contact me, and perhaps we could develop a coalition/group of concerned citizens who would like a voice in our County's future.

Seasons Greetings to all!

Scott Goode
 (715) 889-4979
scottbgoodesr@yahoo.com

See more letters on page 8



Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

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

Monday - Jan. 1 - Chicken enchilada casserole, Wisconsin blend vegetables, biscuit, mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - Dec. 26 - No meals the week of the 25th-29th. Merry Christmas!

Tuesday - Jan. 2 - Lasagna, carrots, mixed greens, dressing, garlic breadstick, fruit jello

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO
Wednesday - Dec. 27 - No meals the week of the 25th-29th. Merry Christmas!

Wednesday - Jan. 3 - Ham & scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread (January birthday celebration)

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

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

Thursday - Jan. 4 - Vegetable soup with beef, pears, toasted cheese sandwich, Oreo pudding

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site is at 715-478-3040. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at 715-545-3323.

Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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To the Editor:

I never win anything! Whenever I buy a raffle ticket or pick a square for a fundraiser, I do so to support the efforts of the organization sponsoring the contest. Imagine my surprise when I won a gift basket during the Crandon Public Library's Christmas Celebration sponsored by the Friends of the Library...and all I had to do was check out a book! I check out material on a regular basis and that, in itself, is a great joy and gift to me.

What's more, the basket titled "Tea and Crumpets" was filled with wonderful surprises. There were a number of teas, coffee, jams, candies, a mystery, and the new "Elvis" video. Best of all, there was a cookbook entitled "C is for Cooking." It features the Sesame Street characters and a variety of great looking scratch recipes to make and eat with children. My oldest granddaughter and I are going to have a good time with this. She is just of an age when she will want to start cooking. I'm fairly sure we will try our hand at making homemade peanut butter for a peanut butter and jam lunch.

Finally, I want to mention the fact that the gifts were presented in a Crandon Public Library book/shopping bag. I asked and discovered this bag is available for purchase at the library. Don't pass it up. I have a number of reusable bags for shopping, but they all have narrow handles that dig into my hand or shoulder. Not this bag. I will favor it over all others.

I enjoy you Crandon Public Library and "Friends." Merry Christmas!

Jackie Hurley

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Seared Scallops
Rolling Stone Special: lightly breaded Tenderloin with Portabella Mushrooms and Hollandaise Sauce,
Roast Duck with cranberry dressing

Plus Our Full Regular Menu

Holiday Drink Special

Tom and Jerry's..... \$6.00
Peppermint Hot Coco..... \$6.00
Grasshopper..... \$6.00

Closed Dec. 24 & 25 for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Main Street Ed's

7909 Main St. in Argonne
www.mainstreeteds.com

Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions adopted families for the Christmas Season



With some financial assistance through a grant from Thrivent, the Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club adopted two families for this Christmas Season. One day was spent shopping for six children and their parents and another half day was spent wrapping and tagging all the presents.

Pictured with some of the gifts are from left to right Lions Kathy Kleinhans, Bridgett Shea, Linda Jaloszynski, Rosie Lentz and Sandra Rosik. Missing from the picture is the photographer and fellow shopper, Lion Cassie Zittlow.

Pack 649 donates Christmas dinners



Pack 649 Gathered around their Baskets of Christmas Dinners they donated to families in the community. From our Pack to Yours MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As Flu Cases Rise Health Experts Urge Vaccination

"There are some segments of the population that are more susceptible of developing serious complications from the flu."

In the midst of the festive season, it is easy to overlook the persistent threat of influenza. However, December is a strategic time to prioritize influenza vaccinations, ensuring protection against the flu virus during peak transmission periods.

Nationally, 3.9 percent of health care visits were for the flu for the week ending November 25, a 0.2 percentage point increase from the week before. Flu hospitalizations have also grown for three consecutive weeks. For the week ending Nov. 25, there were 4,268 new flu hospitalizations according to the CDC.

"There are some segments of the population that are more susceptible of developing serious complications from the flu," says Lindsay Stevenson, MD, Aspirus Family Medicine Resident. "Some examples include adults over the age of 65, children under the age of five, pregnant women, and those with medical conditions such as heart disease."

Flu season typically peaks during the fall and winter months, providing several reasons to still get your flu shot:

Dual Protection: Combating both the flu and COVID-19 is crucial for public health. By getting a flu shot, individuals can reduce the risk of contracting and spreading

influenza, preventing additional strain on healthcare systems already managing the impacts of the pandemic.

Personal Health and Well-being: The flu can lead to severe complications, hospitalizations, and even death, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, young children, and individuals with underlying health conditions. Getting vaccinated is a proactive step to protect oneself and loved ones from these potential health risks.

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To the Editor:

This picture always brings a smile to my face when I see the fear in my brothers faces when they were younger!

I was just an infant when this was taken in Milwaukee over 65 years ago...thus I did not have to be subjected to the fear of seeing Santa up close! Ha.

Pictured are sister Kathy (Wojnowski) Dimig, and brothers Greg Wojnowski on the lap of Santa, and brother Mike Wojnowski standing carefully to the side!

We all came up to Laona from Milwaukee in our teen years. Thought the fellow "Laona-nans" as well as the Pioneer viewing public would enjoy this.

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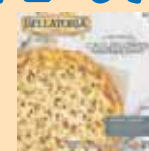


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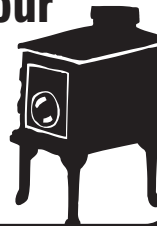
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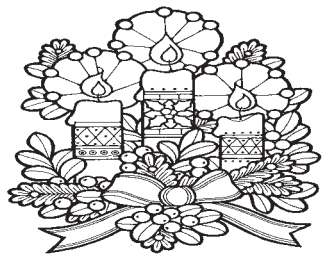
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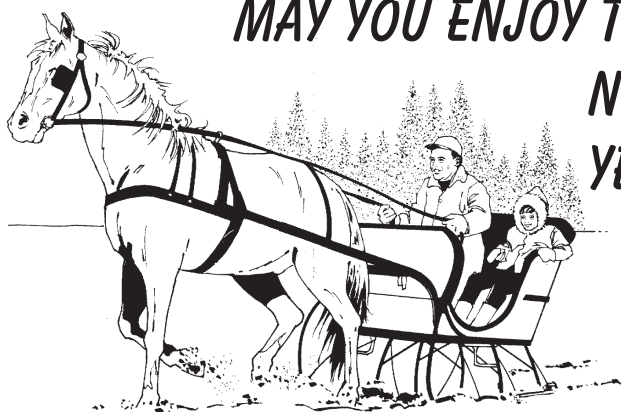
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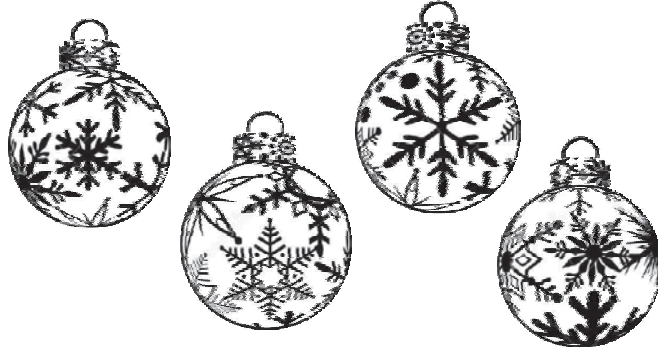
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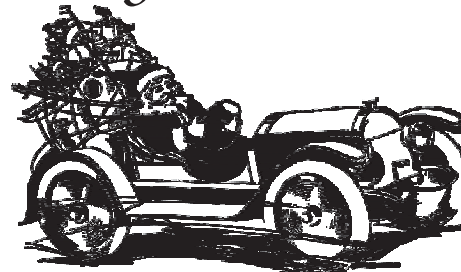
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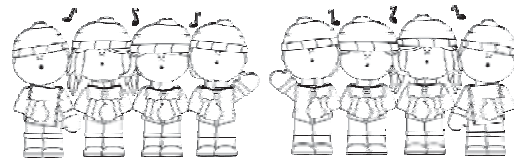
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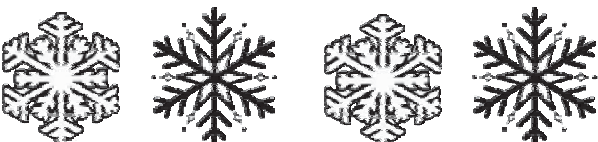
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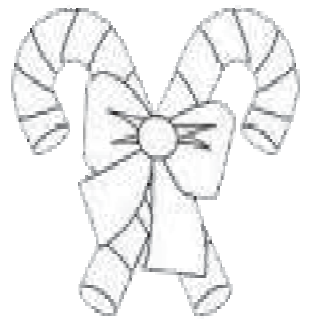
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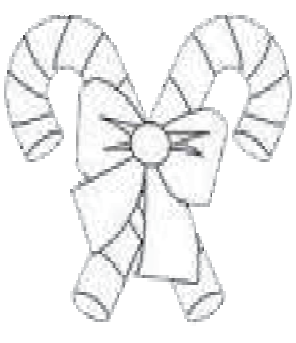
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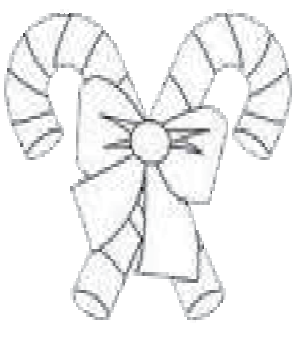


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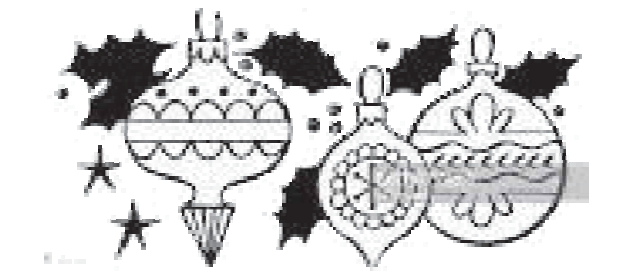

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The Wabeno Early Childhood Playdate program had a special visitor on Friday! Our very own Santa came to spend some quality time with the children. Santa visited while the children made gingerbread houses, did crafts, and played. The next playdate for children ages 2.5-4 will be on Friday, January 5th at 9:00. We hope to see you there.

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Prescription for a Safe Celebration Tips on navigating alcohol and medication during the Holidays

"Mixing alcohol with prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications can compromise their effectiveness, worsen side effects, and even introduce new, unpleasant symptoms over time."

Recent research from the University of Wisconsin (UW) reveals a sobering fact: Wisconsin leads the U.S. with a 26 percent rate of excessive drinking, including both binge and heavy drinking. This statistic gains even more significance this time of the year. With the holiday season in full swing, it's important to prioritize responsible choices and promote a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone.

"Mixing alcohol with prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications can compromise their effectiveness, worsen side effects, and even introduce new, unpleasant symptoms over time," cautions Matthew Wateski, Aspirus Pharmacy Resident. "The side effects really depend on the specific medications you're taking, so it's important to learn your individual risks to help you make informed choices while enjoying the holiday season."

For individuals managing high blood pressure or chest pain with medications, the combination with alcohol can lead to adverse effects. Wateski explains, "Drinking alcohol, even in short periods, can increase blood pressure, rendering medications less effective. Symptoms such as dizziness, headache, and lightheadedness may intensify, accompanied by an elevated heart rate."

In the realm of diabetes management, Wateski points out a critical concern. "Common medications like metformin come with a warning for lactic acidosis, which is an increase in lactic acid. Alcohol can also cause increases in lactic acid production, so when taken together, lactic acid buildup can reach dangerously high levels. You may experience nausea, vomiting, fainting and lightheadedness."

For those grappling with depression or anxiety, combining medications such as Elavil, Zoloft, Xanax, Valium, Ambien, or Lunesta with alcohol can be dangerous. Matthew advises, "This mixture may result in increased dizziness, extreme fatigue, and even dangerous decreases in consciousness or breathing rates."

When it comes to antibiotics, take extreme caution. "Alcohol and antibiotics, when combined, can have harsh side effects on the stomach, such as nausea and diarrhea. Severe reactions are possible with specific antibiotics like Flagyl or Bactrim, taken for certain infections, and can lead to facial flushing, sweating, increased heart rate, or drops in blood pressure," says Wateski.

Matthew emphasizes the need for open communication with health care providers, especially for those prescribed opioids like Vicodin, Lortab, or Oxycodone. "Combining these medications with alcohol can lead to life-threatening respiratory issues and extreme fatigue. Discussing your alcohol use with your provider is crucial to avoid these dangerous side effects."

Even seemingly harmless over-the-counter pain medications like Tylenol require caution. Wateski says, "When you're drinking alcohol and taking Tylenol together, your liver is working double duty with these two agents." Wateski also highlights the risk of stomach bleeding or ulcers when combining nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications like Ibuprofen or Naproxen with alcohol.

Wateski concludes that, ultimately, moderation and transparency are key. He adds, "It's extremely important to have open communication with health care providers and pharmacists when considering alcohol and medication interactions. Everyone should be aware of any potential side effects to ensure safe and healthy holiday celebrations."

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