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Happy New Year!

Crandon Lions provide gift bags to Crandon Elementary Students



22 Crandon Lions and Friends of Lionizum met at Lion Larry Sommer's house on Wednesday to prepare 400 gift bags. The bags included apples and oranges as well as snacks for the Crandon Elementary Students.

The gift bags were distributed last Thursday and Friday at the student's annual Christmas Party held in the Crandon auditorium.

Fruit was purchased at our local Schaefer's IGA. Bags were provided by Schaefer's Bakery Dept. and ties by the Produce Dept. and tags by the Pioneer Express.

A Restaurant From the Past!



Most of us drive by this building on a daily basis, and many of us enter it to do business quite often. No, it isn't a restaurant anymore, it is the north side of the Laona State Bank in Crandon. The old white house that used to sit in the current parking lot is also partially shown. In years past, it was a jewelry shop when Doc DeHart came from Kentucky to do business back in the 1920's. To the last, it was a second hand shop, and then it was gone to make the parking lot.

It should be noted that the other side of the Laona State Bank in Crandon, was the Freimuth Garage. You used to be able to buy a new Oldsmobile in that side of the building! Art and brother Mel ran the business after their father, Gust Freimuth, started the business. It should be noted that the Freimuth garage, like the current Crandon Pharmacy building were built with help from the Page & Landeck Lumber Company located on Clear Lake.

It should be added that the Feavel family was related to Doneda Schaefer. When Jack (the first one) moved here from Appleton to cut meat, the Feavels came to visit and liked it here to. They opened a restaurant.

Laona Lions Predator Hunt



The Laona Lions Predator Hunt will be held on Saturday, January 6th. The entry fee is \$10 per hunter with 100% payout. The weigh-in is from 5 to 7 p.m. at Senolihn's Bar in Laona. All must be harvested the day of the event. It is mandatory to register for hunt and to pick up mouth pieces between 5 and 9 p.m. On Friday, January 5th at Senolihn's Bar & Grill

Meat and traditional raffles will begin at Senolihn's Bar starting at 1 p.m.

For more info, see the ad in this issue on the Area Events page.

CoVantage Cares Foundation provides over \$435,700 to local non-profit organizations



Pictured from left to right is Jim Wiesner, Crandon Area Rescue Squad; Sammi Houle, CVCU Branch Manager; Melinda Chaney, and DeElda Okrasinski, Crandon Area Rescue Squad with a check totaling \$18,901.66 from the CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Campaign.

For eight years, the CoVantage Cares Foundation and CoVantage Credit Union have partnered to hold a two-week fundraising campaign, kicking off every year on Giving Tuesday. This year's donations pushed the campaign's eight-year total to \$2.7 million in support for 90 local organizations.

CoVantage Cares Foundation announced that this year checks totaling \$435,783 were presented to local non-profit groups that serve communities where CoVantage Credit Union has branches. The funds were made possible thanks to generous donations by CoVantage Credit Union members, staff, and community members who supported the Foundation's 2023 Giving Tuesday campaign from November 28 to December 12.

This year, branch staff throughout CoVantage Credit Union's locations were asked to select a non-profit group in their community to be the recipient of funds raised, with the understanding that contributions generated during the two-week fundraising campaign would be matched up to \$175,000 by CoVantage Cares Foundation. Thanks to the matching funds, along with the generosity of many, donations totaling \$435,783 were gifted locally. Crandon Area Rescue Squad is using funds to upgrade equipment on their ambulance to improve emergency response care while serving several municipalities in Forest County. Rhinelander Area Food Pantry will use the donations to support their mission of providing nutritious foods to their neighbors.

Charlie Zanayed, CoVantage CEO and CoVantage Cares Foundation board president, shared the following regarding this year's campaign, "CoVantageCredit Union has a history of supporting local non-profit organizations and living our mission of welcoming all, providing outstanding value and exceptional service, working with members experiencing financial challenge,

And Time Flies By



This old photo, probably from the 20's, shows different businesses than what we know today. Tricia's has done a great job of maintaining the buildings that were serving the community about a hundred years ago, and these businesses weren't the original ones. The middle building was Hellstrom's Hotel 1906.

By Mike Monte

Time flies by, and we are only here for a very short while when we look at history. What we do while on the surface of the earth does affect the generations that follow us.

A good example are all of the country schools that dotted the countryside and provided an education to all of the farm kids that were within walking distance. Argonne changed that system with the building of a big new brick school and horse-drawn school busses that brought in all of the farm kids to the central school, and that building was not just a grade school, it was also the Argonne High School. Things changed again. The high school kids went to Crandon in about 1940. Since then, of course, the school closed completely, then burned, and all that remains is a flat spot on a huge former school yard.

A look at old photos of the main streets of our communities shows businesses that nobody alive remembers. A short walk down Crandon's main street brings different memories for different ages. When I stop at Flowers From the Heart, I often think of Adolf Anderson walking the aisles of his Ben Franklin store, and he didn't start it either. The Krohn family put up the Ben Franklin probably in the 1920's.

Tricia's Treasures is also an example of those alive today living with what was built by previous generations. How many remember Gravitte's Hardware when eating a sandwich in Tricia's, or Vern Russell selling shoes in another part of her store? Or what about Harry Pfeiffer selling groceries out of his Red Owl Store? Most older men will remember George Krohn and his sporting goods store, along with the totem poles that are still there, and a holder full of long bamboo cane poles for fishing panfish.

It is obvious that whoever is running a business out of these buildings will someday quit and somebody else will make a living from inside those walls.

The same is true for the old homes in a community. How many generations of kids are raised to adulthood in a home built in the early 1900's, when the county was just coming to life and expanding because of the sawmill industry?

We are all only here for a short time, and we should make the most of it. We should also remember where we and our communities came from. This issue will give us a peek back with some old pictures from the past.

MFL and a Mandatory Practice (Tree Harvest) from a Landowner's Point of View

By Jacqueline Hurley

Thanks to the last great ice age, Northern Wisconsin's topography is both beautiful and diverse. Dotted with lakes, wetlands, and rock outcroppings, our Northern Highlands are particularly well suited for growing trees. That is certainly the case in Vilas, Oneida and Forest Counties where I have spent much of my life.

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Position Details:

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Qualifications:

- Previous experiences working with children with students with disabilities is preferred, but not required.
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- 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, January 3, 2024 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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MFL & Mandatory Practice Cont. from pg. 1

After picking up visiting relatives from Rhinelander's airport and driving to Crandon, I expected my passengers would be duly impressed when we passed through an area of low-lying tamarack swamp and approached the first in a series of drumlins left behind by massive ice sheets nearly 11,000 years ago.

Five miles from downtown Crandon, travelers must climb upward for almost two miles before cresting the top of the first ridge. Steep banks on the north and south sides reveal the drumlin's actual height before it was cut down to create the current stretch of Highway 8 in the late 20's.

From that first lofty point, the landscape falls and rises three times before making the city limits. The valley-like troughs in between the ridges are called dungeons and the view in the first dungeon to our left caused one of my guests to gasp, "Oh, no!"

I immediately understood. He was looking down on an area that had, until just a month before, hosted a twenty acre woodlot of aging popple trees. That day, only a few scraggly fir trees poked above a scalped forest floor that was crisscrossed with temporary dirt roads. In his mind, he was witnessing devastating DEFORESTATION!

I quickly explained quaking aspen (popples) are short-lived, fast-growing trees that made their appearance in Wisconsin after the first cut-over. They are particularly good for making paper and usually regenerate through root sucking after a clear cut of the mature trees. Due to the stage of forest succession when early records were examined and summarized, they are not listed as an original species in Wisconsin's northern forests, but they're abundant now and need to be managed accordingly. Besides that, a slashing, as it is sometimes called, creates wonderful habitat for animals such as deer and birds of every kind. Little warblers, for example, are well protected when nesting inside close-spaced popple saplings four to five years after a clear cut.

Furthermore, old decaying trees "eat" less greenhouse gases compared to young, growing trees. Like teenagers at a dinner table, young trees sequester far more carbon than dying or fallen trees that release their carbon when they rot.

As a retired school teacher and landowner living atop a drumlin in Forest County, I am blessed to own a 28 acre parcel of woods enrolled in Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law. According to my MFL plan, my property was due for a "mandatory practice". MFL supports landowners as they try to achieve their management goals, ensure healthy forests, and potentially earn a little money when marketable timber is sold.

A mandatory practice requires making contact with the DNR, finding a qualified forester to assist with the project, and locating a capable logging company to complete the work.

I felt very fortunate when Matt Carothers (FYI - not Crandon's Matt Carothers) of Superior Woodlands Company agreed to be the forester who would assess my land and lay out the harvest. One of Matt's missions in life is to help families wanting to keep and manage their precious forests. My property lies adjacent to my brother's and as third generation landowners, we like to work together to achieve our mutual goals and maintain a special place for family and friends to gather.

I was glad that Matt and his team of foresters took care and consulted with both my brother and me every step of the way. They listened to our goals and concerns, stopped to describe best management practices when questions arose, and actually turned the project into a kind of learning/working fun. The trees were marked, ready to be cut, and I was very happy with the outcome.

There were others who contributed a great deal to my project, too. Steve Kircher of the Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department helped me secure funding to cover the cost of forestry assistance. A forester needs to spend a lot of time in the woods marking individual trees, mapping, and laying out areas to be opened up or clear cut. That can be costly.

Liz Wood, our local DNR Tax Law Forestry Specialist who administers the MFL program, was also very helpful. She answered my questions and addressed a number of concerns. For example, I have quite a few ash trees. The Emerald Ash Borer is on its way and my original MFL plan didn't take that new threat into account. She was willing to consider an amendment to the plan.

We have many highly regarded logging contractors in our area and my family has been fortunate to work with a number of them. Now, when I see a loaded or empty logging truck on its way to or from a mill, I can no longer pass by without appreciating the enormous amount of work, investment and skill involved in making those runs.

So it is with a group effort, trees on my 28 acres were harvested this past fall. I am grateful for the expertise and participation of all the people involved. My woods may look a little worse for wear for a year or two, but that's okay. Its future is bright.

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

**Meat Raffle
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WisDOT's new website delivers improved accessibility, mobile optimization

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) launched its new website this week, wisconsindot.gov, as the agency's go-to source for information. In addition to a fresh new look, the website features enhanced ADA accessibility and a mobile-responsive design for streamlined access to business needs.

"WisDOT strives to serve all who use our transportation system and much of that begins online," Secretary Craig Thompson said. "We understand the importance of easily accessing our project, road condition, safety and licensing information. We are excited about the improved customer experience and we're confident the new website will better serve its more than eight million annual visitors."

The website is designed by service area for quick access to:

- DMV services like online registration or driver license renewal.
- Real-time travel and road condition information at 511WI.gov.
- Safety information from the division of Wisconsin State Patrol.
- Information about the 350+ construction projects across the state.

Last year, WisDOT's website served more than 8 million visitors, including more than 2 million people who conveniently renewed their license plates online. This new website design further improves the user experience to help them efficiently find transportation information.

Please take a moment to explore the website to see how WisDOT is striving each day to provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system for the people of Wisconsin.



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.
It is mandatory to register for hunt & to pick up mouth pieces BETWEEN 5-9 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th!

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Early Lake Metonga



Maybe somebody with a knowledge of Lake Metonga history can tell us what "Lubeth" was. A good guess is that it was the resort created early in Crandon's history that was eventually ran as a resort by Earl Schilling until a fire burned the big house in the early 60's.

Happy New Year!!

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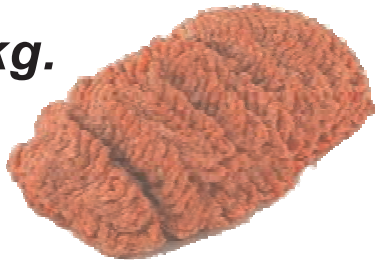
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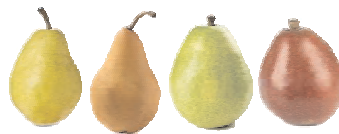
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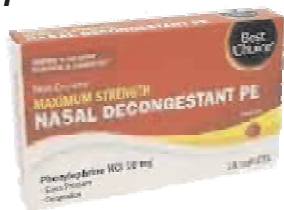
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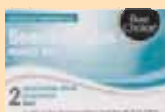


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This depot was on Railroad Street, that angle street that connects Hwy 8 with Hwy 32&55. The name of the street is all that remains of the C&NW Railroad here.

Death Notices

Kathryn J. Kalata
December 24, 1953 ~ December 20, 2023
Age 69

After a short battle with cancer, on December 20, 2023, Kathryn J. Kalata of Argonne, WI quietly passed at her home with her husband and large, loving family, including her magnificent white cat Stuey by her side. She came into this world above the Rexall Drug Store in Crandon, WI on the cold night of December 24, 1953, shortly after midnight with her identical twin sister Karen following only a few minutes later.



Except for a few preschool years in Milwaukee, she had the good fortune of being able to live in Argonne her whole life, close to brothers, sisters, extended family, and only being less than a minute away from her twin. The third child in a family of seven busy, normal, rowdy kids; she grew up on her grandparents' farm west of Argonne. She attended Argonne Grade School, where she and Karen had a great lot of fun coming to class with each other's name embroidered on their dresses, to sit at each other's desks the whole day to fool their teacher. After graduating from Crandon High School, she married Ted Kalata on July 15, 1972, in the little white St. Mary's Catholic Church in Argonne. They made their solemn promises before God, and kept them sacred for 51 years, never wavering, through many, many tough times, serious health setbacks, and tribulations that would have torn apart lesser men and women. Together they raised four children, all growing to be successful adults just like them.

Kathy was generous to a fault. If she got wind of something you needed, it was just as good as done. If you commented on something in her house you liked, you would get home to find it in your pocket or backpack. You might even receive rutabagas in the mail. She loved gardening, her apple trees, and her chickens, whom she called "chickens"; they followed her around like she was the mother hen.

Her artistry was famous, and her artistic flair is evident throughout her home, which is a veritable museum of art. Each mural and each piece lovingly created, rich in personal meaning. Kathy earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Through the culmination of years of hard work and tenacity, while battling ill health and simultaneously nurturing everyone around here and raising her children, she graduated with the highest honors from Stevens Point. She worked into the wee hours of the morning, crafting Little House on the Prairie Easter dresses for her girls, flawlessly tailored, complete with pantaloons and bonnets, and put together a little Easter suit for her son as well. Kathy designed and put together amazing costumes for her brothers and sisters for Argonne Halloween dances and the Argonne Day Parade; like the time she made each of them a Crayola Crayon costume, each a different color, complete with felt cone hats. She made a huge Crayola box for them to dance in. Orchestrating elaborate birthdays for dozens of cousins with professional-looking decorated cakes was one of her favorite pastimes. She professionally made the wedding cakes for each of her children. Kathy was always putting final "touches" on everything for her family and loved ones. When Santa Claus came down the chimney at her house, he went back up, saying "I can't compete with that!"

Most importantly of all, Kathy was the anchor for her family and friends. Her personal trials and tribulations were always put to the back burner to care for and be there for her family. Her kitchen table was ground zero for all the joys, celebrations, sorrows, wounds, healings, good times and bad to which the whole family naturally gravitated. Kathy doled out support, sympathy, humor, hot food, advice, day care, and if necessary, was the enforcer, fearlessly and undoubtedly taking up the case against any foe unfortunate enough to cross any family member.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, mother, Marilyn Bobo, stepfather, Sam Bobo, brother, Jim Gibson, sister, Carol (BZ) Kelly, nephew, Jimmy Deaton, nieces, Ali Gibson, and Elizabeth Gibson, grandparents, Russell and Priscilla Samz, and Willard and Dorothy Gibson.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Ted Kalata, daughters, Christina (Mike) Cummings, Candy Kalata, Carla (Pekka) Ruuskanen, son, Ted Kalata, Jr.; Grandchildren, Kurtis Sears, Eva, and Alaina Fraley, Coleton, and Myah Kalata, Mila Ruuskanen, and great-grandsons, Zaiden, and Brayson Sears, her special identical twin sister, Karen (James Sr.) Deaton of Argonne, sister, Janet (late Max) Marvin of Park Falls, sister, Mary Beth (Boo Boo) (late Mike Keith) Gibson of Excelsior, Minnesota, and brother, Jerry (Beth) Gibson of Argonne, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, and of course, the ever-faithful Stuard J. (Stuey).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to sign the guestbook or leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com



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

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- 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

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

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

Monday - Jan. 8 - Beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, broccoli, biscuit, banana cake

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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

Tuesday - Jan. 9 - BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, diced peaches, butterscotch pudding

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

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

Wednesday - Jan. 10 - Oven baked rosemary chicken, baked sweet potato, diced beets, cornbread, grapes

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

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

Thursday - Jan. 11 - Baked chicken, mixed fruit, broccoli, mashed potatoes, biscuit, cookie

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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.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School
Immediately Following Impact Aid Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum.
- III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2))).
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Agenda Approval.
- VI. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3.
 - a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person).
 - b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community.
 - c. Public Participation.
- VII. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on December 6, 2023.
- VIII. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll.
- IX. Informational Items
 - a. Bill Taylor, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
 - b. Bob Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will present updates and information.
 - c. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
 - d. Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services, will present updates and information.
 - e. Board Member Reports.
- X. Action Items.
 - a. Discuss and take possible action as recommended to NEOLA Policy po2112.01 (Tribal and Parent Involvement).
 - b. Discuss and take possible action on Annual Audit information from Kerber-Rose via phone.
 - c. Discuss and take possible action on Class of 2024 Senior Trip.
 - d. Discuss and take possible action resignation(s).
 - e. Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s).
 - f. Discuss and take possible action for Open Enrollment for the determination of spaces available for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - g. Discuss and take possible action on administrative contract rollovers.
 - h. Discuss and take possible action on Code of Conduct Handbook changes.
- XI. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.
- XII. Adjourn.

NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA PL81-874 IMPACT AID MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. LIBRARY – WABENO AREA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Attendance
3. Discuss the minutes of the January 4, 2023 meeting
4. Explanation of Impact Aid Program
5. Review and revise School Board Policy 2112.01 – Tribal and Parent Involvement Building Updates:
 - a. Elementary School Principal will report on Native American participation, events, and goals at the Elementary School.
 - b. Junior/Senior High Principal will report on Native American participation, events, and goals at the Junior/Senior High School.
7. Public Input – Future Goals
8. Any other business allowed by law.
9. Adjourn

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

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

School District of Wabeno Area FINANCIAL AID NIGHT JANUARY 23, 2024

Laona High School will host a free College Goal Wisconsin financial aid event for all area high school seniors at Laona High School on January 23, 2024 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Laona High School Library.

Any senior planning to enroll in a post-secondary education program in 2024-2025 is encouraged to complete a free, on-line financial aid form. Completion of a financial aid form is the first step in accessing money for higher education. Information will be provided on the financial aid process, scholarships, and additional resources. Wabeno, Crandon, and Laona High School seniors and their parents/guardians are especially encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Michele Rocolle at 715.473.5122 ext. 1210, Jessica Keao at 715.478.6125, or Taylor Novak at 715.674.3801.

WHAT'S TO EAT

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu

Jan. 1- 5

- Monday - NO SCHOOL**
Tuesday - Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, breakfast potatoes, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, pears, fruit juice, milk
Thursday - Breakfast sandwich, bananas, fruit juice, milk
Friday - French toast sticks, sausage links, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu

Jan. 1 - 5

- Monday - NO SCHOOL**
Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, apple sauce, garden bar, milk
Wednesday - Cheeseburger, chips, baked beans, kiwi, mixed vegetables, garden bar, milk
Thursday - Chispito, Spanish rice, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
Friday - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, baby carrots, dinner roll, sliced apples, garden bar, milk

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I would like to thank the people of my district who have supported and elected me for the last 10 years.

My sincere appreciation for allowing me to be your representative.

David Campbell

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Wabeno Lions Christmas Caroled on December 15th

The Wabeno Lions Club embarked on their annual Christmas caroling journey from Wildcat Den on the evening of Friday, December, 15th. Vocal cords were lubricated and ready to sing!!! Sixteen Lion members, 2 singing guests, and Santa, (Jonathan Calhoun), boarded the "people hauler" which was fully lit and decorated. Lion Paul Ehlinger was our expert "sleigh operator". Our journey of three hours hit nearly every street in Wabeno, Soperton, Frogtown, and also swung thru the Wabeno Height apartments. The sound system was blaring with music as we sang all the favorites: Jingle Bells, J.B. Rock, Silent Night, Joy to the World, Frosty, Rudolph, Winter Wonderland, White AND Blue Christmas, and the list went on and on.

Candy bags for the kids, and plates of cookies were distributed to those at "the Heights". We enjoyed all who made it out on their porches to see and hear what all the commotion was! The expressions and thankfulness of the children.... that's what keeps us coming back, year after year!

Our final caroling stop, the Laona Rescue Squad building where we shared a song, candy, and cookies. Lastly, we finished with pizza at Wildcat Den and enjoyed fellowship and rehydration. The Wabeno Lions are honored to provide the community with this joyous service activity! Santa says.....HO, HO, HO and to all a good night!!!




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