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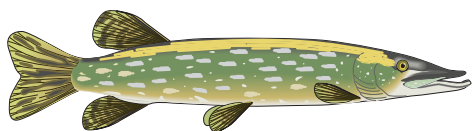
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Hiles Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Fisherie

Ice fishermen can head for Pine Lake on Saturday, February 3rd for the Annual Fisherie. Win prizes for the heaviest walleye, northern, bass, bluegill, crappie or perch.

Get in on the raffles for a Vexilar Fish Locator, Pit Boss Smoker or a Cabela's \$200 Gift Card. Plus there will be meat raffles, plenty of food to eat and lots of good conversation.

The event is at the Hiles Town Hall and the deadline for fish registration is 5 p.m. Don't forget to try Ben & Frankie's Street Tacos!

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.

World Wetlands Day

On Friday, February 2nd, we celebrate World Wetlands Day. This annual event is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of wetlands and their role in our environment. Wetlands are crucial ecosystems that provide a wide range of ecological, economic, and social benefits, yet they are often undervalued and threatened.

Wetlands are areas where water covers the soil, either permanently or seasonally. They encompass a variety of environments, including marshes, swamps, bogs, and estuaries. Despite covering only about 6% of the Earth's land surface, wetlands play a disproportionately large role in maintaining biodiversity and supporting life. They serve as habitats for countless species of plants and animals, many of which are rare or endangered. Additionally, wetlands act as natural filters, purifying water by trapping pollutants and sediment.

One of the critical functions of wetlands is their role in mitigating the impacts of climate change. They store and sequester carbon, helping to regulate the Earth's climate. Wetlands also act as buffers against extreme weather events, such as floods and storms, by absorbing and slowing down the flow of water. These ecosystem services make wetlands indispensable to the health of our planet and the well-being of its inhabitants.

World Wetlands Day, celebrated annually on February 2nd, marks the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar. The convention established an international treaty aimed at promoting the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

The celebration provides an opportunity for governments, organizations, and communities worldwide to come together to raise awareness about the value of wetlands and the need to protect them.

Activities range from educational programs and community events to clean-up initiatives and restoration projects. Through these efforts, individuals and groups contribute to the global movement to safeguard wetlands and ensure their sustainable management for future generations.

Despite their ecological importance, wetlands face numerous threats, including habitat destruction, pollution, climate change, and over-exploitation of resources. Urbanization and agriculture often lead to the draining of wetlands, resulting in the loss of biodiversity and the vital services they provide. Pollution from agricultural runoff and industrial discharges further degrades these ecosystems, impacting water quality and harming aquatic life.

Climate change poses additional challenges, with rising temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, and sea-level rise affecting wetland ecosystems. The global community must recognize the urgency of addressing these threats and take collective action to protect and restore wetlands.

World Wetlands Day serves as a reminder of the intrinsic value of wetlands and the need for their conservation. As we celebrate this day, it is crucial to reflect on our individual and collective roles in preserving these ecosystems. Through education, advocacy, and sustainable practices, we can ensure that wetlands continue to thrive, providing invaluable benefits to the environment and all living organisms.

Old Growth Forests the New Goal for the National Forest System

By Mike Monte

We are about to go through another fight to keep our National Forests a viable and useful source of timber for the public that allowed them to exist in their areas, including Forest County and surrounding counties. In a plan recently released by the Forest Service, the summary of a report leads out the document:

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (Department) is proposing to amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System (128 plans in total) to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of the National Forest System. The intent is to foster the long-term resilience of old-growth forest conditions and their contributions to ecological integrity across the National Forest System. This notice initiates a scoping period on a preliminary proposed action and advises the public that the Department is preparing an environmental impact statement to evaluate the effects of amending the 128 land management plans.

The proposed action and draft environmental impact statement are expected in May 2024 and will have a 90-day comment period, with the final environmental impact statement expected in January 2025.

All of this brings back memories of these type of movements by enviros and the Forest Service in decades past. The timber industry always has to remind the Forest Service, the politicians and much of the citizenry of the mission of the National Forest system. As I recall, it was: "To supply timber and fiber to the nation while protecting the water resource." National Forests are not National Parks. They were meant to be a source of timber while growing back the forests that were harvested with a complete lack of forestry or thought for future forests or the timber resource for following generations. While accomplishing these goals, the forest system also provided recreation for the public in the form of camping, fishing, hunting and whatever people wanted to do in the forest, without a worry over trespassing.

In Forest County, about 60% of the land base is National Forest. The county board voted to allow the Nicolet National Forest to use some of the county's lands for growing timber and recreation to the public. Much of what became Nicolet lands was tax delinquent property that had been overcut in the first logging of the county. There were also tax delinquent homesteads as well.

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The Lakes Country Library project



The expansion/renovation of Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood is moving full-speed ahead to an anticipated July ribbon-cutting.

Jeff Musson, Rhinelander, is project architect; RJM Construction, Black Creek, is the General Contractor using local subcontractors LumberJake's Painting, Smith Concrete, DAMA Plumbing, and Chimney Mechanix.



Crandon Cards Predator Hunt Feb. 10



The Crandon Cardinal Trap Team will be hosting their Predator Hunt on February 10th at the Crandon Community Hall.

There will be cash prizes. All are welcome, and the proceeds will go towards supporting the Crandon Cardinal Trap Team.

The entry fee, which includes a meal, is \$20, and the rules meeting and sign up is Friday, February 9th, from 5-8 p.m. at the Wolf River Rendezvous Bar 6 miles west of Crandon on Hwy 8.

Contact Tom May at 715-478-2425 or 715-889-2568 if you have any questions.

Lumberjack Memorial Trails 39th Annual Poker Run!



Despite the trails being closed, come and join us for our annual LMT Poker Run on Saturday, February 3rd, at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort.

Tickets are available at participating pit stops for \$1.00 each. Check out the Area Events section in this paper for pit stops to visit and more information.

Raffles start at 1 p.m.. Come by car or truck and have some fun! All proceeds go to trail maintenance.



Leap into the new year with Friends of Townsend Fire Association

Friends of Townsend Fire Association UA, a 501c3 Association, was launched to the public on January 1, 2024. This nonprofit Association has taken over where Townsend Firemen's Wives left off. FOTF continues to support the Townsend (WI) Volunteer Fire Department and its community through fundraising efforts.

Their first fundraiser of 2024 is a Leap Year Cash Raffle. \$25 per ticket with a chance to win 10 LARGE cash prizes! The drawing is February 29, 2024 at 2:29 p.m. at the Townsend Fire Station. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available at most Townsend taverns or you can contact Friends of Townsend Fire via email at FOTF@friendsoftownsendfire.org, visit their website at www.friendsoftownsendfire.org, or on Facebook at Friends of Townsend Fire. Good Luck!

G-A Lions Club donates sleds to the Goodman-Armstrong Creek School



Here are some happy school kids with their new sleds donated by the Goodman/Armstrong Creek Lions Club. There hasn't been much snow but luckily it was snowing when the kids came out for recess to use their new sleds. Also shown are Superintendent Amy Wysocki, Paraprofessional Ella Engel and Lion Dennis Engel.

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Crandon Wrestlers Achieve Major Milestones in January



PIC-COLLAGE

Crandon's 120-pound Mason Dewing was the first of three Crandon wrestlers to pick up their 100th career win this season. Dewing's 100th career victory was celebrated on Thursday, January 4th in front of the hometown crowd in a triangular in which Crandon hosted and defeated Lakeland (48-28) and Peshtigo (51-27).

Conner Lawrence, Crandon's heavyweight senior, picked up his 100th win at parent's/senior night on January 11, 2024 also at home.

Coach Paul Cleereman also marked an important milestone in his coaching career on this night as well, picking up his 50th dual victory as Crandon's head coach with victories over Kingsford (42-29) and Lena (55-18).

Next, Ty Dennee, a 144-pound Junior, was able to join the century club on January 16 in a quadrangular hosted in Stratford. Congratulations to Mason, Conner, Ty and Coach Cleereman!

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AREA EVENTS

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Tax counseling services are offered free of charge by volunteer Tax Aide Counselors trained by the IRS and AARP Foundation to assist in tax preparation. The services rendered will include preparation and e-filing of your 2023 Federal and Wisconsin tax returns, and, if applicable, the Wisconsin Homestead Credit or Veterans Property Tax Credit.

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Valid identification for voting purposes includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate "voter ID." A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.

To obtain identification to show at the polls, begin online. A list of the required documents to bring to a DMV Customer Service Center is available at wisconsindmv.gov. If the required documents needed for an ID are not readily available, DMV has a process, called the Voter ID Petition Process (IDPP), to obtain the necessary information. This process, available free of charge, may be used to quickly obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

Anyone with questions related to obtaining an ID that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov.

Start the application now at wisconsindmv.gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center. To find a DMV, check hours, services and wait times, visit wisconsindmv.gov/centers.

News of Area College Students

UW Oshkosh Fall 2023 Dean's List, Honor Roll

- Argonne,** Macie Palubicki, Dean's list
- Crandon,** Shalynn Stamper, Dean's list
- Laona,** Josie Lempel, Dean's list
- Wabeno,** Autumn Stoffregen, Honor Roll
- Students on Dean's List at UW-River Falls**
- Wabeno,** Bekkah VanEperen, Biology
- UW-Green Bay announces academic honors**
- Argonne,** Alexis McCorkle, Semester Highest Honors
- Makenzie Niehaus, Semester Highest Honors
- Hallie Plummer, Semester High Honors
- India Vancleve, Semester Honors
- Haley Walentowski, Semester High Honors
- Armstrong Creek,** Katelyn Braaten, Semester Highest Honors;
- Sophia Wysocki, Semester Honors
- Crandon,** Madyson Dachelet, Semester Honors
- Marissa Flannery, Semester High Honors
- Laona,** Allison Albrecht, Semester Honors
- Holly Gilligan, Semester High Honors
- Halee Henkel, Semester High Honors

Crandon Senior Spotlight - Miya Krauel



Miya Krauel, daughter of Lisa Terry and Cliff Krauel, said her best memory from high school was her junior prom. Her high school accomplishments are taking the nursing assistant program with Nicolet her junior year and taking the phlebotomy program with Nicolet her senior year.

In the past twelve years, she's learned don't take anything for granted. Anything is possible when you're willing to work for it.

She plans on going to Nicolet to be a medical assistant.

She would like to thank her mom and dad for always being there for her; her sister, Lexey, for pushing her to go to school everyday; her brother, Jake, for pushing her to do her best in school; and her brother, Mike, and sister-in-law, Chelsea, for pushing her to never give up even when she wanted to. Lastly she would like to thank Mrs. Guron for being there for her in school when she needed someone to talk to.

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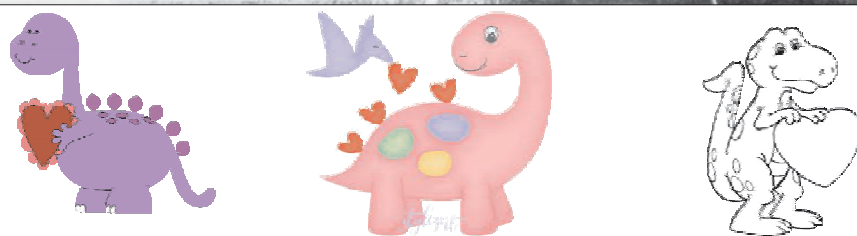
The inscription on this old photo reads: Park Hotel built in 1886 by Osborn and Poppy. Henry Poppy stands in front of east door. Mrs. Osborne is in front of other door and her two girls, Mabel and Margaret are near her. Mrs. Poppy is at the extreme left. Next to her is Mary Wagner, stenographer for Frank Delagliese, the fleshy man in the middle of the picture. Delagliese was here from Antigo copying records for abstracts.

The photo below is the now completely gone Park Hotel at its peak as a Crandon building, complete with the addition on the west side, windows upgraded and painted white. The Park Hotel, for you younger folks, was on the opposite end of the block from Subway.



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 8th GRADE- Keira Godin, Jaycee Harris, David Nelson
 7th GRADE- Luke Lampereur
 6th GRADE- Adele Sattler
 High Honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA)
 SENIORS- Gatlin Bohl, Hailey Monnot, Leja Ravaite, Brian Sears, Lawton Webb
 JUNIORS- Kinzey Bereswill, Cheyanne Blasing, Carter Champine, Edgar Christianson, Hayden Demerath, Lucas Krueger, Donovan Prince, Ezekiel Sarratt, Journey Schmitt, Rayanne Schwartz-Licht, Jade Sommer
 SOPHOMORES- Abigail Enchautegui, Niya Frank, Miley Godin, Nolan Milham, Jedidiah Sarratt, Mizzie Williams
 FRESHMAN- Alison Hansen, Addisyn Lochen, Isabelle Popp, Reegan Roy, Abigail Seeber
 8th GRADE- Ashton Jameson, Rya Shampo, Carter Towne
 7th GRADE- Angelina Brunette, Caden Champine, Bryanna Gilligan, Lily Habeck, Oceana Lineiro, Braylee Linssen, Xavier Maass, Taylor Miotke, Finlee Popp, Brody Sattler, Bryan Tallier, Shaniel Wagner, Cooper Webb
 6th GRADE-Gracelyn Brugger, Kaydin Chojnacki, Gemma Frank, Laden Flores, Haylee Halvorson, Willard Harris, Payton Mexico Alcantar, Pryce Peterson, Aleigha Theobald, Jackson Walton
 Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA)
 SENIORS- Gabrielle Brehmer, Allisia Cisneros Tuckwab, Lauren Harris, Joshua Johnson, Gage Liptack
 JUNIORS- Katelin Adamczyk, William Collins, Raymond Dickenson, Michael Milligan
 SOPHOMORES- Westin Bohl, Zyon Branch-Pemma, Breanna Harris, Sawyer Jameson, Levi Newman
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Top Honor Roll 4.00
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Juniors: Timber Cronauer
Sophomores: Ian Niggeling
Freshmen: Hailey Connor, Ryder Cronauer, Faith Novak
8th Grade: Stella Albrecht, Addison Seiler
7th Grade: Arianna Belland, Nora Tinsman
6th Grade: Elizabeth Biedermann, Luke Biedermann

High Honor Roll 3.5-3.99
Seniors: Melvin Engles, Galen Schumacher, Brady Shepard, Cameron Sorenson
Juniors: Colten Cooper, Holly Gilligan, Nathaniel Gilpin, Isabel Lincoln, Aiden McLain
Sophomores: Maddie Foltz, Lily Kulpa, Autumn Lane, Nathan Mihalko, Lily Terry, Lovey VanZile, Precious VanZile, Zoey Weso
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7th Grade: Florence Albrecht, Mary Ehlinger, Brooklyn Labarge, Emma Perry, Joslynn Samuelson
6th Grade: Olivia Adkins, Brooklyn Albrecht, Leilani Collins, Landon Connor, Sydney Connor, Flora Dehart, Alia DeMore, Aurora DeMore, Chase Fatla, Waylon Frank, Colt Hoffman, Wanda Kelley, Addie Matuszewski, Charli Nacius, Jaxson Nelson

Honor Roll 3.0-3.49
Seniors: Alex Jenkins, Evan Vander Velde
Juniors: Allison Albrecht, Ave Cleereman, Michael Collins, Dylan Wirth
Sophomores: Greyson McClain, Marshal Smith, Boone VanOoyen, Hunter VanZile, Walker Winkelman
Freshmen: Cooper Albrecht, Brody Brockway, Wynter Montgomery, Madelyne Tilton, Aubrey Tinsman, Brynn Yaeger
8th Grade: Jessony Cook, Alyssa DeMore, Emmalina Eisenhart, Carson Lemerande, Levi Shepard, Skyler Stewart
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Death Notices

Scot Joseph Sturzl
March 3, 1962 ~ January 26, 2024
 Age ~ 61

Scot Joseph Sturzl, 61, of Tomahawk and a former Rhinelander resident, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 26, 2024, at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital.



Scot was born in Milwaukee, on March 3, 1962, to John F. and Yvonne A. (Kniess) Sturzl. He was raised in Kenosha and was a 1980 graduate of Reuther Central High School. Upon graduating, Scot enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving his country from 1981 until 1984. He was united in marriage in Flagstaff, Arizona on March 1, 1984, to Diana Wessendorf. The couple had met in 1983 through a mutual friend. The couple lived in California before returning to Rhinelander. Scot attended Nicolet College from 1984 until 1985 earning a degree in auto mechanics. Scot enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1986 until 1988 where he and his family were stationed at Ft. Campbell. The family returned to Wisconsin in 1988, eventually living in Rhinelander. He was employed at the Rhinelander Paper Mill for a period of time.

Scot enjoyed hunting, fishing, and just spending time outdoors.

Surviving is his wife, Diana, children, Travis Sturzl Sr. and Linda Sturzl of Rhinelander, and Cindy Benford-Sturzl and Marko Mohammed of Illinois, seven grandchildren, Destinee, Travis Jr., Harmonie, Braylee, Latrell, Lovina, and Lacreed, his mother, Yvonne Sturzl of Florence, Wisconsin, one brother, John (Shelly) Sturzl of Pulaski, Wisconsin and his four-legged companion, "Sassy". Also surviving are nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Scot is preceded in death by his father, John Sturzl.

The visitation for Scot will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at the Hildebrand Funeral Home, from 11:00 AM until the 12:00 PM Memorial Service.

Immediately following the service, military honors will take place at the funeral home.

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

Joanne Jean Mullins
 passed away Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau. Joanne was born in Milwaukee on May 19, 1944, to Joe and Agnes (Siminski) Raymond.



Her family moved to Laona when she was two years old. Joanne was a graduate of the Laona class of 1963. On January 18, 1964, she married the love of her life, Ken Mullins, who she met at the Forest County Fair. They spent a loving 60 years together in the house they built in Crandon.

Soon after Joanne was married, she gave birth to three baby boys. She spent much of her time raising and caring for her three sons. She held several jobs before retiring after many years as a Food Service Worker at the Crandon School District.

Joanne was a very athletic person. She bowled for 45 years, golfed for 40 years, rode bikes, and enjoyed driving her own ATV and snowmobile. She loved tending to her flowers and garden, feeding birds, camping, and petting her dog, Lucky. Her favorite vacations were golfing in Osage Beach, Missouri, fishing in Canada, and camping in The Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. In later years, she enjoyed going for rides, going out for lunch, going to Fleet Farm on Sunday, and dining out on Saturday night after a couple of Malibu's and Diet Pepsis.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Ken Mullins; her three sons, Keith of Crandon, Randy of Maple Plains, Minnesota, and Eddie of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and her sister-in-law, Sherry (Mullins) Conley of Crandon. Her grandchildren include Alyssa (Mullins) Thome and spouse Ben of Little Suamico, Wisconsin, Matthew of Crandon, and Wyatt of Plymouth, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Agnes Raymond; her sister, Shirley Pasternak; her in-laws, Earl and Grace Mullins; and her sister-in-law, Joyce (Mullins) Straka.

Visitation will be held on Saturday February 3, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Weber-Hill and Packard Funeral Home in Crandon. Funeral services will follow at 11:30 with Father John Cerkas officiating. Interment will be at the Crandon Lakeside Cemetery followed by lunch at the Town of Lincoln Hall on the junction of HWY 8 and County HWY W.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program **SENIOR MEALS**



CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Feb. 5 - Sloppy joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, mixed fruit

Monday - Feb. 12 - Ham & scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, chocolate pudding

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Feb. 6 - Chicken breast, mushroom and bacon sauce, brown rice, brussel sprouts, apple slices, fudgy black bean brownies

Tuesday - Feb. 13 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, applesauce

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - Feb. 7 - Brat on a bun, steamed onions, German potato salad, peas, grape salad (**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & SUPER BOWL CELEBRATION**)

Wednesday - Feb. 14 - Lemon and pepper fish, baby red potatoes, dill carrots, rye bread, fruit jell-o dessert

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

Thursday - Feb. 1 - Ham and scalloped potatoes, green beans, banana, butter bread, pie

Thursday - Feb. 8 - Baked chicken, carrots, peas, baked beans, mac & cheese, biscuit, angel food with strawberries

Thursday - Feb. 15 - Swedish meatballs, brussel sprouts, salad with carrots and tomatoes, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, cookie

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.

Steven "Beeve" Cole Kincaid, beloved son, brother, nephew and uncle, passed away tragically on Saturday, January 20th, 2024, at the age of 33.



He was born July 16th, 1990, in Rhinelander, WI. The son of Kenneth Kincaid and Julie (Faulkner) Kincaid. Steven grew up and attended Crandon Schools until he moved to Spooner, WI, in 2004. Steven attended Spooner High School and graduated from Shell Lake Alternative School in 2008.

In his younger years, Steven enjoyed being at his grandparents' farm, enjoying his surroundings and spending countless hours with his cousins. Every free moment was spent outdoors, embracing his surroundings and learning as much as possible. Fall filled his calendar even more playing football. His true passion was racing buggies with his father. This is where he became his own man, carrying on his family legacy.

With a heart of gold, Steven worked diligently while battling with mental health and addiction. He was always the first to lend a helping hand and share his goofy personality. Everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him can take comfort in the memories he blessed upon us.

Steven is survived by his parents, Ken and Julie Kincaid of Spooner, sister Paula Alsteens of Spooner, sister Taylor Kincaid of Hayward, brother, Kenny Kincaid of Spooner, Grandmother Sue Quade of Crandon, nephews, Kenny, Daniel, Donte and DaMarcus, nieces, Karsen and Jeslyn. Also, Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Steven is preceded in death by Grandfathers, Ed Quade, Trulyn Jameson and Ken Kincaid. Grandmothers Paula Jameson and Donna Kincaid and his uncle Daniel Joseph Faulkner. Steven is finally at peace.

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

Happy Valentine's Day! This month we will be taking a special trip to see a matinee at the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander. Grab your sweetie or a friend and join us. Seniors age 60+ are \$6.00 per ticket (before noon). After noon the price goes up to \$8.00.

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

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Thursday, February 1: Antigo

Tuesday, February 6: Iron Mountain

Thursday, February 8: Rhinelander

Tuesday, February 13: Antigo

Wednesday, February 14: Rhinelander

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Thursday, February 15: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, February 20: Rhinelander

Thursday, February 22: Antigo

Tuesday, February 27: Iron Mountain



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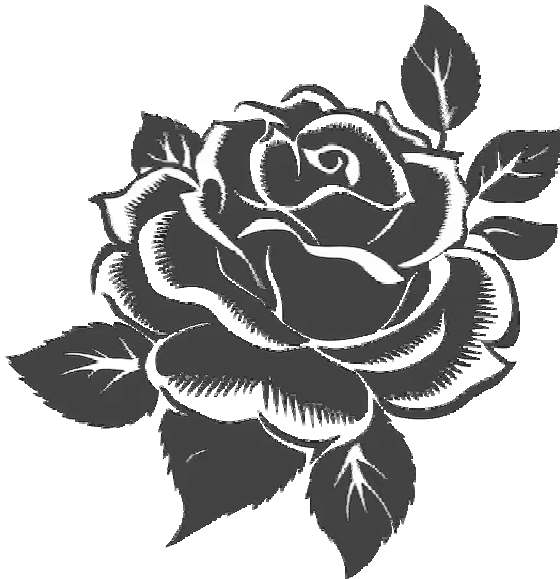
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Love Joe and family*

Thank You

On behalf of the Ronald Cracraft family, we want to extend a thank you to our family and friends that have surrounded us with love and support following Ron's passing. A very special thank you to the Crandon Rescue Squad, Melinda, Brendan, and Wyatt; thank you for bringing him home. We are indebted to Ronnie's trusted sidekick for the past year, Denise. She allowed Pat to stay working the past year, and has shown so much love to Ron and our family (including Phebbie and Gracie). For always supporting Pat, we thank Snow River Cooperative, and finally Bradley Funeral Home for supporting and organizing a beautiful tribute to our Husband, Father and Grandfather.



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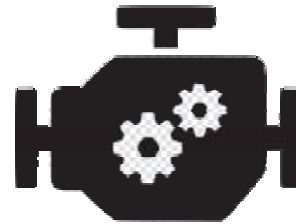
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Baldwin Demands Big Pharma Stop Unfair Practices that Reduce Competition, Raise Prices for Inhalers

Action comes after Baldwin helped launch [investigation](#) into efforts by companies to manipulate the price of asthma inhalers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) called on the four biggest inhaler companies to stop unfairly locking out generics from the market and driving up the cost of inhalers for Americans. Specifically, in letters to AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), and Teva, Senator Baldwin called on the companies to stop improperly listing patents for inhalers in the Orange Book and stifling competition.

The Orange Book contains patent and exclusivity information for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs. When a pharmaceutical company lists a patent in the Orange Book, it can block the introduction of competing drug products for up to 30 months, including lower-cost generic alternatives. However, because listing patents in the Orange Book may delay competition for associated products, drug companies are incentivized to list as many associated patents as possible in an attempt to protect their exclusivity and delay competition that may force them to lower their prices.

"Innovative products deserve protection but, for too long, large corporations have bent the rules to unfairly protect themselves from competition and Wisconsinites have paid the price," wrote Senator Baldwin in the letters. "While drug companies are required to list certain patents in the Orange Book, bad actors can exploit this process to inappropriately deter competition and generic drug development, leading to fewer treatment options and higher prices for consumers."

Senator Baldwin concluded, "The price of anticompetitive behavior is ultimately paid by Wisconsinites, through higher costs, fewer treatments, and worse health. It must stop."

Last year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) [issued](#) a policy statement making clear that inappropriate patent listing can be an unfair and unlawful method of competition. In November, the FTC [challenged](#) ten pharmaceutical companies including AstraZeneca, GSK, Teva, and Boehringer Ingelheim for improperly or inaccurately listing more than 100 patents in the Orange Book.

Despite these warnings, the inhaler companies have not yet removed all of the inaccurate or inappropriately listed patents from the Orange Book. In the letters sent today, Senator Baldwin called on the companies to heed the FTC's warning, and immediately remove these patents from the Orange Book to restore fair competition for Wisconsinites who rely on inhalers to stay well.

AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, GSK, and Teva – the four biggest manufacturers of inhalers sold in the United States – charge between \$200 and \$600 each for inhaler products that are typically purchased monthly. In Wisconsin, more than 500,000 people have asthma and nearly 6 percent of the population is estimated to suffer from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

These letters come on the heels of Senator Baldwin [launching an investigation](#) into the high prices these same big drug companies charge for inhalers that 25 million Americans with asthma and 16 million Americans with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) rely on to breathe.

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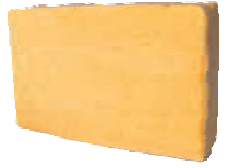
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No permission will be given to exceed posted weight limits on any posted County Highway. We would appreciate the public's cooperation to protect our highways.

Forest County Highway Committee
Mark Chrisman, Highway Commissioner

WHAT'S TO EAT

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu
Feb 5-9

Monday - Assorted cereal, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Breakfast bites, hash brown patty, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Cheese omelet, tator tots, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Pancakes, sausage links, banana, fruit juice, milk

Friday - W.G. cinnamon rolls, yogurt, strawberries, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu
Feb 5-9

Monday - Spaghetti, meat sauce / Marinara, California blend, garlic bread, grapes, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, pineapple tidbits, applesauce, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Sloppy Joes, fries, mixed vegetables, oranges, garden bar, milk

Thursday - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, watermelon, garden bar, milk

Friday - Lasagna, garlic bread, California blend, apple slices, garden bar, milk

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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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6:00 P.M.

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 Impact Aid Meeting on January 3, 2024
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on January 3, 2024
- 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 on hiring(s).
 - b. Discuss and take possible action on resignation(s).
 - c. Review Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report regarding progress made on growth objectives.
 - d. Discuss and take possible action on school calendar for 2024-2025.
 - e. Discuss appointing two election canvassers for February Primary School Board election.
- 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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4K/ Enrollment Day

This is a day to enroll your child in the School District of Crandon's 4K program.

- All children 4 years of age by September 1, 2024
- Bring child's birth certificate and immunization record
- Friday, February 23rd, 2024
- 9:00am - 11:00am and 12:00pm - 3:00pm
- Crandon Elementary School (Use District Office entry doors)
- * District office will buzz you into the building

Developmental Screening

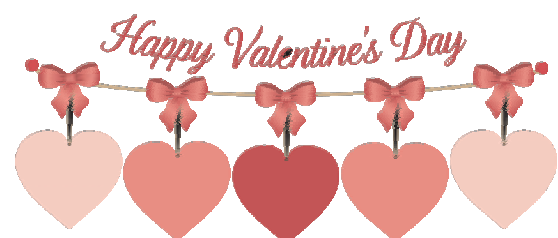
- Children ages 0-5 are welcome and who are not currently enrolled in 4K or KG
- The School District of Crandon will conduct a screening for children ages 3-5.
- Crandon Head Start information will be available
- Early Head Start information will be available
- Friday, February 23rd, 2024
- 9:00am - 11:00am and 12:00pm - 3:00pm
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For Old Times Sake



Padus is a Forest County sawmill town that ceased to exist when the last log was cut and the mill shut down. It was between Laona and Wabeno, and the Padus Gun Club operates there today. Certainly people lived there for awhile and traveled to work, but eventually, the only resident left was Annie Hammes, daughter of the founder of the sawmill and town, John Hammes. Annie lived in the old store and Hammes house until it was time for the nursing home.

The people above weren't worried about the mill closing when this picture was taken about 1910. They had work and a house to live in, a school for the young kids, a train stopping every day by the front door of the Hammes store and this cool bobsled to ride in on the weekends. It didn't get much better in the Northwoods back then.



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National Forests Cont. from pg. 1

When this deal was made with the government to turn these lands into national forest lands, the federal government made promises to regrow the timber and provide timber and jobs for future logging and sawmill ventures. It seemed to work.

However, through the years there have been movements to make National Forests more like parks than working forests that also provide recreation to the public. As can be seen in the paragraph above, there is another movement to forget the original and honorable intent of National Forests.

Currently, there are sections of the Chequamegon-Nicolet that are designated wilderness areas. These areas are the results of a compromise that was designed to keep the ultra environmentalists happy. Is it a waste of timber to allow it to grow to full maturity and then old age and eventually tip over to become part of the forest floor? It would seem so on a forest that was invented and designed to provide timber and fiber to the nation. The argument made by the enviros is that it is part of the multiple-use concept. It would also seem that the original promises made to local governments and the people that lived here are once again forgotten.

Forest County and the surrounding area is rural and wooded. Sawmills supply lumber to areas well beyond Wisconsin and loggers supply the logs and sawbolts to keep the sawmills running, not just in Forest County but in the area around the county as well. In addition, the logging industry supplies pulpwood to keep pulp and paper mills running in Wisconsin and the U.P. It should be added that we now have seven pulp mills, those mills that turn wood into paper pulp, in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. A huge drop from years back.

Another factor in pushing for old growth is the effect that it will have on the hunting community. Deer and ruffed grouse do better where there is new growth available for food and cover. Logging helps keep the population of these two popular game species at decent levels, and having hunters travel to the area to hunt certainly helps the economy.

It would behoove us to keep our elected representatives informed about this latest attempt to turn a working forest into a park, and that there were commitments made to local people when these National Forests were created with the permission of local government.

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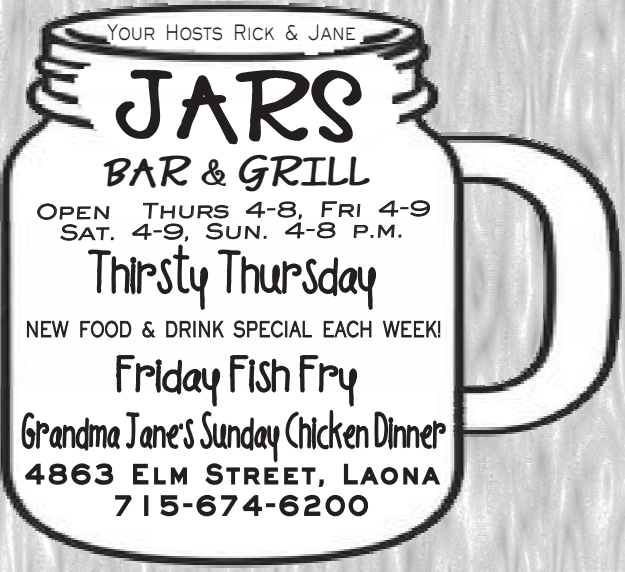
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Felzkowski: State Surplus Belongs with the Taxpayers

On Tuesday, Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), along with her Republican colleagues in the State Senate and Assembly, introduced four tax bills that would return the state's surplus back to the hardworking taxpayers who created it.

Three of the four proposed tax bills address childcare costs through the childcare and dependent tax credit, expand the married couple tax credit, and exempt retirement income from taxation. The fourth bill provides a meaningful middle-class income tax cut that almost every Wisconsin filer will benefit from.

The first three proposals above would, respectively: expand the child and dependent care tax credit to 100% of the federal credit, and increase the maximum allowable expenses for child and dependent care up to \$10,000 for one child or \$20,000 for two children; double the married couple credit from \$480 to \$870 (with inflation); and exempt up to \$150,000 in retirement income (\$75,000 per filer) from the state income tax.

The fourth bill would simply increase the upper income threshold for the second tax bracket from \$38,190 for married joint filers to \$150,000 – bringing the tax rate for this range of income from 5.3% to 4.4%.

Senator Felzkowski made the following statement: "When the state properly funds their priorities and has a surplus of taxpayer dollars, those dollars should go back to the hardworking taxpayers who paid too much. These four bills would provide significant tax relief to all Wisconsinites in one way or another – creating a better state tax climate that attracts talent to our state, relieves financial stress that families are experiencing from federal inflation, and incentivizes our seniors to stay in Wisconsin."

Felzkowski continued: "We, as a state, are extremely fortunate to have been able to continually cut taxes over the last decade. We now sit on this bountiful surplus, with an opportunity to continue lowering the tax burden for the citizens of Wisconsin. I look forward to Governor Evers signing these four bills and returning your money."

A Rebuttal to Bill Bussey, and all of your readers!

To begin with, yes this is an unusual winter. And by the sounds of it, Mr. Bussy apparently kept some records of "Winters Past", but so has organizations like N.O.A.! The scientists who work there, along with scientists who study the climate, weather, oceanographer, astronomers and everyone else associated with the climate will tell you that there isn't enough data to definitively say that "CARBON ENERGY" is the cause of GLOBAL WARMING! The problem is that these scientists have been silenced by "CROOKED POLITICIANS, and OTHERS", who will PROFIT GREATLY at the expense of the "LITTLE GUYS"! Mainly, me and you and everyone on GODS' GREAT EARTH! The elimination of FOSSIL FUELS will actually be the DESTRUCTION OF CIVILIZATION as we know it, Be careful "WHAT YOU WISH FOR"!

This past pandemic should have taught Mr Bussey the most important lesson in his life! You cannot believe anything that your GOVERNMENT tells you — "get the vaccine, you'll not get Covid, the withdrawal from Afghanistan was great, the Border is closed, the biggest threat to humanity is fossil fuels!

The evidence is out there, do your research, and I believe you'll be changing your mind! I like you fear for the future for my children and grandchildren! But I don't fear "MY FUTURE WITH FOSSIL FUELS, I fear "YOUR FUTURE WITHOUT FOSSIL FUELS"!

Jim Kobylarz
 Armstrong Creek

Baldwin Helps Deliver Nearly \$1.5 Million to Connect Wisconsin Students with Good-Paying Jobs

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) announced that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will receive \$1,475,000 for its Unlocking Pathways Wisconsin initiative to connect more high school students with good-paying jobs upon graduation. The funding, from the Perkins Innovation and Modernization grant program, will go towards increasing career advising and navigation, dual enrollment, work-based learning, and workforce credentials for high school students. The funding will be allocated to 20 pilot high schools in Wisconsin, serving a total of more than 10,000 students, with each school receiving up to \$45,000 per year.

"There are a lot of pathways to a middle-class life that do not require a four-year college degree, and we need to ensure that Wisconsin's high school students know that and have the resources they need to land those good-paying jobs," said Senator Baldwin. "I am proud to help bring home this funding to help Wisconsin schools and students connect with in-demand professions and better ensure that every student, no matter their background, has the opportunity to succeed in life afterward."

The funding for the Perkins Innovation and Modernization grants is from the Baldwin-supported government funding bill. The investment for Wisconsin is part of a total of \$25 million awarded to 16 states and the District of Columbia to build the capacity of education and workforce systems, partnered with business and industry, to develop new high-quality career-connected high school programs for more students.

To the Editor:

Random Act of Kindness day is February 17th, and it is a day to celebrate kindness and the whole pay-it-forward mentality.

The movement of Random Acts of Kindness inspires people every day. Not only do the acts of kindness bring joy to the receiver, but they spread positive reactions to the giver too! You may not always see the results of your kindness, but every bit of positive energy you contribute to the world, makes it a better place for all of us. Please practice kindness every day.

Jan Leschke

Bill to Strengthen Border Security and Stop Flow of Fentanyl

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) joined her colleagues in introducing legislation to reduce the flow of fentanyl by providing much-needed resources to secure the southwest border. The Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act increases staffing capacity and technology to detect illicit drugs and other contraband being smuggled through ports of entry along the border. The bill targets the most common way that fentanyl is coming into the United States: through ports of entry along the southwest border.

"Although Wisconsin is not a border state, our communities still feel the impact of harmful drugs like fentanyl coming into our country," said Senator Baldwin. "Our bill will help secure our border and stop fentanyl from being smuggled into the country by making sure our law enforcement officers and border patrol agents have the staffing, technology, and resources needed to protect our communities and, ultimately, save lives."

The Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act would enable U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to hire more Officers and Border Patrol Agents to increase capacity to stop illicit smuggling over the border. The bill also provides funding to purchase Non-Intrusive Inspection systems, which scan vehicles and cargo at the border to provide detailed images of their interiors, which leads to the detection of fentanyl and other illicit drugs. Additionally, the bill would create an inspection program to increase seizure of firearms, which Mexican cartels frequently purchase in the United States and smuggle into Mexico to support their fentanyl production operations and other violent criminal enterprises.

This legislation is led by Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and also co-sponsored by Senators Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Mark Warner (D-VA), and Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

In addition to introducing the Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act, Senator Baldwin has pushed President Biden to prioritize additional resources to strengthen the security at the southwest border to stop the flow of illicit drugs like fentanyl through ports of entry along the border. Senator Baldwin also supports a number of bills to address different aspects of the fentanyl crisis including the bipartisan Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2023, or SUPPORT Act, major legislation which recently passed out of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee to address the opioid and fentanyl crisis by investing in prevention, treatment recovery, and law enforcement efforts. Included in the SUPPORT Act is Senator Baldwin's Safe Response Act, bipartisan legislation to ensure that first responders and other essential community members have access to training on how to use life-saving reversal drugs, like naloxone. Additionally, Senator Baldwin's FEND Off Fentanyl Act was included in the Senate-passed FY24 National Defense Authorization Act, bipartisan legislation that would combat our country's fentanyl crisis by targeting the illicit fentanyl supply chain, including chemical suppliers in China and cartels that traffic the drugs from Mexico.

LAONA SCHOOL FOREST

On December 6th of 2023, there was a Laona School Forest meeting. The following issues concerning work needed in the School Forest was brought out in the meeting.

-The huge mud pit that becomes worse as UTVs go around a hole in the state trail. The goal is to have the state install culverts so traffic doesn't go into school property.

-The main bridge needs to be replaced.
 -Possibly a gate to keep people from driving over the bridge.

-Possibly completely replace the outdoor classroom.
 There will be grants to look at and funding from other places as well.

Another meeting was held on January 10th concerning the School Forest.

Other possibilities were discussed like old snowmobile bridge frames in the Forest County pit. Grants were to be looked into, and a connection with Forest County Potawatomi for signage and the DNR for grants. Forest Service grants will also be looked into. The Beautification Committee will also look for grants.

The immediate goal is to get the water out and clean up the mud pit, and culverts will likely be needed as will some heavy equipment.

The idea of hosting a School Forest Day in the spring was also brought up.

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Position Title: District (4K-12) Reading Specialist

Position Details:

- Coordinates with Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Principals, District Administrators, teachers and other staff

Position Description:

The Reading Specialist serves as the literacy content expert and provides support on curriculum, as well as collaborates with staff to ensure that all students receive high quality literacy instruction.

Qualifications:

- Current Teaching License
- Masters Degree
- 316: Reading Teacher
- 317: Reading Specialist
- Minimum of five years of successful experience as a classroom teacher
- Preferred additional special education teaching experience
- Willingness to participate in coursework and obtain a Literacy Coach certification/endorsement

Responsibilities:

- Participate in various leadership meetings
- Work with teachers to facilitate efforts to improve school literacy programs by modeling or coaching literacy strategies
- Collaborate with teachers and administrators to analyze data at various levels to improve literacy instruction
- Collaborate to coordinate the implementation of high quality literacy curriculum
- Model and support high-quality interactions with students
- Analyze data, identify trends, and support staff in adjusting instruction based on data
- Support district with parent communication and family involvement efforts
- Work with the Director of Curriculum to develop district-wide literacy goals
- Assist teachers as needed with resources, materials, tools, and information to support classroom instruction and planning
- Help build positive morale and literacy culture within the district
- Provide direct reading interventions to students
- Create student intervention plans collaboratively with classroom teachers and/or school problem solving team(s)
- Collaborates with building principals, Title I staff, stakeholders and administration to conduct needs assessments and plan for and monitor Title I programs
- Facilitate professional development as needed
- Facilitate family meetings and family literacy nights as needed
- Perform additional duties as assigned by Administration

Other Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of adult learning theory, including basic coaching practices
- Knowledge of reading and literacy processes
- Experience with differentiated instruction
- Strong organizational skills
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated strong leadership skills
- Up-to-date knowledge of current literacy trends and evidence-based practices, including the science of reading

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Transcripts
- Proof of DPI License or work towards a license
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation

Application Deadline: Monday, February 5, 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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School District of Crandon Internal and External Vacancy

Posted: 1/25/2024

Position Title: Elementary School Counselor

Reports to: Building Principal and/or Director of Pupil Services

Position Description:

- Knowledge of basic counseling skills, management, and leadership; ability to work with individuals, small groups, classroom groups, and collaboratively with stakeholders; ability to communicate effectively; demonstrate skills in oral and written communication; demonstrate skills in organization and problem solving; and the ability to analyze existing processes and identify areas for improvement.
- Position to begin during the 2024-25 school year.

Qualifications:

- Masters Degree in school counseling with an emphasis at the elementary level.
- A valid guidance and counseling certificate issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
- Demonstrated ability to work with the educational staff, parents, and students; demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication; and the ability to organize a developmental guidance and counseling program built on knowledge of child development, theories of counseling, group dynamics, educational testing and measurement, and career development.
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills with the ability to exercise independent judgement and make decisions within prescribed boundaries.
- Such alternatives to the above as the Board of Education and/or the District Administrator may find appropriate and acceptable.

Responsibilities:

- Provide counseling for children with educational, social, and personal needs in both individual and group settings.
- Foster and promote the growth of each student as a unique individual and assist each student in developing to his/her fullest potential intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.
- Conduct regular classroom guidance sessions based on the school district's developmental guidance curriculum.
- Act as a consultant and resource to both regular and special education personnel, to meet the needs of students who may be demonstrating behavioral, social, and/or emotional deficits.
- Strive to build relationships with students, colleagues and families. Promoting kindness, inclusion, and a positive school environment and community.
- Create an environment conducive to creating trust, openness, involvement and achievement.
- Assist in coordinating student and/or parent/guardian involvement with outside agencies and school-based mental health providers.
- Work collaboratively with building principal and team members to analyze data related to student behavior and social-emotional screening tools to determine additional instruction, interventions and supports.
- Participate in IEP meetings, grade level PLCs, student academic and behavior meetings as needed.
- Analyze data to identify student issues, needs and challenges.
- Assist in student supervision and/or school related activities.
- Perform such duties as assigned by administration.

The ideal candidate will display the following personal characteristics:

- Commitment to Public Education and Continuous Improvement
- Peace, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Excellence
- Approachable by staff and students

Evaluation:

Performance of employment responsibilities will be evaluated within the provisions of the Board of Education's policy and administrative guidelines.

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Transcripts
- Proof of DPI License or work towards a license
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 8, 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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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.

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

Applications also 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.

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Snow shoveling can trigger heart risks

As winter snow blankets the Midwest, many people eagerly prepare for the joys of snow-filled days. Yet, amid the winter wonderland lies a less glamorous chore that can be deceptively dangerous: snow shoveling. While it may seem like a simple task, shoveling snow can place a significant strain on the heart, and it's crucial to be aware of the potential risks, particularly for those with certain health conditions.

Vrunda Patel, DO, Aspirus Non-Invasive Cardiologist, warns that shoveling snow can be an incredibly exertional activity, putting the body under extreme stress. "The people who should be aware of putting themselves in such an exertional position are those who have risk factors for heart disease," she explains. "These risk factors include conditions like hypertension, high cholesterol, diabetes, a family history of heart disease, or those who are already diagnosed with heart issues."

Common signs of overexertion during snow shoveling include shortness of breath, chest pain, arm pain (either on the right or left side), excessive sweating, palpitations, and an overwhelming sense of fatigue after a short time. Dr. Patel emphasizes, "If you're starting to experience these symptoms, I would recommend that you stop the exertional activity immediately. Forego snow shoveling for the day and seek medical attention." If you're already under the care of a cardiologist, it's best to contact them, but if not, get in touch with your primary care provider or head to the emergency department if the symptoms don't go away within a few minutes of rest.

In addition to understanding physical limitations, it's crucial to take precautions to protect your heart and body during winter activities. "Dressing appropriately for the weather is paramount, as cold temperatures themselves place stress on the heart," notes Dr. Patel, "Extreme temperature fluctuations, such as transitioning from a warm indoor environment to a frigid outdoor setting, can also increase the risk of hypothermia."

It's essential to layer appropriately. According to the National Library of Medicine, the sweat the body produces while shoveling is a means of maintaining stability, helping to cool you down, also known as thermoregulation. However, if you're sweating excessively, it's essential to remove layers while ensuring adequate protection from the cold.

Dr. Patel recommends that as winter approaches, individuals should evaluate their functional capacity, which is a strong indicator of heart health. "Those who have been active during the summer and fall will likely have a better sense of their ability to handle the physical demands of snow shoveling. However, for those with a more sedentary lifestyle, extra caution is needed." Dr. Patel advises, "if you're unsure about your capability, consult with your healthcare provider to receive appropriate guidance."

Snow shoveling is an inevitable part of winter for many, and while it can be a great workout, it should not come at the cost of your health. By staying aware of your physical limitations, dressing for the weather, and taking necessary precautions, you can make this winter chore safer for your heart and body.

Sen. Felzkowski and Rep. Mursau introduce referendum on abortion

Northwoods Legislators want voters to decide future of abortion in Wisconsin

Madison, WI – Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) are among the authors of a Republican proposal to update Wisconsin's 175 year old abortion law, creating regulations that mirror the stance of today's Wisconsinites when it comes to this issue. The proposed bill would allow for abortions up until 14 weeks post-fertilization (12 gestational weeks). The final decision on this change will be made by the voters in the 2024 Spring election.

Representative Mursau commented on this legislation: "When we surveyed our constituents on this issue, the results indicated to us that this is where the majority felt the most comfortable. We introduced this legislation believing it is reflective of where the constituents of the Northwoods stand."

Senator Felzkowski added: "Over the last year, we've taken the time to speak to our constituents, hear their perspectives, and understand the weight of this particular issue. This approach allows them an additional approval of this compromise."

"The Supreme Court decided that states have the authority to determine abortion regulations. In light of that ruling, I support giving the voters in Wisconsin a voice on whether this strikes a reasonable balance on this important issue", stated Representative Mursau.

Senator Felzkowski stated: "Out of an abundance of respect for how sensitive this issue is, we would like to hear directly from the voters whether they agree that this is what they want the law to be - striking a balance between protecting life, and showing compassion and respect for women who find themselves in difficult situations."

This legislation employs a dual step process before it can become enacted into law. First, the bill must move through the legislative process in both houses, just like any piece of legislation, and then be signed into effect by the Governor. Following that, it must be ratified by the voters this spring, where every Wisconsinite will have the ability to weigh in directly on this uniquely sensitive issue.

Baldwin brings home over \$1.5 Million for Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport Upgrades

Baldwin-backed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding will address drainage issues, upgrade lighting and signage to improve safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin announced that the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport is receiving over \$1.5 million through the Baldwin-backed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make necessary upgrades to improve safety and increase efficiency for travelers.

"Wisconsin relies on our regional airports to connect travelers, commuters, and businesses to destinations around the world," said Senator Baldwin. "I'm proud that my Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making this investment to help keep our Made in Wisconsin economy moving forward and travelers in Northern Wisconsin safe for years to come."

The investment comes through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program, which is making a \$15 billion investment over five years nationwide to upgrade runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects. In just the first three years of the program, Wisconsin airports have received over \$117 million in AIG grants.

The \$1.5 million grant for the County of Oneida and City of Rhinelander will be used to improve 15,000 square feet of the airport's existing runway to address drainage issues, install new lighting on runways, and upgrade existing signage and navigation aids that provide pilots with critical airfield information, including an airport beacon that has reached the end of its useful life.

"On behalf of the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport Commission and its regional sponsors, we extend our gratitude to Senator Baldwin for her continued support of our facility. Funding for this comprehensive project will go toward supplanting much of our airport's 45-year-old physical infrastructure," said Matthew J. Leitner, Airport Director at Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport. "This will enhance our airport's operational capabilities and further increase the economic contribution it makes to our region, which is already over \$40,000,000 annually."

Lifestyle Matters: guide to a healthy weight

More than 40 percent of Americans grapple with obesity, putting them at a higher risk for serious health issues such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancer, as highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With efforts to reduce this percentage, Aspirus Health recognizes Healthy Weight Week (January 21 through 27) and aims to empower individuals with practical knowledge to make informed choices about their nutrition and activity levels.

"We can define unhealthy weight as being underweight, overweight, or obese," says Madeline Oestreich, MD, Aspirus Family Medicine Physician. While factors such as weight and Body Mass Index play a role in an individual's health, she asserts, "A healthy weight is not just a number. It's a dynamic balance unique to each person."

Dr. Oestreich offers practical guidance for individuals looking to make positive changes to their overall health.

Make informed food choices: Dr. Oestreich encourages patients to consider using a food tracking app. This simple practice allows people to have a better understanding of the calorie count of their meals. "That way they can make more educated choices on what types of foods they're eating. Diet is really important," says Dr. Oestreich. "Then once you add physical activity, you'll need to tailor your diet to make sure you're able to maintain your activity level."

Move your body: Dispelling common misconceptions is important. Dr. Oestreich suggests, "You really don't have to do the craziest, next best thing in exercise." Instead, she recommends straightforward approaches like a 30-minute daily walk or a basic home exercise program.

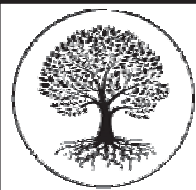
Be consistent: Dr. Oestreich advises at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise five days a week, totaling 150 minutes weekly. "Consistency is key," she emphasizes.

Prioritize sleep: Sleep, often overlooked, plays a crucial role in metabolism and weight management. She recommends getting at least seven to eight hours of sleep each night.

Go easy on yourself: Dr. Oestreich acknowledges that family history can influence the ease or difficulty of weight loss. However, she reassures patients that health care professionals are available to address questions about medications, lifestyle changes, and other factors affecting weight.

"Weight loss is not always a linear process. Setbacks are normal. Just take them in stride and get back on with your weight loss journey when you can," says Dr. Oestreich.

Talk to your primary care clinician for personalized guidance tailored to your unique health needs. They can offer insights, answer questions, and support you on your journey to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.



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