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## Still openings for Ruffed Grouse Banquet this weekend!



For an enjoyable evening with good food and conversation, attend the Wild Rivers Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society Conservation Banquet at the Crandon Community Center. Tickets will be available at the door.

A membership and a dinner ticket is \$60, and you can contribute to an organization that does work in this area.

The social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. and the dinner is served at 7:15 p.m. Get lucky and win some stuff!

## 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](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

Winter in Northern Wisconsin typically means the arrival of a serene landscape blanketed in snow, transforming the region into a picturesque wonderland. However, this winter has brought forth an unusual phenomenon -- a conspicuous lack of snowfall. This deviation from the norm has not only altered the aesthetics of the environment but has also had significant implications for the subnivean zone, an intricate microhabitat that thrives beneath the snowpack.

The subnivean zone refers to the space between the surface of the ground and the underside of the snowpack. This subterranean world serves as a haven for various small mammals such as mice, voles, shrews, and insects during the harsh winter months. The insulating properties of snow provide these creatures with protection from frigid temperatures, harsh winds, and predators, creating a microclimate that remains relatively stable even as temperatures fluctuate above ground.

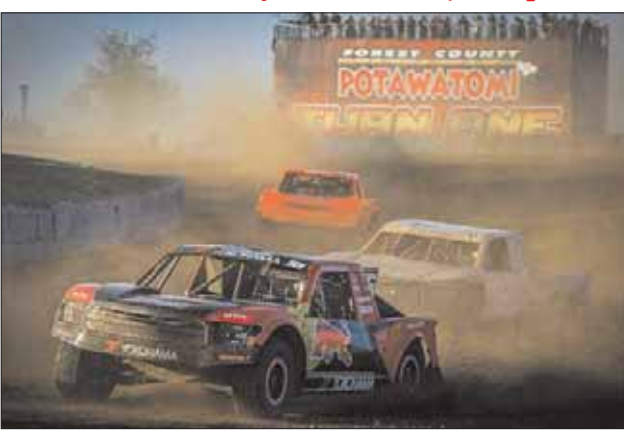
The absence of snowfall in Northern Wisconsin has disrupted the delicate balance of the subnivean ecosystem. Without a protective layer of snow, the subnivean zone is exposed to harsher conditions, leaving its inhabitants vulnerable to extreme temperatures and increased predation. Small mammals that rely on the subnivean environment for shelter and insulation may struggle to survive without adequate snow cover. Small mammals play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems, serving as prey for larger predators and contributing to nutrient cycling through their activities. A decline in small mammal populations due to the lack of snow cover could ripple through the food web, impacting species at higher trophic levels.

Furthermore, the absence of snow cover may also affect the distribution and abundance of plants that rely on snowmelt for moisture. Without adequate snowpack, soil moisture levels may decrease, potentially leading to drought stress for vegetation and impacting plant communities across the region.

Despite the challenges posed by the lack of snow, organisms within the subnivean zone have evolved various adaptations to cope with changing environmental conditions. Some species may seek refuge in underground burrows or utilize alternative forms of insulation to survive the winter months (like my boats). Others may exhibit behavioral changes, such as altering their foraging patterns or increasing their metabolic rates to generate more heat.

The absence of snowfall in Northern Wisconsin this winter has highlighted the vulnerability of the subnivean ecosystem to environmental fluctuations. As climate change continues to alter winter weather patterns, understanding the dynamics of the subnivean zone and its inhabitants becomes increasingly crucial. By studying these microhabitats, researchers can gain valuable insights into the resilience of ecosystems in the face of changing environmental conditions and inform conservation efforts aimed at preserving biodiversity in a rapidly changing world.

## Crandon International to celebrate 55th Anniversary with \$310,000 purse



On September 1, 2024 Pro category racers will compete in the 9th annual Red Bull Crandon World Cup Sunday. The richest single day in off-road racing includes the powerful unlimited four-wheel drive trucks like the Red Bull/Yokohama Pro 4 of Andrew Carlson. (Photo: Champ Off-Road)

For 55 years, Crandon International Raceway has been a powerful force in keeping off-road motorsports alive and well for racers and fans alike. Today the iconic Wisconsin facility's ownership group announced that it will celebrate more than five decades of racing excellence with a record season purse of more than \$300,000.

The massive season payout is a joint effort coordinated with the AMSOIL Champ Off-Road series, and encompasses the 31st annual Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run (June 21-23, 2024) and Labor Day weekend's 55th Polaris Crandon World Championships plus the 9th annual Red Bull Crandon World Cup Sunday (August 28 - September 1). The Crandon cash and prize purse will be shared by all of Champ Off-Road's Pro and Sportsman categories.

In addition, Crandon is working to create additional purse payouts for the Ultra4 and Class 11 categories at the Polaris Crandon World Championships. The record 2024 Crandon purse is in addition to all race and season payouts awarded by the Champ Off-Road and other series competing at Crandon.

### 2024 Crandon Champ Off-Road Season Payouts:

- \$100,000 Pro Category Payout (\$50,000 per race weekend)
- \$30,000 Sportsman Category Payout (\$15,000 per race weekend)
- 31st Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run Crandon Payout (Each Day)
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  - Pro 4: • 1st \$5,000 • 2nd \$2,500 • 3rd \$1,500 • Total \$9,000
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  - Pro Lite/Pro Spec/Pro Buggy • 1st \$1,000 • Total \$3,000
  - Sportsman Classes • \$7,500 (total)
  - 31st Annual FCP Community Cup Race • \$30,000 (total)
- Weekend total: \$50,000 + \$15,000 + \$30,000 = \$95,000

### 54th Polaris Crandon World Championship + 9th Red Bull Crandon World Cup

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## Crandon's Kentuck Day will air on Kentucky Edu. TV

The Crandon Area Historical Society is excited to announce the date/time of Kentucky PBS' segment featuring Crandon's Kentuck Day celebration!

The Kentucky Life Segment (season 29, episode7) will air LIVE on Kentucky Educational Television on Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

There are various ways to watch the segment live, please visit <https://ket.org/program/kentucky-life/> to view your options. The segment will be added to their website shortly after it airs live.

The segment was filmed at the 2023 Kentuck Day Festival in Downtown Crandon. Several local Kentuck celebrities and local historians were interviewed as part of their visit. We look forward to sharing our unique heritage with thousands of Kentucky Life viewers!

For more information about the Crandon Area Historical Society, and our annual Kentuck Day celebration, please visit our website at <https://www.crandonareahistory.org>.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade this Saturday, March 16th in downtown Pickerel!



St. Patrick's Day is around the corner and to celebrate, be sure to stop by the 33rd Annual Pickerel-Pearson St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16 at noon. The parade runs from the Tombstone Pickerel Sno-Club Clubhouse on Country Road DD to St. Mary's Church on Hwy. 55.

Country Inn Restaurant will be open from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. for a great breakfast before the parade. There will be vendors on site. Parade day food will be featured at Country Inn Bar & Grill, and Sexy Butt BBQ food truck will be located outside, along with Bloody Mary and hot cocktail tents.

The parade promises to be fun for the entire family, so grab some green and find your spot early to view all the floats.

## Lakes Country Library Sale

With the building expansion project moving into the next phase, it is time for the Friends of the Lakes Country Public Library to clear out all of the donated books (children, youth, and adult), many movie DVDs, puzzles, music CDs, and audio books.

An "Everything Must Go" sale will begin on Friday, March 15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. On Saturday, March 16 the sale will run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and feature a \$5 bag sale. The bag sale will continue on Friday, March 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The final day of the sale will take place on Friday, March 29 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Materials will not be priced on this date, but monetary donations are being accepted.

All proceeds will benefit the building expansion project. Due to construction, there will be no Memorial Day Sale this year so come stock up on your favorite authors during the March clearance sale.

## Bluegrass band The Special Consensus to perform May 4 in Wabeno



Put together a bass fiddle, mandolin, banjo, and strummin' guitar and you have the makings for a great bluegrass band. Add to that a vocalist of the year, Grammy nominations and award-winning albums and you have the internationally recognized bluegrass band, The Special Consensus.

Mark your calendars and buy tickets now to attend a night of bluegrass music with The Special Consensus. The concert is Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 Branch Street in Wabeno, WI. The night of lively, toe-tapping entertainment is sponsored by the Wabeno Area Players. Buy tickets in advance at [www.wabenoareaplayers.org](http://www.wabenoareaplayers.org) and save money. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students in advance, but are \$20 for everyone at the door.

The Special Consensus is a four-person acoustic bluegrass band that formed in 1975 and released the first band recording in 1979. The Special Consensus members

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## Kindergarten Teaching Position School District of Wabeno Area

The School District of Wabeno Area has an opening for a kindergarten teaching Position for the 2024-2025 school year. Full time, regular position. Wisconsin DPI certification in elementary education is required, K-6 preferred. We are seeking a qualified teacher who possesses skills in the current initiatives in the State of Wisconsin, including successful completion of a teacher training program and knowledge of current reading and math standards and practices. There are also many coaching and extra-curricular opportunities available for additional experience and compensation.

**Qualifications:** We are looking for an energetic individual with a passion for teaching to join our team and warm inviting environment. We are seeking a professional who is a team player and dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children. Organizational and communication skills, creativity, a sense of humor, and a love of children are a must.

**Requirements:** Wisconsin DPI certification in elementary education is required, K-6 preferred.

**How to Apply:** Interested and licensed candidates may apply through WECAN or may submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license(s), three (3) current letters of reference to: William Taylor, District Administrator, PO Box 460 Wabeno, WI 54566. This position will remain open until filled.

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### Forest County Sheriff's Office Job Notice

Forest County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Full-Time 911 Dispatcher positions

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

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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.

Or Mail applications to: Chief Deputy Alex Walrath

Forest County Sheriff's Office  
100 South Park Avenue  
Crandon, WI 54520

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

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

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

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

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Forest County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Full-Time Correctional Officers

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

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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>

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A complete job description, applications and training information if needed, are available at the district office, 1735 3 Rd St., Wabeno, WI.

Phone number: 715-473-2905

Office hours: 7:00am - noon Monday thru Friday

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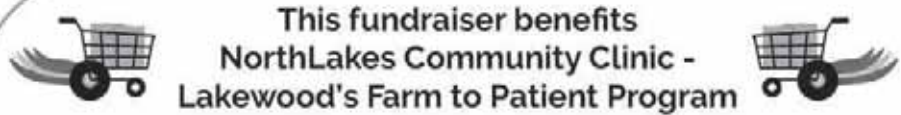
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# Win A Shopping Spree At Mike's Supermarket

Enter to win one of the TWO 60-second \$500 Shopping Sprees at Mike's Supermarket.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Tickets will be for sale from January to Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The event will take place on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am.

Tickets will be sold at Mike's Supermarket each Friday from noon to 4 pm.

**Self-serve ticket sales during business hours at these locations:**

- NorthLakes Community Clinic (15397 WI-32, Lakewood, WI 54138)
- Mike's Supermarket (917887 WI-32, Townsend, WI 54175)
- Krist (4428 Branch St, Wabeno, WI 54566)

Live drawing on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> on the Friends of NorthLakes Community Clinic Facebook Page at noon. Need not be present to win.

The Shopping Spree will take place on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am at Mike's Supermarket.**

**RULES:**

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- The 60-second spree can be a maximum of \$500.00 including sales tax.
- There will be a 10-piece limit on butcher-cut fresh meat. No alcohol, cigarettes, toiletries, batteries, or lottery tickets.
- The name on the ticket does NOT need to be the person who physically does the shopping spree.
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Phone (715)478-3555 or (715)889-4610  
All are welcome



## Wabeno Area Chamber Craft Show Registration is Now Open

The Wabeno Area Chamber of Commerce is going to be sponsoring its Annual Craft Show to be held Saturday, July 6th. It will be outdoors on main street of Wabeno in the park in front of the bandshell.

Listed below is all the information you should need.

If you have any questions or would like an application please call during the day at Laona State Bank, 715-473-2311 or email me at [dawnj@laonastatebank.com](mailto:dawnj@laonastatebank.com) or [dawnjakubiec3@gmail.com](mailto:dawnjakubiec3@gmail.com)

**Requirements:**

1. All work that is exhibited must be original in execution.
2. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject all entries.
3. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, July 3, 2024.
4. The entry fee is \$15.00 per space.
5. Set-up will be between 6 am and 9 am
6. Artists will be responsible for creating an attractive booth and displays must fit into the designated space (12 x 12) without infringing on neighboring space. Artist is responsible for bringing their own tables.
7. All exhibitors must check in at the registration area to receive pre-assigned space.
8. All sales will be conducted between the artist and the purchaser. The Wabeno Area Chamber of Commerce will not be liable for loss or damage of display material.
9. Sales tax is the responsibility of the artist.
10. Take down will be after 3 p.m.

Also remember our Antique Power Association has its Annual Steam-up show going the same weekend so there is something for the whole family.

Also back this year is the Loggers Breakfast right next to the craft show. They will be serving from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**MUSIC LESSONS:**

Teaching beginners through intermediate. Piano, banjo, guitar, harmonica, violin, ukelele, clarinet, penny whistle and recorder. \$20 per 1/2 hour lesson. Contact Ezra and Sarah Billings in Crandon at 715-902-9288. P3

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**WANTED TO BUY:** Guinea hens. Also for sale: Halters, bridles, cinches and saddle pads (40 pieces total). Make offer or trade for ? Call 715-478-3500. If no answer, please leave a message. P50



## Read Across America Breakfast and Title I Meeting

On Friday, March 1, 2024, parents and family members of Wabeno Elementary School kicked-off the start of Read Across America Month by joining Wabeno Elementary students for breakfast. Breakfast was followed by a Title I informational meeting. Next, families enjoyed time reading together in the classrooms and library areas. All families received their child's March Reading Challenge calendar.

Families are encouraged to read together for 15-20 minutes at least 5 times per week. When students return their completed challenge calendar to school after spring break, they will receive a small prize.

Additionally, 2 families went home with a basket filled with books and activities for the whole family.

We appreciate all who attended our kickoff event! Enjoy reading together this month!



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**Bluegrass in Wabeno** Cont. from pg. 1  
 are Greg Cahill, leader/banjo; Dan Eubanks, upright bass; Michael Prewitt, mandolin and the 2023 IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year Greg Blake, guitar.  
 The Special Consensus has appeared on countless cable television shows (including The Nashville Network), on National Public Radio programs and on the Grand Ole Opry at Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium. The band has also performed in concert with many symphony orchestras in the USA and in Canada. International tours have brought Special C to the United Kingdom, Canada, Europe, Ireland, South America and Australia.

The Special Consensus has released 21 recordings; the seven most recent recordings have collectively received seven International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards (including one for Album of the Year in 2018 and one for Song of the Year in 2020) and two Grammy nominations. The most recent band recording, "Great Blue North," on Compass Records, is the band's tip of the hat to Canadian songwriters and included Canadian musician friends of the band on several songs. The Gordon Lightfoot song "Alberta Bound" won the 2023 IBMA Collaborative Event of the Year Award.  
 This is going to be a fantastic concert. Get tickets early and save five dollars per ticket. Go to [www.wabenoareplayers.org](http://www.wabenoareplayers.org) and follow the prompts to purchased advance tickets. Call 715-473-5466 or 715-889-0306 for more information.

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**Public Notice**  
**April 3, 2024 – 12:00 P.M.**  
**Community Room 115 – Wabeno Elementary School**

The School Board of Canvassers will meet to canvass the results of the April Spring election held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The canvass will include review of all ballots cast on Election Day as well as any late-arriving absentee or outstanding provisional ballots. Upon completion of the public canvass, election results will be certified.  
 Dave Seeber and Carlton "Ross" Stealer

**INVITATION FOR QUOTES**

The School District of Wabeno Area is requesting sealed quotes for lawn care. Quotes will be accepted either in person at the District Office, located in the Elementary Building, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI 54566 or by mail no later than **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024** to: William Taylor, District Administrator, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope "**Lawn Care Quote**".

The lawn care provider must provide proof of liability insurance **and** commercial pesticide application business license with the quote. Lawn is to be mowed and trimmed and is required for a period of six months. The District will make payments for the service once a month for the months of May through October.

**Lawn care quotes should be written to reflect charges per occurrence by each of the following areas:**

- around the elementary and high school buildings
- elementary playground
- the lot next to the bus garage
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The lawn care provider is expected to check on the lawn and mow regularly, keeping the grounds looking neat and well kept.

For further questions about this quote, contact Lee Mattern, Transportation/Maintenance Director, at 715.889.0607.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

# NOTICE

The Town of Townsend will have an informational meeting regarding the plans for an addition & renovation of the existing town hall.  
 Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:30 am  
 at the Town Hall.

**Laona - Wabeno Co-Op Meeting**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024 • 5:30 p.m.**  
**Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Items for Discussion and/or Action
  - A. Winter Sports Update
  - B. Winter Coaches Report
  - C. HUDL Purchase
  - D. Coaching Hiring Process
  - E. Coaching Evaluations
  - F. Coaching Non-Renewals and Process of Challenging a Non-Renewal
  - G. Athletic Director Evaluation Process
  - H. Overnight Trip Approval
  - I. Handbook Changes
5. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
  - A. Personnel

**6. Adjourn:**

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting."

## WHAT'S TO EAT

**LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT BREAKFAST MENU**  
**MARCH 18-22**

- Mon.** - Whole grain cereal, string cheese, peaches, juice
- Tues.** - Whole grain bagel with toppings, applesauce, juice
- Wed.** - Whole grain pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice
- Thurs.** - Mini donuts, string cheese, peaches, juice, milk
- Fri.** - Whole grain cereal, yogurt cup, assorted fruit, juice

**LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH MENU**  
**MARCH 18-22**

- Mon.** - Teriyaki chicken with brown rice, stir fry vegetable, orange juice, bug bite grahams
- Tues.** - Deluxe hamburger, smiley fries, pineapple, garden bar
- Wed.** - Loaded baked potato, breadstick, broccoli, apple slices
- Thurs.** - Meat calzone, corn, peaches, garden bar
- Fri.** - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, mixed vegetables, banana


**Wabeno School Breakfast Menu**  
**March 18 - 22**

- Monday** - Breakfast taco, apple churro, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk
- Tuesday** - Assorted cereal, grapes, fruit juice, milk
- Wednesday** - Scramble eggs, biscuit & gravy, breakfast potatoes, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk
- Thursday** - French toast sticks, bacon, kiwi, fruit juice, milk
- Friday** - Breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School Lunch Menu**  
**March 18 - 22**

- Monday** - Chicken dumpling soup, W.G. bread sticks, apple slices, garden bar, milk
- Tuesday** - Turkey croissant, chips, green beans, berry cup, garden bar, milk
- Wednesday** - Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend, peaches, garden bar, milk
- Thursday** - Crispto, Spanish rice, corn, tropical fruit,, garden bar, milk
- Friday** - Assorted pizza, garlic bread, mixed vegetable, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk





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**School District of Wabeno Area**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**  
**High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School**

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard (virtually), Dawn Jakubiec, Dan Christianson, Emy Belland, and Carlton Stealer. Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services.

Administration Absent: Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
 Others Present: Ben Larson, Teresa Romprey, Gloria Gutierrez, Sarah Thomaschfsky, Brooks Boyd, Sr., Donald Keeble, Jessica Frank, Sasha Shepard

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

Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Emy Belland to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Gloria Gutierrez expressed her concerns about law enforcement presence in the school without prior parental notification. Administration will review the policy and provide follow-up.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Impact Aid Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes of January 3, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 85767 to 85886 for \$312,314.49 and payroll checks 900050305 to 900050397 for \$376,699.55, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$152,889.50. Carried 7 to 0.

William Taylor, District Administrator, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, previously shared his updates. The board commended/thanked/noted the following:

- Thank you to Bill Taylor and Larry Palubicki for putting in extra time refereeing to keep our middle school sports going.
- Class of 2029 will be having a fundraiser at the Pickerel Lake Jump In. Parking will be provided at the corner of County DD and Pickerel Lake Road.
- Thank you to Wabeno Legion for donating \$1000 to the band. Very much appreciated.
- Carlton "Ross" is enjoying helping coach the 5th grade girls basketball program.
- Dan thanked the elementary students for his annual Valentines for Vets card. It is a great program and thank you to all elementary staff for continuing this long-standing tradition.
- Congratulations to the ice fishing team. They did a great job for being a new program for our school.
- The Rebel Supporting Athletics Club will again be holding their 9 pin bowling tournament April 12-14, 2024 in Wabeno. There will be bowling, meat raffles, and 50/50 raffles. Posters will be up shortly.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Dan Moravec's resignation from Asst. Football Coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Carlton Stealer to accept Nate Gilpin's resignation from 7th Grade Girls Basketball with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Emy Belland to accept Craig Kochendorfer's resignation from Jr./Sr. High School Golf Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Dan Moravec as Head Football Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Andy Ostrowski as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Many thanks for stepping in at the last minute! Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve Carrie Berg as Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report regarding progress made on growth initiatives were discussed.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the school calendars for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Carried 7 to 0.

Dave Seeber and Emy Belland were appointed to canvass the February Primary School Board Election results on February 21, 2024 at noon in the District Office Community Room.

Discuss and take possible action on updating HUDL services. Tabled until March co-op meeting.

Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items

-Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Closed session – discuss lawn mowing.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to adjourn at 6:38 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

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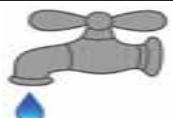
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# Death Notices



**Richard "Dick" Herbert Cundiff**, of Antigo, formerly of Crandon, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital following a brief illness. He was 86 years old.  
 Dick was born January 14, 1938, to Matthew and Jessie (Fannin) Cundiff in Crandon.  
 On October 29, 1960, he married the love of his life, Judy Hupf. Together they raised two children, Jodi, and Jeff.

He was a 55-year member of Local 139 Operator Engineers, having been a heavy equipment operator in the construction industry. Dick worked all over the state but spent many years traveling back and forth to Milwaukee area. He enjoyed hunting and was an avid Green Bay Packer and Milwaukee Brewer fan. He was also a passionate NASCAR fan. After his retirement, he and Judy moved to Antigo. They enjoyed traveling all over the U.S. as well as Jamaica and Mexico. Dick was well liked and had many friends. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was always ready with a smile.

Dick is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judy; as well as his children, Jodi (Alan) Giessel and Jeff (Steph) Cundiff; grandchildren, Colton (Fiancée Olivia) Giessel, Jordynn Giessel, Brooke (Greg) Peters, Morgan Cundiff, Madison Cundiff and Marissa Cundiff; and great-grandchildren, Hazel, Olive, and Georgia.

In addition to his parents, Dick is preceded in death by his sisters, Virginia (Bud) Allain and Charlene (Neal) Marvin; and brother, Tom Cundiff.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**Frederick J. Bath** of Wabeno, passed away on March 1, 2024 at The Bay at NuRoc following a brief illness. He was 82 years old.

He was born March 25, 1941, in Wabeno. Fred was a lifelong resident of the Wabeno community having owned several taverns in the area including Fred's Tap and Hilltop Bar.

He loved to cook, play cards with his friends and socializing. Fred loved animals, especially his dogs, and his many farm animals over the years to include cattle, mini horses and chickens. He was a farmer at heart.

Per Fred's wishes, no services will be held.  
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**A note from the three busmen (Mike, Bob & Kevin) ...**

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

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**Tuesday and Thursday Trips**

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

- Thursday, March 14:** Antigo
- Tuesday, March 19:** Iron Mountain
- Thursday, March 21:** Rhinelander
- Tuesday, March 26:** Antigo
- Thursday, March 28:** Iron Mountain

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

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA**

**Monday - March 18** - Kielbasa with sauerkraut, German potato salad, peas, rye bread, diced mixed fruit  
**Monday - March 25** - Chicken enchilada casserole, Wisconsin blend vegetables, biscuit, mandarin oranges, peach upside down cake

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**

**Tuesday - March 19** - Beef chop suey, whole grain rice, Oriental blend veggies, pineapple, carrot cake  
**Tuesday - March 26** - Lasagna, whole kernel corn, mixed greens with dressing, garlic breadstick, fruit jello dessert

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO**

**Wednesday - March 20** - Chicken bread, mushrooms and bacon sauce, brown rice, brussel sprouts, apple slices, fudgy black bean brownie  
**Wednesday - March 27** - Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, chocolate pudding

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

**Thursday - March 21** - Pork chop, sweet potatoes, corn, bread with butter, milk, pound cake with strawberries  
**Thursday - March 28** - Ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, garden salad, dinner roll, milk, pie

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.

### Brush Run Cont. from pg. 1

- Pro 2 (Saturday only) • 1st \$10,000 • 2nd \$5,000 • 3rd \$3,000 • Total \$18,000
- Pro4: (Saturday only) • 1st \$10,000 • 2nd \$5,000 • 3rd \$3,000 • Total \$18,000
- Pro Stock/Pro Mod SxS (Saturday only) • 1st \$4,000 • Total \$8,000
- Pro Lite/Pro Spec/Pro Buggy (Saturday only) • 1st \$2,000 • Total \$6,000
- Sportsman Classes • \$7,500 (each day) • Total \$15,000
- Red Bull World Cup Sunday • \$100,000 (minimum) • \$50,000 prizes (two Polaris)
- Weekend total: \$50,000 + \$15,000 + \$100,000 + \$50,000 prizes = \$215,000
- 2024 Total Crandon Cash and Prize Purse: \$310,000

Named America's "Facility of the Year" at the 2022 Performance Racing Industry (PRI) show the raceway hosted more than 85,500 fans at its standout events, including a KISS "End of the Road" tour concert during the 54th Polaris Crandon World Championship Off-Road Race® weekend. In 2023, event attendance records were set at both the World Championships (68,494) and overall season attendance (85,523).

As is Crandon tradition, the race season kicked off earlier this week as race enthusiasts began securing their Camp Crandon campsite and Grandstand seat reservations for the 2024 Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run (June 21 - 23).

Fans with Brush Run camp reservations will then get exclusive access to reserve Camp Crandon sites and grandstands seats for the Polaris Crandon World Championships/Red Bull Cup (Aug. 29 - Sept. 1) from Monday, March 18 at noon (CST) through Sunday, March 24.

On Monday, March 25 at noon (CST) reservations for the World Championship weekend will be open to all. Last year, reservations for Camp Crandon on Labor Day weekend were sold-out six months in advance – also a new Crandon record.

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

All 2024 camping, grandstand and weekend passes will be available online by visiting [www.crandonoffroad.com](http://www.crandonoffroad.com).

Here's what fans can anticipate from an action-packed 2024 season:

**31st Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run:** The season kicks off with the 31st Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run races from June 21 to June 23. Fans can anticipate thrilling practice sessions, qualifying rounds, and two full rounds of racing across Champ Off-Road Pro and Sportsman categories.

**55th Polaris Crandon World Championships:** In late August, the iconic Polaris Crandon World Championships, now in its 55th edition, returns for a four-day spectacle from August 29 to September 1. Boasting more than 2,300 designated sites, Camp Crandon is

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**Red Bull Crandon World Cup:** On September 1, the 9th Red Bull Crandon World Cup Sunday takes center stage, featuring top Pro drivers vying for prestigious Crandon World Championship titles in the sport's top classes. The weekend culminates in the highly anticipated Red Bull Cup race finale, won last year by the Lucas Oil-backed Ford Pro-2 unlimited truck of Keegan Kincaid.

**Crandon Class 11 World Championships:** Vintage Volkswagen Beetle enthusiasts will rejoice as the Crandon Class 11 World Championships return for the fourth consecutive year in 2024. Now a highly popular part of the Polaris Crandon World Championship weekend, the Class 11 category promises a nostalgic spectacle.

Last year, more than 425 race teams from nearly every state, Mexico and Canada participated in the Polaris Crandon World Championships. This included a wide variety of truck, buggy, side-by-side and four wheel drive vehicles. Given the recent explosion in the off-road lifestyle by racers and fans alike, that Crandon record is likely to be eclipsed in 2024.

### "Journeys" notification of date change

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Forest County Health Department's "Journeys" session scheduled for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The class time, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and location, Forest County Board Room, remain the same.

"Journeys" is a creative arts program that strives to assist individuals in their healing journey after any loss.

The "Creative Sessions Open Art" schedule remains the same and is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Laona Senior Center- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Crandon Community Building 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Wabeno Town Hall 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Creative Sessions Open Art uses various art forms to promote self-expression. All sessions are free and open to Forest County adults. Please contact Lenore Blemke at 715-478-3371 or [Lenore.Blemke@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:Lenore.Blemke@co.forest.wi.us) for more information.

### Winners of the Townsend Fire Association Leap Year Raffle

The Friends of Townsend Fire Association UA, a 501c3 Association, held its Leap Year Raffle drawing on February 29, 2024 at the Townsend Fire Dept.

The funds raised through this raffle will help support the Townsend Fire Dept, who is expecting to receive their new Fire Truck later this year. Funds raised will also help the fire department purchase additional equipment and further training for the department members.

- Congratulations to all of our winners: 1st - \$4929 - Norbert Flynn, 2nd - \$3929 - Diane Novak, 3rd - \$2929 - Kurt Fiebrantz, 4th - \$1929 - Samantha Keeton, 5th - \$929 - Noah Poklinkoski, 6th - \$829 - Sandy Ryczkowski, 7th - \$729 - Tammy Michalkiewicz, 8th - \$629 - Judi Fellows, 9th - \$529 - Gloria Heim, and 10th - \$429 - Mark Kempen

Appreciation to our Community for supporting this raffle. Be sure to watch for information on Friends of Townsend Fire's upcoming events: Oconto County DNR/Fire Department Smokey Bear ATV/UTV Ride Saturday June 15th and Townsend's Annual July 4th Celebration/Parade/Fireworks Thursday, July 4th.




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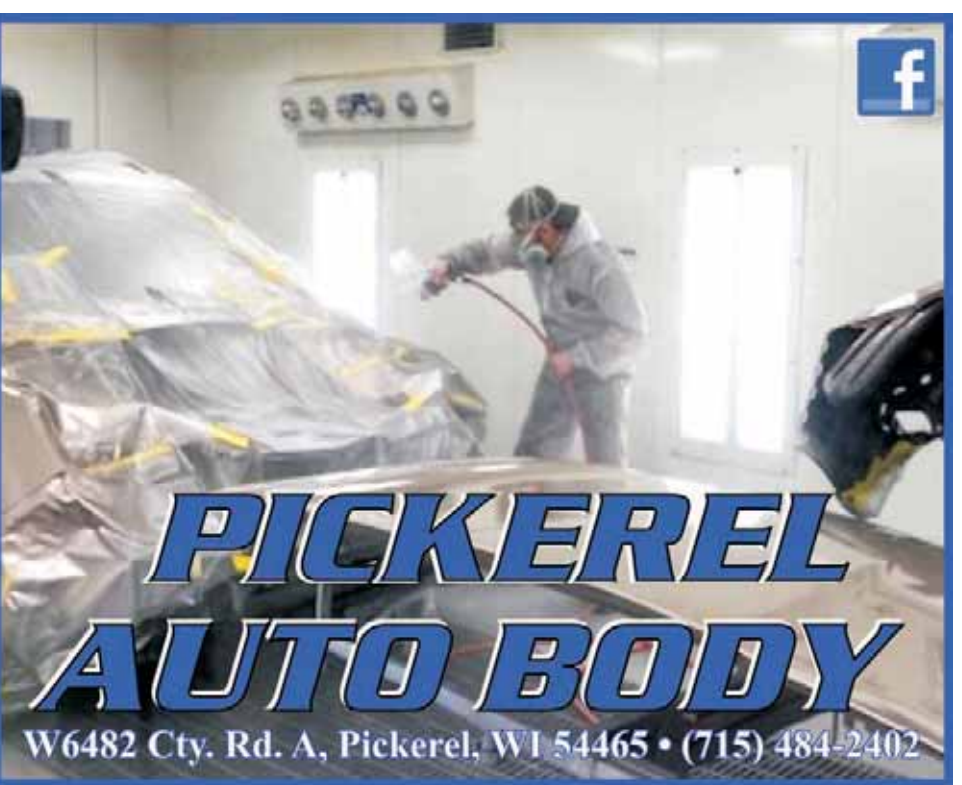
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