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Nicolet Wild Rivers RGS Banquet a great success & fun too!



The Crandon Community Center was quite full last Saturday evening, with those attending enjoying a great meal and lots of conversation. Many prizes were won and others were bid on, so many of the attendees left with a prize that they will put to use in the grouse woods or just to make their home better looking.

The great cooking was done by Debbie Thompson from Armstrong Creek.



It is likely Adam Connor will put this 20 gauge O/U to good use in the grouse woods this fall. He seems happy to have won!



There was good attendance by young people, who seemed to enjoy the event a great deal.

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Conservation Corner

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

Announcing the 2024 Forest County Land & Water Plant Sale

Once again, we are going to have our 4th Annual Plant Sale.

A list of plants and an order form can be found on our website: www.forestcountylandandwater.org. You can download and print the plant sale flyer and the order form.

You can also find the plant list and order form on our Facebook Page: Forest County Land & Water Conservation. You can download and print the plant sale flyer and the order form.

Or you can email us at lcctech@co.forest.wi.us and we'll get you the flyer and order form.

Again, this year we are accepting cash or check for your orders. Order forms and money can be dropped off at our Forest County Land & Water office or mailed to us at:

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Orders need to be in to our office by Wednesday, April 3rd, so we can get them to our Nursery.

Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, May 31st, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. on the Forest County Courthouse Square near the Tank. You can park across from the Methodist Church.

Crandon School closes, staff and students fall ill due to carbon monoxide leak

The Crandon School will remain closed until Tuesday, April 2 following the abrupt evacuation of the building on Thursday, March 14 due to several students and staff members becoming suddenly ill. Several students and staff members reported experiencing shortness of breath, light-headedness and increased pulse rate, and were transported to the hospital after a mechanical issue with the furnace (boiler) resulted in elevated levels of carbon monoxide being released inside the school.

On March 14, the Forest County Sheriff's office was called to the school, advised that two students and one staff member who were not in contact with each other had become ill with the same symptoms and transported to the hospital. Students were immediately evacuated from building to reduce further exposure.

The Crandon Fire Department and Sheriff's Department personnel checked the school for harmful gases or any illegal or harmful substances with negative results. While the building was being checked, one more student and four more staff members became ill on the Middle/High School side of the building. While the Crandon Area Rescue Squad was assisting with transport, two EMS workers also began to experience symptoms. According to the Forest County Sheriff's Department, 39 patients received medical attention due to the incident, of which two had reported elevated levels of carbon monoxide.

The school staff worked quickly to inform parents/guardians of the situation and canceled school and any after-school activities for the rest of the day so they could determine the cause of the illness without putting the students and staff at further risk. The Forest County Sheriff's Office, Crandon Fire Department, Oneida County and Wausau Haz-Mat teams, as well as Crandon Rescue Squad, Laona and Argonne Fire Departments, Forest County Emergency Management, Forest County Public Health Department, Crandon Police Department, Aspirus Hospitals and the Oneida County Emergency Services, worked together to discover the source of the illness and ensure the safety of students and staff. Energy Control and Design worked onsite with the school's building and grounds team to address the issue, and school was canceled for Friday.

On Saturday, parents and guardians received an update from the school district, stating that further testing and inspection was necessary to ensure the safety of the students and staff. Interim District Administrator Kirby Schultz announced via school-wide email that the school would remain closed through spring break, with students and staff returning Tuesday, April 2. During that time, to ensure the mechanical issues are corrected and potential risks are mitigated, the facility will undergo a comprehensive cleaning involving a thorough inspection, cleaning and maintenance of all HVAC components.

The administration is currently working to find a date when staff will be able to assist families and students to retrieve their personal belongings, which, at present, remain inside the building. They will provide updates when new information becomes available.

State Leaders to Introduce Bill Requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Schools

Carbon Monoxide-related illness at Crandon School District prompts new safety measure

Madison, WI – State Representatives Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz), Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland) and David Steffen (R-Howard), announced they will be introducing legislation that would require Wisconsin schools to have carbon monoxide detectors throughout their buildings. Schools are already required to adopt an indoor environmental quality plan—installing carbon monoxide detectors would be incorporated as a key safety measure.

Last week, 39 students and staff from the School District of Crandon were treated at area hospitals for symptoms related to elevated carbon monoxide levels in the school.

"I hope everyone who became ill as a result of the carbon monoxide poisoning is recovering and feeling better," said Mursau. "I'm thankful for the school officials and local emergency responders who took quick action and removed everyone from the school once they knew there was a serious problem. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that we can prevent events like this in the future."

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St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel



As can be seen in the photo above, the crowd, in spite of the weather, turned out in force for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel. Anybody traveling Hwy 55 was in for a wait! We didn't receive the list of winners, but it was a great parade with plenty of interesting floats. A sampling follows.



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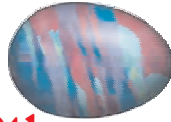


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Bids & Notices

Sealed Bids Requested by Forest County Hwy Dept.

The Forest County Highway Department will receive sealed bids at 5350 County RD W, Crandon, WI until 8:30 am, April 10, 2024 for the following items.

Pulverizing in place of existing asphalt pavement, and fine grading and compacting for 3-inch mat of Asphalt Pavement. Approximately 38,700 SY. The county will place 3-inches of gravel to be pulverize into existing asphalt pavement. The project is being funded by a federal grant and that Davis-Bacon wages apply. Work to performed on County Rd T in the township of Blackwell.

The project cannot be started before May 15, 2024 and need to be finished by July 1, 2024.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certificate of insurance. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The County of Forest reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Highway Committee deems most favorable to the interest of Forest County.

By Order of the Forest County Highway Committee:
Mark Chrisman, Highway Commissioner

Bids Requested For New Flooring at Forest County Highway Dept.

The Forest County Highway Department will receive sealed bids at 5350 County RD W, Crandon, WI until 3:00 p.m. April 9th, 2024 for the following item.

The Forest County Highway Department is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide labor, material, and equipment required to replace the VCT flooring with New LVT flooring at the Highway Department located at 5350 County Rd W, Crandon, WI 54520. The County of Forest reserves the right to reject and or all bids.

By Order of the Forest County Highway Committee:
Mark Chrisman, Highway Commissioner

DMV offers information on obtaining an ID for voting

Ahead of the Wisconsin Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds voters how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

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 wisconsinidmv.gov. If the required documents needed for an ID are not readily available, DMV has a process 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 wisconsinidmv.gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center. To find a DMV, check hours, services and wait times, visit wisconsinidmv.gov/centers.

WHAT'S TO EAT

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT BREAKFAST MENU MARCH 25-29

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

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH MENU MARCH 25-29

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

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu March 25 - 29

Monday - No School
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WHAT'S TO EAT

Wabeno School Lunch Menu March 25 - 29

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

Northern Lakes Conference Wrestling 2023-2024

Conference Champions: Crandon Cardinals
Male Wrestler of the Year : Elias Glinski, Crandon Cardinals
Female Wrestler of the Year : Samara Alloway, Crandon Cardinals

Coaches of the Year: Colin Schubert and Seth Senter, Laona/Wabeno/Three Lakes

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

WEIGHT	WRESTLER	TEAM	YEAR
106	Reegan Roy**	L/W/TL	09
113	Reid Votis	Crandon	09
120	Mason Dewing **	Crandon	11
126	Brayden Madl	Crandon	12
132	Brexden Kane	Crandon	10
138	Elias Glinski**	Crandon	12
144	Ty Dennee	Crandon	11
150	Adonis Johnson	Crandon	10
157	Nolan Bradley	Crandon	09
165	Cruz Palubicki**	Crandon	10
175	Levi Newman	L/W / TL	10
190	Breyson Kelley*	Florence	11
215	Tyler Lawrence	Crandon	10
285	Connor Lawrence	Crandon	12

*State Qualifier

** State Placer

Northern Lakes Conference boys basketball All-Conference 2023-24

Conference Champions: Three Lakes Bluejays
Coach of the Year: Brad Volkmann, Three Lakes Bluejays

Offensive Player of the Year: William Kelley, Florence Bobcats

Co-Defensive Players of the Year: William Kelley, Florence and Toby Volkmann, Three Lakes

All-Conference Selections

Player	Team	Year
Jaxon Keepers	Crandon	11
Eugene Reinke	Elcho	12
William Kelley	Florence	12
Ryan Ehlert	Goodman/Pembine	12
Canton Chrisman	Laona/Wabeno	09
Jared Kaufman	Three Lakes	12
Toby Volkmann	Three Lakes	12

Player	Team	Year
Omar Bailey	Crandon	12
Dustin Williams	Florence	12
Cooper Albrecht	Laona/Wabeno	09
Walker Winkelman	Laona/Wabeno	10
Tyler Janikowski	Three Lakes	12

Player	Team	Year
Matthew Jahnke	Crandon	11
Nathan Visser	Elcho	11
Logan Koski	Florence	11
Preston VanZile	Laona/Wabeno	12
LJ Terlizzi	Three Lakes	12

*bold denotes unanimous vote

NOTICE OF LAONA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that the Board of Canvassers will be meeting for the purpose of Canvassing of Ballots on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Laona School District Library.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2024.
/s/ Hope Gilligan
Laona School District Clerk

School District of Laona OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT April 2, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" in or other mark in the square next to the name, like this:

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

School Board Member	SAMPLE
Vote for not more than 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Albrecht	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shonda Laurence	
Write-in:	
Write-in:	

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS [WIS. STAT. 120.06 (6)(C)]

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 an election of two (2) school board members will be held. The names of the candidates as they appear on the ballot:

Chad Albrecht
Shonda Laurence

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM

Dated this 25th day of March, 2024.
/S/ Hope Gilligan
Laona School District Clerk

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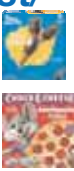
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Death Notices

Harold "Lee" LeRoy Djupstrom Jr., of Crandon, was born into eternal life on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at home with his family by his side. He was 86 years old.



Lee was born in Marinette, Wisconsin on February 5, 1938, to the late Harold Sr. and Thelma (Swanson) Djupstrom. As a young child, he moved to Daggett, Michigan where they resided for a few years before moving to Neenah where his father had taken a job. He was a 1956 graduate of Neenah High School. Following school, he enlisted in the National Guard, honorably serving his country. Upon his discharge, he began working in Neenah alongside his father in the paper production industry.

He was invited by a friend to an evening gathering where he met his future wife, Carol Carlson. Carol had recently moved to Neenah from Minnesota to be closer to her sister who came to the area for work as well. Lee and Carol married August 31, 1963, at the Spruce Hill Lutheran Church in Minnesota. Together, they were blessed with two children, Darren and Dean. This past summer, they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Lee was a car enthusiast, having restored many collectors in his lifetime. He also enjoyed drag racing, trailering his rig frequently to Union Grove and Kaukauna with his family by his side. He was a member of the Minnesota Street Rod Association and enjoyed bringing his cars to "Back to the 50's" celebrations. He was presently working on a 1937 Chevrolet, 1952 Ford, 1960 El Camino and a Vespa Scooter for his son Dean, and then some. His passion for collecting cars was not only enjoyed by Carol but his children and grandchildren alike. He could fix anything.

In 1979, the young family relocated to Crandon after visiting Lee's family in the area and falling in love with the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Lee worked for several area repair shops, eventually retiring from Hayes Metals. Upon retiring, he and Carol enjoyed traveling with their camper. Lee was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Crandon for many years.

In addition to his wife, Carol, survivors include sons, Darren Djupstrom and Dean (Mary Bonnewell) Djupstrom; grandchildren, Jared (Amanda) Djupstrom, Jordan (Kat Wolff) Djupstrom and Hayley Djupstrom; and great-grandchildren, Jazmine, Ayanna, Evalynn, Nicholas, Lennon, Odin and Hannah.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Dorothy Djupstrom.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Crandon on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 11 a.m. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. until memorial services commence. Pastor Debra Spira will lead services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Forest County Humane Society.

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

Kyle "KFJ" Jacobsen, of Pearson, age 30, took his own life on March 18, 2024. He was born on September 27, 1993 in Rhinelander, a son of Sherry Reynolds and Teddy Jacobsen.



Kyle enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He liked being off road whether in his truck on an ATV. He will be remembered for his big heart and love of helping others. Kyle enjoyed traveling and the companionship of his dog, Duke.

He will be deeply missed by his mother, Sherry Reynolds (Mike Mischler) of Pickerel; father, Teddy (Kristie) Jacobsen of Pearson; sister, Kayla Jacobsen (Ryan Korzinek) of Elcho; four brothers, Trevor Fraley (Trinity Stevens) of Pearson, Jordan (BreAnn) Hackbarth of Merrill, Brennan Livermore (Autumn) of Hancock and Bryce Burkhart of Pearson; grandparents, Bonnie Jacobsen of Pearson, Sharon Reynolds of Crandon and Jim Reynolds of Pearson; three nephews, Braydn Bricko, Asher Hackbarth, and Nathan Hackbarth; uncle, Kenny (Sarah) Sitsler of White Lake; aunt, Kelly (Bob) Stimac of Antigo; and best friend, Robert Hines of Pickerel. He is also survived by many cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ted Jacobsen, Sr.; aunt and uncle, Kim and Geno Schisel; cousin, Ryan Gross; and great-grandparents, Dick and Jackie Reynolds.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 25, at 11 a.m. at Arbutus Lutheran Church in Pearson with Pastor Dick Kendall officiating. Burial will take place in Pearson Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Kyle may have lost his battle, but if you are in need of help he would want you to make the call, 988, Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Online obituary at www.bradleyfh.com.

Message to the Taxpayers of Forest County

As someone who has lived in Forest County my whole life, I've seen the cost of groceries, utilities, and insurance rise exponentially over the previous few years.

As a county board supervisor, I've also seen costs for the county rise. Our dollars for insurance, facility maintenance, and salaries/benefits don't go as far as they used to. One example of increased operational costs is that the County's utility costs have increased by about \$79,000 since 2020.

Our county revenue, which primarily comes from property taxes, the State of Wisconsin, and other formula funding (dependent on what service levels the County provides) sources, has remained (flat). We've dipped into our savings to avoid making budget cuts, but those funds are the savings on which our credit rating and bond issuance consideration depend. It is also a reserve account to ensure the County has adequate funds available in times of emergency.

As we look at 2025 and beyond, the Forest County Board unanimously decided to put a question on the April 2 ballot asking voters whether they want to maintain county services at their current levels or cut services to balance the budget.

The April 2 ballot question will let voters decide on a tax increase that would raise property taxes by about \$10 per month or around \$116 per year on a \$100,000 home. This would raise \$2 million annually for the County to continue providing services at the same level residents are used to.

These funds will also allow the county to offer competitive salaries for our employees, who have dropped below the regional average. With competitive wages, retaining and recruiting top talent will be easier.

Some have asked how long this property tax increase will sustain the county budget. We hope for a long time. This will require some help from the Wisconsin Legislature to approve new funding measures to help all counties in the State. One way the State has done this is through the new shared revenue process, which offers additional funding for public safety and a built-in funding source that can increase through state sales tax revenue sharing.

We are experiencing a financial shortfall earlier than many counties because about 83% of land in Forest County is owned by government entities. This means 17% of the land supports 100% of county operations. As I talk with colleagues from other Wisconsin counties, many anticipate the need to go to voters for additional funding to continue providing services to their residents.

The county board has exhausted all options to cut expenses and now leaves the decision up to voters to decide whether they want to keep the existing level of county services with a "yes" vote or if the board will need to cut costs by cutting and/or reducing services to balance the budget with a "no" vote.

All of our county services are very important, and no one wants to make cuts or reductions, but without a successful referendum, we will need to make cuts and reductions to balance the budget. That is why the board of supervisors is bringing this issue to the citizens of Forest County and asking for direction as to how it should proceed.

Please visit referendum.co.forest.wi.gov to get the facts, learn more about this ballot question, and be sure to vote on Tuesday, April 2.

/s/Terry Lukas
Finance Committee Chair
Forest County Board of Supervisors

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

The first is on April 9, 2024 to Winter Bingo at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Bingo begins at 12:30 sharp and finishes around 3 p.m. Price for each bingo cards is 50¢ each with option of up to four cards. There are 50/50 raffles for purchase and concession stands are available for food and beverages. The more people that attend, the bigger the pots! So grab a friend and make this a successful day!

We will also be going to the Rouman Cinema Theatre on April 24, 2024 as requested by my friends in Wabeno. Jump on the bus, get to the movie and enjoy popcorn and soda while watching a good movie.

Please let us know if there are any special trips on your bucket list and we will see if we can make it happen. Please call 715-784-1497 if you would like to join us for these trips or for any other rides you'd like to attend.

Tuesday and Thursday Trips

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

Thursday, March 21: Rhinelander

Tuesday, March 26: Antigo

Thursday, March 28: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, April 2: Rhinelander

Thursday, April 4: Antigo

Tuesday, April 9: Winter Bingo in Eagle River

Thursday, April 11: Rhinelander

Tuesday, April 16: Antigo

Thursday, April 18: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, April 23: Rhinelander

Wednesday, April 24: Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander

Thursday, April 25: Antigo

Tuesday, April 30: Iron Mountain

Forest County Commission on Aging
Nutrition Program
SENIOR MEALS



CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - March 25 - Chicken enchilada casserole, Wisconsin blend vegetables, biscuit, mandarin oranges, peach upside down cake

Monday - April 1 - Swiss steak, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, pineapple upside down cake

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - March 26 - Lasagna, whole kernel corn, mixed greens with dressing, garlic breadstick, fruit jello dessert

Tuesday - April 2 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, oat bread, fresh fruit mix

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - March 27 - Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, chocolate pudding

Wednesday - April 3 - Cranberry chicken breast, baby red potatoes, coleslaw, sliced peaches, brownie

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

Thursday - March 28 - Ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, garden salad, dinner roll, milk, pie

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**Crandon Senior
Spotlight - Kelsey
Bissonette**



Kelsey Bissonette, daughter of Chandy and Bobbi Bissonette, said her best high school memories were playing softball and volleyball for all four years of high school. She had so many laughs and good times while playing. Homecoming and Winterfest were always fun too, even though her class could never win anything. Some of her high school accomplishments were being a part of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Psi Alpha for AP psychology. She was also awarded the YMCA Character of the Northwoods her junior years for her various good qualities she showed.

In the past twelve years, she's learned that everyone says it, but enjoy school and soak in every moment because before you know it, you'll be waking across that stage graduating. Always make sure to stay motivated in school and prioritize your academics. Also, be as involved in school and activities as you can because it makes your experience so much better.

She plans to attend Michigan Technological University in the fall to major in nursing and minor in Spanish. She has the long-term goal of becoming a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

She would like to thank her parents for always being her number one supporters in and out of school. They have opened her eyes to so many things. They will always be her biggest role models. She would also like to thank you to all her teachers she's had over the years who have helped shape her into the individual she is today. All of these people mean so much to her.

**Crandon Senior
Spotlight -
Mikael Weso**



Mikael Weso, son of Melanie Weso (Kerr) and Bryce Kerr, said his best high school memory was when ya'll actually made good food that one day in the beginning year of high school.

In the past twelve years, he's learned not everyone is on your side besides Mrs. Alloway (thank you). Other than that, just the normal math, social studies, English, you know, the usual.

He would like to become a welder as a career after he graduates. He already has a great paying job.

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**Crandon Senior
Spotlight -
Morgan Wilson**



Morgan Wilson, daughter of Gary and Leilani, said her favorite memory of high school was simply being in the presence of peers who she's been acquainted with since elementary. The familiar faces she would see upon returning to school in the fall surely brought a type of fondness she won't find anywhere else. Memories set aside, she has made herself a productive member of the community during her twelve years of high school by volunteering at the Crandon Public Library as well as St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Her greatest accomplishment would undoubtedly be making it to the State Solo and Ensemble competition as a solo vocalist.

A lesson she's learned in these past twelve years is that she should always be grateful for the talents she has and acquired. She's always maintained good grades and honor roll status. With that being said, she's thankful for her ability to problem solve.

She plans to attend Nicolet in the 2024 fall semester as a part-time student. She'd like to finish her pre-requisite classes before she decides what career path she would like to take.

She wants to thank her teacher and parents for always prioritizing her success. She wouldn't be the person she is today without their guidance.

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It was great fun and a wonderful attendance! Hope to see you all at our annual Corn Roast on August 31 at the Old Town Hall in Townsend.

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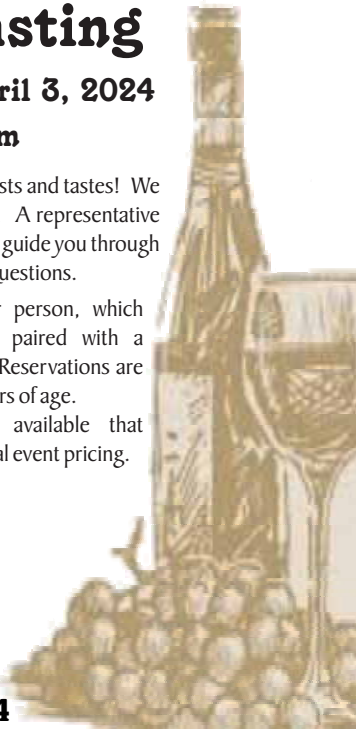
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According to data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), over the past five years (2019-2023) there have been more than 10,600 crashes in Wisconsin work zones causing 64 deaths and more than 3,800 injuries.

In Wisconsin, work zones can vary in all shapes and sizes. They could include major highway construction and rehabilitation, maintenance, emergency response, utility work, municipal projects and more any time in which there are flashing lights, signs, barrels or workers on the road.

This year's National Work Zone Awareness Week takes place April 15-19. This year's theme is "Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever." Work Zone Awareness Week is sponsored by federal, state and local transportation officials to draw attention to the safety needs of road workers throughout the construction season.

Wednesday, April 17 is "Go Orange Day" in which people are asked to wear something orange in support of highway safety. Show your support on social media by posting your pictures and use the hashtag #OrangeForSafety, but please always refrain from using electronics while driving.

"We ask everyone on the road to eliminate distractions and be mindful of their speed,"

Chrisman, said. "Even in areas with reduced speed limits, things can happen in an instant. Always expect the unexpected."

While typical construction work zones are prevalent throughout the county and state, there are also significant numbers of maintenance operations that may be short-term or moving operations. Drivers are reminded of the state's Move Over Law, which requires drivers to shift lanes or slow down to provide a safety buffer for a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck, utility vehicle, or highway maintenance vehicle that is stopped on the side of a road with its warning lights flashing.

In addition, emergency or work zone areas are protected by laws that aim to keep workers safe. Hand-held cell phone use is illegal and fines double in construction zones as well as areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

Before traveling, drivers are encouraged to check 511 Wisconsin 511wi.gov and follow @511WI on X/Twitter or use the 511 Wisconsin app for access to road conditions, live traffic cameras and more.

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Give your undivided attention to the road:

1. Eliminate distractions. Eating, drinking, talking on the phone, or simply changing the radio station can divert your focus to the road ahead.
2. Expect the unexpected. Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road.
3. Slow down. A car traveling 60 mph travels 88 feet per second, and the faster you go the longer it takes to stop.
4. Give yourself room. Rear-end collisions are the most common work zone crashes, so don't tailgate.
5. Allow about three seconds of braking distance. Look for signs. Orange, diamond-shaped signs usually give you ample warning of lane closings, construction areas, and flaggers and other workers ahead.
6. Be patient. If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Observe the signs until you see one that says you've left the work zone.
7. Plan ahead. Leave early or map out an alternate route. Find the latest road conditions and work zone news at 511 Wisconsin.
8. Follow the law. Move over, if possible, or slow down when you see flashing lights
9. Consider turning off the phone until you reach your destination.
10. If you have to make a call, find a secure place to pull over and stop, such as a wayside or a gas station.

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Trends in drug and alcohol abuse and the impact on young people

As society evolves, so do the patterns of substance use among young adults. One notable trend observed by Saba Khan, DO, a Family Medicine Resident Physician at Aspirus Wausau Family Medicine, is the rising prevalence of marijuana and nicotine vaping among young people.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS), 11 percent of middle schoolers in Wisconsin have experimented with electronic tobacco products, and four percent are current users. These figures notably increase by high school, with 32 percent of students having tried e-cigarettes, and 20 percent considering themselves current users. In Michigan, the OK2SAY student safety program reports that half of high school students have tried vaping, and one out of five currently engages in vaping.

Vaping gained popularity as an alternative to traditional tobacco smoking, maintaining its appeal among younger populations due to a variety of flavor options, accessibility, and its discreet nature. Dr. Khan expresses a major concern: "It can be done indoors and doesn't have a strong odor like cigarettes, making it easier to use these products in secret."

The act of vaping involves inhaling steam that comes from hot nicotine liquid. Despite claims of being a healthier alternative to smoking conventional cigarettes, research indicates that vaping still poses health risks, including exposure to harmful chemicals, nicotine addiction, and respiratory issues.

Beyond the medical risks, substance use during adolescence can impede cognitive development, disrupt academic achievement, increase the risk of legal issues, and exacerbate mental health challenges, leading to long-term health consequences.

Dr. Khan underscores the importance of understanding the underlying reasons driving this behavior and promoting healthier coping mechanisms.

"Prevention is key," she emphasizes. "Having an open dialogue and fostering supportive environments can help them feel safe to confide in you when they need help, instead of turning to drugs and alcohol."

National Drugs and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW), taking place from March 18-24, serves as a platform for health care professionals, parents, caregivers, and community members to address the realities of substance use among youth and promote preventive measures.

For more information about substance abuse and resources for prevention, consult with a primary care clinician or visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) website.



Field Archery Course Opening May 1st

With a lot of hard work the archery range is going to be open for use this year. This includes a 21 target field course, with an elevated platform stand, and practice targets and a broad head target.

We are looking for individuals and families who would be interested in joining the club.

The annual membership dues are \$15 for an individual, and \$20 for a family. Memberships are available at Pintsch's Hardware in Townsend, or if you prefer you can also make out a check to Northern Lakes Archers and mail it to PO Box 212, Townsend, WI 54175.

We welcome sponsorships from local merchants or individuals.

There will be a club informational meeting on April 27th at 3:00 p.m. at the Townsend Town Hall. We will be providing an update on the progress of the club and range. In addition to club members, we welcome anyone who is interested in the club and range.

There will also be a Brat Fry on May 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Mike's Grocery Store on Hwy 32 in Townsend. Stop in for great food and learn more about the club and the archery range.

If you are interested just come to the meeting or contact Don Solberg. You can call or text him at 262-490-6168, or by email dsolberg8132@gmail.com

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 15th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. On Saturday, March 16th 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 22nd from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The final day of the sale will take place on Friday, March 29th 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.



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CO Detectors in schools Cont. from pg. 1

In order to ensure all schools are able to meet this new safety standard, the proposal would include a process for districts to seek reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing carbon monoxide detectors. Currently, five states, including Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Utah require their schools to have carbon monoxide detectors.

"Student and staff safety should be a top priority, and the fact that carbon monoxide detectors aren't already mandatory in our schools is frankly shocking," said Rep. Swearingen. "Every floor of a residential home in Wisconsin must have a carbon monoxide detector. This legislation is a no-brainer. It's time we take the necessary steps to ensure our schools are equipped with the basic safety measures to stop something so preventable from ever happening again."

For more information, please contact the offices of Representative Mursau at rep.mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov or Representative Swearingen and rep.swearingen@legis.wisconsin.gov.



Mrs. Seeber's 3rd Grade Class receives donation!

Students in Mrs. Jackie Seeber's 3rd grade class received a generous donation from the Lion/Lioness Club this month with the help of Mrs. Mary Ellen Greiten. Mrs. Greiten has been a volunteer in Mrs. Seeber's class for more than 15 years and sees the need for assistance in purchasing books for students as well as incentive prizes that motivate students' learning. With the help of Mrs. Greiten, the money donated will help purchase small prizes for students to purchase from the classroom school store as well as some books to continue building the classroom library.

We appreciate Mrs. Greiten and the Lion/Lioness Club for enhancing student learning at Wabeno Elementary!

Wabeno Elementary's Mid-Year Celebration

Wabeno Elementary students attended the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Community Center recently celebrating their mid-year goal of earning logs to fill half of Larry's Log Truck! Students have been working hard all year focusing on following classroom/school-wide expectations and having **P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior In School)**! We appreciate the FCP Community Center for having activities planned for our students and, most importantly, we appreciate the staff and students at Wabeno Elementary for having...

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It was a young man whose name we didn't get who won the big mystery gift; a smoke free fire pit donated by Argonne Lumber



Jamie Thomaschewski took home the small mystery gift, which was this deluxe and great quality hunting knife and matching case donated by Northwoods Firearms.



One of the sought after prizes of the night was the 45 mag lever action engraved at Northwoods Firearms in Crandon. Show below is the winner of the gun, Rick Shampo, along with Bob Connor, the engraver of the gun. It reads; "A Tribute To The American Grouse Hunter."





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- Dishwashers (weekdays)
- Barbacks
- Bingo (all positions)
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- Security Officers (2nd & 3rd)
- Drop Team
- Surveillance Officer
- Casino Housekeeping

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