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Northern Wisconsin Heating & Cooling



By Mike Monte
 Tom Hughes is the owner of a new business in our area. Northern Wisconsin Heating & Cooling is doing business out of his home on Rummel Road near Wabeno. Hughes is equipped to take care of all of your heating and cooling needs, both residential and light commercial. He is a dealer for Bryant furnaces, but can service most furnaces and air conditioners. Hughes has been coming to the north country for about 30 years from his former home and business spot in Janesville. He finally decided that he like it here better and was going to make the move. He did and we welcome him! He will service Forest County and the surrounding area, and can be reached on his cell phone at 715-889-2685. We wish him good luck in his business venture!

Townsend 4th of July Celebration on July 4th

Townsend will be celebrating the 4th of July holiday on July 4th, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. with fireworks at dusk at the ball park. The Fire Station on Front Street will have crafters, plenty of good food with beer and soda available to wash it down. You will be able to maybe win some raffles and the music will play all afternoon. The Parade will start at noon going from Front Street south to School Street to Pickerel Lake Road north and then west on Timberedge. It will be fun for everybody to celebrate our country's birthday!

Pearson-Pickerel Lions Golf Outing

The Pearson-Pickerel Lions are holding their annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on Monday, July 8th at Maplewood Golf Course in Pickerel. This year the event will be followed by a spaghetti dinner and meat raffle to raise funds for the community Pickleball Courts the club is building on Hwy 55. Golf Outing: Shotgun start at 12:30. 18 holes with cart and spaghetti dinner \$80/ person, 9 hole option with dinner \$60. Spaghetti Dinner is open to everyone- Adults \$10, Kids 5-12 \$5 To sign up call Maplewood at 715-484-4653.

ATV/UTV riders: ride safe this holiday weekend



MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges ATV/UTV riders to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday responsibly, ride sober and keep their speed in check.

So far this year, 17 people have been killed in ATV/UTV crashes. Most of them were not wearing seat belts or helmets, and alcohol and speed were also contributing factors.

Choosing to wear the appropriate safety gear and operating responsibly significantly reduces the chance of severe injury or a fatal crash.

“When people mix alcohol, speed and poor decisions with ATVs and UTVs, there are no good outcomes,” said Lt. Warden Jacob Holsclaw, DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. “The important thing to remember is that nearly all injury-inducing crashes can be prevented by taking the proper precautions and operating within your capabilities.”

One of the best things ATV and UTV operators can do to operate safely is to take an online safety course. A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR’s Safety Education webpage.

Some additional things to keep in mind when operating your recreational vehicle include:

- Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.
- Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.
- Follow all posted speed limits and regulatory signs.
- Let someone not riding with you know where you are going and when you will return.

Wisconsin law also requires every operator involved in a crash incident to report the incident to law enforcement officials without delay. Operators must submit a written report to the DNR within 10 days of the incident.

For more information about ATV and UTV recreation in Wisconsin, visit the DNR’s ATV/UTV Riding in Wisconsin webpage.



Cate and Jack and the River Rats

Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum proudly presents a new program "Cate and Jack and the River Rats" on July 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. This presentation will feature Pat Lowery, who just returned from touring in Ireland, and Kathleen and Jon Marsh who will reprise their iconic roles as Cate, Madame of the Red Light Saloon, and her wayward husband Jack.

The program includes a slide presentation that tells the story of thousands of unsung heroes, fearless lumberjacks who extended their seasonal employment during the Big Pine Era. Signing on as log drivers, these legendary supermen were also known as river pigs or river rats. They skillfully navigated a series of dams, streams and rivers to deliver millions of saw logs that would be turned into lumber to build America.

Holt & Balcom’s river rats utilized McCauslin Brook and branches of the Oconto River to guide the floating logs to the company’s mill in Oconto. Facing unimaginable dangers and hardships almost beyond human endurance, these hardy souls were at the mercy of the weather, swarms of biting insects, perilous rapids, and logjams of epic proportion. Injury or death was always close by, just one miscalculation or careless step away.

You won’t want to miss this Learning and Laughter program inspired by *Breakfast in Hell*, a song recorded by Slaid Cleves. Written by Robin Frederick as *The Ballad of Sandy Gray*, the song immortalized a valiant log driver who lost his life clearing a logjam on Ontario’s Musquash River in the early 20th Century.

Holt & Balcom, the oldest logging camp in America sitting where in was built in 1881, is located off F in Lakewood within McCauslin Brook Golf Course. Park in the golf course lot; the Museum is behind the Clubhouse. Admission is a minimum donation of \$5 person. (Not suitable for those under 10). Seating is limited. Come early to tour the Museum before the show.

Photo: Jon and Kathleen Marsh will briefly reprise Red Light Saloon characters in "Cate and Jack and the River Rats" at Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood on July 13, 2024 at 1 p.m.



Lake Metonga Boat Parade & Picnic

The Lake Metonga Association will be having their Lake Metonga Boat Parade and Picnic on Friday, July 5th at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort. The big watery parade starts at 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:15 at Charlie's dock. The parade will go clockwise around the lake, with the picnic to follow at 2 p.m.

There will be five places paid out for the best boat floats, that include a first place pizza and drinks for 10 at Charlie's and gift certificates at Schaefer's and Charlie's as well as Best Wash of Crandon.

Farmer's Market



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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.

Wake boats: The Monster Trucks of Wisconsin Lakes

Wake boats have rapidly become a prominent feature on Wisconsin lakes, drawing attention and controversy alike. Known for their powerful engines and ability to create massive wakes, these boats are often likened to monster trucks for their size, power, and disruptive presence on the water. This comparison, while vivid, encapsulates both the allure and the issues surrounding wake boats. As these vessels grow in popularity, understanding their impact on Wisconsin's aquatic environments and communities becomes increasingly crucial.

Wake boats, designed specifically for wakeboarding and wake surfing, boast advanced technologies that set them apart from traditional boats. Their hulls are crafted to displace large amounts of water, creating substantial wakes ideal for water sports. Equipped with ballast tanks, these boats can further increase their weight, amplifying the size of the waves they produce.

In Wisconsin, wake boats have found a dedicated following. The appeal lies in the enhanced experience they offer for water sports enthusiasts. Wakeboarding and wake surfing behind a wake boat provide adrenaline-pumping excitement, attracting a younger demographic to the lakes.

However, the environmental impact of wake boats is a growing concern. The substantial wakes they generate contribute to shoreline erosion, disturb aquatic habitats, and increase the turbidity of the water. This turbidity can affect the growth of aquatic plants and the overall health of the lake ecosystem.

Shoreline erosion, in particular, poses a significant threat to lakefront properties and natural habitats. The powerful wakes crash against the shore, gradually wearing away the soil and destabilizing vegetation. This not only affects property owners but also wildlife that relies on stable shorelines for nesting and feeding.

The social dynamics of wake boats on Wisconsin lakes are also noteworthy. While they bring economic benefits through increased tourism and water sports activities, they can create conflicts among lake users. Fishermen, kayakers, and those seeking a peaceful

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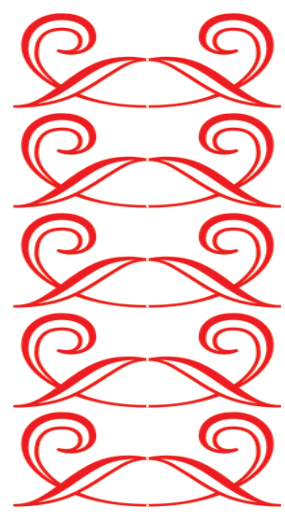
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Healing Fire Still Burns



On May 17th many community members took part in the 7th annual Walk for Recovery. This walk was initially started when two tribal elders, Charlie Fox from Sokaogon Chippawa Community and Sam Alloway from the Forest County Potawatomi Community came together discussing ways to restore health and offer healing to their communities. The walk has continued to be a vital part of Forest County Prevention Week in May; as does the Healing Fire.








The Healing Fire is a place where everyone is invited to come offer prayers and find support in their healing journey. Forest County residents can show support by stopping to say Hello, share their story, honk your horn, donate money or food. The fire keepers have done an amazing job keeping the fire going through all this rain. Our appreciation to all who are committed their time to bring healing and hope for a brighter future in Forest County.

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NORTA Outstanding 2023 Volunteer of the Year Faye Thielke



The Nicolet-Oconto Retired Teachers' Association (NORTA), a local unit of the Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association (WREA), recently announced its Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Faye Thielke of Lakewood is the unit's 2023 Outstanding Volunteer. Faye taught in the Crandon School District for 20 years, was a counselor in the Northland Pines School District (Eagle River area) for 13 years, and then worked part-time for CESA for several years.

Faye has been a member of "Friends of the Library" and has assisted with various fundraising efforts for that organization and for the expansion project for the Lakes Country Public Library. Having been a physical education teacher and coach during the early years of girls' competitive sports programs, she has put in much time supporting the Crandon Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. She worked with a group of retirees to put together bags of "Start the Year School Supplies", Christmas gift bags, and Easter baskets for elementary students attending school in a low income area. She has opened/closed several Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies singing her rendition of "God Bless the USA" and has performed at other functions.

In 2023 many of her volunteer hours were spent directing a variety show where 'Senior Citizens' were the stars and performed their talents on stage. She commented, "Seeing their smiles of accomplishment after their performances was a great reward!" Congratulations Faye Thielke!

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Orioles Arrive Early



These two male orioles landed early on the shores of Lake Lucerne on Wednesday, May 1st. It was 44 degrees and raining. They spent the day filling up on Concord grape jelly. The first humming birds, also early arrived on May 2nd. Photo by Larry Sommer.



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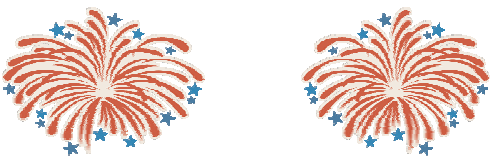
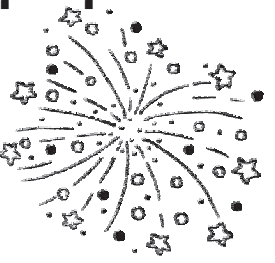
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How to Reduce the Risk of Injuries in Young Athletes

Participating in youth sports can lead to immediate and long-term benefits for children. Unfortunately, sports injuries can, and do, occur.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than half of the seven million sports and recreation-related injuries that occur each year are sustained by youth between ages five and 24.

"The most common injuries we see here in youth sports are strains and sprains. Strains being the tearing or stretching of muscle or tendons, and sprains being the tearing or stretching of ligaments," said Zach Furtak, Licensed Athletic Trainer, Aspirus Northland Orthopedics. "Due to the variety of muscles, ligaments, and tendons we have in our body, that is the most common injury we see in youth sports."

However common, there are still several ways to keep children active while also reducing their risk of a sports related injury:

Gear up – Whether during practice or games, athletes should be using protective gear, such as helmets, wrist guards and knee and elbow pads in addition to any other sports gear appropriate to their activity or player position.

Use the right stuff – Be sure that sports protective equipment is maintained correctly and is in good condition. Poorly fitted equipment may be uncomfortable and may not offer proper protection.

Practice makes perfect – Have athletes learn and practice skill sets relevant to their chosen activity. For example, appropriate tackling technique is important in preventing injuries in football and soccer. Correct biomechanics, or movement and alignment, also plays a role in preventing injuries during baseball, softball, and many other activities.

Be well conditioned – Be sure to safely and slowly increase activities to improve physical fitness; being in good condition can protect players from injury.

Hydration and nutrition – Remind athletes to take care of their bodies by making sure they are properly hydrated and eating a well-balanced meal.

Be a good model – Communicate positive messages about safety and serve as role models for safe behavior, including a wearing helmet and following the rules.

Recovery from an injury is different for each athlete. "Some of the basic injuries, days to weeks, some of the more severe injuries weeks to months; all depends on the nature of the injury," added Furtak. "Each injury is different, and each athlete is different in their healing process and the injury itself."


Safety and health should be a top priority for coaches and parents to keep athletes in the game and having fun, this includes listening to players' concerns and identifying injuries.

They can also encourage players to be honest if they are experiencing pain and not to push through it. If an injury does occur, parents and athletes can follow the acronym RICE to aid recovery.

- Rest and protect the injured or sore area.
- Ice or use a cold pack as soon as possible.
- Compression, or wrapping the injured or sore area with an elastic bandage.
- Elevation (propping up) the injured or sore area.

"Coaches should be coaching proper technique, making sure that athlete is doing the right things, not putting themselves in jeopardy to injure themselves, having off-season strength training, getting your body ready for the sport at hand, not going into it, not ready for it," added Furtak. "And then while you're in the sport, taking care of your body, strength training, stretching."

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2nd Annual Community Support 5K-ish Run & Walk

Calling all walkers and runners! The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA) Community Support Committee is sponsoring our 5K-ish Run & Walk on Saturday July 27th. The purpose of the committee is to support local non-profit and volunteer organizations that provide important services in Forest County. Our sponsored community charity for 2024 is Crandon Area Rescue.

Registration will begin at 7:45 AM, at the LLAA Clubhouse (4031 County W, Crandon WI 54520), and close at 8:40 AM. The race will start at 9:00 AM, at the north end of Lake Lucerne and finish at the LLAA Clubhouse. Transportation from the Clubhouse to the race start will be provided, with the last ride leaving at 8:40. Race swag this year will be a 100% cotton Beach Towel (for the first 100 racers)!

See our ad for details or visit www.lakelucernewi.com for online registration, and payment. Early registration is appreciated!

2nd Annual 5K-ish Run & Walk

Sponsored by Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA)

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Race Day Registration starts at 7:45 a.m.
At LLAA Clubhouse (4031 County W, Crandon WI)

All proceeds will be donated to Crandon Area Rescue!

Pre-Registration Encouraged:
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Parking available at the LLAA Clubhouse
Transportation provided to the race start
Last ride leaving at 8:40 a.m.
Race will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Old Times Sake

This is an interior shot of a grocery store in Argonne owned by George Palmer. George was an entrepreneur from groceries, to logs and farming too. We think this is the brick building directly east of the old bank building in Argonne. George is behind the counter with his hand on the shoulder of the young girl, who is likely one of his daughters. He has a cigar in his mouth. We are guessing that the blurred woman in the corner on the left is his wife Bessie. The year is not known, but this was probably taken in the 1920's. The Sparks family, we think, owned the store next. It was eventually run by Vic Sparks and his wife Ella. It changed hands again, and eventually, it was run by Lorraine (Babe) Erickson and her husband Don Erickson. Other owners followed and eventually it was shut down as a store.



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McCaslin Lions award scholarships

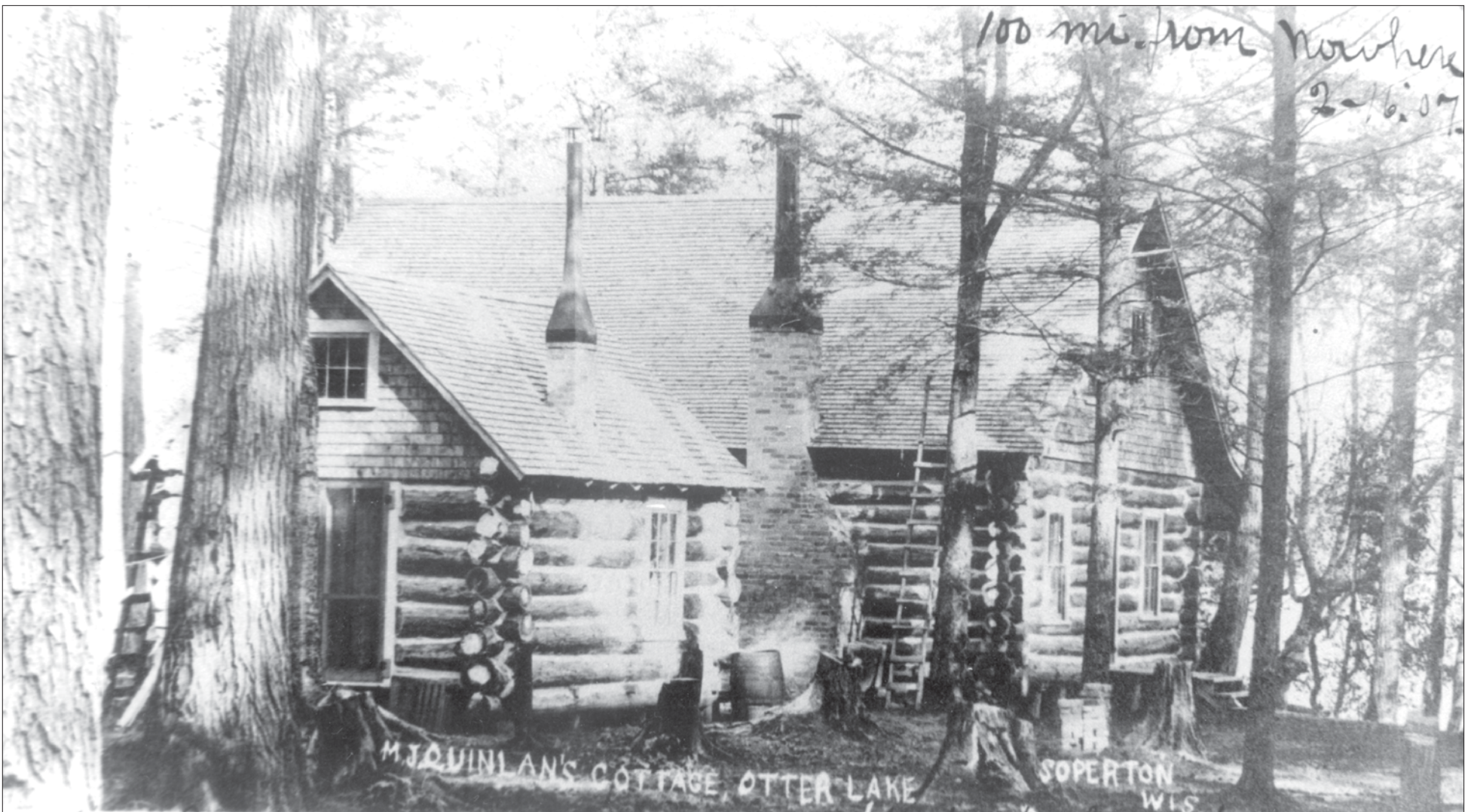


The McCaslin Lions awarded six scholarships worth a combined amount of \$10,500 to area seniors. Mary Ellen Greiten presented these scholarships.

Recipients are Charles Elliot from Suring High School who will attend NWTC and plans on studying Maintenance Mechanics. From Wabeno High School Brian Sears will attend Fox Valley Tech and plans on studying Web development and design specialist. Lawton Web will attend NWTC and plans on studying Electrical power distribution. Hailey Monnot will attend Nicolet College and plans on studying Early Childhood Education. From White Lake High School Gabe Arrowood will attend NTC and plans on a career in welding. Ali Skorje will attend UWGB and plans to study Accounting.



For Old Times Sake



This photo is of the Quinlan cottage on Otter Lake, as the inscription on the photo says. This was likely in post card format when it was printed in the early 1900's. In fact, if you look at the writing in the upper right corner, this was dated 2/16/07. The Quinlan family lived in one of the big homes on the hill in Wabeno, although when the homes were built, this was Soperton. Quinlan was the secretary of the Menominee Bay Shore sawmill, and the Soper brothers, although they did not live here, wanted their own town for the sawmill, and of course, it was named Soperton. It is now part of Wabeno. Bay Shore was one of two big sawmills in Wabeno, with the other being Jones Lbr. Company, which was located where the grade school is today. Things change!

Bids & Notices

**Regular Meeting
Laona Board of Education
Monday, May 13, 2024
C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24**

President Chad Albrecht Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM. Present: Chad Albrecht, Shonda Laurence, Hope Gilligan, Melissa McLaughlin, Ken Carroll, Larry Palubicki, Jason Bertrand, Tiffany Pakulski, and Lynsey Siggelkow to take notes. There were 4 guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84. Ken Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization

Ken Carroll nominated Chad Albrecht as Board President. No other nominations were heard. All in favor, motion carried 4-0. Chad Albrecht accepted the position.

Hope Gilligan nominated Melissa McLaughlin as Board Vice President. No other nominations were heard. All in favor, motion carried 4-0. Melissa McLaughlin accepted the position.

Melissa McLaughlin nominated Hope Gilligan as Board Treasurer. No other nominations were heard. All in favor, motion carried 4-0. Hope Gilligan accepted the position.

Shonda Laurence nominated Ken Carroll as Board Clerk. No other nominations were heard. All in favor, motion carried 4-0. Ken Carroll accepted the position.

Melissa McLaughlin nominated Shonda Laurence as Board Deputy Clerk. No other nominations were heard. All in favor, motion carried 4-0. Shonda Laurence accepted the position.

Agenda amended to add Items M. Co-Curricular Resignation and N. Professional Staff Resignation.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Agenda with the changes. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Sara Perry thanked PTO for Staff Appreciation Week and recognized how well prom went. Shelly Chitko expressed her concern regarding budget priorities and her opinion that the pay scale needs to adjust with cost of living. Autumn Albrecht and Stacy Matuszewski agreed with Shelly's statements and added that teachers need to feel appreciated. Consent Agenda - Motion by Gilligan, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Employee Compensation

Discussion moved to Closed Session

B. Open Enrollment Approvals

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Gilligan to approve the Open Enrollment approvals in and out and denials in as presented. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

C. CESA 8 Annual Convention School Board Delegate

Convention to take place on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Melissa McLaughlin volunteered to attend virtually.

D. Girls Basketball Overnight Trip Approval

Motion by Ken Carroll, seconded by Hope Gilligan to approve Andrew Harrison's request as presented. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

E. MS Boys Basketball Resignation

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Ken Carroll to approve the resignation of Mitch Woulf as MS boys basketball coach.

F. ATV Land Use Agreement

Motion by Gilligan, seconded by Laurence to approve the ATV Land Use Agreement as presented with the stipulation of it being a one year agreement that will be reviewed each year and adding a \$1 consideration. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

G. Elementary Secretary Position

Discussion moved to Closed Session.

H. Staffing Updated 2024-2025

Discussion tabled until June's Board meeting.

I. Coaches Handbook 2024-2025

Changes were discussed. Language will be revised and brought back to the Board at a later date.

J. Occupational Therapist Contract

Discussion moved to Closed Session under Employee Compensation.

K. Health and Dental Insurance

Tiffany Pakulski presented three dental insurance options. Motion by Carroll, seconded by Laurence to approve the Anthem policy renewal as presented. All in favor, motion carried 5-0. Tiffany also presented health insurance options. After review and discussion, motion by Carroll, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the United Health insurance renewal until December 31, then changing to State insurance starting January 1, 2025. All in favor, motion carried 5-0. HSA contribution conversation moved to Closed Session under Employee Compensation.

L. District Administrator Evaluation

Larry Palubicki provided the Board with a WASB self assessment that he completed. Board will review and bring discussion back at the June meeting.

M. Co-Curricular Resignation

Motion by Gilligan, seconded by McLaughlin to accept the resignation of Dan Moravec as the Junior High Wrestling Coach and Assistant Baseball Coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

N. Professional Staff Resignation

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Laurence to approve the resignation of Christine Wysocki. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Tiffany Pakulski submitted a written **Business Manager's Report** that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

Jason Bertrand submitted a written **Middle/High School Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

Larry Palubicki submitted a written **District Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

Committee Reports

The School Forest Committee finished details for the school forest dedication ceremony.

Board Member Reports

Board noted how well the prom went and thanked Mandi Stamper and Kathy Krawze for their time and effort put into it. The Board thanked Shonda for joining and committing her time to the Board. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Gilligan to Enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried with McLaughlin, Carroll, Albrecht, Gilligan and Laurence voting yes.

After Returning to Open Session, the following actions were taken:

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Laurence to approve the hiring of Kathy Leach as the elementary/district confidential secretary for the 2024-2025 school year. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gilligan, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Occupational Therapist contract for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Laurence to approve the employee compensation package for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Carroll to Adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried

5-0. (10:16 p.m.)

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**Special Meeting Minutes
Laona Board of Education
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24**

President Chad Albrecht Called the Special Meeting to Order at 7:30 AM. Present: Chad Albrecht, Shonda Laurence, Melissa McLaughlin, Larry Palubicki, Tiffany Pakulski, and Lynsey Siggelkow to take notes. There were no guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Melissa McLaughlin led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Laurence to approve the **Agenda** as presented. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Employee Health Insurance

Tiffany Pakulski presented two employee health insurance options through Aspirus Health Plan. Motion by Laurence, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Aspirus Plan 1 as presented to commence on July 1 and a \$2,000(single)/\$4,000(family) HSA. This approval shall override the previous insurance and HSA approval made by the Board on May 13, 2024.

The Board did not enter into **Closed Session**.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Laurence to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried 3-0. (7:49 a.m.)

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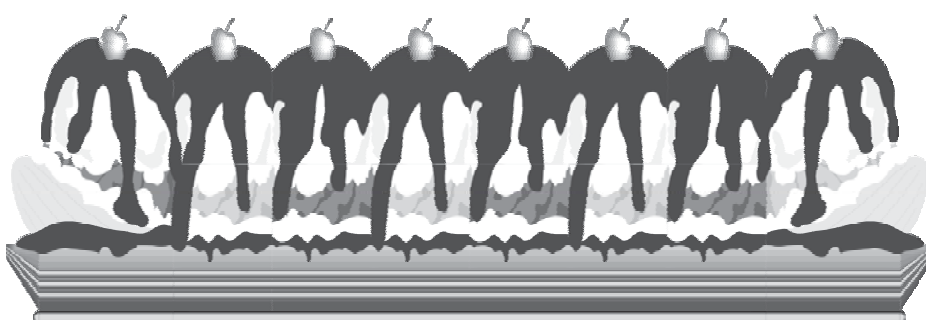
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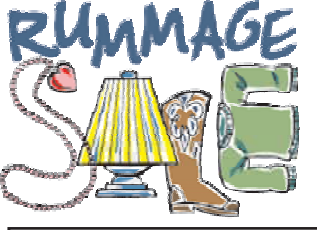
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Peggy Christianson

Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC)

On May 15, 2024 over fifty people met at the Lakewood Town Hall to share a meal and celebrate the formal introduction of Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC). The NCAC is a coming together of local volunteers and health care providers in Wabeno, Townsend, Lakewood, Mountain, Suring and White Lake with the goal of helping those in need. The foundation for this group was laid over four years ago.

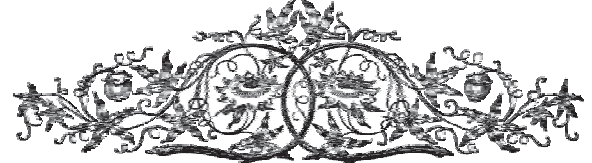
It was February 2020. The world was mired in a pandemic caused by a "novel corona virus" (COVID) that would sicken over a hundred million Americans and take at least 1.2 million lives. Millions of Wisconsinites contracted COVID which has claimed at least 17,000 lives in the Badger State. It was a health care catastrophe. People wanted to help, but no one knew what to do.

Into the void stepped a cadre of volunteers in Northern Oconto County. Led by Lakewood Nurse Practitioner Peggy Christianson, their efforts reached multiple communities. They made over eight thousand cloth masks, some of which were shipped as far away as Saudi Arabia. They delivered meals, provided transportation, and furnished whatever they could to support those in need.

Just like COVID, the group has mutated over time. It expanded its reach, drew in more and more volunteers, and relied on the generosity of locals who contributed badly needed funding. They continue to provide meals, rides, and temporary financial assistance in emergencies. They built wheelchair ramps, installed handrails, and loaned medical equipment to facilitate safe mobility. Some mobilized an effort to "adopt" local restaurants, purchasing take-out meals and buying gift certificates that would provide critical income during those dark days.

The NCAC is in the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) which is essential to securing grants to further its mission. The group has lofty goals with bigger projects in the planning and development stage. Want to help? Volunteer forms are currently available at Bellin and North Lakes clinics in Lakewood, by email request (see email address below), or by visiting Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition on Facebook.

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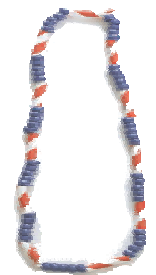
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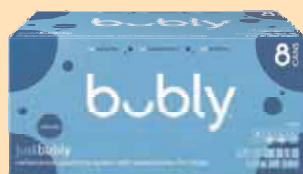
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Death Notices

Thomas J.

Faledas of Marina, California, passed away on June 6, 2024 at the age of 75.

Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, and retired in 1987 as a First Sergeant (1SG, E-8) after 20 years of service. He was stationed in Thailand, Japan and Fort Ord CA during his military career. He then worked in Civil Services at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) at Fort Ord for an additional 17 years, before retiring as a civilian.

He was a loving husband, father, brother, and is survived by his wife, Kosum, his sons, Thana and Tommy, his siblings, Rena, Annie, Timothy, and Micheal, as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Mary of Crandon, WI.

As per Tom's request, no funeral or memorial service will be held. He will be laid to rest at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside, CA.

We will always carry your memory in our hearts. Rest in peace in Heaven with Jesus.



Thomas J. Faledas

Join us as we honor and celebrate the life of Patsy Wilson on Saturday, July 6th.

Graveside Memorial Service

We will gather to remember Patsy with a graveside memorial service at the Town of Crandon Cemetery at 2pm, then proceed to Patsy's home. This will be a time for family and friends to share memories. We ask that you bring a fun anecdote or memory to share. We will enjoy a meal together, share stories, and honor her wonderful and fun spirit. The day will end with a beautiful fireworks display at dusk. If you are able, please bring a lawn chair.



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Hop aboard our elder-friendly bus route to explore nearby cities with ease and comfort. Designed for the unique needs of seniors, our route boasts accessible features and a convenient schedule, ensuring a stress-free travel experience. Whether you're off to Wal-Mart, grab a bite to eat, or simply enjoy a change of scenery. Mike, Bob, and Kevin are here to make your journey smooth and enjoyable. Embrace the freedom to explore and stay connected with our eldering bus route.

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.

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- Tuesday, July 2:** Rhinelander
- Thursday, July 4:** No route
- Tuesday, July 9:** Antigo
- Thursday, July 11:** Iron Mountain
- Tuesday, July 16:** Rhinelander
- Thursday, July 18:** Antigo
- Tuesday, July 23:** Iron Mountain
- Thursday, July 25:** Rhinelander
- Tuesday, July 30:** Antigo

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the Editor; however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. **NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES.** We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

Dear Editor,

I am grateful I live in Forest County for many reasons. For one thing, I feel fortunate to have a number of skilled service providers I can call on in the time of need. I might say I have the best plumber, heating and cooling specialists, builder, or auto repair team...and I do!...but you might argue you have the best. Probably, we're both right. Forest County people are skilled and they are responsive.

We may not all share the same logger, but we do share a library system that works in unison to provide many resources we can all enjoy. I was tickled to learn we have a relatively new service available when I needed it. Steve Watson, Forest County Digital Navigator, helped me solve a problem I was unable to solve on my own.

You see, I just bought a new used car without a CD player. Since I like books on tape when I travel, I went online and found a "plug in and go" player that should have worked. It didn't.

My skills are lacking in the technical and electronic area but, with patient trial and error exploration, Steve was able to determine the device was not right for my car and was probably defective. I was able to return it for a refund. (I would have just thrown the darn thing out, blaming myself for the inability to get it to read a disk.)

Steve went on to show me connection cords and a device that I could actually use to play audio books using an app called "Libby" available at the library through my phone. He helped me download and explore the workings of "Libby" and when I brought in the connections I needed, helped me set those up in my car.

I'm back to checking out "books on tape" no "books on CD" no "books on Libby". Progress! I hate it but with assistance, I'll survive.

Steve serves the area and is available to help in the Crandon Public Library on Wednesdays from 9 to 12, Laona Public Library from 1 to 2, and Wabeno Public Library from 3 to 4. He is also available by appointment. His number is 715-478-7793.

My appreciation Steve, Crandon Public Library and Forest County.

Respectfully,
Jackie Hurley

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

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - July 1 - Lemon pepper fish, baked potato, sour cream, carrots, rye bread, creamy fruit salad

Monday - July 8 - Pulled pork on a roll, parsley buttered potatoes, pea, cheese & onion salad, white cake w/ raspberries

Monday - July 29 - Meat lasagna, green beans, mixed greens salad & dressing, garlic breadstick, fruit jello

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - July 2 - Chicken salad on croissant, romain leaf & tomato slice, veggie chicken noodle soup w/ crackers, sliced peaches cookie

Tuesday - July 9 - Beef chop suey, whole grain rice, oriental blend veggies, mandarin oranges, carrot cake

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - July 3 - Brat on a Bun, Ketchup, Steamed Onions, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, White Cake w/ Berries

Wednesday - July 10 - Hamburger on a Bun, Grilled Onions, Ketchup, German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit

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

Thursday - July 4 - Closed for Independence Day
Thursday - July 18 - Boneless BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, cinnamon applesauce

Thursday - July 25 - Seasoned Baked Chicken, Twice Baked Mashed Potatoes, Diced Beets, Whole Wheat Bread, Peaches & Vanilla Pudding

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

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

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

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

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at

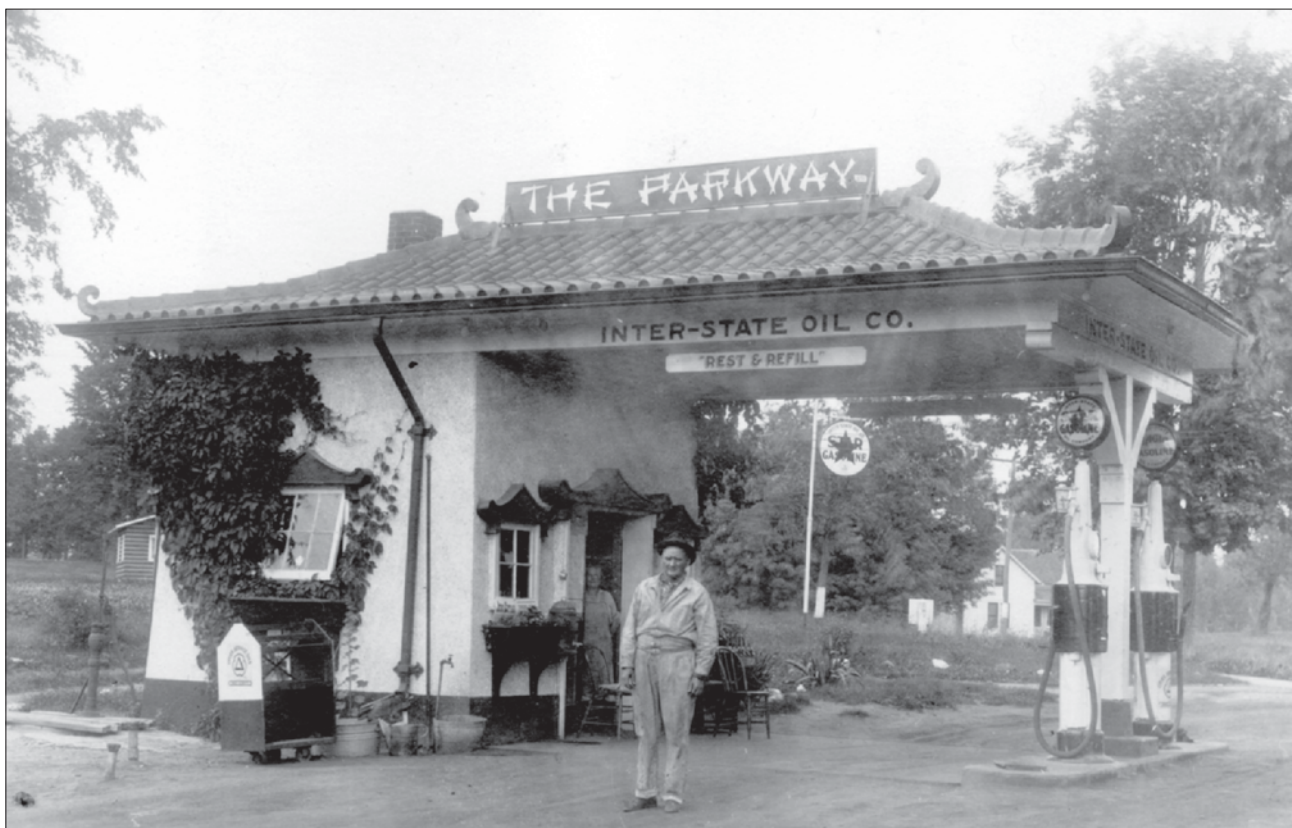
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The guy in the photo is George Marsh, and according to the writing on the back of the photo, the year was 1928. The photo came from Marvel Lamond.

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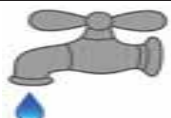
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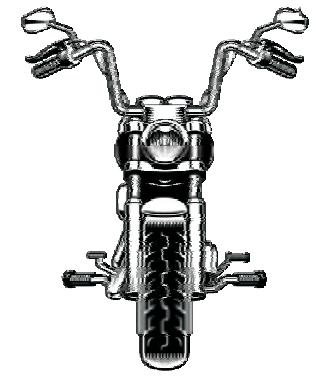
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Seeing Double: Understanding and addressing Double Vision

Eyesight is a precious gift we rely on every day for tasks big and small. From pouring morning coffee to driving to work, our eyes play a crucial role in navigating the world around us. However, for some, our eyes struggle to keep up with the demand, resulting in blurred or double vision by the end of the day.

In recognition of Low Vision Awareness Month in February, Amanda Whipple, an occupational therapist specializing in low vision rehabilitation at Aspirus Plover Clinic, and Kaylin Kostuchowski, an occupational therapy graduate student at Carroll University completing her internship with Aspirus, emphasize the importance of acknowledging visual impairments that extend beyond traditional corrective measures like glasses, contacts, medicine, or surgery.

"These impairments can significantly impact our ability to perform everyday tasks," notes Whipple. "For some, reading or performing close work can cause headaches, blurred, or even double vision. There are many causes for these symptoms; but sometimes, it is a matter of the eye muscles not being strong enough to perform these tasks for as long as needed."

Double vision, or diplopia, can present in different forms, including side-by-side, overlapping, or diagonal images. Whipple and Kostuchowski identify common causes:

Muscle Weakness: Fatigued eye muscles struggle to coordinate, resulting in blurred or doubled vision. This fatigue may also trigger headaches when the eyes exert themselves excessively.

Convergence Insufficiency: Impaired nerve or muscle function can lead to the splitting of images. This condition, common in individuals with Parkinson's disease or children with coordination difficulties, hampers the eyes' ability to focus together, particularly on nearby objects.

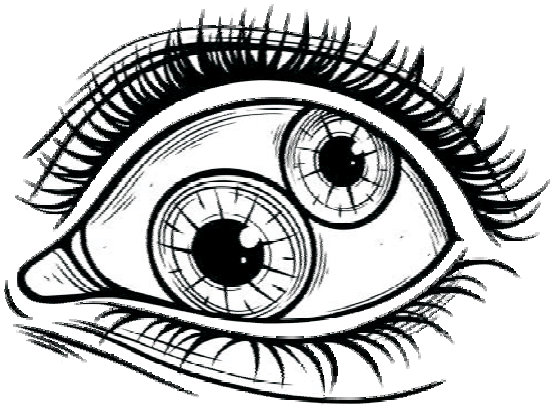
"Convergence insufficiency is common in individuals with Parkinson's disease or children facing coordination challenges," explains Kostuchowski. "After trauma, like neurosurgery or concussion, one eye may tire and drift outward when trying to focus on an object, leading to blurred or double vision."

Digital Eye Strain: Prolonged screen exposure can strain the eyes, resulting in blurred vision, diplopia, or headaches. This has contributed to a rise in diagnoses of convergence insufficiency and diplopia in recent years.

"When children struggle with close tasks like reading or homework, it can interfere with their learning process," adds Whipple. "Similarly, adults may encounter difficulties reading labels at the grocery store, managing their medications, or paying their bills, affecting their daily routines."

To combat these challenges, low vision rehabilitation offers promising solutions. It can help retrain the eyes and brain to work together more efficiently, strengthening visual pathways and enhancing daily tasks like reading, writing, and driving.

Whipple emphasizes the importance of consulting an eye doctor before participating in low vision therapy, ensuring the eyes are healthy and ready for rehabilitation.



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A complete job description is available at the District Office.

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Email applications to Mark Chrisman at mchrisman@co.forest.wi.us or mail to:

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retreat often find wake boats disruptive. The noise and waves can be intrusive, leading to tensions between different groups of lake users.

Economically, the presence of wake boats has spurred growth in related industries. Boat dealerships, repair shops, and water sports equipment suppliers have seen a surge in business. Waterfront properties that cater to wakeboarding and wake surfing enthusiasts have increased in value, contributing positively to local economies.

In response to the growing concerns, several Wisconsin communities and lake associations have started implementing regulations to mitigate the negative impacts of wake boats. These measures include restricted zones where wake boats are not allowed, speed limits, and designated times for water sports activities. The goal is to balance the interests of all lake users while preserving the health of the aquatic environment.

Moreover, educational initiatives are being promoted to raise awareness among wake boat operators about responsible boating practices. By encouraging boaters to respect no-wake zones and maintain a safe distance from the shore, these initiatives aim to reduce the environmental footprint of wake boats.

Wake boats, with their impressive power and ability to transform water sports, truly are the monster trucks of Wisconsin lakes. Their impact, however, extends beyond mere recreation. As these vessels continue to grow in popularity, it is imperative to address the environmental, social, and regulatory challenges they present. Through a combination of thoughtful regulation, community engagement, and responsible boating practices, it is possible to enjoy the thrills of wakeboarding and wake surfing while ensuring the sustainability of Wisconsin's cherished lakes.

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.

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Pictured above left are students learning about simple circuits at the Wabeno High School Fab Lab under the direction of Mr. Brian VanEperen. The students are working on a flashlight project. Above right are students learning about bowling and scoring. We appreciate Wabeno Bowl for hosting this summer school activity.



"Creative Sessions" is a fun and free experience for all Forest County residents using various art forms (painting, collaging, other art forms).

Creative Sessions

July 3 - Wabeno Town Hall (Meal Site) - 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. / Crandon Community Building (Meal Site) 12:30 2:00 p.m.

July 9 - Laona Senior Center (Meal Site) 12:30 2:00 p.m.

July 22 - Wabeno Town Hall (Meal Site) 10:15 11:30 a.m.

July 23 Crandon Community Center (Meal Site) 12:30 2:00 p.m.

July 30 Laona Senior Center (Meal Site) 12:30 2:00 p.m.

"Journeys" is a creative arts program that strives to assist individuals in their healing journey after any loss. July 15 Crandon Library (lower level, room B) 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

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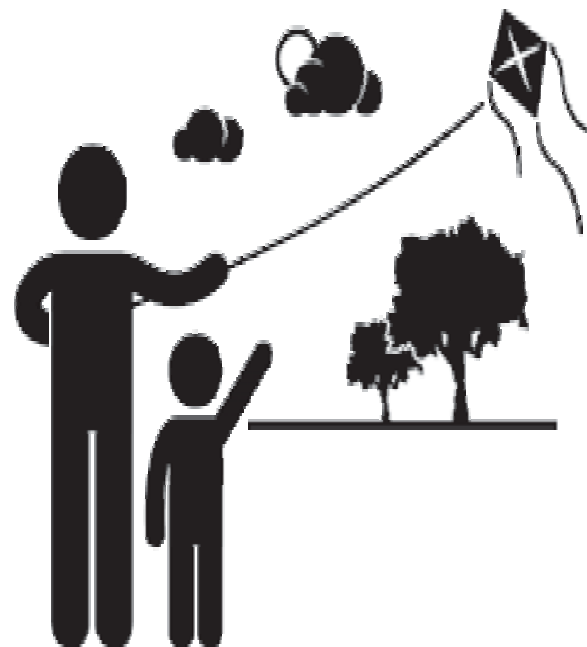
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