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Could you peck a little quieter early in the morning? Photo by Dave Thomas in Crandon

## Forest County Forest Lands Tour

Notice is hereby given that on September 9, 2024 members of the Forestry and Recreation Committee will be touring the County Forest Lands to view Timber Sales, Hunter/Walking Trails and finish tour at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The tour will start at the Forest County Courthouse at 1:00 p.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.

There is the possibility of a quorum if 4 or more Committee Members are present. No action will be taken. Any action will take place at the Forestry and Recreation Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2024 at Veteran's Memorial Park.

## Conservation Corner

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land Conservation and Land Information Department. For more information contact Kayla Littleton, Forest County Land Conservation and Land Information Director at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at [lcctech@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcctech@co.forest.wi.us).

### Colors changing in Forest County

You may have noticed in the last week that some of the maple tree leaves in Forest County have started to change color. Depending on where you are at



in the county, it can look very different this time of year. Typically, the further north you are in the county the earlier you can see the leaves starting to change.

There are a few things that happen in the fall when leaves change color and eventually fall off of their trees. To understand the transformation, you have to know what chlorophyll is. Chlorophyll is what gives leaves their green color in the spring and summer when there is a lot of sunlight and warm temperatures. As the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, the tree recognizes that winter is coming and starts to conserve energy. The tree breaks down that chlorophyll and the true colors of the leaves begin to show. There are two pigments that can become more dominant in leaves when the tree starts to conserve energy. The pigments are called carotenoids and anthocyanins. Carotenoids are responsible for the vibrant yellows and oranges seen in many tree species in Forest County, like maples and birches. The reds and purples that you see in trees like sugar maples are from the pigment, anthocyanin.

The production of these compounds is based on sunlight and temperature. The more sunlight a tree receives and the cooler the temperatures, the more likely it is to produce the vibrant pigments. Not all trees in the Northwoods change colors at the same time or in the same way. Oak tree leaves tend to not have as vibrant colors and typically turn brown before they fall off, while most maples are beautiful and bright when they fall. A warm, wet growing season followed by a cool, dry fall tends to produce bright and long-lasting fall colors!

For more information contact Kayla Littleton, Forest County Land Conservation and Land Information Director at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at [lcctech@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcctech@co.forest.wi.us).

## Your Voice Your Vote!

### Nicolet College to Host Newswatch 12 Election Discussion

Nicolet College will partner with Newswatch 12, the NBC affiliate in Rhinelander, to host a political discussion and analysis with two former Northwoods legislators, Republican Joe Handrick of Minocqua and Democrat Jim Holperin of Eagle River on Thursday, September 12.

The event, titled "Your Voice, Your Vote," will take place in the Nicolet College Theater. Students and community members are invited to spend an evening on campus for a discussion about the changing landscape of politics and the upcoming elections.

"The opportunity to host this event reflects Nicolet College's commitment to fostering open dialogue and civic engagement within our community," said Nicolet College President Kate Ferrel. "We are honored to provide a space where differing perspectives can come together to discuss important issues."

Newswatch 12's Dan Hagen will moderate the hour-long conversation, during which Handrick and Holperin will share their insights on how politics have evolved over the years, the dynamics of this year's elections, and strategies for engaging in productive dialogue with those who hold opposing viewpoints.

Following the conversation, the former lawmakers will answer questions from the audience for an additional half hour, allowing attendees to participate directly in the discussion.

The theater is located in the Lakeside Center on the Nicolet College campus. Doors will open at 7 pm, with the evening's events beginning at 7:30 pm. Newswatch 12 will air the discussion on October 11 at 7 pm.

#### About the Panelists:

Joe Handrick is a lifelong resident of Wisconsin. He served in the Wisconsin Assembly from 1995 to 2001 and also served as Minocqua Town Chairman. Additionally, Handrick served as Administrator of Wisconsin's Unemployment Insurance program. He is also recognized for his expertise in election and redistricting analysis.

Jim Holperin is a lifelong resident of Eagle River. He served in the Wisconsin Assembly from 1983 to 1995 and in the Wisconsin State Senate from 2009 to 2013. Holperin also served as secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism. He is the only state legislator in Wisconsin history to face recall twice, surviving both.

## Wild Rice harvest down according to the DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that northern Wisconsin's wild rice crop production is generally below average this year across lakes, flowages and rivers.

"A mild winter in 2023-2024, coupled with heavy storms in mid-June, appears to have set back wild rice production this year throughout much of the northern region of the state," said Brandon Byrne, wild rice biologist with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. "However, most of the lakes that have been reliable for harvesting in recent years should still provide adequate harvest opportunities this year."

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission maintains the Off-Reservation Wild Rice Harvest Regulations webpage, which includes helpful information for harvesters and wild rice production conditions for some wild rice waters. With a little research and exploration, harvesters can find good opportunities to harvest wild rice this year.

Wild rice harvesting is open to all Wisconsin residents and provides the opportunity to forage a highly nutritious, natural food source that is unique to the upper Midwest. Wild rice maturity typically ranges from late August through mid-September across the state and varies by waterbody and rice bed.

The DNR stresses the importance of waiting to harvest wild rice until it falls with relatively gentle strokes while "flailing" or "knocking" using ricing sticks. If little to no rice is falling, it is best to try harvesting a few days later. Kernels toward the top of the seed head tend to mature and fall first. Harvest efforts on immature beds inhibit the maturation of the rice kernels, which negatively impacts the harvest experience for others and the long-term sustainability of wild rice production.

The decline in wild rice production has been a notable trend over recent decades. Scientists cite the

# Our Last Issue Good Bye!

By Mike Monte

Don't check your mailbox next week and expect to find a copy of the *Pioneer Express*. We have decided that it is time to retire from the publishing business. Unfortunately, we couldn't find another publisher to buy our little weekly paper. But, it has been 36 years and 10 months of putting this paper out every week without missing an issue. My wife Linda and I are at a point in our lives where we are well past the time we should have retired.

Going back those 36 plus years, I was a logger who was picked to be the secretary of a new logging group called the Lake State Independent Loggers (LSILA). We were trying to change some state laws that were biased against the logging industry. The legislators in Madison wanted news on these problems and our group that was published in local papers. I went to the local paper, and I was told that logging had no economic impact on the county's economy. I pointed out that we had eight sawmills operating in the county and others nearby. All employed people, brought money back into the area when the lumber was sold, as did the pulpwood that was, and still is, going down Crandon's main street all day. I was turned down, so I went a few blocks away where a new paper was being published called the *Pioneer Express*. Phil Orlenko, who was also managing the nursing home, had started the paper a few months back. He readily agreed to publish my stories that outlined the problems facing the timber industry, and the LSILA managed to make six changes to state laws.

Orlenko, however, wasn't happy here in Forest County and wanted to return to Sheboygan. One day when I came to town at noon to buy some skidder fuel I stopped in the office, and when I left, I had to go home and change my clothes into something appropriate for a newspaper publisher, which means clean jeans and a shirt that didn't have sawdust clinging to it.

There were two ladies working there at the time, and they taught me how to put a paper together. Penny Carter was one of those teachers, and the late Judy Burkey, from Hiles, was the other.

Since then we have had many people working in the office, and they stayed until something better came along. It wasn't easy work back then. There was a photo typesetter and all of the ads and pages were built by cutting the copy apart and putting it on a master sheet after waxing the back of the copy. It was time consuming, and sometimes it was 10 p.m. on a Wednesday night before the paper was put to bed. Wife Linda was here for the whole 36 plus years. We have spent a lot of time together in our married life!

The technology has changed so much that it isn't even close to what it was other than the keyboard on the desk. Eventually, computers and the internet made the job much easier and more efficient.

What hasn't changed, however, is that businesses need advertising and people enjoy sitting back with a local paper and reading some news and maybe finding a good deal in the ads. Putting the paper online has made it even more efficient and more widespread outside of our area.

We have enjoyed the people who have worked with us on the paper and the printing business. There have been a good number of them in this length of time, and they have ranged from high school age to older married gals who wanted to make some extra money. We thank them for their time with us!

We also thank the many advertisers we have had through the years, especially Schaefer's store, which has been in every issue of this paper since the first one!

We are hoping that someone will come along and buy out our business and keep this useful advertising medium working for the business community and the readers as well. There is a good possibility that the job printing will be bought out by a local person and the area will still have a print shop for all of the work that needs to be done from carbonless forms to raffle tickets.

It has been a fun ride here at the *Pioneer* through the years. OK, not all of the time, but most of the time! We thank you very much for both your advertising and for your readership.

Keep your fingers crossed! Somebody may come along and buy our well-established paper and make sure you have something to read on the weekend!

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Bellin Clinic in Lakewood had a school supply drive over the past few weeks. They collected lots of supplies that were dropped off at both schools during open house August 28, 2024.



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# AREA EVENTS

## ATV/UTV Riders: remember that safe riding is a year-round activity



Always wear a helmet, watch your speed and stay on routes designated for ATVs and UTVs.

Photo credit: Wisconsin DNR MADISON  
**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges ATV/UTV enthusiasts to always recreate responsibly when hitting the trails, including this Labor Day weekend. That means staying on designated routes, wearing a helmet and seatbelt and keeping their speed in check.

So far this year, 22 people have been killed in ATV/UTV crashes. Most of them were not wearing seat belts or helmets, and alcohol and speed were also noted as contributing factors.

DNR conservation wardens and county sheriff deputies noted that during this year's Think Smart Before You Start campaign, which occurred from Aug. 2 to 4, many individuals were observed not using proper safety equipment.

Anyone under the age of 18 is required by law to wear a helmet on an ATV or UTV, whether they're driving the machine or riding as a passenger. All passengers, regardless of age, must wear a seatbelt when riding in a UTV.

"We are continuing to observe young riders and passengers not wearing the safety equipment required by law," said Lt. Warden Jacob Holsclaw, DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. "These infractions not only result in citations, but they can also mean the difference between walking away from an accident or not."

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.

Wisconsin law requires every operator involved in a crash incident to report the incident without delay to law enforcement officials. In addition, within ten days of the incident, the operator must submit a written report to the DNR.

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

## Call for Entries: The Art of Culinary Exhibition

### Seeking food-inspired artwork for Nicolet College Art Exhibit

Rhineland, Wis. – Nicolet College is calling on artists to showcase their talents in "The Art of Culinary." In celebration of the Nicolet College Culinary Arts program, this will be the third in a series highlighting the link between Nicolet College's occupational programs and the creative arts. This exhibit will specifically focus on the delicious connection between art and food.

Entries are due by October 18 and the exhibit is open to artists at least 18-years-old. Artists from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, and Michigan are encouraged to apply. Each artist may submit up to three pieces. Accepted artists will be notified by November 4.

The exhibit at the Nicolet College Art Gallery, located just across from the Culinary Lab, will bring together the creativity of visual artists and the culinary expertise of Nicolet College's instructors and students. Selected works will be featured in a vibrant and tasteful display that celebrates the artistic side of food.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your work featured in a high-profile exhibit at Nicolet College. This is more than just an exhibition; it's a celebration of the art of food.

For more details on how to submit your artwork, email [artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu).

The opening reception will take place from 4-7pm on December 12 and run through January 24.

## Rhineland Library Author Fair: Author Application

Calling local authors! The Rhineland District Library would like to invite published Wisconsin authors to join them for a Local Author Fair on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30-11 a.m. Applications will be open Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, or until spaces are filled. Authors will be able to chat with their readers, sign and sell books, and attend a keynote speech from Patricia Skalka, author of the Dave Cubiak Door County mysteries. Both traditionally- and self-published authors are welcome, and Northwoods/Rhineland authors are encouraged to apply. Interested authors are required to fill out an application form, as space is limited to 10 people. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more and apply, visit [www.rhinelandlibrary.org](http://www.rhinelandlibrary.org) or call the library at 715-365-1070 ext. 1089.

This, and all Rhineland District Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Rhineland District Library at 715-365-1070 or visit [www.rhinelandlibrary.org](http://www.rhinelandlibrary.org).

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**GEORGE** by Mark Szorady



**George Keith Fryar** of Wabeno, passed away on August 23, 2024, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. He was 82 years old. He was born on October 26, 1941, to the late George and Mildred (Baker) Fryar. His father passed away at a young age when George was just a child. His mother later remarried and continued to grow their young family.



On February 15, 1961, he married the love of his life, Geneva Vladik. She preceded him in death in 1998. She and George were blessed with 3 children, Brenda, Wayne and Jody.

George truly was a "Jack of All Trades", having worked as a mechanic, home builder and truck driver just to name a few. He enjoyed cooking, baking, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was an excellent fisherman. He did have a soft spot for animals too as he raised 3 whitetail fawns. He also had a special cat he fondly called baby. He also enjoyed gardening and canning the fruits of his labor. Liked playing on his skid steer and working with his Ford tractor. George also enjoyed raising his chickens, ducks and geese.

George relished watching old western movies, especially Gunsmoke. He also liked to take leisurely rides around town, just to get out and see what was going on around town. Holidays were special to George too, cooking for all that entered his home while making them feel welcome and comfortable. He will be missed deeply by his family.

Survivors include his daughter, Brenda Fryar, sons, Wayne Fryar, Jody (Michelle Herminath) Fryar, grandchildren, Amber (Brennin) Bachand, Kodie (Terri) Erickson, Keith (Andrea) Fryar, Abby Fryar, Brandon Fryar, sisters, Bernadette Cossey, Mary Lee Taylor, Vicki (Joe) Huff, brothers, Steve (Patricia) Taylor, Tim Taylor, and Mark (Kim) Taylor, and friend, John Herminath as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by sisters, Judy Sheffer and Debbie Duverstien, friend, Kathy Herminath.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Wabeno with the Very Rev. Ronald Lawrence officiating. Burial will take place in the Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Transforming Cancer Care with Immunotherapy:

### Aspirus Cancer Care now offering BiTE Therapy

Aspirus Cancer Care is offering a new type of immunotherapy treatment that has emerged as one of the most promising strategies for battling certain types of cancer including Lymphoma, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL), multiple myeloma, and small-cell lung cancer.

Bispesific T-cell Engager (BiTE) Therapy is a type of immunotherapy that triggers a patient's own immune system to attack cancer cells. BiTE Therapy essentially directs certain immune cells, called T-cells, to attack and kill cancer cells.

Dr. Thomas Oliver, an Oncologist and Hematologist for Aspirus Cancer Care, explains how this innovative treatment works. "BiTEs offer targeted therapy by using antibodies to connect cancer cells and immune T-cells. The T-cell's antitumor functions are stimulated and molecules that poke holes in the cancer cells are released," Oliver says.

One of many benefits of BiTEs is the ability to target tumors directly while minimizing damage to healthy tissues. "While patients undergoing BiTE Therapy may experience side effects, they differ from the side effects patients typically have to endure with chemotherapy," continues Oliver.

Patients undergoing treatment for Lymphoma, ALL, multiple myeloma, and small-cell lung cancer should discuss with their provider whether BiTE Therapy is right for them.

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To learn more, visit [aspirus.org/cancer](http://aspirus.org/cancer).

## New Coalition Created to Protect WI Lakes Wake Boats Damage Lake Property, Harm Fishing and Tourism, and Spread Invasive Species

Madison WI: A broad coalition of Wisconsin groups recently formed to defend Wisconsin's waters from the devastating impacts of wake-enhanced boating. Originating members of the coalition include: Wisconsin Lakes, Wisconsin's Green Fire, Lakes at Stake Wisconsin, Last Wilderness Alliance, and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

The group will focus on educating elected and appointed officials about the damage done to Wisconsin lakes by wake-enhanced boating. The group is also determined to implement policies that protect Wisconsin waterways.

"This coalition will be laser-focused on protecting Wisconsin's lakes from the devastation done by these wake boats. Our organizations will stand shoulder to shoulder in protecting Wisconsin's many lakes," remarked Dan Butkus, President of Wisconsin Lakes.

"We know from scientific research that wake boats present big threats to our lakes, including spreading harmful invasive species, a multi-million-dollar problem in Wisconsin. Unlike other watercraft, the design of a wake boat's internal ballast system makes it nearly impossible to fully empty and decontaminate these boats, increasing the risk of spreading invasives and damaging the way our lakes look and function," Said Meleesa Johnson, Executive Director of Wisconsin's Green Fire.

"Wisconsinites love our lakes and are very concerned by the negative impact of wake-enhanced boating. We are all witnessing firsthand the damage to our shoreline and lake bottoms throughout Wisconsin. Our glacial lakes are not built to sustain the damage these boats in wake surfing mode are causing," said Fred Prehn of Lakes at Stake Wisconsin.

"LWA supports the consortium's efforts to establish minimum state standards for enhanced wake activity that includes retaining existing local control. The state legislative process is long and unknown, and minimums will not provide the level of protection many municipalities recognize they need to ensure safety and protect their vital natural resources. Therefore, it is critically important that municipalities act now by passing local ordinances that ensure lake safety for everyone else using the lakes and protect their lakes from costly and permanent damage, including the rapid spread of aquatic invasive species," noted Jeff Meessmann, board member of the Last Wilderness Alliance.

"I couldn't be more excited to work with this talented and diverse group of organizations. Their expertise and perspective are exactly what we need to address this challenge in front of Wisconsinites," said Cody Kamrowski, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

Studies have shown the outsized impact this type of boating has inflicted on Wisconsin's waterways. The coalition will utilize all available resources, including these studies, to help guide their efforts. A May 2024 literature review prepared by Wisconsin's Green Fire references over 230 scientific studies to summarize how wake boats affect lake ecosystem health.

In addition to the five organizations that came together to form the coalition, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, Yahara Fishing Club, Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association, and Walleyes for Tomorrow have also signed on with their support of the coalition and its goals.

If you or your organization would be interested in engaging with the coalition, please reach out to any of the coalition charter members to talk further. Below is their contact information:

-Cody Kamrowski, WI Wildlife Federation, [cody@wiwf.org](mailto:cody@wiwf.org)  
715-896-5445

-Meleesa Johnson, Wisconsin's Green Fire, [mjohnson@wgreenfire.org](mailto:mjohnson@wgreenfire.org), 715-573-3165

-Steve Lyons, Lakes at Stake, [slyons@thesjlgroup.com](mailto:slyons@thesjlgroup.com),  
608-220-7478

-Jeff Meessmann, Last Wilderness Alliance, [jmeessmann@aol.com](mailto:jmeessmann@aol.com), 715-385-0268

-Mike Englesonk, WI Lakes, [mengleson@wisconsinlakes.org](mailto:mengleson@wisconsinlakes.org), 608-661-4313

To the Editor:

Former president Donald Trump mocks the threat posed by human-induced climate change. He once declared, "Global warming is an expensive hoax!" And Trump can find support for his views among Republican members of Congress, including Rep. Tom Tiffany.

To counter this misinformation, I encourage reading "The Scientific Guide to Global Warming Skepticism." It's available online and provides an excellent summary of the lines of evidence that have led 200 science academies throughout the world, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, to conclude that climate change is human-caused. Consider that the Israel Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Sciences of the Islamic Republic of Iran agree on this issue.

If one is serious about examining the issue of human-induced climate change, the place to start is understanding why scientists believe it.

In reality, however, the climate debate isn't about science — it's about the role of government. Many conservatives dismiss evidence of climate risk because they fear that acceptance of this evidence will lead to greater government intrusion in our lives. Science is a proxy debate.

Ever wonder why we don't hear scores of angry voices claiming that HIV doesn't cause AIDS? It's because that scientific conclusion doesn't threaten deeply held values.

Climate change poses great threats, such as sea level rise, more intense wildfires and the ravaging of the world's coral reefs. Conservatives would be unlikely to tolerate this level of risk with regard to national defense or financial markets.

Prudence dictates that we also hedge against the risk of disastrous climate change.

Terry Hansen  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## For Old Times Sake



This picture taken in Wabeno was obviously just before or after a dance at a celebration. The youngster on the left is looking up to the big guy with what looks like curiosity. It may be that he hasn't seen a Potawatomi dance before.

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**Invitation for Quotes**  
 The School Board of the School District of Wabeno Area will receive sealed quotes for the supply item listed below. All quotes must be received in the District Office located at 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, no later than 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 18, 2024, either in person or by mail to: William Taylor, District Administrator, School District of Wabeno Area, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please label the quote envelope accordingly.  
**Snow Removal for the 2024-2025 school year**

The School District of Wabeno Area is requesting sealed quotes on snow removal. Please quote costs to remove snow from all parking areas, bus garage, and elementary playground on a per plow basis. There are also timeline requirements so these areas are plowed prior to staff and students arriving at school. Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern 715.889.0607. Please mark envelope "Snow Removal Quote".

**Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Sept. 9 - 13**  
**Monday** - Assorted cereal, Yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk  
**Tuesday** - Breakfast bites, Smoothies, Tropical fruit, Fruit juice, milk  
**Wednesday** - Cheese omelet, tator tots, Mixed fruit, Fruit juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - W. G. Pancakes, sausage links, Smoothies, Banana, Fruit juice, Milk  
**Friday** - W.G. cinnamon rolls, yogurt, strawberries, Fruit juice, Milk

**Wabeno School Lunch Menu Sept. 9-13**  
**Monday** - Spaghetti, meat sauce / Marinara, California blend, garlic bread, grapes, garden bar, milk  
**Tuesday** - Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, pineapple tidbits, applesauce, garden bar, milk  
**Wednesday** - Sloppy Joes, fries, mixed vegetables, oranges, garden bar, milk  
**Thursday** - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, watermelon, garden bar, milk  
**Friday** - Spaghetti bake, W.G. bread stick, California blend, apple slices, garden bar, milk

**Laona Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 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. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Bills and Claims
  - B. Meeting Minutes
6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
  - A. Neola Update Vol.33, No. 2 Updates
  - B. 2023-2024 Forward Summary Results
  - C. 2nd Grade Teaching Position
  - D. Part Time Paraprofessional Position
7. Informational Items:
  - A. Business Manager's Report
  - B. Middle/ High School Principal's Report
  - C. District Administrator/ Elementary Principal's Report
  - D. Committee Reports
  - E. Board Member Reports
8. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee.
  - A. Personnel
  - B. 2nd Grade Teaching Position
  - C. Part Time Paraprofessional Position
9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.
10. Adjourn:

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

## For Old Times Sake



We have possibly run this photo in the past, but these guys are worth another look! Soperton is part of Wabeno these days, but back then it was a separate town that was started by the Menominee Bay Shore Lumber Co. sawmill. Yes, they touched, but they were different and each town had their own band! Musical groups like this were important to the community back in the early 1900's. There wasn't high quality things like record players or tape players, and these guys, I would bet, sounded good!

**Wild Rice Cont. from pg. 1**

impacts of climate change as a widespread stressor on the wild rice population. Additional human-induced and natural stressors may be compounding problems at local levels.

"The DNR takes these issues seriously and, in cooperation with tribal nations and other partners, is working on research initiatives to better understand threats to wild rice and develop better strategies for restoring Wisconsin's wild rice populations," said Jason Fleener, DNR wetland habitat specialist.

One such initiative is an active partnership between the DNR, the Menominee, Lac Courte Oreilles and the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, funded through an America the Beautiful Challenge grant, to develop and implement an effective management plan for Wisconsin's wild rice resources.

As a reminder to boaters, one of the main threats to wild rice production is improper watercraft use throughout the growing season. Wave activity caused by boats and boating directly through wild rice beds often harm production in wild rice beds. The DNR encourages all watercraft users to educate themselves on how to identify wild rice and modify their boating activities to reduce damage to this treasured Wisconsin resource.

More information on harvesting wild rice and harvest regulations is available on the DNR's Wild Rice Harvesting webpage.

### WisDOT seeks public comment on 2024 ADA Transition Plan

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) invites the public to review and share feedback on the agency's 2024 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

The ADA Transition Plan shares information on WisDOT's efforts to continually improve accessibility throughout the state highway system including roadside facilities, navigability within public rights of way and public input processes. Per federal law, the transition plan is regularly maintained with opportunities for public input.

"We remain committed to creating the safest and most beneficial transportation system possible for people of all abilities throughout the state. We also continue to remove barriers that limit those with diminished vision, hearing or mobility to help them fully utilize Wisconsin's roads and facilities," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "As part of our ongoing commitment to ADA, we invite Wisconsin residents to review the agency's plan and provide feedback to help us improve our current efforts."

The plan is available on WisDOT's website at wisconsindot.gov/ADA. The 30-day public comment period starts today (August 29, 2024) and goes through Saturday, September 28, 2024. The public is encouraged to review the plan and share comments via the online form.

The Transition Plan is an update on the policies, procedures and practices that fulfill the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Public comments on the plan will be used to help guide the department's strategy for ADA improvements moving forward.

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## Thursday Ladies Golf League concludes the season



The Thursday's Ladies 18 hole league concluded its season August 22nd. at the McCauslin Brook Golf Course in Lakewood. The 1st place team winners were Laurie Asher, Linda Gatske, Karen Gonnering, Kathy Hilbert and Britta Johnson. Britta Johnson was the last woman standing winner. This tournament was in memory of our friend Muggs Armstrong. The ladies donated \$1,700 to the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood. One of Mugg's favorite charities. We ended our day with a delicious lunch at Waube Lake Lodge.

## Avoid Tree Stand Tragedies: Safety Tips for Hunters

**"Not wearing a safety harness is one of the most common reasons we see people falling out of tree stands."**

Tree stand accidents are a leading cause of hunting-related injuries, with 300-500 fatalities annually in the U.S., according to the International Hunter Education Association. As Archery and Crossbow Deer Hunting Season begins this fall in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, prioritizing safety is essential.

"You're much more likely to get injured from a fall than a gunshot wound," warns Michael Clark, MD, MPH, EMS Medical Director with Aspirus MedEvac. "It's a concern that we should definitely take precautions to avoid."

Falls from tree stands can lead to severe injuries, including fractures and potentially life-threatening conditions. Dr. Clark explains that "many of these injuries are orthopedic, including wrist, ankle, and femur fractures," while also emphasizing the risk of head, neck, chest and abdominal injuries. He adds, "The higher up you go, the more likely you are to sustain a significant injury." Falls from heights over 10 feet, which is common with most tree stands, tend to result in more severe injuries.

To ensure a safe hunting experience, Dr. Clark and Joseph Mulrooney, a Recreation Warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provide the following tree stand safety and emergency preparedness tips:

**Safe Tree Stand Practices**

- Stay Connected:** "Every year we have dozens of people falling out of trees, which is why we highly recommend staying connected to the tree with a tree strap," says Mulrooney. A tree strap will provide stability while climbing to prevent falls.
- Wear Safety Harnesses:** Wearing a safety harness is critical when using a tree stand. According to Mulrooney, "Not wearing a safety harness is one of the most common reasons we see people falling out of tree stands."
- Inspect Gear:** Inspect your tree stands and related equipment before the season for any wear or damage. "I highly recommend people go out in August or September to make sure your straps are in good shape," says Mulrooney, noting that straps can develop tears or bites from rodents in the off-season. "Straps are cheap. A broken leg isn't."
- Use Haul Lines:** Avoid carrying gear while climbing. Instead, use haul lines to lift your equipment safely.
- Know Your Location:** Using a GPS app can provide precise coordinates if needed in an emergency.

**Emergency Preparedness**

- Develop a Safety Plan:** "Make sure your family knows where you are and when you plan to be back so if something were to happen and you don't return, they know where to look for you," suggests Dr. Clark, stressing the importance of having a clear safety plan before heading out to hunt.
- Prepare for Communication:** Keep your cell phone fully charged and be familiar with key landmarks. If you need to signal for help with poor cell service, Clark adds, "Many times a text message can go through when a regular phone call can't." Text someone and have them make the 911 call for you.
- Bring a First Aid Kit:** Equip yourself with a comprehensive first aid kit, including essentials like a tourniquet and wound-packing materials.
- Assess Your Situation:** If you find yourself injured and alone, Dr. Clark advises performing "a quick head-to-toe assessment of yourself." Understanding the severity of your injuries can help you communicate your condition effectively to rescuers.
- Stay in Place:** In the event of an injury, remaining in place may be your safest option. Conserve energy and avoid worsening your condition while waiting for help to arrive.

By following these safety guidelines and expert recommendations, hunters can significantly reduce the risk of injury and ensure a safe hunting season. For more tips and resources, visit your state's Department of Natural Resources website.



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To obtain the official Request for Proposal (RFP) document along with specifications and instructions please contact Kayla Littleton, Forest County Land Information Officer, [lcctech@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcctech@co.forest.wi.us) or Jamie Anderson, Forest County Surveyor at [Jamie.Anderson@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:Jamie.Anderson@co.forest.wi.us) or at the Land Information Department (200 E. Madison, Crandon, WI 54520).

Proposals must be received by the Land Information Department on or before 3:30pm on October 7th, 2024 and will be publicly opened at the Land Information Department Office located at 200 E. Madison at 4:00 p.m. on that day.

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**Felzkowski Comments on DNR Fish and Wildlife Account Audit**

Madison, WI – On Thursday, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee gave the go-ahead for an audit of the Department of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Account. Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) praised the vote which reflects her major concerns over how the Department is operating, the structural deficit in the Fish and Wildlife Account, and whether dollars from Pittman-Robertson and Dingle-Johnson are appropriately going towards programs that benefit hunters and anglers.

Felzkowski commented: "We've recently seen some egregious acts of mismanagement coming out of our DNR. From shuttering the trout rearing programs across the state and dumping those fish in streams where they'll never survive, failing on our walleye stocking numbers, turning a blind eye to a wolf population that's wreaking havoc on northern Wisconsinites, and ignoring aquatic invasive species in our lakes – the Department has shown a complete lack of ability to manage the resources of Wisconsin."

In the most recent 2023-25 biennial budget, the Joint Committee on Finance was forced to transfer \$25 million from the Forestry account to the Fish and Wildlife Account to make up for major unexplained hole in the Fish and Wildlife budget.

Felzkowski continued: "When expenditures are higher than revenues, the Evers Administration jumps to the conclusion that we need to raise more revenues. Before raising revenues through fee increases and other options, we owe it to our hunters and anglers to ensure that his Department is properly spending the revenue that they're already currently receiving – including federal funding from Pittman-Robertson and Dingle-Johnson."

The Department of Natural Resources has not had a Secretary since November 1, 2023 – for almost 10 months, they've been operating without an agency executive.

Felzkowski made the following statement: "Evers' excuse that it's too hard to find a DNR secretary who can work with a Republican Legislature is complete and utter BS – in fact, I know three people who would love to take the job right now. His problem isn't the Legislature, it's trying to find someone who is willing to carry out his far-left, out-of-touch environmental agenda. Instead of appointing a secretary, the Governor has relied on emboldened Madison bureaucrats who would find no greater pleasure than infringing upon the rights of Wisconsin sportsmen and women."

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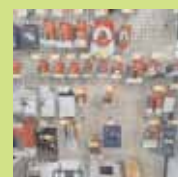
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