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"Muggs" Armstrong Memorial Golf Fund Awards



The "Muggs" Armstrong Memorial Golf Scholarship funds were awarded to a male and female senior of the Laona/Wabeno Rebel Golf Team in the Spring of 2022.

Pictured above with Tom Armstrong are Reed Christianson and Braylee Chrisman, 2021-2022 recipients of the "Muggs" Armstrong Memorial Sportsmanship Scholarship. Each scholarship is \$500.00. Laona/Wabeno's Varsity Golf Coach, Tyler Anderson, is pictured receiving a check for \$2,885.20 for the team to use for equipment for the 2022-2023 golf season.

Reed attends Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he is majoring in Finance and Economics. He earned High Honors his first semester and is playing on their golf team. Braylee attends the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Her major is Communication Sciences and Disorders. She earned Honors her first semester and is involved in leadership groups for her major.

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.

Winters in Wisconsin give us the unique opportunity to look up into the branches and treetops for our winter birds. During winter, you may be able to spot species such as woodpeckers (red-bellied, hairy, downy, pileated), finches and even the rare snowy owl.

Some winters will bring a rare occurrence called a bird irruption (not eruption). These irruptions happen when conifers in the Northwoods experience high crop yields, causing bird populations to skyrocket due to a high abundance of seeds and other sources of food.

Once winter hits, there isn't enough food and habitat to sustain the higher populations. So, they take to the skies, flocking south in search of new habitat, leading to unusual species such as the evening grosbeak, hoary redpoll and pine grosbeak visiting your feeders this time of year.

A messy yard is one of the easiest ways to help birds in the winter. Spare yourself the backache of raking and clearing leaves, they'll enrich the soil and provide habitat for bugs and other critters for birds to snack on.

Instead, focus your efforts on building a brush pile. Start with a foundation of larger logs, then layer branches, leaves and other yard trimmings over the top. This will shelter birds from sleet and snow showers, as well as provide habitat for small mammals.

If you're lucky, American tree sparrows, black-capped chickadees and other winter birds may find refuge in your brush pile, according to the Audubon Society.

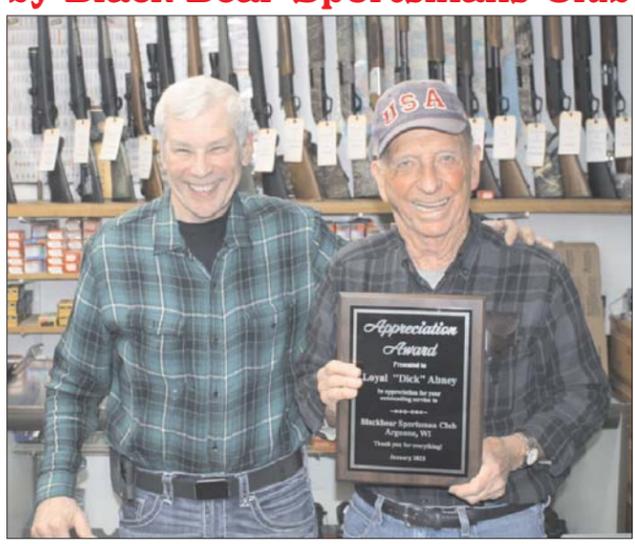
Winter birds also have trouble finding clean water sources that aren't frozen over. Take a shallow pan no more than two inches deep and keep it filled with fresh water. Toss a few small pebbles or stones into the pan so the birds can gauge how deep the water is. You should leave the pan in a sunny area if it's a particularly cold day, so the water doesn't freeze as quickly.

Warblers and cranes may head south for the winter, but many birds stick it out in the Northwoods. Following is a list of birds that may winter in Wisconsin.

•Northern Cardinal. Keep your feeder filled with black sunflower seeds, and you are sure to attract the beautiful northern cardinal. Year-round residents, both males and females sing, a sure way to brighten up a winter day.

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Abney presented with award by Black Bear Sportsmans Club



By Mike Monte

Last Thursday, at the meeting of the Black Bear Sportsman Club, Loyal "Dick" Abney was given an award for all he has contributed to the organization over the last 50 years. The meeting was held at Schultz Shooting Supply in Argonne.

Dick started with the club back in 1972. He began as a pistol shooter in the clubhouse and soon was working on the snowmobile trail maintained by the club. Dick didn't run the groomer. He worked on brushing and signing on the trail. During this time he also served as secretary of the club, and is currently vice-president. He still serves as an advisor on the trail maintenance.

Dick always liked and was good at pistol shooting. The Black Bears had a 25 yard indoor shooting range at the clubhouse. Dick said one of the most enjoyable duties he had was to approve certification for the Boy Scout shooting badges. He had the experience, once being a certified NRA rifle and pistol instructor.

He had the experience necessary to teach others about shooting. Dick was a member of the five man Wisconsin team, and he was able to participate in three different years at the National Pistol Match at Camp Perry, Ohio. In 1968, Dick had the highest combined scores in the indoor state championship and the outdoor state championship, winning the Dector Rhodes Gold Medal.

In his shooting career he attained a Masters certification in Three-gun Bullseye and practical Police Competition.

The Black Bear Sportsman Club decided to show their appreciation and did so with the plaque that reads:

Appreciation Award presented to Loyal "Dick" Abney In appreciation for your outstanding service to Black Bear Sportsman Club Argonne, WI Thank You for Everything! January 2023

The award was presented by Doug Hayes, on the left in the photo above.

Candidate Spotlight

Anyone seeking political office is invited and encouraged to announce their candidacy in the Candidate Spotlight. It is an opportunity to tell the voters why you are running, goals if elected, etc. It is not a forum for bashing an opponent, and there is no charge.

Monica Zeller announces candidacy for Chairperson in Townsend



Monica Zeller, announced her candidacy for the Townsend Town Chairperson the week of January 1, 2023. My husband, John, and I have owned property in Townsend since 2012, and have been permanent residents of Townsend since 2019. I am a business woman, the mother of three grown children, and a grandmother. I am running

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Lakes Country Library slated for half million dollar federal grant



Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood has received word from Wisconsin U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin that their grant request of \$500,000 was included in the 2023 Federal budget. The money will be used toward an extensive renovation and expansion of the facility.

Plans for the addition include enhanced technology; more public use computer stations; easier access for patrons with disabilities; an enlarged children's library; a new teen zone; a soundproof room for access to telehealth services; a quiet study room furnished and equipped for those with sensory/learning challenges; a local history room; even a soft seating area to relax and read a book or periodical chosen from the library's extensive collection.

"In communicating with Senator Baldwin's staff, we learned that she was supportive of the project from the day she read our application," said Fundraising Committee Chair Kathleen Marsh. "Like us, she was concerned that Lakewood Library had outgrown its ability to provide adequate services. We are thrilled that she has helped us take this giant step toward reaching our fundraising goal so that we can fulfill our mission of providing 21st Century services in a very underserved rural community."

"To say we are an underserved is putting it mildly," said Building Expansion Committee Co-Chair Tom Thielke. "We have no schools in the four towns (Doty, Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend) that own the library jointly, so we are the go-to information and learning center in Northern Oconto County."

"There is so much more we could do if we had the space and the technology," says Library Director Katie Essermann. "Though tiny in size compared to libraries in Oconto, Oconto Falls, and Suring, for the last two years we've had the highest circulation in Oconto County. Monday morning children's story time typically draws an overflow contingent of the wee ones. We absolutely need a safe and welcoming area for our teens. The tiny meeting room, which is actually a book storage closet, is busy every day of the week. And, at all hours of the day and night, residents and visitors park outside to access our reliable high-speed internet."

Submitted by Kathleen Marsh

Donate blood at the Townsend Community Blood Drive

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They don't wear capes or special suits, and their badge of honor is the bandage that shows they gave the gift of life.

The community is invited to become a hometown hero and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood on Monday, February 6, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm Street, Townsend, Wisconsin 54175.

Donating blood is one of the simplest things a person can do to help save a patient's life. For the hour it takes to give blood, there could be a whole community of people thankful for another birthday given to their loved one.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire found at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Blackwell Job Corps made and delivered wreaths to community groups



Forest County Veteran's Office

Blackwell Job Corps students in Laona continued their holiday tradition of wreathmaking and delivered the handmade gifts to nearly 40 community groups and business partners.

It is a show of appreciation for the amazing support of this program, which has been in the area for almost 60 years. Blackwell Job Corps offers free career training for low-income, 16- to 24-year-olds interested in the high-demand trades of carpentry, welding, masonry, construction, forestry conservation, and wildland firefighting.



The Bay at Nu-Roc



Forest County Potawatomi Community Center

Laona Lions Predator Hunt



Crandon Wrestling



Merrill Medalists Elias Gliniski, Mason Dewing, Cole Shepherd, and Conner Lawrence

Two Cardinal wrestlers qualified for Wisconsin 'Challenge Series', congratulations to Riley Johnson (120#) and Kolten Keao (285#)! On Saturday, January 8, 4 Crandon JV wrestlers traveled to Wausau East to wrestle for a chance to participate in the WWCS finals. Johnson placed first and Keao placed third. Good luck to both at the finals.

Crandon Varsity wrestlers have been busy traveling the past couple of weeks with a few big highlights. The team participated in Lourds On the Water at UW Oshkosh on the 29th and 30th of December. It was a tough two days of wrestling with nearly 700 wrestlers competing for the top six podium spots. Two Cardinal grapplers battled their way to the finals. Elias Gliniski (132#) earned 5th place and Cole Shepherd (160#) medaled for 6th place.

The team then competed in the Athens quad duel on Thursday, January 5th, beating Edgar (54-24) and Athens (66-12), but falling short to Marathon by 3 points. A highlight of the night was Tyler Lawrence's hard-fought win in the last seconds against Edgar in an exhibition match.

This past weekend, January 7th, Crandon wrestlers participated in the Bluejay Challenge at Merrill High School. The Cardinals placed 4th overall out of the 27 participating schools and had 6 individual wrestlers competing in the finals for the top 3 podium spots. Mason Dewing (113#) and Cole Shepherd (160#) both brought home a first place medal, Elias Gliniski (132#) with a second place finish. and Conner Lawrence (285#) earned a third place finish.



AREA EVENTS

Crandon Public Library Storytime

The Crandon Public Library Storytime. Storytime is for ages 0 to pre-school, and is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the library.

Valentines for Vets

The Wabeno Area Elementary School is working on a special project to send Valentines to Veterans. If you are a veteran or know of any veterans, please contact the Wabeno Area Elementary School 715.473.3633, ext.1205 to leave the veteran's name and address. Or, if you prefer, write it down and send it in with a student or mail it to us at PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. We would like the names and addresses of all veterans that would like to receive valentines by Friday, January 27, 2023.

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Help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin's lakes and rivers while ice fishing this winter.

Aquatic invasive species have made their way into Wisconsin's waterways. Still, anglers can reduce the transmission of these invasives even in the winter by checking for and removing any mud or plant material clinging to their gear, including sleds used to haul supplies, before leaving fishing spots.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Aquatic invasive species can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the quality of boating and fishing in Wisconsin waters.

Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil are two aquatic invasive species that remain hardy in the winter under the ice, giving them an advantage over our native aquatic plants. The plant-like algae starry stonewort dies back for winter, but its tiny, star-shaped bulbils can be present on plants yanked up through the ice or in the mud that can come up if the bottom is disturbed by augers. Disease and the larvae of invasive snails and mussels can also be present in the water and mud in winter.

Because of the possible spread of diseases like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) that can threaten fish populations, it is important to only buy minnows from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer. Up to two gallons of water may be kept for minnows provided they will be used on the same waterbody or if no lake or river water from the fishing site(s) has been added. Dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration. Visit the DNR's webpage on bait preservation to learn more. Find more rules regarding bait in the current fishing regulations.

A few minutes of preventative action can help preserve and protect waterways for generations to come. Before stepping onto the ice to fish and when leaving, ice anglers should:

- Inspect boats, trailers and ice fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud
 - Remove all attached plants or animals
 - Drain all water from buckets and containers
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody (fish out of water = dead)
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts on Wisconsin's waters and economy, visit the DNR's aquatic invasive species webpage.

December students of the month



The following students of the month for December were recognized for their generosity. Pictured left to right: Sierra Carpenter, Brian Sears, Lucas Krueger, Jhulian Villain, Rya Shampoo, Bryanna Gilligan not pictured: Kelsey Beaber

as being "natural" and are available by prescription, such as desiccated, or dried, thyroid extract from pigs or cows. These medications are not completely purified and can contain other hormones and proteins that do not typically exist in the body outside of thyroid tissue. They also contain chemical stabilizers and binders to hold the pills together, so they are not completely natural as they are often advertised. In fact, they can result in too much of the thyroid hormone T3, which can cause symptoms such as heart palpitations, anxiety, tremors, and insomnia. Over an extended period of time, it can also lead to chronic health conditions such as osteoporosis and heart failure. This is why most endocrinologists suggest a T4 therapy with daily levothyroxine/Synthroid as first line treatment for hypothyroidism.

If you are experiencing any of the symptoms typically associated with hypothyroidism, talk to your primary care provider. Find a provider at <https://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider>.

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Thyroid Awareness Month: 5 common myths about hypothyroidism

Nearly five out of 100 Americans 12+ years of age have hypothyroidism, though the disease is most common in women over the age of 60, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Hypothyroidism is an underactive thyroid gland, which means that the gland responsible for regulating metabolism doesn't make enough thyroid hormones to keep the body running normally. In most patients, it is a permanent condition that requires lifelong treatment in the form of daily thyroid hormone replacement medication.

"People feel that because they've been diagnosed with hypothyroidism, they should always experience symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain, but that is not the case," says Nicole Stodola, Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Endocrinology Clinic. "Many of the symptoms people feel on a daily basis can be attributed to other unrelated issues. When hypothyroidism is treated properly, people can live well and feel well."

To mark Thyroid Awareness Month, here are 5 common myths about hypothyroidism, debunked with help from the American Thyroid Association:

Myth #1: Everyone with hypothyroidism has fatigue – Although fatigue is one of the early signs of hypothyroidism, once thyroid hormone is properly replaced and levels return to normal, the fatigue should resolve. If fatigue is ongoing, you may want to investigate other possible causes such as stress, poor sleep, nutrition, exercise, and other chronic medical conditions.

Myth #2: It's impossible to lose weight with hypothyroidism – The truth is, weight loss is difficult for many patients with and without thyroid disease. Metabolism starts to slow in your late 30s and early 40s, and can make it harder to lose weight. It's easy to point to one particular problem and blame weight gain on that one diagnosis. In reality, weight gain is a sensitive topic and is typically caused by several factors. If thyroid hormone is adequately replaced, the hypothyroidism is most likely not a contributing factor.

Myth #3: More thyroid hormone is better – A lot of patients believe that more thyroid hormone means more energy and weight loss. In reality, taking too much thyroid hormone can be harmful and lead to symptoms such as increased appetite, insomnia, shakiness, and heart palpitations. If patients take too much thyroid hormone for an extended period of time, it can also lead to osteoporosis and heart disease. It's important to find the right dose for what your body needs.

Myth #4: You can manage hypothyroidism with diet – Healthy diet and exercise are important for all patients and can alleviate some medical conditions but, that is simply not the case with hypothyroidism. There is no evidence to support diets such as gluten free diets, anti-inflammatory diets, and iodine-rich diets to treat hypothyroidism. The most common form of hypothyroidism in the United States is Hashimoto's, which is an autoimmune disease that causes chronic inflammation of the thyroid gland which unfortunately is not reversible with dietary changes. Although diet alone cannot improve thyroid function, eating a well-balanced, nutrient-rich diet and exercising regularly can help improve your overall health which can lead to improvements in symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain.

Myth #5: Natural thyroid hormone is better – There are several thyroid hormone medications that are advertised

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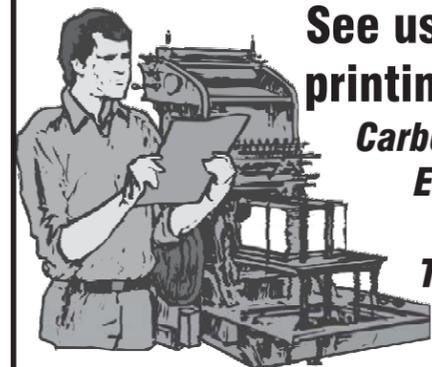
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Northern Wisconsin

- Wisconsin Department of Transportation: \$7,500,000 for the Blatnik Bridge construction project in Superior, Wisconsin. The purpose of the project is to provide an interstate highway connection across the St. Louis Bay that does not restrict the movements of freight and provides local, regional, and international movement in a reliable and efficient manner. President Biden visited Superior and highlighted the Blatnik Bridge project following passage of the IIA.
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College: \$5,000,000 for construction as part of the college's expansion project.
- Laona Rescue Unit: \$2,093,000 for construction of a new station to allow Laona Rescue to continue to provide ambulance service to the citizens and visitors to the area.
- City of Park Falls: \$1,667,000 to repair and improve the aging public infrastructure of the City of Park Falls Municipal Water and Sewer utilities.

Senator Baldwin's office began soliciting input for appropriations requests from communities in every part of Wisconsin in early spring, working to submit requests for projects that benefit communities across the state. The Senate Appropriations Committee reviews all requests from Senators. Only those requests that comply with Committee and Senate rules and are deemed appropriate for federal support were considered for funding.

Senator Baldwin gains over \$255 Million for Wisconsin

Projects championed by Senator Baldwin were included in Fiscal Year 2023 bipartisan bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced that more than \$255.7 million in congressionally directed spending for Wisconsin projects she supported has been included in the bipartisan Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023. The bill passed the Senate today, 68-29. Senator Baldwin has spent the last year working to fund the following projects on behalf of public and nonprofit entities across Wisconsin.

"For the second year in a row, I'm proud to have worked in a bipartisan way to deliver direct support from Washington to Wisconsin," said Senator Baldwin. "These community driven projects will reach every corner of Wisconsin, with critical investments for roads, bridges and water infrastructure, workforce development, access to health and child care, improvements for emergency services, and so much more. By working with folks from across Wisconsin, I am proud to deliver federal support that responds to the unique needs of so many different communities."

Statewide

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development: \$5,000,000 to create innovative career pathways in educational sectors to attract and retain more diverse talent and increase affordable access to childcare by expanding and enhancing early childhood education apprenticeship programming.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: \$3,140,000 in funding to support Wisconsin's implementation of the 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Senator Baldwin introduced the legislation to create the nationwide 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which launched over the summer.

Wisconsin Technology Council: \$115,000 to expand entrepreneurial reach across all regions and demographics of Wisconsin, including through regional networking and educational programming workshops for would-be entrepreneurs, with a special focus on rural communities, women and minorities.

North Eastern Wisconsin

- Sturgeon Bay Historical Society: \$3,300,000 for an agricultural museum and community gathering space at the Door County Granary. A rehabilitated Granary will further transform Sturgeon Bay's waterfront.
- Town of Peshtigo: \$1,667,000 in funding to support installation of a new water line to provide residents living with PFAS contamination safe drinking water.
- College of Menominee Nation: \$1,425,000 for purchase, renovation, and service re-design of an administrative office building in the Neopit community on the Menominee Indian Reservation. This project is essential to begin to bring more direct educational services, economic and entrepreneurial support, workforce development, and other community outreach services to an underserved area of the reservation.
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin: \$1,326,000 to construct a new Menominee Tribal Clinic, as health needs of the community have outgrown capacity of the current facility.
- Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh: \$1,000,000 towards reconstruction of a new community center, which will include additional classrooms and outside green space for the use of over 1,000 children each year for the county's largest non-profit youth serving agency. The new construction will address the economic impact for the county at large by bringing as many low-income serving agencies together to work in the same facility to improve the upward mobility for low-income people. By combining services in one location, we will work to help those in poverty to increase their self-sufficiency.
- Sister Bay & Liberty Grove Fire Department: \$900,000 for a new fire apparatus for this volunteer fire department.
- Army Corps of Engineers (Menominee River Deepening): \$600,000 to continue a feasibility study of infrastructure improvements to Menominee Harbor in Marinette, WI. This project will evaluate potential improvements important to the economic future of the region. The infrastructure improvements will benefit multiple harbor users.
- Lakes Country Public Library: \$500,000 to expand the library in Lakewood, WI and upgrade technology to allow patrons access to fast, reliable, free broadband service.



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Applications can be picked up at the Laona Town Hall and must be received by January 31st.

Jessica Thornton-Town Clerk

HELP WANTED
School District of Wabeno Area
Title VI Indian Education Program
Elementary School Math Facilitator

The School District of Wabeno Area, Title VI Indian Education Program, has an opening for a Tutor Facilitator for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond to provide math enrichment/intervention services to select Native American students. Days and hours worked will be 4 or 5 days per week, Monday through Friday, approximately 6 to 7.25 hours per day, for between 24 and 29.5 hours a week. Schedule to be determined at the time of hire.

Duties will include using a computer-based math intervention program with designated students, as needed and appropriate, to be determined by the District Math Interventionist & classroom teachers. Starting hourly wage will be between \$16 and \$18/hour depending on related education and/or experience. Life insurance, paid holidays, and retirement are available. Health and dental insurance are not available with this position.

The ideal candidate will have an Associate's Degree in any area or can demonstrate ability to assist students with use of a computerized math program and with math concepts. Native American preference applies as required by Title VI grant requirements. Questions regarding this position may be directed to Deb Kruger 715.27.7404

Applications are available from the District Office or at: www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/EmploymentOpportunities/EmploymentApplications. Send the application along with 3 current letters of reference to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

HELP WANTED
School District of Wabeno
Part-time Elementary School Teacher Aide

The School District of Wabeno Area is seeking a part-time Elementary School Teacher Aide for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond. The workday will tentatively be set from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., approximately 15-22 hours/week, Monday-Friday. Duties will include providing academic classroom support, behavior monitoring, and lunch recess duty with students. Starting hourly wage is \$15/hour. Candidates must be willing to become certified as a Special Education Aide from the State of Wisconsin.

Applications can be obtained from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us, District/Employment Opportunities/Employment Applications. Send the application along with 3 current reference letters to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane/ P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

The School District of Wabeno Area in accordance with Wisconsin Fair Employment Practices Act, Wisconsin Statute 111.31, does not discriminate in hiring practice based on gender, age, race, color, creed, religion, genetic information or testing, physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, arrest record or conviction record. The School District of Wabeno Area is an equal opportunity employer

HELP WANTED
School District of Wabeno Area
Title VI Indian Education Program
Jr./Sr. High School Tutor Facilitator

The School District of Wabeno Area, Title VI Indian Education Act Program has an opening for a Tutor Facilitator for the 2022-23 school year and beyond to provide academic support to Native American students. Days and hours worked will be 4 or 5 days per week, Monday through Friday, approximately 6 to 7.25 hours per day, for between 24 and 29.5 hours a week. Schedule to be determined at the time of hire.

Duties include core academic grade monitoring, homework completion monitoring, homework assistance in English, math, science, social studies related courses, and test prep as needed/appropriate. Starting hourly wage will be \$16.00 to \$18.00/hour depending on related education and/or experience. Life insurance, paid holidays, and retirement are available. Health and dental insurance are not available with this position.

The ideal candidate will have an Associate's Degree in any area or can demonstrate ability to assist students with English, science, math and social studies subject area coursework. In addition, the applicant should enjoy working with adolescents in grades 6 through 12. Native American preference applies as required by Title VI grant requirements. Questions regarding this position may be directed to Deb Kruger 715.276.7404.

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Seasonal Employment Opportunity

Nicolet Country Club is seeking applicants for a Head Grounds Keeper.

Responsibilities include day to day golf course operations, mowing/fertilizing, equipment maintenance.

Supervision of a six-person grounds crew, good communication skills, basic computer skills, and attend monthly meeting. On the job training as well as additional training seminars will be available. Must be able to work with others and supervise.

Starting pay \$17+, depending upon work experience.

If interested, send letter of application before March 1st to:

Nicolet Country Club
P.O. Box 56
Laona, WI 54541

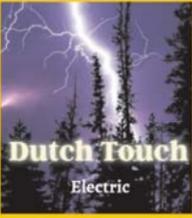
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Town of Nashville is seeking a part-time highway maintenance worker to perform road maintenance, including snowplowing, grading, brush cutting, and other duties as necessary. Position could turn into full time. Wage rate is dependent on experience.

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Applications must be received by February 1, 2023. The Town of Townsend is an equal opportunity employer.

Help Wanted

Full Time Corrections Officer positions at the Forest County Sheriff's Office. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or G.E.D. as well as a valid drivers license. No law enforcement experience required. \$20.51 per hour and 80 hours of vacation at 1 year of employment.



BIDS AND NOTICES

CITY OF CRANDON NOTICE - JOB POSITION

The City of Crandon Personnel Committee will be accepting resumes to fill the retiring Clerk/Treasurer position until February 13, 2023.

This is an elected position and the selected applicant will be appointed by the Mayor with approval of the Common Council to fulfill the remaining 2 years of the Clerk/Treasurers current 4 year term.

Anyone interested in the position should drop off a resume at City Hall, 601 W Washington St, PO Box 335, Crandon, WI 54520 by 4:00 PM February 13, 2023.

This position requires that you reside in the City of Crandon.

School District of Wabeno Area Special School Board Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2022 5:45 P.M.

Wabeno Junior High/High School Library

The meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M. by School Board President, Dave Seeber.

Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec (via phone), Janet Opiela, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator and William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Administration Absent: Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director
Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2))).

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the Start of School Date Waiver with changes made to form. Carried 6 to 1.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 5:58 P.M. Carried 6 to 1.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA BOARD ELECTION

April 4, 2023

Candidate Emily Belland filed a Declaration of Candidacy prior to the 5:00 PM, January 3, 2023 deadline for one position representing the Forest County area, which includes parts of Forest, Langlade, and Marinette Counties.

Candidate Carlton "Ross" Stealer filed a Declaration of Candidacy prior to the 5:00 PM, January 3, 2023 deadline for one position representing the Oconto County area.

All positions are for three-year terms and will be on the ballot for the April 4, 2023 election. Residents of the School District of Wabeno Area are reminded that they can vote for all of the above candidates, regardless of the township or county they live in. Residents are able to vote for any candidates that are on the ballot that is provided at their polling place

Public review & comment period for wolf management plan extended

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced an extension to the public review and comment period for the draft Wolf Management Plan.

The review period is extended until Feb. 28, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

This extension is intended to allow more time for the public to review the details of the plan and share their feedback on this important item.

The public is encouraged to review the draft plan online and share their thoughts via the online comment tool. The DNR will also accept questions and comments via mail and email at:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
C/O Wolf Management Plan Comments
101 S. Webster Street
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921
DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov

The public review and comment period is a key opportunity for the public to share their thoughts on the proposed wolf management plan. The DNR will review and consider all feedback submitted during the review period while preparing the final draft of the proposed wolf management plan.

The draft management plan lays out a holistic

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Jan. 16-20

Monday - Breakfast sandwich, applesauce, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Scrambled eggs, sausage links, tator tots, peaches, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Early risers, fruit juice, applesauce cups, milk

Thursday - Belgium waffles, yogurt, sausage patty, strawberries, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Cereal bar, pears, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Jan. 16-20

Monday - Salisbury steak, mashed potato, broccoli, pears, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, apple slices, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Sloppy joes, fries, mixed vegetables, grapes, garden bar, milk

Thursday - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, berry cups, garden bar, milk

Friday - Cheeseburgers, chips, green beans, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk

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approach to ensuring the state's wolf population remains healthy and secure while balancing the diverse interests of the public.

The proposed plan was developed in consideration of many factors, including public input, consultations with Wisconsin's tribal nations, scientific literature reviews, a study on current public attitudes towards wolves and potential outcomes of various management decisions.

The draft plan aims to effectively balance the tradeoffs between three main objectives:

Ensuring a healthy and sustainable wolf population to fulfill its ecological role.

- Addressing and reducing wolf-related conflicts.
- Providing multiple benefits associated with the wolf population, including hunting, trapping and sightseeing.

In addition, the draft plan details proposals to increase public understanding of wolves, identify important scientific research to be conducted and outline steps to ensure collaboration on science-based wolf management in Wisconsin.

More details about the plan's objectives and metrics for evaluation are described in the implementation section of the management plan. The descriptions and metrics provided give a clearer understanding of the intent behind each objective, how the DNR plans to measure it and what conditions constitute satisfactory progress toward the objective.

What's Staying The Same?

The draft plan provides that DNR staff will continue to

School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022 High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board Vice President, Katryna VanEperen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, and Janet Opiela (virtually). Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services.

Board Members Absent: Dave Seeber, Lori Mattern, Dan Christianson

Administration Absent: Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal

Others Present: Michelle Boor, Melissa Hanmann, Chad Hanmann, Ava Hanmann, Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2))).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Agenda. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2022. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 84200 to 84344 for \$339,835.21 and payroll checks 900046948 to 900047285 for \$368,024.55, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$225,334.36. Carried 4 to 0.

Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, previously shared his updates.

The Board commended/thanked the following:

- Veterans Day program was phenomenal! Thank you to all staff and volunteers who contributed.
- Annual Parent & Family Appreciation Breakfast at the Elementary School was fun and an awesome event.
- The children really enjoyed the Annual Jingle Shopping event! Thank you to the Wabeno Home and School Organization for sponsoring and supporting this event, Christian Thrift Store for your support and volunteers, as well as Home and School Members/Volunteers who helped the children wrap their presents.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve a swimming co-op with Antigo. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Janet Opiela to accept the annual audit report as presented by Jackie Nielson of Kerber-Rose (via phone). Carried 4 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on Class of 2023 Senior Class Trip. No action; tabled until next month.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Building Act 143 reports. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Matt Popp and Katie Pintsch as Middle School Girls Basketball Coaches. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Bill Taylor as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Ashley Seiler as JV Girls Basketball Coach. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Alee Taylor as full-time, temporary elementary teacher aide. Carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Tiffany Sattler as a food service worker. Carried 4 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on resignation(s). None; no action.

Discuss and take possible action on School Report Cards. Discussion only; no action.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the MOU for School Nurse Services for 2022-23 with Sokaogon Chippewa Health Services. Carried 4 to 0.

Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items. Impact Aid Meeting, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 6:00 P.M., Regular Board Meeting to following.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Carried 4 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

monitor wolves each year and address wolf-related conflict (consistent with current law). The DNR will continue supporting and conducting scientific research and science-based decision-making. Collaboration with other agencies, tribal nations, stakeholder groups and the public on items of mutual importance remains a department priority.

What's Changing?

The plan proposes several changes to align the DNR's wolf management strategy with the current state of the wolf population, the available science and the perspectives of a diverse public, such as:

- Moving away from a single numeric population goal and instead using an adaptive management process focused on balancing the three main objectives (above).
- Reducing harvest registration times and issuing zone-specific wolf harvest permits to improve the department's ability to effectively meet harvest quotas.
- Adding mechanisms to address localized concerns, including wolf harvest concerns near tribal reservation boundaries and focused wolf harvest in areas with a history of wolf-livestock conflict.
- Revising wolf management zone boundaries to better reflect current wolf distribution and habitat.

The public is encouraged to review the updated plan in detail to learn more.

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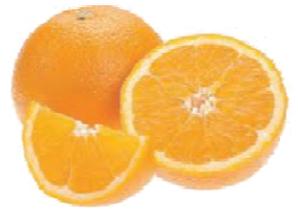
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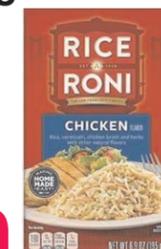


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DEATH NOTICES

John Wilbur Sheldon (Jack), 84, of Crandon, WI, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side. Jack was born October 12, 1938 in Greenville, OH the son of Joseph and Nobeline (Hott) Sheldon. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Karen (Stegeman) on June 13, 1959 in Spooner, WI. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary last June. Then she preceded him in death on September 7th. He was a longtime and faithful member of St. Leonard Catholic Church in Laona for the last 23 years.



At 6 months old, Jack and his family moved to Rensselaer, IN where he grew up. As a young man Jack worked all through high school with his father in the poultry business. He enjoyed playing high school football where his team was undefeated. He graduated high school in 1956 and then attended St. Joseph College, then transferred to Eau Claire School of Adult Education, where he graduated with an associates degree in accounting. He worked as an insurance claims adjuster for a few years.

In 1966 Jack went into a partnership with his brother Joe, buying the 2nd Burger Chef restaurant in Wisconsin. They aquired and operated several more for 20 years prior to Hardees buying out the franchise. He then moved his family to San Diego where he managed a pharmacy retail store until retiring in 2000 and moved back home to Wisconsin.

Jack was the patriarch of his family, whom he loved dearly. He was a man of his word and respected by all that knew him. All through his life, and even this past season, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family.

Surviving are his children, Steven (Sherri) Sheldon of Laona, Mark (Debra) Sheldon of Janesville, Dale Sheldon of Seymour, Jacqueline (Jason) Davis of Aliso Viejo, CA, and Adina (Don) Morando of Myrtle Beach, SC; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; siblings, Janet (Roger) Warne of Morocco, IN, Joseph Sheldon of Drummond, Rita (Dave) Shaw of Sugar Hill, GA, and Tom Sheldon of Rensselaer, IN; sister-in-law, Joan Kuula of Birchwood; brother-in-law, Tip Clements of Fallbrook, CA and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; his parents, sister-in-law, Sandra Clements; and brother-in-law, Roy Kuula.

Graveside services will be held in the spring in Spooner, WI.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice for their brief, but wonderful care.

Memorials may be given in Jack's name to St. Leonard Catholic Church in Laona, WI.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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Letters to the Editor

In loving memory of **Darcy Lee Jacobson (Waa Saa Gezh Gok)**, we are sad to announce the death of our loved one who has passed away on January 6, 2023.



She was born on June 26, 1988 in Antigo, Wisconsin and was raised by her mother Tammy Mann and stepfather Gerald W. Mann Sr. in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin along with her father, Walter Benji Jacobson in Carter, Wisconsin.

Darcy comes from a big family that consists of living grandmothers, Rosalind Kendrick of Carter and Mary Mann of Lac du Flambeau; sisters, Heather Vanzile of Newald, Stacy Conn of Appleton, Sarah Armstrong of Lac du Flambeau, Jessica Mann of Carter, Casey Jacobson of Crandon, Rosalind Mann of Waukesha, Gerry Ann Mann of Carter and Tammy P. Mann of Lac du Flambeau; and brothers, Gerald W. Mann Sr of Lac du Flambeau, Lawrence Mann of Crandon, Yance Mann of Blackwell, William Mann of Appleton and Chance Mann of Lac du Flambeau. She also has many nieces and nephews; 36 altogether. Her previously departed loved ones include her grandparents, Jesse and Emily Jacobson and Alfred Pauliot and Rudolph Kendrick. The list can go on and on of the many relatives Darcy had, so as you can see she was loved in many ways and in many places.

Her life was definitely cut short, however Darcy lived life to the fullest and was always on an adventure. She was so full of humor and her laughter was contagious. Her loyalty was undeniable, never was she the one to turn her back on you when you were in need. She had such a good heart and will be well missed.

Visitation began at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Forest County Potawatomi Community Cultural Center in Crandon. Services began at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center with Boyce Vallerie officiating. Burial followed at Lakeview (Carter) Cemetery in Wabeno.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Sen. Felzkowski looking forward to new session

Madison – The Wisconsin State Senate held its first floor day of the 2023-24 legislative session. Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) begins the second half of her first term as the State Senator for the 12th Senate District:

“I look forward to continuing my work in the Senate this upcoming session. I remain focused on these priorities:

- Helping Wisconsinites access affordable healthcare by lowering the cost of prescription drugs and holding the healthcare industry accountable for predatory practices that inflate costs for patients
- Finding new solutions to provide our local governments with the resources they need to deliver vital services to their communities
- Preventing government from infringing on the personal liberties of our citizens”

This session, Sen. Felzkowski will serve as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Small Business and will also sit on the Joint Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Health, the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage, and the Joint Legislative Council.

“As always, the work I do will be guided by my desire to provide opportunities for the people in the 12th Senate District and throughout Wisconsin. I remain humbled that I have been chosen to represent the voices of so many in the Northwoods.”

Rep. Mursau sworn into office

Madison ... Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) was sworn into office for another two-year term in the Wisconsin State Legislature. Rep. Mursau took the oath of office at a ceremony in the Assembly chambers Tuesday afternoon.



During the 2023-2025 Legislative Session, Mursau will again serve as the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks, and Outdoor Recreation. Mursau will also serve on the Assembly committees of: Agriculture; Education; Sporting Heritage; and Tourism.

“I appreciate the confidence from my colleagues to be a lead on forestry issues and outdoor recreational activities,” said Mursau. “I asked to serve on these legislative committees because they impact the issues that are important to the people I represent. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation that will positively impact my neighbors in northern Wisconsin.”

Citizens can sign up for email notifications through the Wisconsin Legislature’s website to receive information on proposals being considered by the legislature. You can pick preferences based on subject area, committee, author, etc. To sign up please visit: <https://notify.legis.wisconsin.gov/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>



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Tuesday, Jan. 17: Antigo

Thursday, Jan. 19: Rhinelander

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Rhinelander

Thursday, Jan. 26: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Rhinelander

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - January 16 - Cabbage rolls with tomato sauce, country trio veggies, whole wheat bread, pineapple, spice cake

Monday - January 23 - Chicken broccoli casserole, Pacific veggie blend, whole wheat bread, grape juice, strawberries and yogurt

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - January 17 - Mac and cheese, broccoli, whole wheat dinner roll, mandarin oranges, bananas and vanilla pudding

Tuesday - January 24 - Seasoned baked fish, parsley buttered potatoes, tartar sauce, carrots, rye bread, banana

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - January 18 - Brat on a bun, steamed onions, baked beans, potato salad, chocolate chip cookie bar **(CABIN FEVER PICNIC MEAL)**

Wednesday - January 25 - Shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, biscuit, chocolate cake **(National Chocolate Cake Day)**

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED, ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - January 19 - Kielbasa with sauerkraut, winter squash, potato salad, dinner roll, banana pudding

Thursday - January 26 - Hamburger on a bun, orange slices, dark green leafy salad with tomato, baked beans, brownie

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

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

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

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

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

News of area college students

Local students named to Dean's List at UW-Superior

The following students have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2022 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Crandon- Lynzee McGeshick; **Laona-** Kylinn Connor; **Wabeno-** Myla Volk, Ethan Westimayer

UW-Stout scholarship recipients, fall 2022

Crandon- Bryce Ginter, Engineering Technology; Larry A. and Mary E. Bates Endowed Scholarship; Erik Jon Odness Endowed Scholarship

UW Oshkosh fall 2022 Dean's List, Honor Roll

Argonne- Macie Palubicki, Honor Roll

Crandon- Shalynn Stamper, Dean's List

Laona- Josie Lempel, Dean's List

UW-Madison Announces Fall Dean's List

Laona- Hutson Kane, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List

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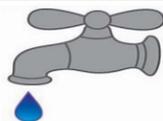
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CoVantage is one of only a few credit unions in the country that provide this unique financial benefit. According to CoVantage Board Chair Susan Gitzlaff, "I am so proud to be part of a mission-based credit union like we have with CoVantage. When the Board evaluates the financials, we determine how much income is needed in reserves to protect the credit union when times get tough. To know that we can give back over \$5 million after we've done this is amazing. Thank you to our 150,000 member-owners who rely on their credit union for home, auto and business loans, and to save for the future. While it hasn't been an easy year due to the volatile rate environment, CoVantage is doing fantastic, and for that we say thank you to members and employees."

The year-end patronage payment includes a bonus on dividends earned for those who save, and a loan interest rebate for those who borrow. CoVantage depositors received a 5% bonus on dividends earned on eligible savings, term share certificates and variable rate accounts. Borrowers received a rebate of 5% of their total 2022 interest paid on eligible vehicle, home equity, in-house mortgage, credit card, and commercial loans.

For instance, if \$5,000 of interest had been paid on a home loan, the borrower would receive \$250 in patronage for just that loan. In addition to patronage, CoVantage also provided over \$115,000 to members through the CoVantage match for those enrolled in Change it Up, a debit card savings program. CoVantage members used their debit card more than ever, and collectively saved nearly \$2.3 million through Change it Up.

CoVantage President Charlie Zanayed, added, "Part of our simple mission is to provide outstanding value, which we do through everyday great rates and low fees, including not charging overdraft fees on checking. I'm humbled to share that Callahan and Associates (an independent credit union research company) recently ranked CoVantage 3rd out of over 4,000 credit unions nationally for having great rates and low fees. As a direct result of our members' feedback, CoVantage was also ranked the Best-in-State Credit Union in Wisconsin by Forbes and received the highest ranking of all credit unions in their national study. I want to be clear, that while this recognition is nice, what's really rewarding is reading the terrific feedback our member-owners provide in our monthly surveys. For instance, our average Net Promoter Score this year is 89, among the best scores nationally for any business. As much as we try to always provide exceptional service, at times we do fall short, and I want to thank you for your patience when that occurs. CoVantage members are simply terrific and thank you for allowing us to serve you."

Further information about the CoVantage patronage program can be found at www.covantagecu.org/patronage.

Laona Lions Club sets exciting agenda for 2023



As many people from Forest County know, the Laona Lions Club have been hosting the Community Soup for more than a century. The group is already making plans for the 2023 Community Soup. They have designated the first weekend in August as 'Souper Reunion' weekend. The Lions Club is inviting all Laona High School graduates to partake in a class reunion the weekend of August 4th and 5th. Members of the club are in the process of reaching out to local community members to help compile a list of classmates and plan for this special event.

If you are interested in helping plan for your class reunion or assist in locating classmates, please contact club members Gary Aschenbrenner, President, at (715) 616-9728 or Stosh Krawze (715) 362-3975. The Lions Club strives to serve and promote the community with pride. Therefore, any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

- **Tufted Titmouse.** The charming tufted titmouse with its gray crest is partial to sunflower seeds but will also eat peanuts and other seeds. Keep an eye out to see what happens when they get a large seed; they'll carry it to a tree limb or other perch and crack it with a few whacks of their bill.
- **Black-Capped Chickadee.** The black-capped chickadee eats a lot in the winter—20 times more than in the summer. Keep your feeders full of sunflower, safflower and nyjer seeds and put out some suet to help this inquisitive little bird make it through the winter.
- **Bald Eagle.** Winter is a great time for eagle watching. When lakes and rivers freeze over, bald eagles congregate in large trees along shorelines where dams and power plants provide open water where they can fish.
- **White-breasted Nuthatch.** Offer up large nuts like peanuts and sunflower seeds, and you're likely to attract the agile white-breasted nuthatch. Keep the nuthatch and all the birds you feed healthy by cleaning your feeders regularly, discarding soggy or icy seed and letting them dry before refilling.
- **Downy Woodpecker.** Downy woodpeckers prefer suet, but they aren't so picky that they'd turn down sunflower seeds, millet or peanuts. Place your feeders near shrubs, trees or other protective cover to keep them and the other birds you attract safe from predators.
- **Snowy Owl.** Snowy owls breed in the treeless Arctic tundra, so when they come down into our Midwestern states, they seek out the same open expansive habitat. Look for them in farm fields, near airports, over large wetlands and along coastal areas.

Inland trout catch and release season opens Jan. 7, 2023



MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the early inland streams catch and release season for trout will open on Jan. 7, 2023 and run until May 5, 2023.

During this time, anglers are invited to fish for Wisconsin's four inland trout species but are reminded that all trout caught will need to be immediately released. When the general inland hook and line season opens on May 6, 2023, anglers may harvest these species while following bag limit regulations and length requirements.

Anglers wishing to participate in this season will need to possess an inland trout stamp in addition to their 2022-2023 fishing license, which is valid until March 31, 2023. Starting April 1, 2023, anglers will need to possess a 2023-2024 fishing license and new inland trout stamp. All regulations apply. Visit Guide to Wisconsin's Trout Fishing Regulations for details.

More information on trout fishing can be found on the DNR's Inland Trout Fishing webpage.

The DNR encourages anglers to continue practicing responsible catch and release. Advice on responsible catch and release can be found on the DNR's Responsible Catch and Release webpage.



Candidate Spotlight Cont. from pg. 1

for Town Chairperson enabling residents to have a choice as to who will lead us into the future.

My candidacy is a grassroots effort that came from residents and business owners suggesting that I would be a good person to lead our community. After talking with them, hearing their concerns, and reflecting on the responsibilities, I decided to step out of my comfort zone and run for Town Chairperson. The issues that have been discussed most with me include the condition of our roads, internet services, affordable housing, and economic development. I believe together we can develop a strategy to address these issues within the scope of our current Comprehensive Plan and address other issues that our residents and businesses might bring forward.

I will bring a business perspective that focuses on listening and consulting with the residents, while working on the issues that are most important to them. I will do this while respecting different opinions and seeking common ground in leading our community. One of the first things I would implement, if elected, is to hold regular listening sessions each month where residents and business owners can ask questions, solicit feedback and provide direction to whichever Board Member is listening. I will rely on the many people who live in our community, and the multiple talents that they have to strengthen Townsend, while respecting the history of our community. I will encourage residents to be active in our community by serving on committees, attending meetings and volunteering for many of the great community events that are currently in place. I believe volunteering makes a strong community, which we can all be proud of and personally have volunteered in community events the past 10 years.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know all the Town residents during the campaign and learning what is important to you. To learn more about my campaign, stay informed about my platform, or ask me a question, please follow me at [electzellertownsendchairperson](https://www.facebook.com/monicazellertownsend) on Facebook or contact me directly at monicazellertownsend@gmail.com.

Call for Artists: Awards totaling more than \$8,500

It's the 36th year of the Northern National Art Competition, which is a collaboration between Nicolet College and the Northern Arts Council. This national competition will open June 15 and is open to all US resident artists 18 years or older.

Registration deadline for entry is Friday, March 24. The Northern National Art Competition began in 1987 with a mere 37 entries. Last year, there were 646 entries from artists all across the United States! Entries are as diverse as the artists themselves and showcase a wide array of contemporary art in a variety of two-dimensional mediums.

The Juror/Judge for this year will be Florencio Lennox "Lenny" Campello. Lenny is a well-known artist, art critic, author and blogger from the Washington, DC area with a most interesting and unique resume.

F. Lennox "Lenny" Campello is "one of the most interesting people of Washington, DC" according to the Washington City Paper in 2016. He studied art at the Washington School of Art in Seattle, graduating in 1981. His work has been exhibited in art galleries and museums all over the world. Campello is a regularly published art critic of regional prominence and has been the subject of many reviews by European and American newspapers. His art blog has over six million visitors.

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- Friday, March 24: Registration deadline
- Friday, April 21: Acceptance notification
- Friday, May 12: Hand delivery by appointment
- Monday, May 15: All shipped work due
- Thursday, June 15: Opening Reception
- Thursday, July 28: Show closes
- Friday, July 29: Pick up hand delivered work by appointment

Monday, August 1: Shipped work will be returned this week

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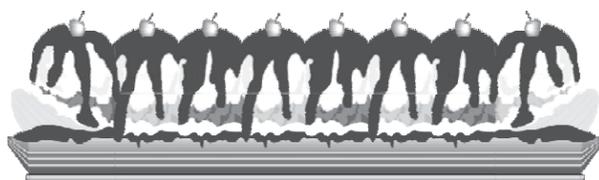
For Old Times Sake



Tragedy struck Crandon when the boiler exploded at the Kempf planing mill on March 17, 1908. It was 8:00 a.m. in the morning. Three men were killed and another injured in the explosion. The planing mill was located on what is now N. Lake Avenue across from the old Himes-Engman building.

As can be seen in the bottom photo, the boiler struck the roof of this house almost two blocks away and can rest next to the outhouse. This house is still there. This was the end of the planing mill, as it wasn't rebuilt.

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THANK YOU!

On behalf of Crandon Youth Basketball (CYB) I would like to thank the many who helped make our 2023 Tournament a success it was great to see the gyms full of little ballers again after several years off! CYB parents & coaches (Keegan Kincaid, Aaron Samz, Josh Jaeger, Matt Samz, Ashley Palubicki, Erin Mayer & Travis Stamper) and the Cardinal Basketball programs players & coaches (Jeffery Mayer & Keegan Kincaid) came together for the benefit of Crandon Basketball fundraising while providing a high-quality tournament option for grades 4-8. The kitchen (Lori Shampo) and janitorial staff did a top-notch job helping us keep up with the crowds!

Special thank you to the following awesome individuals who donated their time and talents, our success depends on the generosity of those not directly affiliated with the programs and we are so GRATEFUL, especially for those willing to officiate!

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| Jimmy Gumm | Kyle Palmer | Andy Karcz |
| Lynzee McGeshick | Ava Neilitz | Sarah Adler |
| Brian Schultz | Cheri Wilson | Chrissy Kincaid |
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| Blake Weber | Tony Keepers | Matt Kinderman |

Finally, an extra thank you to a few people who went above and beyond putting in countless hours setting up the tournament, putting on miles to pick up supplies, and being there all weekend to make sure it ran smoothly LB & Terri Palubicki, Erin Mayer, Kathryn Kincaid, and Josh Jaeger wouldn't want to do it with anyone else!

Please come meet the youth players on Tuesday, January 31st at the Crandon Girls Basketball game when the Cardinals take on the Antigo Red Robins.

Sincerely, Erica Neilitz

Thank Yous and Personals

Laona Lions 11th Annual Predator Hunt Thank You!

The Laona Lions had a wonderful day for the 11th Annual Predator Hunt in memory of Brian Connor. on Saturday January 7, 2023 at Senolihn's Bar, Laona. A total of 86 hunters participated. President Lion Gary Aschenbrenner was the MC for the event. Many meat raffles were held throughout the day.

- Raffle winners:**
 1st place : 44 Magnum/.44 SPL-Henry G.B. Colleen Chambers
 2nd place: 30/30 Cal-Henry G.B. John Smith
 3rd place: 357 Cal. Magnum/ .38 SPL Henry -Roger Lafferty
 4th place: 45/70 Cal. Gov't- Henry G.B. Jeff Heaney
 5th place: 12 Gauge Pump SLB X2 3" Mag. Gynn Albrecht
Pistol raffle: Devin Wilson
Hound Dog Raffle: Francis Metz
Door Prize winner's :
 Travis Britton and Nikki DeMars
Coyote winners:
 heaviest Coyote: Team Townsend
 The most Coyotes: Team Townsend
 Bobcat winner: Team Dun Deal
Callers:
 1st place: Chase Quam
 2nd place: Matt Carothers
 A total of 8 coyotes and 1 bobcat were registered.
 The Laona Lions Club thank all the participants and the community members for the of the Laona Lions Club.

Special thanks for the following people who donated guns for the event: Pine River Logging, Chitko Brothers, Brad Stauber, Jamie & Hunter Tuckwab. Donations made by Popple River Pub, Roadhouse 139, Senolihn's Bar, Olive Pit, LMS, Glen Clarence, Kevin Kerner, Brian Neddo, Northwoods Firearms, Pine River Logging, Chitko Brothers, Brad Stauber Landscaping, B&B Guiding, Cleerman Industries, Jamie & Hunter Tuckwab and Nikki, Sandbar Resort, Tom Durant, Laona Police Department and Amy Lafferty.

Thank You From the Salvation Army

Another bell ringing campaign for the Forest County Salvation Army has come to a close.

Many thanks go to all the businesses, organizations and individuals who made donations to "Doing the good for others."

Because of your generosity, we were able to reach our goal for 2022.

Thanks Again!
 Jackie Shepherd-Bell Coordinator.

Christmas Caroling with the Wabeno Lions



On Saturday, December 17, a festive group of 17 warmly dressed Wabeno Lions Club members climbed aboard a decorated "people hauler," and braved the cold to entertain the citizens of Wabeno with Christmas carols. Lion Paul Ehlinger was the jolly driver of the "sleigh."

Fifty gift bags of candy were handed out by Santa and the Lions to happy children along the way.

There was, as always, a stop at Wabeno Heights, which included caroling and the distribution of several dozen Christmas cookies. Many smiling faces, both youthful and elderly, raised collective voices in the singing of old familiar Christmas songs.

After the delivery of songs, sweets, and many smiles, the chilly carolers warmed up and enjoyed pizza at the Wildcat Den. Both a wonderful time and excellent companionship were enjoyed by all.

It was definitely, "A Merry Christmas to all; and to all a good night!"

Submitted by Lion Clare Huisman and Lion Norma Johnson



CYB Thanks You!

On Saturday, January 7th during the Crandon Youth Basketball (CYB) tournament a medical emergency occurred. CYB would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following people who helped stabilize the individual until the EMS crew arrived resulting in a positive outcome

Dan Bauer and Greg Plautz from Rhinelander and Sarah Waltz from Three Lakes. Your willingness to assist and share your skills and knowledge was much appreciated!

Sincerely,
 Erica Neilitz and the entire CYB Crew

Veteran's Corner

My office has been receiving several phone calls regarding the Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain a few things.

1. For the veteran to claim the property tax credit, he/she must be rated by the VA as 100% disabled. For the surviving spouse, the veteran either had to be 100% service connected disabled at time of death or die of a service connected disability and the surviving spouse should be receiving DIC (Dependency Indemnity Compensation).
2. There is legislation at the state level to drop the service connection eligibility to 70%, and you could claim the credit prorated based on your percentage. THIS HAS NOT BECOME LAW YET. It is still in the legislature and is still active, but has not passed yet. Stay tuned for future changes on that.
3. YOU MUST PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES!!! This is a property tax credit, not a dismissal. In order to claim the credit, you must pay the property taxes on time and then you would request the credit when you file your state income taxes. For those who tell us they don't file state income tax forms, you need to start if you want the credit. That is the way the law is written. If you don't pay those property taxes up front and on time, you will only incur penalties.
4. My office does the forms needed for you to get the credit. One form you sign and the other our office signs.
5. Once you get your certificate of eligibility from the WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs based on those two forms we did, lightly rub the raised seal with a pencil and make copies. Keep the original and send in the copies to your tax preparer. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office.

Very respectfully,
 Robert W Koplien - CVSO
 Forest County Veterans Office
 Courthouse 200 E Madison Room #114
 Crandon WI 54520
 (715)478-3722

Thank you to the community from Associated Bank

Thank You to everyone who helped to make Associated Bank's 2022 Annual Giving Tree a success again this year. To the Crandon Girls Basketball Team for their donation from their toy drive

To the School District of Crandon for their help in collecting the donations. To Forest Abstract for their generous donation of toys.

Special thanks to all the community members and Associated Bank Customers for their contributions to the Giving Tree for all these years.

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