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## Sears Awarded Thielke Memorial Scholarship



Pictured is Brian Sears and WHS retired teacher and niece of Gerald Thielke, Rita Blazewicz. Rita represented the family in presenting the award to Brian

Brian Sears, Wabeno High School Valedictorian, was awarded the Gerald N. Thielke Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors the memory of Wabeno Educator Gerald Thielke, who spent his entire educational career with the Wabeno District. Gerald was a teacher, coach, drivers education instructor, and followed up all this becoming the principal of the Wabeno Elementary School. Brian is the son of Terri and Cody Erickson and Brian Sears. He plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton to obtain an associate degree in web design and development. After college he will pursue a career in IT.

## Stacy Chrisman receives the Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award



Stacy Chrisman received the 2023-2024 Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award for the Laona School District. She was selected by the Laona Education Association and the award was sponsored by the Nicolet-Oconto Retired Teachers Association (NORTA).

Stacy was nominated by Kate Tucker and Sara Perry. Mrs. Chrisman has impacted countless lives throughout her teaching career and everyone leaves her classroom with a smile. She is kind and patient and makes a connection with each child.

Stacy Chrisman has been teaching 4K and Kindergarten in Laona for the past 10 years. We appreciate what you do for all you do for your students and colleagues to make Laona a great place to go to school and work. Congratulations!

## Conservation Corner

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

Last Friday and early this week, we had a couple new additions to our deer herd at the Forest County Deer Park. It made me think that it's that time of year ... when you can almost stumble over a well-hidden fawn.



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## Camp 5 Opening & 4-Spot is Refurbished



Camp 5 is opening June 18 and will run through August 17, on Tuesdays through Saturday. Monday: closed; Tuesday through Saturday Camp 5 will be open 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily. Sunday is closed. This year, 4 Spot, the 1916 Vulcan locomotive that pulls the vintage passenger cars and cabooses to Camp 5 Farm, has been given a thorough repair job. Two experts from Pennsylvania, Paul Deery, on the left, and Dylan Hutson on the right, have spent a great amount of time putting the locomotive in shape. They laid out the wheel position and the wheels will be running on new bearings. The bearings, by the way, are not ball bearings but bushings that need replacing after using for a time, and they have to line up correctly. The veteran locomotive repair team also reset the valve timing and tested everything to be sure it worked perfectly and will provide much entertainment to visitors this summer.

## Yokohama Tire rejoins Crandon International Raceway For 2024 and 2025 Seasons



-- Includes Title as "Official Tire" of Historic Facility --  
The continuation of a successful partnership that began in 2019, Crandon International Raceway today announced a new multi-year partnership with Yokohama as "Official Tire" of its legendary off-road facility. The agreement includes the upcoming 31st annual Forest County Potawatomi Crandon Brush Run races (June 21 - 23) and continues through the 2025 Labor Day weekend Polaris Crandon World Championship Off-Road Races®. In addition to retaining major brand signage throughout the facility including the track's iconic Lucas Oil Barn, Yokohama Tire will continue to work with Crandon International on event promotions and expanded fan activation.

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## McCaslin Lions award scholarships

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

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

## Hailey Monnot earns Jeranek & Mugan scholarships



Retired WHS teacher and Jeranek family representative, Rita Blazewicz, presented the Jeranek and Dugan Scholarships to Hailey Monnot.

Hailey Monnot, daughter of Jessica and Travis Monnot, was awarded the Jeranek and Mugan Scholarships at the recently held Wabeno High School Class of 2024 Awards Night.

The Elodia Jeranek Scholarship is given in memory of "Lodi" who was a longtime teacher in the Lakewood/Waubee Lake area. After her passing, the scholarship was set up to assist a graduate from Wabeno High School with plans to go into the field of education or a community service related occupation.

The Bernie Snider Mugan Scholarship was established in 1997, by Mrs. Mugan, a retired teacher and artist, to reward a high achieving student pursuing a college degree.

Hailey's plans for the future are to enter the field of early childhood education. She will attend Nicolet College for two years and then transfer to UW-Superior.

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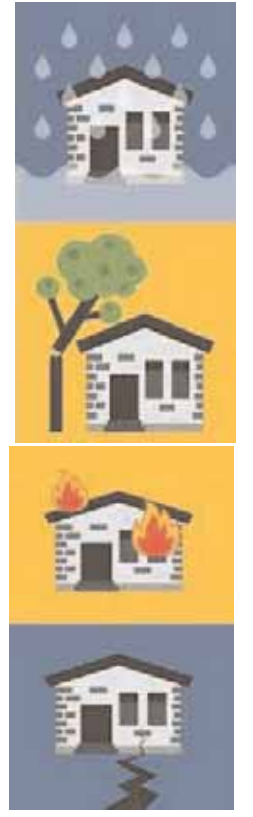
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**P.L.A.Y. of Wabeno Area Schools Disbands**

Positive Leadership for Adults/Youth, an organization founded to provide drug/alcohol-free activities for Wabeno Area students, disbanded at the end of this academic year.

It was the mission of a group of parents, teachers, and lay leaders in the early 1980's to offer safe and fun alternatives to celebrating events like prom, homecoming, and class nite with beer parties.

For over forty years P.L.A.Y. organized post-prom swim parties, bowling nites, tailgate picnics for homecoming, dances, and new year's eve parties, complete with food, games, music, and prizes. We also sponsored the Drug/Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) program in the elementary school and held open gyms for the young students.

The Covid-19 disruption and a retiring set of leaders made it time for this group to end, but hopefully the challenge will be taken up by younger and energetic concerned citizens.

The remaining assets were distributed to the Laona Parent/Teacher Organization, the Wabeno High School Student Council, the Wabeno Elementary Sunshine Club, and Valentines for Vets.

Thanks to all the community groups and caring people who supported the cause for the past four decades. You contributed to the well-being of our youth and future citizens in ways you will never know.

Submitted by:  
Scott Wycherley, PLAY Secretary

# Rummage Sales



**HUGE RUMMAGE SALE - Laona Community Building** - 5233 Beech Street. Saturday, June 15th, 8-3. Lots of clothes, kitchen decor, household items, shelves, Scentsy, Avon. So much more. B11

## Crandon Raceway Cont. from pg. 1

**BIG BARN. BIG BRAND.** As part of its "Heritage Revival" at the 2023 Polaris Crandon World Championships, Yokohama used the famed Crandon Lucas Oil Barn as the perfect backdrop for a commemorative gathering of race vehicles using the factory Yokohama livery from the late 1980s. (Photo: Yokohama Tire) "We are thrilled to be extending our partnership with Crandon International Raceway. "It's a one of a kind, legendary venue that puts on world class events," explained Yokohama VP, Marketing and Product Management Andrew Briggs. "We're afforded the opportunity to not only host key customers, but also interact and engage with fans on a massive scale each year. This relationship was initiated back in 2019 and Crandon has been a centerpiece of our light truck tire strategy ever since. We can't wait to see the continued success through this renewal."

In addition to its partnership with the largest short-course off-road facility and races in the world at Crandon, Yokohama is also supporting several Midwest-based teams in Champ Off-Road's unlimited Pro 2 and Pro 4 categories, along with several other classes. For the 2024 season Yokohama-backed unlimited truck racers include Andrew Carlson (Pro 4), Ricky Gutierrez (Pro 2), Dave Mason Jr. (Pro 2) and Johny Holtger (Pro 4, Pro 2).

In a clear example of motorsports improving product technology, all production Yokohama tires used in the Champ Off-Road series must have Department of Transportation (DOT) approval and be available to retail consumers around the country.

**PARTNERSHIP PLUS ACTIVATION:** The Yokohama alliance at Crandon is far more than basic branding. On-site activation with Crandon fans is a key element to the relationship (top). Yokohama also plans to continuing an exciting tradition of supporting cross-over athletes like Tanner Faust (above) wanting to experience racing at the annual Polaris Crandon World Championships / Red Bull World Cup Sunday. (Photos: Champ Off-Road)

Along with providing support for short-course racers at Crandon, Yokohama tires also can be seen competing in various Ultra4 rock racing classes and on stock vintage Class 11 Volkswagen Beetles throughout the Polaris Crandon World Championship/Red Bull Cup weekend.

Yokohama Tire has forged a winning history in off-road motorsports for decades, a legacy that in recent years has seen a resurgence of the brand via support of racers in the AMSOIL Champ Off Road series, the NORRA Mexican 1000 and state-of-the-art tires for desert Trophy-Truck racing including Baja 1000 champion Cameron Steel and Brenthel Industries.

At the 2023 Polaris Crandon World Championships Yokohama celebrated that winning history in a highly visible way. The company executed a "Heritage Revival" by wrapping seven race cars and trucks in the famous vintage red, white and black stripped Yokohama factory racing colors. The paint scheme was first seen in 1989 on a five car desert racing "super team" sponsored by Yokohama, Bosch and Toyota -- and co-established by current Crandon Promoter Marty Fiolka.

Watch the story of Yokohama's Heritage Revival at the Polaris Crandon World Championships here!

"Our relationship with the management and staff at Yokohama has been very positive experience from our very first meeting," explained Fiolka. "Their return to short course off-road racing in 2019 started via Crandon. We appreciate the support they have given our track and so many racers. This is a partnership in best sense of the word, and having Crandon be the site of their Heritage Revival was so fitting on a professional and personal level."

In addition to its relationship with Yokohama Tire, Crandon International Raceway also enjoys long-term partnerships with a distinguished list of top-tier brands including Red Bull, Polaris, Lucas Oil, MAVTV, Forest County Potawatomi, Fox Shox, Eibach Springs, Vision Wheel, Steel-It, Ponsse, Rugged Radio, Boxo Tools, McCoy and others.

The 31st annual Forest County Potawatomi Crandon Brush Run weekend is set to take place June 21 - 23, 2024. The largest field of competitors in the AMSOIL Champ Off-Road series season is expected at the FCP Brush Run, the second biggest short-course off-road event on the annual calendar. For more information on the race and Crandon International Raceway visit [www.crandonroffroad.com](http://www.crandonroffroad.com)



# AREA EVENTS

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## Forest County Veteran's Poker Ride Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Save the date and join us for the Forest County Veteran's Poker Ride, June 15, 2024. Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to area Northwoods Veteran organizations. This ride will include stops at Wolf River Rendezvous, Rocky's Road House, Rummy's, Lumpys, and Roadhouse 139. Poker hand - \$20 (100% payback)

Jameson's one and only Trolley service will be joining the ride. If you are a Veteran and not able to ride and would like to ride on the Trolley, please contact us today as seating is limited.

Once the ride is complete we will gather at Jameson's 1930 Inn where your poker cards will be turned in. May the best hand win!

This is a public event. Everyone is encouraged and invited to join even if you are not riding for the poker run. We will have food and drink for purchase, raffle drawings for prizes, including a meat drawing, along with live entertainment and a good time to be had by all. Live music by Frank Childers and the Main Street Band.

If you would like to make a donation (monetary or raffle) please contact Stacey Jameson or Channon Krabbe at the restaurant/bar (715) 478-2414 or by messaging the group event.

We welcome and appreciate volunteers. If you have time and would like to volunteer, please contact Stacey Jameson at the restaurant/bar (715) 478-2414 or by messaging the group event. Join us at Jameson's 1930 Inn 200 North Lake Ave. Crandon, WI 54520

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## From the Forest County Health Dept. "Creative Sessions" Open Art, "Bridges" & "Journeys" June Schedule

**Creative Sessions**  
Creative Sessions is a fun and free experience for all Forest County residents using various art forms.  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Crandon Community Building (Meal Site) 12:30 2:00 p.m.  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>** Laona Senior Center (Meal Site) 12:30 2:00 p.m.  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>** "Bridges" (Memory Café) 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. @ Tamarack Moon Farm 5847 Old 8 Road, Crandon  
**"Journeys"**  
"Journeys" is a creative arts program that strives to assist individuals in their healing journey after any loss.  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>** Crandon Library (Lower Level, Room B) 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
"Creative Sessions", "Bridges", and "Journeys" require no specific artistic talent just individual self-expression no judgment involved. For more information call Lenore Blemke at 715-478-3371 or email [Lenore.Blemke@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:Lenore.Blemke@co.forest.wi.us)

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## Crandon Library Summer Reading program

The Crandon Public Library Summer Reading Program 2024 begins with the slogan "Adventure Begins at Your Library." This offering is to help young children learn reading skills, prepare children for success by developing early language skills, motivate teens to read and discuss literature, and encourage adults to experience the joy of reading. We plan to encourage adventures at our library this summer. The reading program begins Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with fun for all ages! We will have weekly events, including family-friendly artists, educators, and performers on Wednesdays, at 5:30 or 6:00pm, and a concert in our Greenspace area, weather permitting, throughout the schedule of events.

The program includes our reading contest, with one grand prize for each adult or child at the end of the program, weekly activity packets with one weekly prize for each adult or child drawing on Mondays, one summer-long coloring contest for children age group 3-7 years, and 8-12 years drawing at the end of the program. Grand prizes for the reading program: Adult Craftsman 57-piece tool set, and Childrens Double Hover Ball Boomerang Drone Set.

We continue to welcome the community to our library, and we will be pleased to see you. Come join our adventure and enjoy all we have to offer this summer and beyond with books, items, community services, and all your library needs. If you have any questions, stop in or contact us at 715-478-3784.

## Music In The Park Elcho

**June 19-Lovin' Country**  
**July 3-Carl Jackson Barn Dance Band**  
**July 17-The Drovers**  
**July 31-Max Koepke Band**  
**August 14-Bear Creek Band**  
**August 28-Bobby Vintage**  
**Bring a chair, an appetite and some thirst and enjoy the music in Elcho on the nights listed!**

## Townsend Watermelon Eating Contest

Nothing says summer in Wisconsin like a watermelon eating contest. Townsend will be holding a watermelon eating contest on Saturday June 29, 2024 at Oughton Park. The park is located on the shores of Pickerel Lake east of Townsend.

The event will begin at 11AM (with registration beginning at 10:30) and will conclude around 12:30. There will be 5 age groups this year to compete in. They are 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-10, and 11-12, with participation prizes for all who compete. There will also be a fun prize for the winner of each age group competing.

Mark your calendar for June 29th. Be sure to check out Oughton Park if you need a place for a picnic, to swim, kayak and just enjoy the lake. Check it out, you will be pleasantly surprised.

If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer you can call Carla Van Camp at 715-850-2496.

**School District of Wabeno Area  
Organizational School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (Regular School Board Meeting to follow)  
High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School**

School Board District Clerk, Trinity Shepard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.  
Board members present: Trinity Shepard (virtually), Dawn Jakubiec, Dan Christianson, Emy Belland, Carlton Stealer, Jason Boor, and Penny McLaughlin. Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal  
Administration absent: Shelly Dotson, Special Education Director.  
Others Present: Aubrey Newton, Brent Young, Brian VanEperen, Raletta Ashbeck  
Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.  
Dawn Jakubiec nominated Trinity Shepard for President, seconded by Emy Belland. Jason Boor nominated Dawn Jakubiec for President, seconded by Penny McLaughlin. Confidential vote held. Trinity Shepard was elected President, 5 to 2.  
Dawn Jakubiec nominated Dan Christianson for Vice President. Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Emy Belland to elect Dan Christianson for Vice President. Carried 7 to 0.  
Trinity Shepard nominated Emy Belland for Clerk. Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Penny McLaughlin to elect Emy Belland for Clerk. Carried 7 to 0.  
Trinity Shepard nominated Dawn Jakubiec for Treasurer. Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Penny McLaughlin to elect Dawn Jakubiec for Treasurer. Carried 7 to 0.  
Dan Christianson nominated Carlton Stealer for Deputy Clerk, seconded by Penny McLaughlin. Trinity Shepard nominated Jason Boor for Deputy Clerk, seconded by Emy Belland. Confidential vote held. Jason Boor was elected Deputy Clerk, 5 to 2.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Emy Belland to designate the Laona State Bank as the official depository for District. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Penny McLaughlin to designate the Laona State Bank for the District's checking account. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Penny McLaughlin to designate the Pioneer Express as the official newspaper for school board publications. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Jason Boor to approve affiliation with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) for 2024-2025. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Jason Boor to approve affiliation with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to designate Trinity Shepard as the District's WASB representative. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Penny McLaughlin seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to designate Emy Belland as the District's WASB alternate. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Emy Belland to set regular board meetings for the 1st (first) Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Penny McLaughlin to designate Jason Boor as the District's CESA 8 representative. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve professional development opportunities for school board members and administration conducted by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 6:19 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.  
Dawn Jakubiec, Deputy Clerk

**School District of Wabeno Area  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School**

School Board President, Trinity Shepard, called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.  
Board members present: Trinity Shepard (virtually), Dan Christianson, Dawn Jakubiec, Emy Belland, Carlton Stealer, Jason Boor, and Penny McLaughlin. Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal  
Administration absent: Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services.  
Others Present: Raletta Ashbeck, Brent Young, Brian VanEperen, Aubrey Newton, Diane Ashbeck  
Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2))). Pledge of Allegiance. test  
Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.  
Brian VanEperen, Fab Lab Director, had 20 students attend the Pathway to Trades at Blackwell Job Corp Trade Days. All unions were there (pipefitters, carpenters, masons, bricklayers, etc.) as well as contractors Miron, Boldt, Luna, NE Asphalt, etc. Our students (male & female) represented Wabeno well. They were very respectful, kept busy, talking, getting information on jobs, wages, etc. We hope the interest in trades continue. It should be noted that unions have minimum ACT requirements just like colleges.  
Raletta Ashbeck stated they will be looking to rent out advertisement on the town ball field fence and would like the Fab Lab to make.  
Aubrey Newton, Mental Health Navigator, spoke on the status of our Project Aware grant.  
Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Jason Boor to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 86081 to 86203 for \$304,789.33 and payroll checks 900051057 to 900051395 for \$374,344.79, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$129,023.27 Carried 7 to 0.  
William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services previously shared her updates.  
The Board commended/thanked the following:  
-Congratulations to all graduating seniors. Good luck in your future!  
-Congratulations to all honor students recognized at the Lions Banquet recently. The staff and students were very dedicated and the students were very well praised by the staff. Great job, everyone!  
-Recent observations of the 4th and 5th grade classroom area found the students quiet and focused. Great job, kids!  
-Band will be holding a brat fry fundraiser at the Wabeno Bandshell Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to purchase lawn care equipment (includes mower, bagger kit, weed wacker, and backpack blower) from Laona Machine Supply as discussed. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Jason Boor to approve offering summer school June 5-28, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Penny McLaughlin to accept Mitchell Wouff's resignation from Jr. High boys basketball with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.  
Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s). None.  
Motion by Penny McLaughlin seconded by Emy Belland to approve Student Assurance Services for student accident insurance for the 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve Aspirus Health Insurance rates for the 2024-2025 school year. Carried 5-0-2.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the Renewal Plan option for the 2024-2025 Long Term Disability Benefit. Carried 5-0-2.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Penny McLaughlin to approve Daycare Sick Leave Bank Sellback and Additional Retirement Benefit. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Jason Boor seconded by Penny McLaughlin to approve District Office summer hours of 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday; closed Fridays from June 7-August 16, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the district's cost contribution increase for Rising Phoenix. Carried 7 to 0.  
Discuss and take possible action on coaching evaluations. No action taken; will be added to Coaches handbook for approval in July.  
Discuss and take possible action on coaching non-renewals and process of challenging a non-renewal. No action taken; will be added to Coaches handbook for approval in July.  
Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the girls basketball overnight trip to Wisconsin Dells June 18-19, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.  
Discuss school attendance. No action needed.  
Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve increasing staff HSA contributions an additional \$200 for single plan and \$400 for family plan. Carried 5-0-2.  
Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items. Next Laona/Wabeno Co-op Meeting is Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School Library.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Emy Belland to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.  
Emy Belland, District Clerk

**Notice of the Town of Townsend  
Open Book & Board of Review**

State of Wisconsin, Town of Townsend, County of Oconto  
NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK FOR THE ASSESSMENT ROLL EXAMINATION  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the Year 2023 assessment will be open for examination on Tuesday June 25 from 11:00am – 1:00pm, at the Townsend Town Hall. If property owners have questions regarding the valuation of their real estate or personal property and are unable to attend Open Book examination date, you are encouraged to contact Summit Assessments, P.O. Box 54, Summit Lake, WI 54485 (715-275-4001) prior to this date to discuss any concerns.  
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review (from here on referred to as BOR or board) for the Town of Townsend, shall meet on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 @ 3pm at the Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm Street, to hear objections from property owners who follow requirements pursuant to s.70.47(7), Wis. Stats. Please be advised of the following requirements:  
• Sec.70.47(7)(aa). Wis. State., provides that the BOR may deny a hearing to a property owner who does not allow the assessor to complete an exterior view.  
• After the first BOR meeting and before the BOR's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the BOR may contact, or provide information to a member of the BOR about that person's objection except at a BOR session.  
• No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or object to a valuation; if the assessor or objector made the valuation using the income method; unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under state law (sec.73.03(2a), Wis. Stats.) that the assessor requests. The municipality or county must provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses provided to the assessor under this paragraph and provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under state law (sec.19.35(1), Wis.Stats.)  
Respectfully submitted, Town of Townsend Clerk Linda Ziegler

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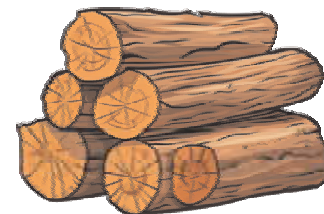
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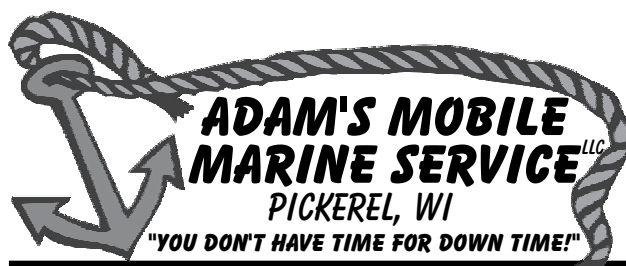


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Laona 6th grade teacher Michelle Ferm, winners Flora Dehart, Jaxson Nelson, Elizabeth Biederman and FCAL board member Clair Carty



Laona 5th grade winners T.J. Perry, Chase Craw, Aubrey Albrecht and FCAL board member Clair Carty



FCAL board member Clair Carty, winners Drew Gerber, Scarlett Palubicki, Olivia Glinski and Crandon 5th grade teacher Lacey Palubicki



Crandon 6th grade teacher Lindsey Jaeger and winners Paisley Crum, Zaylee Bradley, Jasmine Pamonicutt.

"Our Changing Lakes and Streams" is the topic for this year's essay contest sponsored by the Forest County Association of Lakes (FCAL). 5th and 6th grade students from Crandon, Laona and Wabeno were invited to participate. Students began by interviewing a local resident about changes that person has seen in a local waterway through the years. Differences over time were reported in fish populations, water quality, invasive species and more people living on and using our local waterways. Interviewees talked about seasonal cycles, increased human use, climate changes, harmful chemicals and aquatic invasive species as causes of the changes they see. Through the interviews, the reporters/essay writers became more aware that the passing of time has brought changes to our own local lakes and streams. Often not for the better. They were moved to consider what the future might bring. Many essay writers ended with the need for all of us to take responsibility for protecting our waters so they can be enjoyed by future generations.

First, second and third place winners received \$100, \$50 and \$25 cash prizes, respectively. Awards were presented at

each school. Winning essays will be posted at the Crandon Public Library.

Crandon 5th grade (teacher Lacey Palubicki) winners are 1st place Drew Gerber, 2nd place Scarlett Palubicki and 3rd place Olivia Glinski. Crandon 6th grade (teacher Lindsey Jaeger) winners are 1st place Paisley Crum, 2nd place Zaylee Bradley and 3rd place Jasmine Pamonicutt.

Laona 5th grade (teacher Kathy Krawze) winners are 1st place T.J. Perry, 2nd place Chase Craw, and 3rd place Aubrey Albrecht. Laona 6th grader (teacher Michelle Ferm) winners are Flora Dehart, 2nd place Jaxson Nelson and 3rd place Elizabeth Biederman.

Wabeno 5th grade (teachers Darcie Zelle and Laurie VanKauwenberg) winners are 1st place Eli Smith, 2nd place Conner Liptack and 3rd place Colleen Stealer.

The mission of FCAL is to work with lake organizations, government agencies and the general public to protect Forest County inland water bodies, environs and watersheds for now and future generations. Visit us at [fcal-wis.org](http://fcal-wis.org) for news, resources and information.

# Death Notices

Fred Andrew Chitko Sr. passed away Monday, June 10, 2024, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI. He was 84 years old.



Fred was born in Chicago, the oldest of three children to Albin Sr. and Loretta Chitko. He grew up on a farm in Armstrong Creek, WI. He graduated from high school in 1958 from Goodman High School and joined the Navy where he served 4 years specializing as an aviation electronics technician on an aircraft carrier. After returning from the Navy, Fred worked for a short time in Chicago at Allied Radio.

When Fred returned back to the Northwoods, he met his sweetie, Betty Thompson and was married May 1, 1965, and remained happily married for 59 years with three children; Fred Jr., Jill and Travis.

They moved to Kenosha where Fred worked for Anaconda American Brass. In 1967, they moved back to Laona and Fred began his almost 50-year career with Connor Forest Industries/Nicolet Hardwoods Corp. He started out as a lineman and moved up to electrician and powerhouse supervisor for the company.

Fred was an avid sportsman. Some of his favorite times were at the hunting shack and camping with his family. He always had a story or a joke to tell. He always enjoyed cooking breakfast for the crew. Fried egg sandwiches were his specialty. Fred also enjoyed watching the Packers and the NASCAR races. His favorite driver was driver was Jeff Gordon.

After retirement, Fred enjoyed watching the birds, deer, and turkeys from his living room window. He always made sure they were fed.

Fred is survived by his wife, Betty Chitko, son, Fred (Sheila) Chitko Jr., daughter, Jill (Dick) Marvin, and son Travis (Kim) Chitko. He is further survived by his grandchildren, Megan (Ross) Hopkins, Jared Milan, Marissa Milan, Madyson Chitko, Chandler Chitko and great grandchild, Callahan Hopkins, siblings, Albin Chitko Jr. and Patsy Sharnek.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albin Chitko Sr. and Loretta Chitko. Sister-in-law, Jean Chitko, brother-in-law, Leonard Sharnek, brother-in-law, Jim Thompson and cousins, Art Kadubek and Marty Kadubek and nephews, Jack Chitko and Jimmy Aschinger. He will be sadly missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Leonard's Catholic Church in Laona on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Father John Cerkas will preside. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass at church. Burial will follow at the Town of Laona Cemetery.

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

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- Tuesday, June 18:** Antigo
- Thursday, June 20:** Iron Mountain
- Tuesday, June 25:** Rhinelander
- Thursday, June 27:** Antigo

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

### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

**Monday - June 17** - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, dill carrots, raisin bread, spice cake

**Monday - June 24** - BBQ chicken, diced seasoned potatoes, Texas caviar, multi-grain bread, pineapple cake

### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

**Tuesday - June 18** - Baked seasoned fish, tartar sauce, baked potato and sour cream, creamy coleslaw, rye bread, berries

**Tuesday - June 25** - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, oat bread, fresh mixed fruit

### CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

**Wednesday - June 19** - Chef salad with mixed greens, tomatoes, diced turkey, boiled egg, shredded cheese, dressing, fresh roll, minestrone soup, crackers, cookie

**Wednesday - June 26** - Swiss steak, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots, whole wheat ead, pineapple upside down cake

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

**Thursday - June 13** - Chicken dumpling casserole, broccoli salad, fruit muffin, milk

**Thursday - June 20** - Bacon cheeseburger sliders, potato salad, baked beans, cookie, milk

**Thursday - June 27** - Roast pork loin, baked potato, green beans, watermelon, cupcake, milk

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.

# Letters to the Editor

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

### To the Editor:

The June 3 Pioneer Express contained an editorial by Ed Mullaney suggesting that the climbing US federal debt is a result of tax cuts favoring the wealthy. Analysis of federal government and IRS tax return data refute the claims of Mr. Mullaney and the sources he cited.

There are many metrics that coincide with the rapid rise in our national debt. Just because tax cuts coincide with national debt increases does not mean they "caused" our national debt to increase.

The strongest correlating metric to our rising debt is federal government SPENDING. Since the economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, our underlying economy (GDP) has grown at an average inflation adjusted rate of 2%. Federal government tax receipts during this period also increased at an inflation adjusted rate of 2%. Contrast that with the fact federal government spending increased at an average rate of 5.8% during the same period of time. (Source: Table 1.3 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/historical-tables/>)

In other words, over the past 22 years our federal government spent at a rate almost three times greater than the growth rate of the underlying economy and almost three times greater than the tax revenues collected.

Mr. Mullaney suggests that if we just taxed the rich more we wouldn't have a debt crisis. But that's simply not true. How do we know this? Look at the years we taxed the wealthy at higher rates. Between 1940 and 2000 there were 58 years when top marginal tax rates ranged from 40% to 94%. During these 58 years we taxed the wealthiest Americans at much higher rates, yet our federal government spent more than it collected in 52 of those 58 years. In fact, our federal government has spent more than it received in taxes in 72 of the past 84 years. Regardless of the rates we taxed the wealthy, the federal government has demonstrated a history of spending more than it receives.

Additionally, Mr. Mullaney cited May 2024 Newsweek article claiming tax rate of 400 richest was 23% compared to the tax rate of 24% for bottom half of workers. These numbers are patently false. Based on the latest IRS tax return data in 2021, The top 1 percent of taxpayers paid a 25.9 percent average rate, nearly eight times higher than the 3.3 percent average rate paid by the bottom half of taxpayers (Source: Who Pays Federal Income Taxes? Latest Federal Income Tax Data (taxfoundation.org)). The claim that tax cuts transferred a greater tax burden to lower-income workers is absurd.

Beyond what I have cited above, there is plethora of data supporting the argument that excessive federal government spending (expansion) is indeed the epicentre of the national debt crisis this country faces. The narrative that wealthy individuals don't pay their fair share and are to blame for our debt is a disingenuous and divisive diversion from reality. Elected leaders with the courage to reduce the size and scope of our federal government are exactly what this country needs.

/s/Robert Kohl

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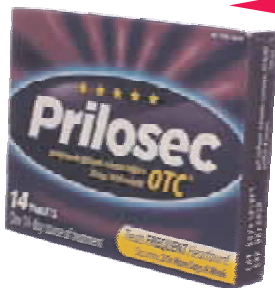
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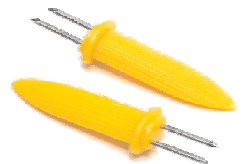
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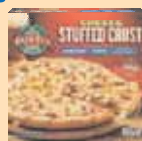
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| Erik Kalkofen   |  |
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| LILY  |  |
| Emiley Staffeld   |  |
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| Arkatya Daniels   |  |
| MONICO  |  |
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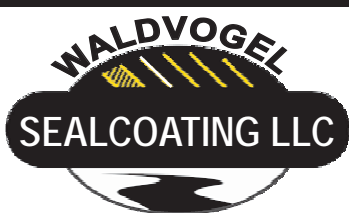
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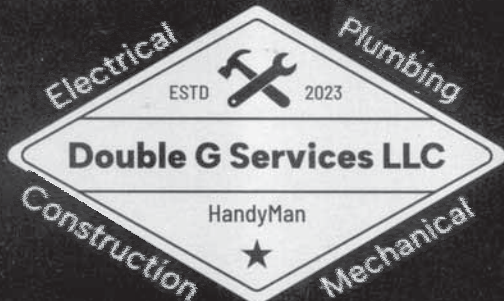
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## Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

White-tailed deer fawns are usually born about six months after mating. In Northern Wisconsin that is late May through June. A yearling doe will usually give birth to one fawn while older does can give birth to twins or sometimes even triplets.

When fawns are born, the mother takes several steps to carefully prepare the fawn for concealment from predators. First, the mother will take her time to clean the fawn to remove her own scent. She will also consume the afterbirth, not only to reduce the risk of predation, but to recycle nutrients that are necessary for milk production. Within hours of birth, a fawn will begin to test its legs, ultimately wobbling awkwardly along behind their mother on their way to the best available hiding spot. Once a safe distance away from the birthing spot, the fawn will instinctually lie down in cover. The mother will leave the immediate area so she doesn't attract predators. This all happens within about ten hours of birth.

For the first seven to 10 days of life, a fawn will spend up to 95 percent of its time bedded. Hiding is the primary survival mechanism of fawns; they are not abandoned by the doe. So, it's best to leave them be. While bedded, a fawn has a very rapid heartbeat of around 175 beats per minute. When a fawn senses danger is close, it will lower its head and drop its ears, the heart rate will fall to around 60 beats per minute, and the breathing will become slower and deeper all to try and avoid detection by predators. At about 10 days old they are able to run from danger.

Fawns weigh about 6-8 pounds at birth. Immediately after birth the doe will nurse the fawn. The milk of a doe is rich in fat, protein, dry solids and energy, helping the fawn grow. Fawns of multiple fawn litters will grow slower than fawns of single litters. Fawns usually double their birth weight in roughly two weeks and triple it within a month. On average, fawns gain 0.44 pounds per day during this time. Does are under a lot of stress during this time in order to feed the fawns. Does nurse their fawns about four times a day when newborn and will continue to nurse them until they are about four months old.

At about two weeks old fawns will start to browse tender vegetation. They learn from their mother what plants to eat. Generally, does obtain their peak weight at four years old with an average weight of 100 pounds. Bucks usually reach their peak weight at age five or six and have an average weight of 150 pounds. Deer spend more time eating than in any other activity.

The white-tailed deer is an herbivore, it eats plants. Deer graze on tree leaves, broad-leaved herbs, and berries in the summer and acorns, grass, and herbs during the fall. During the winter, deer munch on white cedar, twigs, nuts, fruits, and corn in the spring, deer eat grass, wheat, and alfalfa. In the winter they also eat buds and twigs from maples, dogwood, aspen, willow and sumac. Deer have a four-chambered stomach that allows them to digest these plant foods. They gobble up their food quickly and hardly even chew. Later as they are resting, they cough up their food and re-chew it.

Deer fawns have a set of baby teeth just like humans. They are born with four teeth and in the next few months develop baby incisors and premolars. By the time they are about 18 months old, permanent teeth will have replaced the baby teeth.

Contrary to popular belief, fawns are actually not born odorless, in fact, the unique scent of each individual fawn is actually how the mother identifies her own. Twins and triplets are also hidden separately to increase their survival probability.

Fawns have a red and brown coat with white spots. This coat helps them blend in with the sunlight and the shade. The average number of spots on a fawn coat range from 272 to 342, with the size of each spot ranging from 0.24 to 0.51 inch in diameter. Fawns will lose this coat in August and September when they start replacing their summer coat with a heavier, grey brown winter coat.

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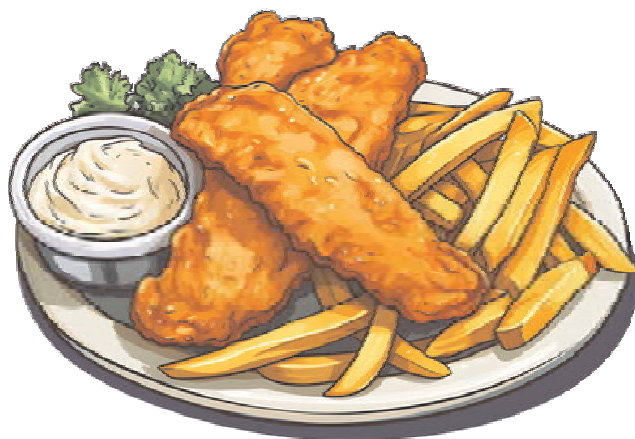
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**American Legion Post 94 Crandon Fish Fry Dates**

**June 14**

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### WABENO SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1

1735 3rd ST.  
WABENO, WI 54566  
OFFICE: 715-473-2905  
wabeno.sd328@gmail.com

SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR PART TIME POSITION OF OFFICE MANAGER/CLERK

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Wabeno Sanitary District is accepting applications for the part-time position of Office Manager/Clerk

**NATURE OF JOB:** Be able to function as an office manager assuming responsibly of the district office. Be responsible for performing clerical duties for the Board of Commissioners and administrative duties for the District office.

**QUALIFICATION:** Proficient computer skills in Office Product software. The District uses the Caselle Accounting System, which includes Utility Billing, Fund Accounting and Payroll. Applicant must have a good accounting background with the ability to learn this System. Clerical experience will be helpful in filling this position.

Must be able to be bonded. Have strong written and verbal communication skills and have the ability to work well with customers, contractors, Board Members and other employees. Be accountable to the Board of Commissioners for timely and accurate processing of all assigned District functions. Attend monthly meetings.

A complete job description is available at the District Office.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested candidates can pick up an application from the District office located at 1735 3rd St., Wabeno, WI. Office hours are 7:00am to Noon Monday thru Friday, Phone 715-473-2905. **A resume and the application must be submitted to the District Office by July 5, 2024; no later than 12:00 noon to be considered.**

The Wabeno Sanitary District is an Equal Opportunity employer

## HELP WANTED

### Powers Service Center Inc.

is now taking applications for dependable, hard working mechanics for outboard engines.

If interested, Contact Vickie at

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17795 Hwy 32, Townsend, WI 54175  
715-276-7170**

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### FOREST COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

The Forest County Child Support Agency is currently accepting immediate applications for a full-time (35 hours per week) Administrative Assistant position. Application materials, including a complete job description and summary of benefits may be obtained at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov), or in the County Clerk's office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison St., Crandon, WI 54520, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information please call: (715) 478-2422.

Applications will be accepted and returned to the County Clerk's Office until June 21, 2024.

Forest County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### TOWN OF WABENO

#### HIRING for the following positions

Road Crew Worker : Part Time/Fill In

This position it is to serve as a working crew person for the Town of Wabeno Road Department when needed.

Candidate will need to carry out a variety of highway and town maintenance related tasks that include, but are not limited to:

- \*Construction and Maintenance of Roadways and Parks
- \*Pothole Patching
- \*Culvert Installs
- \*Ability to Lift and Climb
- \*Ability to Operate Equipment (skidsteer, forklift, mowers, etc)

Experience preferred but not necessary . Mechanical abilities are preferred.

This position may require a flexible schedule to include evenings & some weekends.

**Recycling Center & Museum:** Part Time/ Fill In Employees for:

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Not pictured: Madison Carlsson, Alyssa Dennison, Jerney Gumm, Bryce Marshall, Riley Oas, Emersyn Packard Ryan Schunk, Alexis Tufford, Tyrell Westimayer, Ella Williams.



Congratulations to Conner Lawrence and Ryan Schunk who completed the Welding Program at Nicolet Area Technical College and earned their Technical Diploma before graduating high school!



### HELP WANTED FULL TIME MECHANIC EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

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### Crandon High Students Jump-Start Their Career Paths



Twenty-seven students from Crandon High School have taken advantage of the school's many options to earn college credit while still in high school. In the Class of 2024, 42% of the graduating seniors have earned college credit during their time at CHS. Credits

earned ranged from 1 credit to 45 college credits. Of the students who took courses for college credit, 19 credits were the average number earned.

In addition to online offerings through universities and technical colleges, such as UW-Green Bay or Nicolet Area Technical College, students can also earn college credit in the following courses that are offered at Crandon High School: Spanish 4, AP Psychology, Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, and Transcribed Welding courses.

Group picture caption:

Front Row L-R: Miya Krauel, Kelsey Bissonette, Morgan Wilson, Nadia Castellion, Samara Kane, Alexis Schallock, Tatum Wozniczka, Madison Thurow.

Back Row L-R: Jasmine Ramano, Haylee Paradies, Gracie Ritchie-Jackson, Marissa Wilson, Dylan Davis, Caden Palubicki, Kruz Kulinski, Conner Lawrence.

## Mooning Mallards



Lots of people drive around Lake Metonga and stare at the ducks. It is obvious they get tired of being stared at. This pair of mallards has been mooning the sightseers who drive slowly along the east shore. Can't blame 'em!

## The winners of the NorthLakes Community Clinic Shopping Spree



The two winners of NorthLakes Community Clinic Lakewood's Shopping Spree fundraiser, The Christian Food Pantry and Roger Kiefer raced down the aisles of Mike's Supermarket in Townsend grabbing food and throwing it in their carts. They had sixty seconds to grab up to \$500 worth of food. This wacky fundraiser and funding from community partners, Wisconsin Public Service, American Heart Association and United Healthcare helps fund NorthLakes Farm to Patient program, which connects their patients to fresh food from local farms.

"We are so pleased that our customers supported NorthLakes' program that treats poor health through eating and preparing good food. It was heartwarming that some good person bought tickets on behalf of the Christian Food Pantry. And the pantry was one of the winners. The Pantry grabbed canned goods which have a longer shelf life and Roger grabbed plenty of meat. It was fun seeing our customers win and reap." Said store owner Shelly Janesch.

Jolene Derfus, NorthLakes Community Clinic Community Health Worker sold all three hundred tickets." I started working at NorthLakes at the beginning of this year. I sold tickets each Friday at the store. It gave me an opportunity to tell people about this program and the other work that I do to assist patients in their whole-health journey and remove barriers to care such as help with transportation, food, housing, safety, and social isolation." Stated Jolene.

NorthLakes Community Clinic is grateful for everybody's support and looking forward to seeing neighbors at its annual community appreciation day on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Stacy Chrisman receives the Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award



Stacy Chrisman received the 2023-2024 Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award for the Laona School District. She was selected by the Laona Education Association and the award was sponsored by the Nicolet-Oconto Retired Teachers Association (NORTA).

Stacy was nominated by Kate Tucker and Sara Perry. Mrs. Chrisman has impacted countless lives throughout her teaching career and everyone leaves her classroom with a smile. She is kind and patient and makes a connection with each child.

Stacy Chrisman has been teaching 4K and Kindergarten in Laona for the past 10 years. We appreciate what you do for all you do for your students and colleagues to make Laona a great place to go to school and work. Congratulations!

## Pelicans on the Flowage



This small flock of American White Pelicans was spending time on Little Rice Flowage about 10 days ago. We haven't been able to find them since the day we took the photo, so they were likely just passing through. They are more common on the west coast and the Gulf Coast.

## Avoid spreading invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive plants and animals in June, which is Invasive Species Action Month, and all year long.

Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if they are introduced and established here.

The state's invasive species rule makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. The regulations designate which species are Restricted or Prohibited based on factors including the degree of harm they may cause to people, the native ecology or the economy.

### How You Can Help

To prevent the establishment and spread of invasives, the DNR encourages reporting invasive species and offers the following tips.

#### While hiking and camping:

- Clean mud and dirt off shoes.
- Remove seeds and burs from clothing.
- Stay on designated trails, roads and other developed areas. Avoid areas infested with invasive species; "When in doubt, stay out!"
- Follow Wisconsin's firewood rules to avoid moving harmful invasive pests and pathogens like the emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt disease.

#### While fishing and boating:

- Clean all recreational equipment and gear after every use to protect Wisconsin's waters from fish diseases and aquatic invasives like quagga and zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil, New Zealand mudsnails and Asian clams.
- Inspect gear for dirt, mud, seeds and other debris, removing as much as possible before and after launching.
- Drain all water from gear and compartments before leaving your fishing location.
- Dry gear for five or more days between uses to help destroy invasive organisms.
- Never move live fish away from any waterbody.

#### While gardening and doing leisure activities:

0149Add beauty and variety to your yard with native plants to benefit pollinators, birds and other wildlife. Or add traditional gardening plants that are noninvasive. The DNR's Plant Native Plants webpage is a great resource to get started.

- Learn how to identify and remove potential problem plants from your property, including Bishop's goutweed, burning bush, creeping bellflower, Dame's rocket, Amur honeysuckle, water hyacinth, water lettuce and European frog-bit.
- When using non-native crayfish for crayfish boils, use frozen (not live) crayfish or rusty crayfish harvested from Wisconsin waterbodies.

#### While volunteering and teaching:

- Connect with Wisconsin Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs), local or regional organizations in Wisconsin that bring together landowners and land managers to coordinate action and share expertise and resources to manage invasive species.
- Sign up for emails about local State Natural Area volunteer workdays to clear brush, remove invasives and help maintain our state's natural landscapes.
- Sign up for updates and information from the DNR about invasive species and Wisconsin's regulations.
- Participate in Invasive Species Awareness Day on June 22 at a Wisconsin State Park property. Find Invasive Species Awareness Day volunteer opportunities on the State Parks Volunteer webpage.
- Visit the DNR's website to learn more ways to prevent invasive species from establishing.

## The Laona School Forest Trail Restoration Project



The 1st School Forest in the United States was worked on in anticipation of the May 16th - Don Kircher Day. Through the efforts of the USFS - CNNF, USDA - Blackwell Job Corps, Nicolet Hardwoods Corporation, and Volunteers from the Laona School Forest Committee, the Trail Restoration Project began.

With the USDA - Blackwell Job Corps crew under the direction of Kathy McLaughlin and Jason Flannery, Crew Boss, volunteers from the Laona School Forest Committee loads of hemlock chips were distributed on the Laona School Forest "Loop" to improve student and community access and aesthetics. The Blackwell Job Corps crews are to be congratulated for their outstanding work on the Trail Restoration Project.

Three members of the Laona High School Class - Walker, Boone, and Ken made up several boxes distributing hemlock chips, which will last a long time on the trails.

While the project will be ongoing, the beginning is an enormous accomplishment for all who participated.

For the May 16th Don Kircher Day, Mr. Kircher's impetus for the Restoration Trail Project and Laona School Forest restoration project moved forward!





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DRAWING JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> 8PM. REDEEM YOUR ENTRIES AT THE KIOSK AFTER EACH 25 POINTS EARNED. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.



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## FIREWORKS

July 4th, Dusk

Farm & Craft Market  
July 4th, 9am - 1pm

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