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### WAM Fest in Wabeno



Street market vendors, crafters, and area artists will be set up on Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Wabeno Art & Music Fest's grounds at the Band Shell in Wabeno. There will be a wide variety of booths, woodturned products, home décor, furniture, jewelry, paintings, home crafted items, vintage and collectibles, baked goods, jams, jellies, and plants. With 30 plus vendors, there's still room for a few more. No booth fees! Please register.

WAM Fest (Wabeno Art & Music Fest) features live music and performances by local, area, and regional musicians beginning at noon through the evening headliner, Petty Thieves at 8 p.m. The student art show will be in the Legion Hall beginning at 1p.m. for viewing art from middle and high school students from Laona and Wabeno. Artful Activities for children begin at 1 p.m. on the festival grounds.

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#### Steam Up Days in Wabeno



It doesn't make a difference to the economy of Wabeno these days if the Phoenix runs down the street, but when Jones Lumber was using it in the early 1900's, it meant jobs for scores of people and businesses that thrived. Now it is just for fun! Steam Up Days is always an event that gives attendees a look at the technology of yesteryear, and the parade last Sunday was a good example.

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#### Conservation Corner

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

#### **Bog Brook Wildlife Area in Forest County, Wisconsin: A Poor Fen Habitat**

In cooperation with the Wisconsin DNR and the Town of Nashville, the road into the Bog Brook Wildlife Area in Southern Forest County has been repaired. The Bog Brook Wildlife Area is a unique natural sanctuary that spans over 490 acres. This area is especially significant because it encompasses a rare and ecologically vital type of wetland known as a poor fen. Poor fens are characterized by their nutrient-poor, acidic conditions, and they play crucial roles in carbon sequestration, water purification, and providing habitat for specialized plant and animal species. Understanding and preserving Bog Brook Wildlife Area is essential for maintaining its ecological integrity and the broader environmental health of the region. Poor fens are distinct from other wetland types due to their specific hydrology and vegetation. They are typically found in regions with cool, wet climates where peat accumulates over centuries from the slow decomposition of plant material, primarily sphagnum moss. This accumulation creates a nutrient-poor, acidic environment that supports a unique assemblage of plant species adapted to such conditions. At Bog Brook Wildlife Area, the landscape is dominated by sphagnum moss, sedges, and a variety of specialized flowering plants such as bog rosemary, pitcher

#### Lakewood Mardi Gras **July 19-21**

The Lakewood area will continue one of the oldest, longest running summer events of Northeastern Wisconsin when it will hold its annual Mardi Gras on July 19-21, 2024. The event has run continuously since 1955, with the exception of one year off for the Pandemic. While the format of the event changes occasionally, it continues to provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to the area to get together for various types of entertainment.

This year the event kicks off on Friday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. when the beverage stand and food stand open, along with free bounce houses for the kids. At 7:00 p.m., the band Dirty Martinis will get into action. And then at dusk, there will be a fireworks display.

Saturday morning will see activity on the ball field and the courts. The annual softball tournament is scheduled on the ball field and the pickleball tournament is scheduled on the adjacent courts. The bounce houses, food and beverage stands will open at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a fish pond for the kids, sponsored by the Lions, starting at 12:00 Noon. The afternoon will see meat raffles in the pavilion. The evening will have Frank Childress and the Main Street Band on the stage.

One of the highlights of the Mardi Gras each year is the Sunday parade, which starts at 12:00 Noon. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are encouraged to get their parade entrees ready and have them in the area of the cemetery around 11:30 a.m. The parade does go down the main street in Lakewood, which is closed for the event. Travelers should arrange alternate routes to avoid the shut down. Sunday afternoon will see the food and beverage stands open, the bounce houses open, and a series of meat raffles. The musical entertainment will be provided by DJ Josh Luebke.

Make your plans now to visit the summer Mardi Gras at Lakewood's Memorial Park on July 19-21. Be a part of a Northwoods tradition.

#### Crandon 4th of July Parade

There was a great crowd and plenty of good things to look at in the Crandon 4th Parade. This is just a sample of the entries.



#### The Laona 4th Parade on July6

Laona had a large 4th of July Parade that was well attended by a happy crowd. Below is just a sample of the entries that were in the parade.





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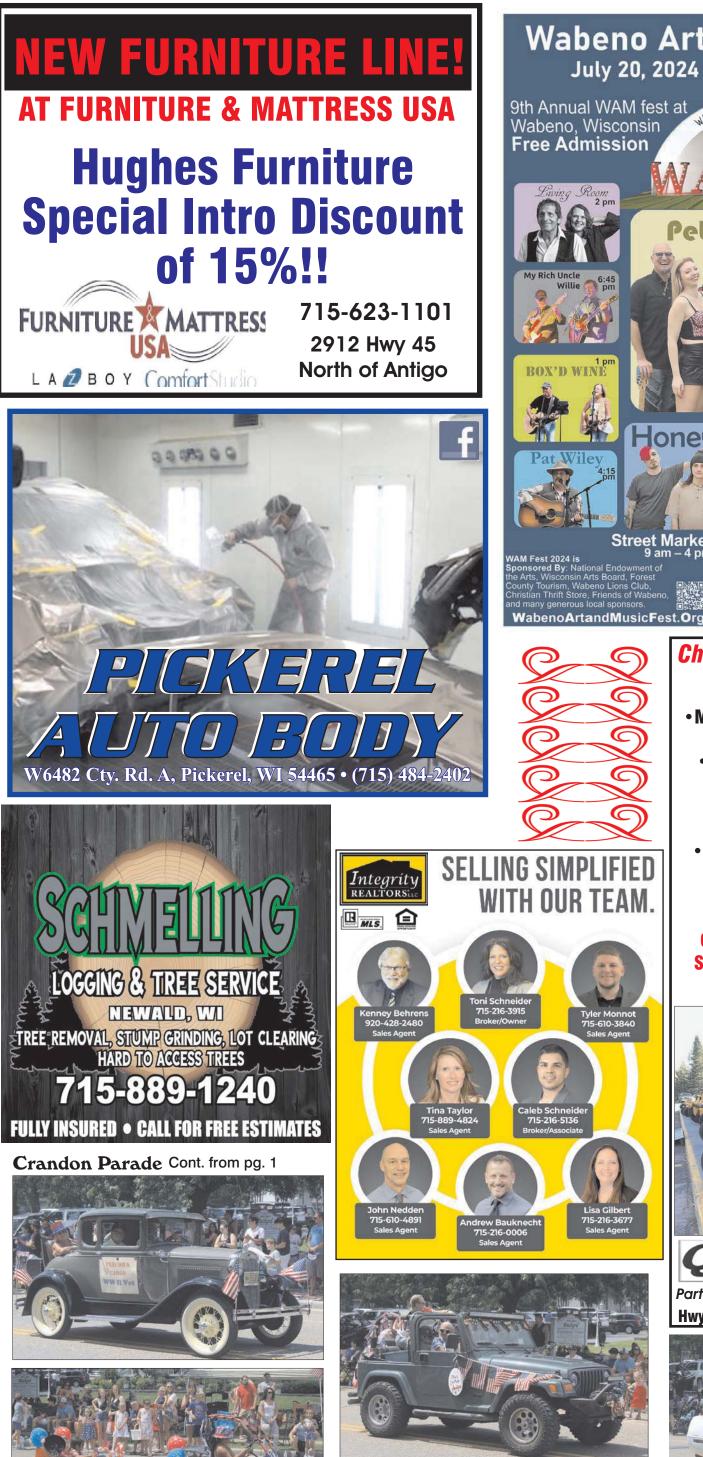


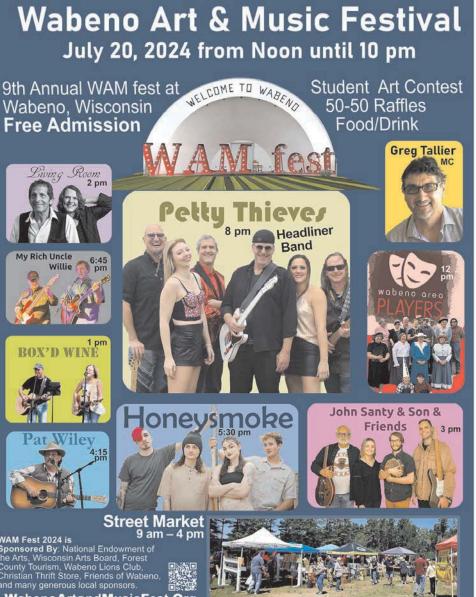
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Kathleen Marsh served as Grand Marshall of the Townsend Fourth of July Parade. Kathleen has been a dedicated community volunteer for three decades. She has also written and published eight books, four on the History of Townsend.







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## **Bids & Notices**

#### School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2024 High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Trinity Shepard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Board members present: Trinity Shepard, Dan Christianson, Dawn Jakubiec, Emy Belland, Carlton Stealer, Jason Boor, and Penny McLaughlin (virtual). Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal

Others Present: Raletta Ashbeck, Michelle Boor

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2)).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Raletta Ashbeck recognized the value of the downtown ball field purchase. It is wonderful for the community and the local business are benefitting as well. She also requested the school's policy on facility and equipment use (i.e. bleachers, stage, etc.) and questioned why some requests to utilize are approved and others are not.

Motion made by Carlton Stealer seconded by Emy Belland to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes of May 1, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 86204 to 86348 for \$305,302.68 and payroll checks 900051396 to 900051646 for \$295,391.51, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$195,169.36. Carried 7 to 0.

William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal shared updates and upcoming events with the Board.

Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services previously shared their updates.

The Board commended/thanked the following:

-Thank you to the Town of Wabeno for use of the downtown ballfield for the 5th grade graduation. It was a wonderful event and nice to be a part of.

-Senior Banquet speaker was wonderful!

-Band concert was excellent! Excited to see what is coming up from the junior high band. Middle school choir concert was great as well.

-Grandparents day, as always, was a wonderful event. Thank you for hosting again. -The kindergarten field trip was very well organized. The students were very well behaved and represented Wabeno well.

-Graduation went well. Having a live band was a nice change of pace.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Jason Boor to approve the District's fund balance at the end of 2023-2024 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Alee Taylor's resignation as a long-term substitute (limited term contract) with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Emy Belland to accept Mark Zelle's resignation as a long-term substitute (limited term contract) with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Jason Boor to accept Aubrey Newton's resignation as Mental Health Program Navigator with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to accept Nicole Lowery's resignation as elementary library aide with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to accept Dan Moravec's resignation as JV Asst. Baseball Coach and Jr. High Wrestling Coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Emy Belland to accept Shelly Dotson's resignation as Director of Pupil Services with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to accept Dean Pietrantonio's retirement resignation as Jr./Sr. High School Paraprofessional with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Jason Boor seconded by Emy Belland to accept Judie Shudarek's resignation as Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Teacher with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Penny McLaughlin to approve Tania Reindl as Mental Health Program Navigator beginning 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to0

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve Alee Taylor as a long-term substitute (limited term contract) for the 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Emy Belland to approve Mark Zelle as a long-term substitute (limited term contract) for the 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve Mitch Woulff as Asst. Baseball Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Jason Boor seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Danny Harris and Maddy Calhoun as JV2 Volleyball Coaches. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Penny McLaughlin to approve Richard "RJ" Chickey as Elementary Library Aide starting 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0 Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Nathan Deer as Jr. High Special Education Paraprofessional starting 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Stephanie Cassidy as a kindergarten teacher starting 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve 2 new Open Enrollment in students and 7 new Open Enrollment out students for the 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on graduation date for 2025. Discussion only; no action taken.

Discuss the Achievement Gap Reduction Goals for 2023-2024 school year. Discussion only; no action taken.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the WIAA All Sports Renewal for 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Penny McLaughlin to approve the band trip proposal to San Antonio and Corpus Christi for May 8-13, 2025. Carried 6-0-1. Jason Boor abstained.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the girls overnight volleyball trips to WI Dells for September 13-14 and October 4-5, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the revised CESA 8 Service Agreement for 2024-2025 school year. Carried 7 to 0. Discuss Fund 46. Discussion only; no action.

Discuss district transportation. Discussion only; no action taken.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Trinity Shepard to go into closed session at 7:09 P.M.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f). Roll call vote: Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes, Carlton Stealer, yes; Jason Boor, yes; and Peggy McLaughlin, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding the post-employment
- compensation of former individual employees.
- b. Discuss employee contract and compensation.
- c. Discuss District Administrator evaluation.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to return to open session at 8:16 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Trinity Shepard, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes; Carlton Stealer, yes; Jason Boor, yes; and Penny McLaughlin, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Jason Boor to move the July board meeting to Monday, July 8, 2024 immediately following the 5:30 P.M. Laona/Wabeno Co-op Meeting (in Wabeno). Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Emy Belland, District Clerk

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Most of our old time pics are older than this, but back in the 1990's, about 30 years ago, the Ehlingers were making shingles at Steam-Up Days. The *Pioneer* was there and brought this picture back. Good memories!

"Summer or road construction season is alive and well here in Wabeno", noted Mary Beck, Fest Coordinator. "We have a plan to make it easy to access all the festival activities. Watch for signs for vendor parking and WAM Fest parking"

WAM Fest will have food trucks this year, Sexy BBQ and the Melt Stop, plus a variety of festival foods from Pat's Pub and Grub. The 50-50 raffle this year will name three top winners at the conclusion of the event at 10 p.m.

Area sponsors that make the day possible include National Endowment of the Arts, WI Arts Board, Wabeno Lions Club, Christian Thrift Store, Laona State Bank, Smith Concrete, Trump Lake Protective Association, Wabeno American Legion Post 44, Wabeno Public Library, Antique Power Association and Weber Hill and Packard Funeral Home.

WAM Fest is coordinated by the Friends of Wabeno, a local nonprofit group of volunteers who are working to help keep Wabeno economically strong and healthy through promotions and community development projects.

For more information on registering for the street market or for a performance schedule, go to https://wabenoartandmusicfest.org/



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## **Bids & Notices**

#### Mandatory Fall Parent/Athlete Meeting for Laona/Wabeno

Mandatory Fall Parent/Athlete meeting is set for August 5, 2024 at 5:15 P.M. at Wabeno High School. Laona/Wabeno parents and students are expected to attend in order to receive schedules, participation forms, handbooks, and all other pertinent information.

Your attendance at these meetings is required so paperwork can be turned in before the season starts. Please contact the coach in advance if you have a conflict with this date. A link will be provided on the Laona and Wabeno School Facebook pages for the Code of Conduct. Please be sure to check it out and submit the paperwork on-line.

Everyone will meet in the big gym for a meeting with Mike McGowen before we disperse for individual sport meetings.

- Volley ball grades 6-12 will meet in auditorium
- Cross Country grades 6-12 will meet in the library
- Football grades 6-12 will meet in the big gym
- · Football practice/equipment handout on August 19
- · JHFB begins August 5 with tackling practice
- Cross Country practices start on August 19
- Volleyball grades 9-12 will start in Laona and MS will start in Wabeno on August 19

If you have any questions, please contract Michelle Boor at mboor@wabeno.k12.w

#### Forest County Festival draws big crowd

The rides at the Forest County Festival brought in the people along with the other events over the weekend at the race track west of Crandon. Below is just a sample of the rides enjoyed by all and paid for by the Forest County Potawatomi.





The Town of Townsend, Oconto County, is requesting bids for construction of a 30' X 50' addition to the South end of the existing town hall structure and renovation work related to the existing town hall structure. Work shall be bid per the following scope of work items.

A. General Construction: Excavation and backfilling the concrete support slab, providing and installing board insulation under the slab, furnish and install the concrete slab, provide and install the addition framing, provide and install the exterior windows, supply and install the interior doors, supply and install the drywall and texturing, supply and install the exterior wall and roof sheathing, supply and install the exterior Tyvek wall covering, supply and install the rolled roofing paper on the addition. Also included is the supply and installation of vertical metal upper exterior wall panels and soffit for the existing town hall structure and the new addition. Provide an exterior wall panel product manufacture and sample with your quotation. Insulation supplied and installed by other.

B. Metal roof covering: Removal of the existing two metal roof layers on the existing town hall structure, construct 2'-0" overhang framing on the existing structure, supply and install new metal roof panels on the existing town hall main structure, existing storage building attached to the existing structure, existing reconstructed HVAC structure, two awnings on the existing town hall structure and the metal roof on the new structure. Roof panels are not specified. Provide a product manufacture and sample you will be installing within your quotation.

C. Exterior wall stone: Supplying and installing the lower 38 inch exterior river rock panelized wall facing on the new addition, the South exterior wall of the addition as shown on the drawings, lower 38" of the entire perimeter of the existing town hall structure and the lower 38" of the entire West face of the fire/maintenance building. Provide a manufactures product you have included in your quotation.

D. HVAC system for addition: Provide the design, state required design approvals, and provide a complete operational HVAC system to heat and cool the town hall addition. Provide the manufactures name and model included in your proposal.

E. Plumbing: Provide and install the plumbing fixtures and associated plumbing system as required for a complete operational Unisex rest room as shown on the drawings.

F. Electrical: Provide a complete design to meet state and local codes, provide and install all materials included in your design including but not limited to, wire, switches, outlets, light fixtures, rest room fan, distribution panel and cable from the existing town hall main panel to the addition distribution panel.

Bids can be mailed to: Townsend of Townsend, P.O. Box 227, Townsend, WI 54175, or dropped off at the office, 16564 Elm Street, Townsend, WI. All bids should be marked "sealed bid" on the envelope and include a certificate of insurance. Bids will be accepted until 10am July 22, 2024. Work to begin August 19, 2024

Plans are available on the Town of Townsend web site at www.Townsendwisconsin.org

For a personal walk-through, contact Ken Schwebke PM at 920-470-8229.

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**CITY OF CRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT** FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF ERIC BATH

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- 3 Alarm Call(s)
- 9 Animal Incident(s)
- 4 Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
- 13 Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 2 Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drugs/K9 Deployment)
- 2 Assist Other Agency
- 2 Assist Rescue
- 1 ATV/UTV Incident(s)
- 3 Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)
- 2 Civil Matter/Dispute(s)
- 1 Dangerous Drug/Drug Para. And/or Poss.
- 1 Defraud Innkeeper
- 4 Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (1 ARREST)
- 2 Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
- 9 Environmental Concern(s)/Hazardous Materials 1 - Fire Complaint(s)
- 1 Fraud/Scam Incident(s)











- Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)
- 9 Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 3 Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)
- 2 Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
- 6 Ordinance Violation
- 2 Probation/Parole Violation(s) (2 ARRESTS)
- 4 Property Damage Complaint(s)
- 1 Property Dispute Incident(s)
- 27 Security Checks—Business/Residences
- 1 Sexual Abuse/Assault or Possible Sexual Abuse/Assault Incident(s)
- 3 Storage of Junk, etc. Incident(s)
- 13 Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 2 Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
- 2 Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 4 Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
- 1 Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 1 Vehicle Lockout(s)
- 4 Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s)
- 8 Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 19 Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

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Several agencies and groups, including the DNR, U.S. Forest Service, tribal partners and volunteers, collected the data via roadside surveys of breeding

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nin abilities will be missed. He kept meetings and projects running smoothly, and he was always among the first to show up to do his share. Lion Paul! You exemplify the Lion motto, "We Serve".

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excellent group of officers to lead them.

The first grilled steaks of the season, prepared by the grill masters, were savored by all! Baked potatoes, salads, and a variety of great desserts filled out the menu. This delicious meal set the tone of the evening for fun and frivolity!

The theme was "Derby Night". Fantastic hats on the ladies brightened the evening; and Lion Gregg Tallier, in his suit and bowler hat, definitely set the tone. Of course, there was horse racing, with colorful wooden horses moved along by throwing the dice. Horse number 5, a mighty red wooden steed, won all three races. Poor number 1, a gloomy black sad sack, barely got out of the gate, and number 6 pulled up lame and fell over! It was a noisy and hilarious event! As Wabeno Lions, "We Serve", but we also have a lot of fun. Please join us for service and fun, building community both inside and out. If interested, contact cenders66@gmail.com or call Chuck Enders at (715)889-0562.

Submitted by: Lion Clare Huisman and Lion Norma Johnson

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"The late spring and summer of 2023 were abnormally dry, which resulted in prime nesting and brooding conditions for ruffed grouse. This is likely the most influential factor explaining the increase in the number of drumming grouse this year," said Alaina Roth, DNR ruffed grouse specialist. "We are also likely entering the 'up' phase of our 10-year population cycle, which may be an influencing factor, too."

Ruffed grouse typically follow a 10-year population cycle, with peaks occurring in years that end in 0, 1 or 9. The surveys indicate ruffed grouse in Wisconsin are starting to enter the more populous phase of the abundance cycle. The next peak is anticipated to occur in 2029, 2030 or 2031.



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**Frank R. Sturzl, Jr., 93**, Crandon, passed away peacefully at home on the evening of July 5, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Frank was born on March 5, 1931, in Laona, Wisconsin, to Frank and Alice (Gruman) Sturzl. His childhood days in Crandon

were full of outdoor adventures with his siblings, cousins, and friends.

For a time, Frank found himself in the Forest County jail – not as the result of his spirited play and imagination, but because he and his family resided in the sheriff's quarters when his dad held the office. Frank often fondly recalled how this living situation gave him an appreciation for the skill of playing cards, and the fun of countless hours spent biking and roller skating in the city square.

Frank's love for things with wheels only grew with age. As a teenager, he left the bike and roller skates behind to pursue his dream car. A 1940 Ford coupe was the inspiration behind his signing on with the Argonne Dairy to bottle and deliver milk. He worked diligently and earned enough money to finally call that coupe his own. Pride of ownership sparked a lifelong passion for admiring and working on cars.

After graduating from Crandon High School in 1949, Frank's life provided a series of full-circle moments. His experience at the Argonne Dairy evolved from a first job to a certification in the art of cheesemaking from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. That certification took him to Racine, where he lived and worked with Jerry Plummer, a good friend who eventually became Frank's brother-in-law.

Frank married his high school sweetheart and Jerry's sister, Sheila Plummer, on July 28, 1951, his beloved wife of 67 years until her passing in 2018. The couple briefly lived in Racine, but soon returned to Crandon to start and raise a family of four children: Kelly, Connie, Nick, and Marty. Frank and Sheila were also blessed with a large extended family of nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

His active home life was balanced with travel to places near and far with Sheila, his brother Eddie, and his sister-in-law Peggy. Some of the foursome's notable trips were to Washington, D.C., Orlando, Florida, and Niagara Falls, New York. The beauty of the Midwest also kept them on the road to many attractions, and they were always Marty's biggest fans in the stands at his college football games in various cities. A retirement celebration in 1993 found Frank and Sheila on a month-long vacation to Alaska, tracing the path Frank's grandparents took during the Alaskan gold rush.

Family was always a priority for Frank. He never missed a chance to help his children and grandchildren with anything from picking field stones to car repair and building projects. He also fittingly took on the role of family historian, carefully documenting his lineage in volumes of photo albums and sharing family stories with current generations to enjoy and pass down to their children.

His big heart held abundant love for his family, with plenty of room left over for compassionate care of animals – attested to by the many pets Frank had over the years, including his most recent companion of six years, a cat named Boots.

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Frank also put his heart into learning and his back into work. He had a diverse career as a mechanic at Carter's Chevrolet Garage, Moritz Tire, and Northland Tire; a logger with Hagney Logging and Flannery Trucking; and, finally, a 25-year post as Wastewater Superintendent at the City of Crandon Water and Sewer Department.

Frank was also a self-taught carpenter, mason, plumber, excavator, and landscaper.

These skills served him well. Frank took great pride in building four houses in Crandon and, postretirement, you could find him working with his backhoe and keeping busy with several ongoing projects. Being outdoors was important to Frank, so the work suited him as did his hobbies. He cherished time spent at Peshtigo Joe's Hunting Club and on Canada fishing trips with family and friends.

Frank is survived by his children: Kelly (John) Rogers, Connie Sturzl (Tom Tupper), Nick(Laurie) Sturzl, and Marty (Jean) Sturzl; grandchildren: Stacy (Pat) Bouchard, Kristy Rogers (Todd Schaller), Wendy Rogers, Justin (Holly) Hinch, Nicholas (Jenner) Hinch, Zach (Kayla) Hinch, Katie (Marcus) Boehm, Cassie (Garrett) Schuh, and Jacob (Alli) Sturzl; and greatgrandchildren: Tessa Rogers, Ben and Ryan Bouchard, Ellison and Charlie Hinch, Nicholas, Audrey, Gracyn, and Evelyn Hinch, Emma and Wyatt Hinch, Riley Boehm, and Reggie Schuh; and his sister-in-law, Kathy Sturzl. He is also survived by his much-loved cat, Boots, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sheila; his parents, Frank and Alice Sturzl; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie and Peggy Sturzl, Raymond Sturzl, Kenny Sturzl; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Allen Stranz, and Shirley and Lee VanCleve; his brothers- and sisters-in-law: Bill and Evelyn Plummer, Jerry Plummer, and Bob and Monica Plummer, and his loyal dog, Copper.

Visitation will be held at Weber-Hill and Packard Funeral Home on Lake Avenue in Crandon from 10:00 am-1:00 pm on Friday, July 12, 2024. A brief service will be held at 1:00pm. Internment at Lakeside Cemetery will immediately follow the service.

In lieu of flowers and other expressions of sympathy, the family asks that donations be made to the Crandon Fire Department.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Compassus Hospice. Their skilled assistance and empathetic care allowed Frank to remain at home for his final days, something that meant the world to him.

**Joseph Arthur Wojcik** of Argonne passed away June 29, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was 73 years old.

He was born September 19, 1950, to the late Valentine and Vivian (Wilkinson) Wojcik.

Survivors include his wife, Laura, children, Jay Wojcik, Carri Wojcik, grandchildren, Zach Wojcik, Josh (Jaclyn) Smith, great grandchild, Joslyn Smith, brothers, George (Donna) Wojcik, John (Wendy) Wojcik, sister, Vicki (Dan) Pedersen as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Carl Wojcik.

Honoring Joe's wishes, no services will be held.

Online condolences may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

Olivia Love Pemma (Wawasmokwe - "Lightning Lady") of Wabeno passed away on June 25, 2024. She was 23 years old.

She was born in Rhinelander to Linda Mae Pemma.

Olivia always had a good spirit and beautiful smile. She was loved by everyone. She was never in a bad mood. She loved food, especially her ramen noodles that only her uncle knew how she liked them. Shen was never one to complain about anything. Olivia was



always up for adventure. Her favorite thing to do was shop for shoes and clothing. She will be truly missed by everyone.

Olivia is survived by her brother, Joel Pemma, sister, Stella Pemma, uncle/father figure, Landon Daniels and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Linda Mae Pemma, and her grandmother, Sylvia Pemma.

Visitation was held at the Wee Care Learning Center, Wabeno on Thursday, June 27, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Service was on Friday, June 28, 2024, at Wee Care Learning Center, Wabeno, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Olivia was laid to rest at the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Blackwell.

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

**Robert Edward Ganzel** passed away peacefully with family by his side on July 5, 2024 at his home in Lakewood, WI. He was 91 years old. Bob was born at the family home in the town of Gresham, WI to the late Edward and Josephine (Richards) Ganzel on October 30, 1932.

After graduating from Seymour High School in 1950, he entered the Army and served in Germany during the Korean War. When he returned home, he found and married the love of his life, Carol (Blohm) Ganzel on May 26, 1956. They shared 68 years of marriage, playing cribbage daily, and providing their family with much love and so many happy memories.

Bob was a hardworking, proud, honest and fair man who lived life the way he wanted to until the very end. He worked for 37 years at Miron Construction as a carpenter and superintendent until his retirement in 1994. Bob and Carol moved from their home in Appleton to their family cottage in Lakewood upon retirement. Here they enjoyed many happy hours with numerous friends made over the years at the local watering holes, where one provided them with their own personalized bar stools. He was always up for a good joke, was an avid fisherman who was affectionately known as "Musky Bob" and enjoyed his flower and vegetable gardens. A jack of all trades.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, his children Sharie (Tim) Geske, Julie (Jim) Werth, Jackie (Jeff) Montour, Jeff (Amy) Ganzel, and Shelley (Andy) Zeegers; 15 Grandchildren, and 13 Great-grandchildren; his siblings Phyllis Toonen, Doris Knox, Mavis (Tom) Brownson, Richard (Mary) Ganzel and his in-laws Melvin (Ruth) Blohm, Marge (Appleton) Blohm, Lois Buelow, Joanne Blohm, David (Jane) Blohm, Sharon Ganzel and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Melvin and Kenneth, sister Geraldine as well as in-laws Herbert and Delores (Hurst) Blohm, brother in-laws Glenn Wichman, Glenn Knox, Bob Weber, Donald and LeRoy Blohm, Robert Toonen and sister in-laws Beverly Weber, Naomi (Petcoff) Blohm, and Janice Wichman.

A private family gathering as well as a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider charitable donations in Bob's name to the American Legion Post 44 in Wabeno, WI.

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

Gertrude Marta Boettcher 12/08/1933 On June 26th, 2024 the sun rose and welcomed Trudy into heaven. Her room illuminated into a warm, rose colored glow. Trudy was finally at peace. With her children at her side, Glen (Margaret) Boettcher, Gayle (Steve) MacDonald, she went home. Trudy was 90.







#### Trudy was preceded in

death by her husband of 69 years, Gerald Boettcher. Together they owned and operated "Trudy's" drive-in in West Allis, Wisconsin for over 30 years before retiring to Horn Lake in Townsend, Wisconsin.

She dedicated much of her time taking care of her aunts, uncles and mother. Trudy was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She was also a fabulous cook and host. Above all she loved her family; grandchildren Tommy and Tyler Powers, Lucas (Meg) Boettcher, Anna (Mike) Boedeker, great grand-children Penelope and Elle Boedeker, Jerry Powers, and baby Theodore Boettcher.

Everyone loved Trudy, she will be missed!

No services planned at this time. Cremation Society of Wisconsin, Altoona is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.cremationsociety-wi.com.

#### **Death Notices**

**David John Caskey** of Argonne, passed away at home on July 7, 2024. He was 64 years old.

David was born on August 11, 1959, in Vilas county to the late Eugene and Margaret (Rosner) Caskey. He was a 1977 graduate of Phelps High School. Following high school, David attended the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point where he obtained his bachelor's degree in education, graduating in 1981.

Immediately after graduating from college, he was offered a teaching position at Crandon Middle School. That same year he married his high school sweetheart, Gail Crass on July 11, 1981, in Eagle River. He and Gail shared nearly 43 years of marriage.

His teaching career spanned 38 years, only 1 of those years was spent at the Argonne Grade School with the remaining 37 at the Crandon School District. David was very proud of his teaching and coaching career retiring in 2019.

Throughout the years, he enjoyed attending his childrens' sporting events, hunting and fishing. He also coached basketball and softball. His life revolved around his family, especially his grandchildren as they came along later in life.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gail, children, Gregory (Diana) Caskey of Annandale, Virginia, Amy (Martin) Mangerson of Elcho, Wisconsin, grandchildren, Bruce and Landon Mangerson, Michael and Alice Caskey, and brother, Todd (Lisa) Caskey of Belleville, Wisconsin. David is preceded in death by his parents and a brother in infancy.

Per David's wish, no services will be held.

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

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plants, and sundews. These plants have evolved remarkable adaptations to thrive in the challenging conditions of a poor fen. For example, pitcher plants and sundews are carnivorous, deriving essential nutrients by trapping and digesting insects.

The Bog Brook Wildlife Area is a haven for biodiversity. Its poor fen ecosystem supports a variety of plant species that are rarely found elsewhere. The wetland's flora includes a diverse array of mosses, sedges, and unique flowering plants that contribute to the area's ecological richness. The acidic, nutrient-poor conditions foster a specialized plant community that is both resilient and delicate.

The area is also home to numerous animal species. Bird watchers can observe a wide range of avian species, including songbirds, waterfowl, and raptors. I've even seen swans in the area.

The poor fen provides critical habitat for migratory birds, making it an important stopover point during migration seasons. Additionally, mammals such as white-tailed deer, black bears, and bobcats inhabit the area, utilizing the diverse habitats for food and shelter.

Poor fens like Bog Brook Wildlife Area are ecologically significant for several reasons. They act as vital carbon sinks, sequestering carbon in the form of peat and helping to mitigate climate change. The slow decomposition rates in these ecosystems mean that carbon is stored for long periods, making poor fens effective long-term carbon reservoirs.

Moreover, poor fens contribute to water regulation and purification. The spongy layers of peat absorb and slowly release water, maintaining stable hydrological conditions in surrounding areas. This function is particularly important for sustaining stream flows and groundwater levels during dry periods. Additionally, the vegetation in poor fens filters pollutants and sediments, enhancing water quality.

Bog Brook Wildlife Area offers a range of recreational opportunities for visitors. Fishing is a favored activity, with the wetlands and stream providing habitat for various fish species. There is a fishing pier and also a kayak launch. The serene environment of the poor fen also makes it an ideal spot for photography and nature study, attracting both amateur and professional



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Tuesday, July 16: Rhinelander Thursday, July 18: Antigo Tuesday, July 23: Iron Mountain Thursday, July 25: Rhinelander Tuesday, July 30: Antigo



Monday - July 22 - Ham & scalloped potato casserole, Pacific blend veggies, whole wheat roll, banana

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

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - July 16 - Salmon, Diced Seasoned Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Rye Bread, Grapes

**Tuesday - July 23 -** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Dill Carrots, Raisin Bread, Spice Cake

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - July 17 -** Baked Rosemary Chicken, Baked Sweet Potato, Cauliflower, Oat Bran Bread, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday - July 24 - Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Grape Salad ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

**Thursday - July 18** - Boneless BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, cinnamon applesauce

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

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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-

#### PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 15, JULY 15, 2024 The Crandon Cardinal Trap Team had



Top Row: Evan Peters, John McCarthy, Kolton Pitts, Mason Retzlaff, Sawyer Brokmeier, Will Gerber, Logan Bostron, Kruz Kulinski, Bryce Marshall, Conner Lawrence, Evan Plummer, Matthew Jahnke, Jesse Sears, Nolan Bradley, Conor Flannery, Johnathon Kevilus, Brody LeMaster, Tyler Lawrence, Mikie Hobbs, Zach Cochrane.

Bottom Row: Kruz Wilson, Drew Samz, Emmitt Deer, Korbyn Keao, Mikie Quade, Ava LeMaster, Karsen Schallock, Lindsey Mihalko, Melanie Fraley, Bryar Chaney, Wyatt Houle, Spencer Kevilus, Parker Hauser, Gabe Zagar.

Not pictured: Jaxon Keepers, Kollin Gerow, Kaelab VanCleve, Raven Brooks, Haylee Paradies, Peyton Hauser, Reese Paradies, Reid Wilson, Ryan Schunk.

We had 11 athletes participate at the State Level in Rome, WI: Conner Lawrence, Tyler Lawrence, Lindsey Mihalko, Mason Retzlaff, Kolton Pitts, Evan Plummer, Johnathan Kevilus, Jesse Sears, Mikie Hobbs, Wyatt Houle, Reid Wilson. Lindsey Mihalko placed 5th out of 93 athletes in her division. Lindsey will be advancing to Nationals at the Cardinal Center in Marengo, OH later this month. Lindsey will be our first athlete to compete at the national level. Congratulations Lindsey!!

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photographers who seek to capture its unique beauty.

Conservation is a priority for the management of Bog Brook Wildlife Area. Efforts are focused on preserving the unique poor fen ecosystem and the species it supports. This includes habitat restoration projects, such as controlling invasive species, restoring native vegetation, and maintaining water quality in the wetlands. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) collaborates with local conservation groups to ensure that the area remains a thriving habitat for wildlife. Plans for trying to establish wild rice beds are being discussed with my office and the local DNR biologist.

For more information contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at Icc@co.forest.wi.us.

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