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## WAM fest this Saturday, in Wabeno beginning at noon!

Wabeno will be hopping this weekend. WAM fest, the Wabeno Art & Music Festival will start at noon on Saturday, July 20, at noon and run until 10 p.m.

There are numerous bands, including the headliner band *Petty Thieves*. There will be seven other music groups. If you don't like music, shop the street market.

This is free admission, there are 50-50 raffles, a student art contest, and, of course, plenty to eat and drink. It is a great way to spend a Saturday.

## Local firearms business victorious in lawsuit against google (aka alphabet inc)

Northwoods Firearms (NWF) located in Crandon wins in court against Google last month after a year of court battles.

Forest County Case Number: 2023sc000098 (Northwoods Firearms, LLC vs Google, LLC) rules in favor of Northwoods Firearms for \$2,469.50 on 6/11/2024.

On 7/21/23 Northwoods Firearms filed suit against Google, LLC for withdrawing \$2000.00 from its bank account but not providing the services that were paid for; Google denied the claim, claiming they cannot provide advertising for firearms businesses, but also would not refund the money.

After several months of attempted communication with Google to try and get the situation handled we decided to take action; Robert Connor owner of Northwoods Firearms- was told that they would not publish ANY ads paid for by NWF due to their "policies" against advertising Firearms. Google informed NWF nothing would be refunded and they would keep the money. It is important to note that the particular ads in mention were not for the sale of firearms, but to promote services offered by Northwoods Firearms to our local areas.

In response Robert stated that the money taken for this specific ad needed to be reimbursed if the ad would not be created and advertised

Submitted by Robert Connor

## 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).

### Wild Parsnip in Northern Wisconsin

Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) is an invasive plant species that has been increasingly problematic in northern Wisconsin. Originating from Europe and Asia, it was introduced to North America by early settlers who valued it for its edible root. However, it has since escaped cultivation and naturalized across various parts of the United States, including Northern Wisconsin and Forest County.

Wild parsnip is a member of the carrot family (Apiaceae) and can be identified by its distinctive features. It typically grows between 4 to 6 feet tall and has a grooved, hollow stem.

The plant produces yellow, umbrella-shaped flower clusters known as umbels, which can be seen from June to late summer. The leaves are pinnately compound, with each leaf composed of multiple leaflets arranged in pairs along a central stalk. One of the most recognizable characteristics of wild parsnip is its yellow-greenish flowers, which differentiate it from the closely related Queen Anne's lace or Cow parsnip, which has white flowers.

Wild parsnip poses significant ecological challenges in northern Wisconsin. It thrives in disturbed areas such as roadsides, fields, and riverbanks, where it can outcompete native vegetation. Its aggressive growth habit allows it to form dense stands, reducing biodiversity by displacing native plant species. This monoculture can lead to a decline in the availability of food and habitat for local wildlife. Furthermore, wild parsnip can alter soil chemistry and hydrology, further exacerbating its impact on native ecosystems.

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## The Cowboys Will Be At Camp 5 July 20th!

The Cowboys will be at Camp 5 on July 20th with their horses galloping and six guns blazing. We think they will rob the train on every trip from the depot in Laona, at the junction of Hwy 8 and 32. It seems that they always do! The Cowboys are dedicated robbers. They rob the train run that leaves the depot at 9:30 a.m. and keep robbing it all day long.

Don't worry, nobody ever loses their valuables. The good guys are dependable. They always show up to chase the bad guys away! And they will make their escape on splendid horses wearing authentic looking cowboy duds and boots.

These hombres often have a shoot out at Camp 5, but nobody seems to get hurt! They are mostly a friendly bunch, camping out in tents and visiting with everyone. It is a pleasant and enjoyable experience.

While at Camp 5, you can visit the Forestry Museum, the working Blacksmith Shop, the Nature Center, Petting Zoo, take the Forest Surrey Ride, visit the Cracker Barrel Gift Shop and satisfy your thirst and hunger at the Choo Choo Cafe.

All are welcome and encouraged to experience the Cowboys and all that Camp 5 has to offer. More can be learned on the website at [www.lumberjacksteamtrain.com](http://www.lumberjacksteamtrain.com).



The outlaws keep the engineer at gunpoint during the robbery!

## Kentuck Day in Crandon & the Kentuck Car Show Vendors & Cars Welcome!

Kentuck Day and the Kentuck Car Show will be held on July 27 in Crandon. The Chamber office in Crandon tells us that there is still room for vendors in the courthouse square, and there are still vacancies that can be filled at the Kentuck Car Show on the same day.

Vendors and those who would like to enter a car in the Kentuck Car Show can call the Chamber office at during business hours at 715-478-3450 or go to email at [Mary.visitforestcounty@GMail.com](mailto:Mary.visitforestcounty@GMail.com).

Mary at the Chamber can give you any details for either event.

## The Great Hot Dog Cookout at the Crandon Library!

You can eat all the hot dogs you care to buy on Thursday, July 25th at the Crandon Public Library. The library board is holding the fundraiser. You can enjoy an all beef hot dog, on a bun, with you choice of K&M, relish, onion, sauerkraut, carrots, celery, with dip and a slice of watermelon. You can take your hot dogs away or enjoy them in the greenspace behind the library.

## Wienerfest North 2024 Lakewood

Wienerfest North is returning on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> at Lakewood Memorial Park, Lakewood WI! Northern Oconto County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) will be the recipient of the proceeds. We are fortunate to have outstanding Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service provided for Lakewood, Townsend, Mountain, Riverview and Doty. This fund raising event will help maintain and expand the services they provide.

Like past Festivals, the 2024 event will held from Noon until 8 p.m. and will include food and beverage booths, raffles and entertainment. This years band is *Star Six Nine*, a Wisconsin top nominated cover band. We are planning to have short Educational/First Aid presentations throughout the afternoon and a visit by a Flight For Life Helicopter and Crew, schedule and weather permitting.

We are in need of Volunteers, Bucket Raffle donations and Silent Auction items. Please contact the Lakewood/Townsend, Mountain Ambulance Service or Billy's Bar in Lakewood for drop off locations.



The passengers on the steam train experience their first train robbery when the cowboys stop the train.



It is just a short time before the law arrives to stop the robbery.

## Hiles Fire Dept. Trap Shoot

The Hiles Fire Department will be holding a trap shoot at the Argonne Black Bear trap range on Hwy 55 in Argonne this Saturday, July 20th.

Bring your shooting eye, your best shotgun and plenty of shells!

## Lincoln's playground equipment installed by Blackwell Job Corps



If you've travelled on County W recently, you may have noticed a new playground that has been installed near the pavilion site at the Lincoln Town Hall. The Town has been slowly working to improve the outdoor space over the past few years with generous grants from the Forest County Potawatomi Community. In collaboration with the Blackwell Job Corps Construction Craft Laborers Program and the Union Carpentry Program, students were able to use the project toward community outreach hours. Under the leadership of Town resident Jason Flannery, students put close to 80 hours of work into installation. Blackwell Job Corps is the #1 ranked center in the United States for worked-based learning hours and 15<sup>th</sup> overall amongst approximately 130 centers in the nation.

According to Flannery, "Our students enjoy helping out in the community and learning new things. Blackwell Jobs Corps has a "Pay it forward" mentality." The Town of Lincoln Board hosted the students at a luncheon to thank them for their dedication and service. Town Board Chairman Jason Headson stated, "On behalf of the Lincoln Town Board, we thank you all for your hard work to install the new equipment and couldn't have done it without you. You have saved the taxpayers a lot of money and your efforts are much appreciated."

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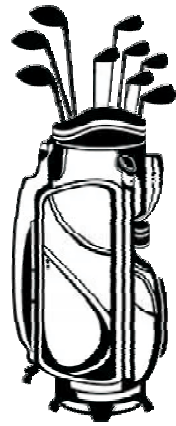
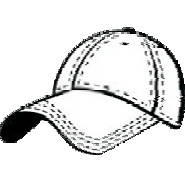
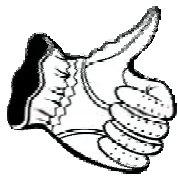
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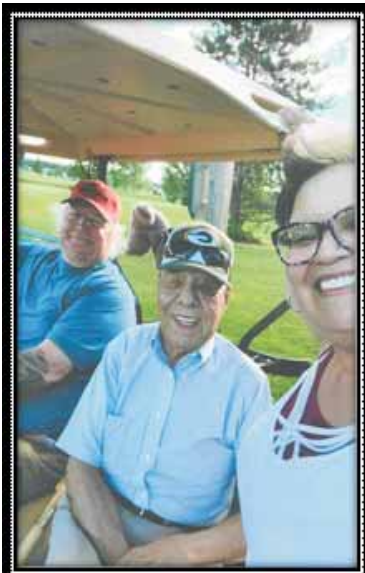
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4:30-11 p.m.**

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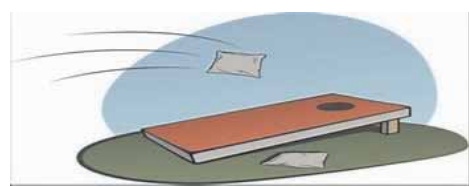
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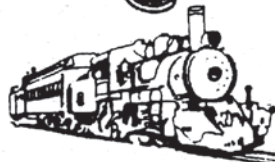
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Camp Five Museum, Laona, WI  
Hwys 8 & 32 1-800-774-3414  
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26th, 8-6 & Saturday, July  
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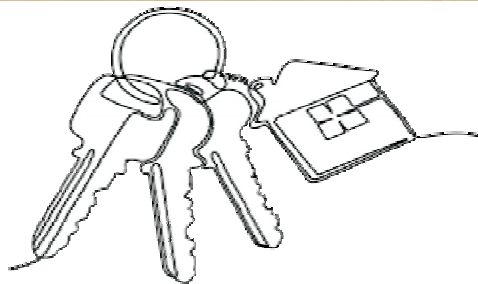
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## Recreational



### Summer Uptick in COVID-19

"Preventive measures and vaccinations remain our best tools in combating the spread of COVID-19."

The Aspirus Health Care System has observed a recent increase in COVID-19 cases consistent with trends reported across regions of the country. This increase aligns with nationwide patterns, as warmer months now bring not only heat but also a rise in respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19.

Throughout the summer, Aspirus data has shown a steady increase in the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests, rising from 2.0% in early May to over 10.0% in early July. This pattern mirrors the general uptick in cases seen in several regions of the U.S.

"While our latest COVID-19 test data indicates a rise in positive cases, this is not a dramatic public health concern but rather a reminder of the virus's continued presence," said Steven Phillipson, MD, Aspirus System Director for Hospital Medicine. "We are prepared and equipped to handle this increase and continue to prioritize the safety and health of our community."

Hospitalizations have remained relatively stable despite the rise in positive cases. The Aspirus system has seen a total of 151 admissions due to COVID-19 this calendar year through the beginning of July with no significant increase since positive tests began to increase.

"Preventive measures and vaccinations remain our best tools in combating the spread of COVID-19," Dr. Phillipson added. "We encourage everyone, especially those who are vulnerable or have not yet received their booster shots, to take these steps to protect themselves and others."

Vaccinations, boosters, and the utilization of preventative measures such as masking and social distancing, especially in crowded and indoor settings can help slow the spread of COVID-19.

More information about COVID-19 and prevention methods can be found at [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov).

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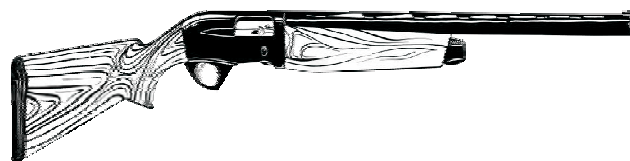
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**Janet Lynn Olson November 8, 1943 - July 6, 2024**

Janet Lynn Olson - banker, activist, and all-around remarkable woman - passed away on July 6, 2024 at home with family. She was 80.

Jan was born November 8, 1943, in De Pere, Wisconsin. Daughter of Frank and Florence Halloin, she was the youngest of three. She joins her parents, and her sisters Laurel Smits (Elwood), and Carol Zeller (Frank) at home with her heavenly Father.

Jan leaves behind her beloved husband of 40 years Ken E Olson; son Chad Gauger, wife Leigh and grandson Max; daughter Gwyn Hovey, husband James, and grandkids Nolan and Samare. She also leaves behind two stepdaughters, Colette Olson, sons Jacob, Peter (grandson Crew) and Alec Tanoos; and Shari Olson, son Jordan (grandchildren Jordan Jr, Asher, and Angelina).

After some college, Jan reinvented herself in the banking world, moving from teller to vice president of the loan department. She also found the love of her life. While in Appleton, Jan was the original soccer mom, Brownie leader, and mother extraordinaire. Before retirement in the north woods of Pickerel, Wisconsin, Jan also took on the county treasurer position to fill a need in her community. She fought the Exxon Crandon mine so fervently, there is a book dedicated in her honor. She created her own jewelry & candles, managed the family cottage in Door Co, and was steward to her deer, hummingbirds, and frogs. Her door was always open, her words were always kind, and her laughter unrestrained. She was devoted to her loved ones, her pets, her home, and her God.

Private family services will be held in the chapel at Saint Joseph's in New London on Friday July 26, from 10am -12pm. A celebration of life and graveside service at the family cemetery will be held Sunday, July 28.

**On June 21, 2024, Donald Edward Garner passed away peacefully with his family surrounding him with all their love.**

Born in Niles, MI to Virgil and Mildred Garner he lived most of his life in Dubuque, IA, the Fox Valley and of late, Mountain, WI.

He was a lifelong car and motorcycle enthusiast, attending car shows whenever he could fit it in to his busy schedule.

He worked fulltime at Sweetheart Bakery in Dubuque while also attending high school. Career choices included National T Grocery and Dubuque Packing Co where he won many sales awards for his hard work and dedication to his customers. As the original owner of Kaukauna Meats Inc. with his wife, Nancy Jo, He devoted all his time to the service of others.

During his 80 years on this earth, Don bettered the lives of countless people, seeing someone's need and stepping in to help however he could. Don volunteered at community Christmas dinners, drove people to doctor appointments, delivered meals to the shut-in during COVID, stocked shelves at the Lakewood Food Pantry and helped with area fundraisers as a member of the local Parrot Head Club. He was a treasured member of the community wherever he was living.

He was best friend to many, loved by all who knew him for his big smile and great sense of humor.

He was a treasured son, brother, father, grandpa, and great grandpa. For 40 years, he was the best husband ever.

Donald is survived by his wife, Nancy Jo Garner; children: Kerry Garner, Donald Garner, Aaron Garner; grandchildren: Zac Shepard, Lucas and Jackson Garner, Lexi Van Schyndel, Paige (Dylan) Hibbard, Owen Garner; great grandchildren: Gage, Melody, Graham; siblings: Jean Berendes, Jerry (Penni) Garner, James (Mary) Garner, Daniel (Judy) Garner, David (Kathe) Garner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Mildred Garner; grandson, Sidney Garner; sisters: Judith (Carl) Stoneking, Diane (Calvin) Courtright; brother-in-law, Floyd Berendes; and sister-in-law, Janet Garner.

His family cannot thank enough the outstanding members of the ThedaCare Hospital and Cancer Center teams of Appleton and the Fox Valley Surgical team.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please continue his legacy by donating to the American Cancer Society, the ThedaCare Foundation, and your local food pantry.

Volunteer wherever and whenever you can and when you see someone who needs a smile, share yours



**Michael "Mike" Emmett Exferd (a.k.a. Emmett), 57, of Blackwell,**

passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

He was born November 27, 1966, in Milwaukee, WI, to Patricia (Fabera) Exferd and Emmett Exferd.

Mike graduated from Wabeno High School in 1985. After high school he worked as a logger. He owned and operated Mike Exferd Logging and worked alongside his good friend, Erick Henkel. Mike was actively working until his passing.

When he was not working, you could find him participating in outdoor activities. Mike was a true outdoorsman and had an exceptional green thumb. He enjoyed hunting with his dogs, Marley and Blueberry, and competing in bass fishing tournaments. He looked forward to the July 4th Annual Kids Fishing Tournament, in which he was the captain for his nephew, Conner Harris. Along with outdoor activities, he was an avid bowler and golfer.

Mike wasn't a man of many words, but he was a man with an unbelievably big heart. He was fortunate to have family and friends who loved him. Mike may not have had children of his own, but he did make the time to spoil his nieces and nephews, especially his Godchildren, Tyler Hauch and Hunter Exferd.

Surviving Mike is his mother, Patricia Exferd, father, Emmett Exferd, siblings: Sheri Exferd (Don), Daniel (Lori) Exferd, David (Tammy) Exferd; aunt, Marilyn Fabera; uncle, Andy Exferd, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, stepmother, Helen Exferd, and sister-in-law, April Exferd.

Even in our tremendous sadness, we take comfort in knowing that Mike's final act of kindness was an organ/tissue donor. Mike's legacy will live on to help other individuals through his gift of organ/tissue donation.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the Laona Rescue Squad, EMT's, fire department, and Forest and Oconto County Sheriff's Department for your assistance in our time of sadness.

Go rest high. Give 'em hell. Now you can hunt and fish all you want.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 12-4 pm at the Blackwell Town Hall (3696 Flanner Lane, Laona, WI 54541).

A private graveside service and burial will be held at a later date. Mike will be laid to rest at the Lakewood Forest Cemetery.

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

**Timothy Ray Bussiere**

passed away peacefully July 14th, 2024. He was born March 6th, 1950 and resided most of his life in Pickerel, WI and the surrounding areas. He was beloved by all who met him, but especially his family and close friends.

He was known to many in the community from his carpentry business, Northwoods Home Builders, his time managing Schaeffer's Grocery Store, driving bus for Headwaters, and a Project Estimator at Pintsch's True Value, amongst other things. First and foremost however, was his faith. He truly loved serving as an Elder in the Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Crandon for nearly 40 years.

He married the love of his life, Ardeth Bussiere, February 15, 1972. He is survived by his wife and 4 sons, Kirk (Tami) Hammel, Kim (Janice) Hammel, Landon (Rebecca) Bussiere, and Brandon (Kimberlie) Bussiere and his 3 grandchildren Ashton, Olivia & Ian Bussiere. He is survived by his brother Lloyd (Nancy) Bussiere and sister Judith Olenski, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 27th at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 4980 State Hwy 55 in Crandon, WI.

All are welcome to attend.



**A note from the three busmen (Mike, Bob & Kevin)...**

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Please let us know if there are any special trips on your bucket list and we will see if we can make it happen! Please call 715-784-1497 if you would like to join us for these trips or for any other rides you'd like to attend.

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY TRIPS:** Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain.

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Walmart is a popular stop but we will attempt to take you wherever you wish. Then...LUNCH!!! (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1:00 and 2:00 most days.

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

**Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program**



**SENIOR MEALS**

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA**

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

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**

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

**Tuesday - July 30** - BBQ Chicken, Diced Seasoned Potatoes, Texas Caviar, Cranberry Cornbread, Pineapple Cake

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO**

**Wednesday - July 24** - Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Grape Salad

**Wednesday - July 31** - Chicken salad on croissant, romaine leaf & tomato slice, veggio chicken noodle soup w/ crackers, sliced peaches, cookie

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

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

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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# Bids & Notices

## BIDS WANTED TOWN OF TOWNSEND

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](http://www.Townsendwisconsin.org)  
For a personal walk-through, contact Ken Schwebke PM at 920-470-8229.

### TOWN OF ROSS Carpenter quotes needed for the pavilion to be enclosed

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- 2 small garage doors on east and west walls.
- Exit doors under fire code to be determined.
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Newald, WI 54511



### TAX REMINDER SECOND INSTALLMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE Must be postmarked on or before July 31, 2024 Make Checks Payable to: Forest County Treasurer

**Please Note:** Deadline for paying final installment of 2023 property taxes is July 31<sup>st</sup>. The County Treasurer encourages mailing your tax payment and not waiting until the last week of July. Mailing your payment early helps make sure that the USPS postmark is timely and provides greater opportunity to correct errors before the deadline. We accept a postmark as proof of timely payment.

The cost of missing the final tax installment deadline is severe. Under state law, interest and penalty charges are 1.5 percent of unpaid principal per month back to February 1 (10.5% in August for 2023 taxes). So, it is imperative to pay property taxes on time to avoid a delinquency.

**Business hours are Monday- Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Phone # 715-478-2412. Send payments to: Forest County Treasurer, 200 E. Madison St., Crandon, WI 54520. For your convenience there is a payment drop box located by Veteran's intercom southwest side of building (DA door), Credit/Debit cards & E-checks accepted online at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov)**

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Support 5K-ish Run & Walk

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

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

See our ad for details or visit [www.lakelucerne.wi.gov](http://www.lakelucerne.wi.gov) for online registration, and payment. Early registration is appreciated!

### 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 contact Michelle Boor at [mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us](mailto:mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us)



### Forest County Shank Open

The Forest County Chamber is putting on its annual Shank Open golf outing Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Next week, golfers can hit the greens at Nicolet Country Club for \$85 a person. Each entry includes a full round of golf, a cart, 2 drink tickets, lunch, and a goodie bag. In addition to a relaxing day of golf, the Shank Open will have 50/50 and bucket raffles and hole games. The open supports several non-profits and they're looking for more to sponsor a hole to raise money for their causes. Proceeds also go to the Visit Forest County Trade Scholarship which goes to the education of 6 local seniors.

Registration for this community benefit is open now, interested golfers can register by emailing [mary.forestcounty@gmail.com](mailto:mary.forestcounty@gmail.com) or by calling 715-478-3450. Day-of registration starts at 8:00 a.m., the shotgun start kicks off at 9:00 a.m., and the raffles and hole games run throughout the event.

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Tuesday**

### BID REQUEST

**The School District of Laona is accepting bids for supplying the following dairy products:**

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- 30,000 - 1/2 Pint Grade A - 1% Fat Free Chocolate Milk
- 150 Gallons Grade A - 1% White Milk
- 50 Gallons Whole Milk

These are approximate amounts for one year. Delivery will be two times per week by 1:00 p.m. Bids will be accepted in the High School Office until **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Dairy Bid".** Bids must be received in the District Office, 5216 Forest Ave. Laona either in person or by mail to Larry Palubicki, District Admin. 5216 Forest Ave., Suite A, Laona WI 54541.

**The School District of Laona is accepting bids for snow removal for 2024-25 school year:**

There will be salting involved. Specifications must be obtained and discussed with John (Gus) Klementz, maintenance supervisor. Bids shall include:

- Type of equipment used
- Rate per plow and/or per inch basis including rate for salting
- Proof of insurance
- Agreement to adhere to snowplowing specifications upon acceptance of bid.

**All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked "Snow Removal Bid".**

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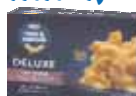
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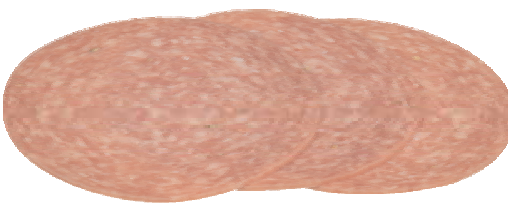
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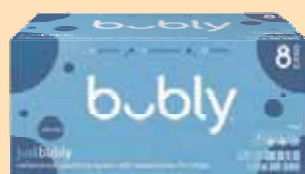
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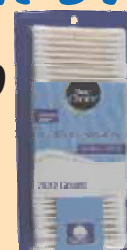
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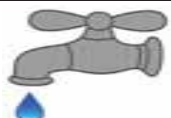
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**Conservation Corner** Cont. from pg. 1

The plant's ability to spread rapidly is facilitated by its prolific seed production. A single wild parsnip plant can produce thousands of seeds, which are easily dispersed by wind, water, and human activity. These seeds can remain viable in the soil for several years, making control efforts challenging and requiring long-term commitment.

Effective management of wild parsnip in northern Wisconsin requires a combination of methods tailored to the specific conditions of an infested area. The most common strategies include mechanical, chemical, and cultural controls.

**Mechanical Control:** This involves physically removing the plant by cutting, mowing, or digging. Mowing should be done before the plants set seed to prevent further spread. The Forest County Highway Department has been out mowing this month and hopefully is cutting most of the parsnip on the county roadsides. However, mowing alone is not always sufficient, as it can stimulate regrowth if not done properly. Hand-pulling or digging out the roots can be effective for small infestations but is labor-intensive and must be done with care to avoid skin contact.

**Chemical Control:** Herbicides can be used to manage larger infestations of wild parsnip. Glyphosate and triclopyr are commonly used herbicides that can be effective when applied correctly. It is important to follow label instructions and consider the timing of application to maximize efficacy while minimizing harm to non-target species. In Forest County, herbicide treatment is done mainly in cooperation with Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC). They are responsible for Forest and Florence Counties in Wisconsin and Iron and Dickinson County in Michigan.

**Cultural Control:** Promoting the growth of native vegetation through reseeding and restoration efforts can help prevent wild parsnip from re-establishing. Maintaining healthy, competitive plant communities can reduce the likelihood of wild parsnip colonization.

Wild parsnip poses a significant health risk to humans due to its phototoxic sap, which contains chemicals called furanocoumarins. When the sap comes into contact with the skin and is subsequently exposed to sunlight, it can cause a condition known as phytophotodermatitis. This results in severe skin irritation, blistering, and discoloration, which can last for several weeks and sometimes leave long-term scars. It is crucial for individuals working in infested areas to wear protective clothing, including gloves and long sleeves, to minimize skin exposure.

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

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**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 August 1, 2024; no later than 12:00 noon to be considered.

The Wabeno Sanitary District is an Equal Opportunity employer.

**Mission Statement:** "To provide safe high quality drinking water and maintain an environmentally safe wastewater treatment system ensuring pride in our community where we work and play..."

## Part time plow truck driver needed for Winter Season!

- CDL required.
- No equipment needed, provided by the Town of Ross
- \$22.00/HR
- Blacktop roads must be plowed before 7 a.m. Monday-Friday.
- Contact Jon Cleereman P# 715-889-3027

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The Town of Lincoln is accepting applications for one Full-Time Road Maintenance Worker. Position is for 40 hours per week, nights and weekends necessary in certain weather conditions. Applicant must possess a valid Wisconsin commercial driver's license (CDL) with all of the proper endorsements. Previous experience with the operation and maintenance of roads, equipment experience and mechanical ability a plus.

The Town of Lincoln offers PTO, vacation time, retirement contribution, paid holidays, and a health insurance stipend after a successful probationary period. Starting pay is \$25/hr.

Submit a letter of interest and a resume to 5376 County W Crandon, WI 54520 or e-mail documents to townoflincolnwi@gmail.com.

Questions may be directed to Lynne Black, Supervisor (715)478-3103 or Jason Headson, Chair (715)966-1699.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 at 1 PM.

## Forest County Sheriff's Office Job Notice

Forest County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Full-Time 911 Dispatcher positions

\*No experience needed, we offer on the job training\*

\$20.41/hr and 80 hours of vacation after 1 year of employment

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be age 18 or older, no felony convictions, have a high school diploma or GED, and have a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

**SALARY & BENEFITS:** 40 Hours of Vacation after 90 days, Pay Wage and Vacation time increases with longevity. Benefits include: Wisconsin Retirement Fund, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Sick Leave, Vacation Time, 9 Paid Holidays, Uniform Allowance, and Deferred Compensation.

**APPLY:** Application and background packet available at the Forest County Sheriff's Department or Submit Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Form DJ-LE-330 Application. Email applications to: jmarvin@forestcountysheriff.org or awalrath@forestcountysheriff.org.

**Or Mail applications to:** Chief Deputy Alex Walrath

Forest County Sheriff's Office 100 South Park Avenue Crandon, WI 54520

Applications are available at the Forest County Sheriff's Office or online at <https://wilenet.widog.gov/employment/employment-opportunities/780> or at <https://wilenet.widog.gov/training-standards/officer-training-employment-and-reciprocity>

All questions on the application must be completed, including Section 6 - Questions A, B & C. Please supply your social security number on the application.

Please supply a valid phone number & email address on your application.

**NOTE:** Successful applicants will be required to submit to a written examination, oral interviews, background investigation, physical fitness test and drug testing.

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## FREE WATER SHOWS ON LAKE LUCERNE

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Saturday, July 27th  
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Polish Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 11 a.m.  
Parade follows at Noon.  
the Park Opens at Noon

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**DOLINA POLISH FOLK DANCERS - 12:30 - 6:30 PM**  
**The Natural Talent Polka Band - 6-10 PM**

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