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**Infinity Wood Floors supplies the flooring for
the Milwaukee Art Museum addition**



By Mike Monte

Infinity Wood Floors, located in Crandon's industrial park, recently furnished 10,000 board feet of premium white hardwood flooring to the Milwaukee Art Museum for their new addition. Much of the timber that was cut for the flooring certainly came from Forest County, and if not, from surrounding counties. Infinity was recommended to the museum by a sports floor customer and long-time friend of Infinity owner Pat Tallier. Pat said it is the highest grade lumber on the chart.

This is an achievement that makes Tallier proud as well as the employees of the company.

Business has been going quite well for Infinity at this time, but there have been more than enough bumps in the road. According to Pat, 2015 was a great year for Infinity. The company has just completed their third year. As Pat said it, "In the first two years, we dug ourselves into a deep hole, but in 2015, we filled it in." After the startup pains, Pat said they are hitting the original numbers on the original business model.

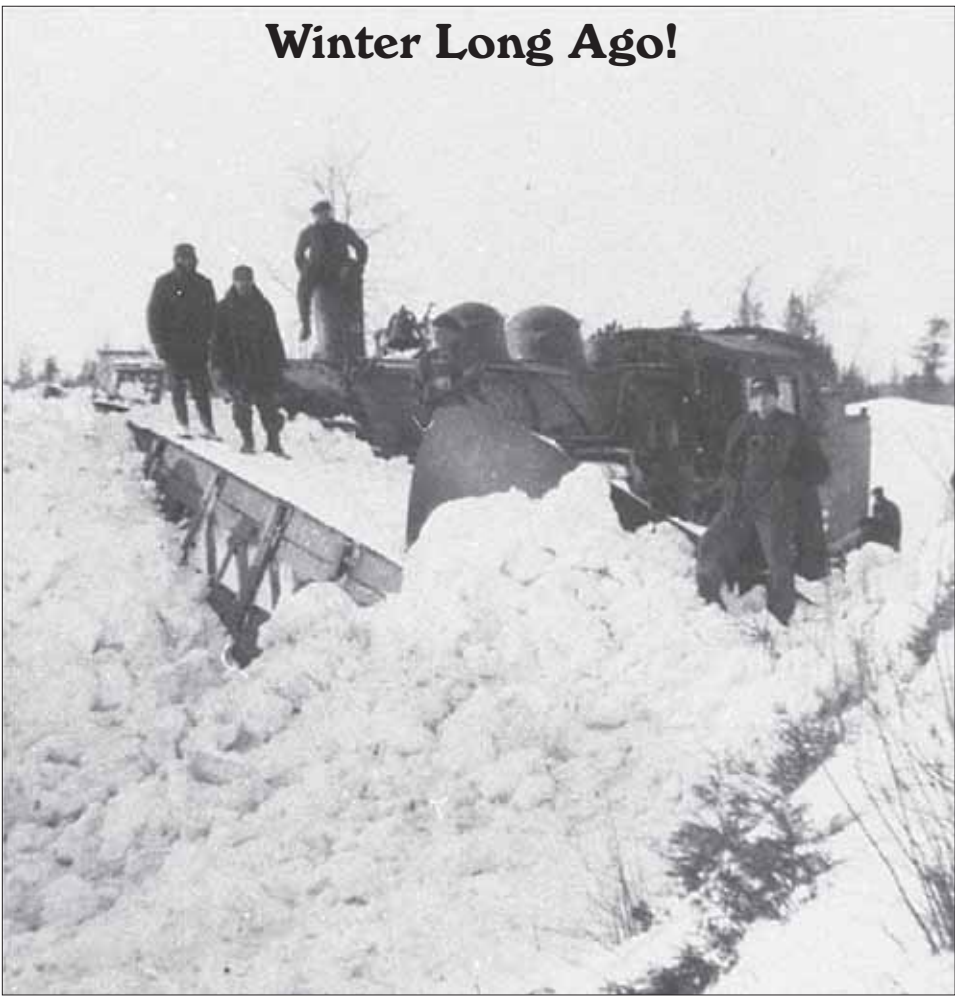
All people who have started a business can empathize with this scenario. All businesses have startup problems, and hopefully, Infinity has paid its dues. Pat looks at the positives for the new manufacturing facility. He counts his excellent workforce and a good and faithful customer list, along with vendors who have been good for the business.

What are the next plans for this Forest County business? A line of pre-finished wood flooring is being worked on. The finish will be UV cured and will have a 15-year warranty. The market is the do-it-yourselfer. Marketing will likely be in box stores, and in the future, with luck and hard work, a resident of Forest County will be able to walk in one of the big home building suppliers and buy a locally produced hardwood floor.

Pat said they are also working on a possible second shift for 2016. Infinity now has a total of 32 employees, counting Pat, who are putting money back into the local economy.

We wish them the best of luck in this endeavor!

**Be Careful
on the Ice!**



Winter Long Ago!

We have all been anxious for snow, but I doubt that the men in this picture thought very highly of the white stuff. This certainly wasn't as much fun as snowmobiling or cross-country skiing. This old photo comes from the Wabeno Logging Museum collection. The year was 1921, and was on the C&NW. A caption on a different picture of this mess says there was no train to Wabeno for eight days. This could cause store shelves to get empty, as everything came to the Northwoods in those days by rail.



**Laona Lions
4th Annual Predator
Hunt and Fundraiser
January 9th**



The Laona Lions will be holding their 4th Annual Predator Hunt and Fundraiser on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Mudslinger, in Cavour. This is a big event for hunters and those who just like to socialize and buy chances to win great gifts. You don't have to be a modern day Daniel Boone to have a great time and help out a local organization that does great things for the community.

Callers and hound hunters are welcome, and there are prizes for the largest fox, the largest bobcat and the largest and smallest coyote as well as the most coyotes. The winners are determined by weight, and 100% of the ten dollar entry fee is returned to the winners.

The weigh-in will be at Mudslingers from 4 until 7:30 p.m.

It is mandatory to enter by January 8th at Mudslingers or T-Bob's in Laona. Call Dick at 715-889-0841 or Dan at 715-889-0246 with any questions. And, you are required to have fun!

Black fox caught locally



Steve Kalkofen and son Austin Kalkofen stopped in with a rare catch this week. This black fox was caught on their trapline. According to Steve, it is a variation of the more common red fox. When asked if it wasn't a gray fox, Steve said that it wasn't, but that gray foxes are becoming more common in the area than in previous years.

The unique fox will be marketed, of course, but Steve is not sure if it will be wanted by a taxidermist as a unique mount or if the fur market will be the best place for a sale. Finding the best market is part of the trapping business, and Steve will find out more about the black fox market in the days ahead!

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Area Events

To Avoid a Drunken Driving Arrest or Crash, Designate Before You Celebrate on New Year's Eve

Although no one really knows what the new year will bring, everyone who will be out celebrating on Thursday night can take steps to make sure 2016 doesn't start with a drunken driving arrest or crash.

To combat drunken driving, law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in force for the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, which runs until Sunday, January 3.

"Enforcement and educational efforts to prevent drunken driving, like the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, have helped reduce deaths from alcohol-related crashes by approximately 51 percent and injuries by 55 percent over the last 10 years in Wisconsin," says David Pabst, director of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) Bureau of Transportation Safety.

As a reminder of the dangers of drunken driving, electronic message signs on major highways will display "A New Year's resolution—Drive Sober" on December 31 and January 1.

To help prevent drunken driving, WisDOT offers a free Zero In Wisconsin Drive Sober mobile app, which includes:

- A Find-a-Ride feature that uses a smart phone's GPS to locate alternative transportation—including taxi services, mass transit, and local ride services.
- A blood alcohol estimator.
- A designated driver selector.
- Interactive games that help determine whether drivers should give up their car keys.

Since its launch two years ago, more than 66,000 people have downloaded the Zero In Wisconsin Drive Sober app. Free downloads of the app are available at: www.zeroinwisconsin.gov/resources/.

In addition to choosing a designated driver before your New Year's Eve celebration begins, WisDOT's

Division of State Patrol offers the following advice:

- If you're feeling buzzed, you probably are over the 0.08 (alcohol concentration) limit and should not drive. Don't allow friends to drive drunk no matter how much they protest.
- Some taverns and restaurants may provide patrons with safe transportation to their homes, such as the Tavern League of Wisconsin's SafeRide program (<http://www.tlw.org/SafeRide>).

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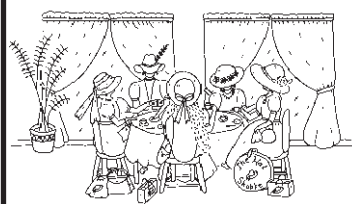
• Tuesday's - 6:00 p.m.

• Wednesday's - 12 Noon

• Thursday, Adoration & Mass - 6:00 p.m.

• Friday - 12 Noon

CRANDON CELLULITE SISTERS ACTIVITY NOTICE



Wed., Jan. 6, 2016

Planning Meeting at


9:30 am at LaFetta

Please

Attend!

Lakewood Area Chamber to Meet January 18

The Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. at Mulligan's Sports Bar & Grill. If you are interested in learning more about the Chamber, you are welcome to attend the meeting or call 715-276-6500 for more information.

Danny Edward Houle 
has enlisted in the Marines!
 Danny's family, friends, teachers & anyone else who would like to wish him farewell is invited to join us for food and refreshments on
Friday, January 8th
Hiles Town Hall • 5 - 11 p.m.
Deeply appreciated by Danny's parents, Crystal & Jesse Houle



CELLULITE SISTERS/CRANDON RED HAT LADIES

What: Red Hat Christmas Party

When: Tuesday, January 12

Where: Lafetta's

Time: 11 am Lunch

Bring a White Elephant Gift

Call JoAnn Yingling - 715-674-3204 or

Judy Monte - 715-674-3081 with a yes or no answer by Jan. 10th, 2016

Laona Lions 4th Annual Predator Hunt & Fundraiser



Saturday, January 9, 2016 • 1 p.m. - ?
Mudslingers, Cavour

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• Largest Bobcat • Largest Fox

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Predators must be harvested the day of the event.

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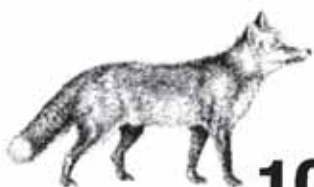
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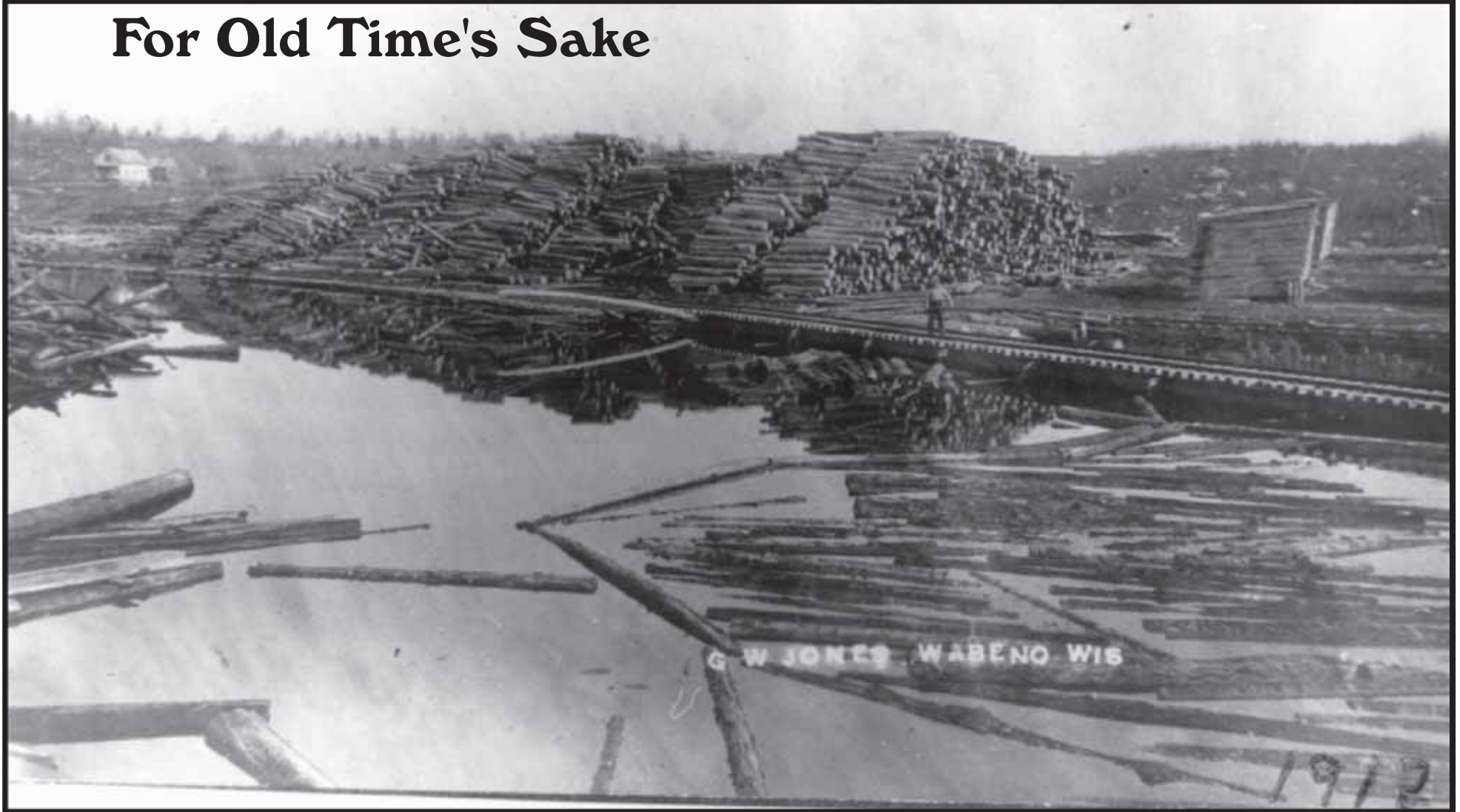
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- Must know & abide by all PCCH policies & procedures

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Status: Full-Time

Purpose Responsible for ensuring that maximum customer service & satisfaction is provided to guests through organizational skills and knowledge of position, providing prompt and courteous service. Verify and approve slot payouts according to Slot Department policies and procedures and Gaming regulations.

Qualifications

- A minimum of two years verifiable experience with electronic gaming equipment maintenance is preferred.
- One year verifiable supervisory experience is required.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Must work well with people, possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Must possess strong verbal & written communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and the ability to maintain accuracy is required.

Conditions of Employment

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
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- Must be available to work flexible shifts

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Purpose Ensure normal operation of slot machines through the ability to set up, take down, troubleshoot & repair machines. Consistently provide excellent guest service by greeting and communicating with guests in a professional & courteous manner.

Qualifications

- One year certificate in Computer Science or related field is preferred.
- A minimum of two years verifiable experience with electronic gaming equipment maintenance is preferred.
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February 1st through June 7th

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Johnson Applauds Passage of Perkins Loan Compromise

WASHINGTON — Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said this in support of a temporary extension of the Perkins Loan Program passed by unanimous consent on the Senate floor Wednesday:

"It's taken a number of months to achieve compromise on extending the Perkins Loan Program. I appreciate Chairman Alexander's willingness to listen to the concerns that universities, students and families in Wisconsin have shared with me on the importance of an extension. This decades-old program partners with colleges and universities to provide assistance to more than 20,000 low-income students in Wisconsin each year, and an extension will provide greater certainty as Congress continues its work toward broader reforms in federal student aid."

The bipartisan proposal extends the Perkins Loan Program for two years for undergraduate students and provides one year of additional Perkins Loans to graduate students already participating in the program. "Sen. Johnson has pushed hard to make sure that we found a way to help students who are depending on Perkins Loans," said Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), original author of the proposal. "This agreement will give Congress two years to think about how to make it simpler and easier for students to apply for financial aid and afford college."

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Senior Chatter

Submitted by Kate Schultz

Monday, Monday

Got the Monday morning blues? For those who typically take a weekend break from work, here's how to brighten your Monday back on the job:

- Plan ahead. Before leaving work on Friday, plan your first Monday morning task. By using your morning energy for something productive first thing, you will set a positive tone for the rest of the week.
- Lower your expectations. Don't walk into work after a long weekend or a vacation and expect to catch up on everything in one day. Set realistic goals for what you can achieve on Monday, and create a schedule that will leave you feeling accomplished rather than frustrated.
- Reward yourself. Plan a fun, after-work activity on Monday, such as meeting friends, spending time on a hobby or watching your favorite TV show.

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Tuesday - January 5 - Beef tips over mashed potato, green beans, wheat bread, brownie - BINGO: Armstrong Creek

Tuesday - January 12 - Baked chicken, 1/2 baked potato with sour cream, broccoli, sourdough bread, oatmeal raisin bar - MUSIC: Armstrong Creek

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Nicolet College Auto program receives maximum national accreditation



Nicolet Auto Technology Instructor Ken Duesing, left, working with student Levi Haskins in the Nicolet Auto Lab.

Nicolet College's Automotive Technology program recently received another five years of accreditation – the maximum amount possible – from the national automotive education association charged with holding college programs across the country to high standards.

“This is excellent news for the Auto program and continues a long tradition of accreditation,” said Ken Duesing, Nicolet Auto Technology instructor. “It’s the industry seal of approval that verifies students are being taught the skills they need to begin their careers in the automotive field.”

The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the Auto program and the college as a whole. Evaluators looked at 11 different components that included quality of instruction, instructor qualifications, modern technology in the lab, and lab cleanliness. College-wide parameters included student services, availability of financial aid, administration of the program, along with other factors.

Nicolet’s program met or exceeded all criteria, Duesing added.

Auto student Levi Haskins said he found it reassuring that the program received such a high level of accreditation. “It tells me that I’m getting a high quality education and that Nicolet has all of the resources necessary for me to make it in the auto field,” Haskins said.

For more information about the program, visit nicoletcollege.edu and enter Automotive Technology in the search box or call the college at (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4493; TTY 1-800-947-3529 or 711.



Death Notices

Elaine Ida Miljour was born to Hubert and Lorraine Johnson on April 22, 1949 in Wabeno. She passed Nov. 30, 2015 at Whittier, Cal. with family by her side.

Elaine was raised on the farm and graduated from Wabeno High School in 1967. She married Ken Miljour Dec. 1967. He was the love of her life.



Elain was an AWANA leader, working with teens for 27 years. She was involved in PTA and being Team Mom for children's sports. Elaine and her husband Ken hosted more than 100 international students in their home for the past 30 years. She worked at Lamirada School District as a teacher's aid for more than 20 years.

Elaine is survived by husband, Kenneth Edward Miljour of LaMirada, Cal.; and sons, Dominic (Diana) of Corona, Cal., Tony (Becky) of Tacoma, Wash.; and Kevin (Melissa) of Steilicoom, Wash. Her dearly loved grandchildren are Austin, Ryan, Brandon, Dylan, Andrew, Ethan and Makayla.

She is survived by her mother, Lorraine Johnson of Wabeno. She is also survived by Donna (Dennis) Johnson of Laona, Deb (Greg) Stauber, Hubert (Paula) Johnson of Laona, Nancy Long of St. Charles, MO, Wayne (Deb) Johnson of Waupaca, Steve Johnson of Wausau and Lisa (Patrick) Johnson of Oshkosh, along with nieces and nephews. Elaine will be missed by all who knew her.

Dorothy E. Huettl, 94, a resident of the Town of Freedom for over 80 years, passed away on Monday December 21, 2015 under the care of Nu Roc Nursing Home and Ministry Home Care and Hospice in Blackwell. She was born on March 27, 1921 to Otto and Anna (Marquardt) Weiland. Anna died when Dorothy was still an infant and she was raised by her Uncle and Aunt Albert and Martha Luetschwager, whom she always called "Ma" and "Pa".

Dorothy spent her childhood in the Wausau area. She was a graduate of Wausau West High School. She went on to continue her education, graduating from Wausau Normal School with a teaching degree. She taught in schools in the Town of Texas in Marathon County and the Town of Freedom. For a few years she was also a substitute teacher for the Wabeno School District.

Dorothy married Aaron Huettl on May 23, 1941 in Wausau, Wisconsin. They made their home on a farm in the Town of Freedom. Aaron preceded Dorothy in death on April 12, 1999. Dorothy continued to live on the farm until she moved to Nu Roc Nursing home in 2012.

Dorothy was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wabeno. Dorothy had a deep and abiding faith in God and her Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a member of the Ladies Aide and had special memories of playing in the Ladies Aide Kitchen Band. Dorothy was always available to lend a helping hand with any of the many funeral and wedding dinners served by the Ladies Aide.

One of the joys of Dorothy's life following the death of Aaron was all the fun she had with a local group of folks called the "Recycables." These gatherings brought her such joy and laughter!

Dorothy will be lovingly remembered for her generosity; kindness; courage and her unconditional love of family.

Dorothy is survived by two daughters, Marybeth (Gary) Schuster of Eau Claire and Dawn (Tony) Jakubiec of Wabeno; and sons, Garth (Donna) of Elton, Darwin (Helen) of Wabeno, and Michael (Glenda) of Post Lake. Dorothy is further survived by 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. In addition to her husband, Dorothy was preceded in death by a son, Aaron (Reggie) and brothers, David, Harvey (Huck), Robert and James Weiland; and sisters, Evelyn Empey and Geraldine (Cubby) Nelson. Also preceding her in death were her foster siblings/cousins, Harvey, Melida and Esther. Further preceding her were both sets of parents.

Funeral services for Dorothy were held on Saturday, December 26, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wabeno. Rev. Matt Nowak officiated. Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Wabeno. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aide.

Viola S. Rusch, age 92, of Townsend, passed away at the Nu-Roc Community Health Care Center, Blackwell on Monday, December 14, 2015.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2016 from 10 - 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Townsend. Memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Stephen Mueller officiating. Inurnment will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Townsend. Online condolences may be directed to weberhillfuneralhome.com.



David C. Belland. It is with broken hearts we share with you the passing of our beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, cousin, and friend.

David was born to Homer and Dorothy Belland on February 12, 1952 in Laona, Wisconsin. He was unexpectedly called to heaven far too early on December 23rd, 2015.

As most know, David was a hard worker. He got into plumbing right out of high school, working his way up the ladder: Apprentice, Journeyman, then Master Plumber. There was no obstacle he couldn't accomplish. David started his own family business, Belland & Son Plumbing, in 1982. Eventually his son Chad followed in his father's footsteps. David and his son were inseparable. They worked together very well but they both had their own opinions on the best way to get the job done, as fathers and sons often do. The people that he did work for knew they could count on him. David did so much for others and often didn't expect anything in return, just the kind of person he was. To this day the business phone still rings with people requesting his work.

David enjoyed all the things life had to offer. Among his favorites were hunting, family fishing trips, being outdoors, his Toyotas, Harleys, video poker/casino, car shows, his dog Hunter, being a rock to his wife, and a best friend to his son. He also enjoyed making firewood, helping others, of course his venison, onions, and black pepper, but most of all his grandchildren. He absolutely loved being a papa to them. They meant the world to him. And now he is able to see them and watch over them at all times.

David and his wife Connie had two kids: Chad born in 1981 and Kimberly born in 1978. Their children meant the most to him. They were always doing something with them or for them. He not only built forts for them as children but also built their house with them as adults. He loved seeing them happy and being at their side along life's journeys. He will be looking over his children now and always.

David's two grandchildren, Madyson, born in 2003, and Chandler, born in 2005, were his pride and joy. He could not spend enough time with them and they couldn't spend enough time with him. Chandler was always David's side-kick, from rides in the woods and hunting to shooting the guns and going fishing. Madyson was Grandma Connie's shadow but also loving her papa and enjoying the times they spent together. There was nothing that David and Connie wouldn't do for them kids. Hopefully the memories they shared will forever be remembered and know that papa loved them very much and always will.

David truly cherished his wife Connie. They were each other's rock and best friend. They were married for 41 years and were each other's soul mate. They accomplished so much together and always went above and beyond for others. David and Connie were always together and could count on each other at all times. They enjoyed riding their Harleys, going to the casino, spending time with their kids and grandkids, working on projects, and taking rides on the side-by-side. It doesn't matter what they were doing, they were always together enjoying every minute of whatever it was. David had his wife's back and will still continue too. He will look over her and get her through the tough times ahead.

There was never a project too big for David. Now his son has some big shoes to fill but his dad's hand will be on his shoulder guiding him through. David and his son Chad in the past year and a half have been building a campground in their free time. David helped so much and it wouldn't be where it's at without him. David actually enjoyed going out there to work and being with his son helping him. There wasn't a thing he wouldn't do for his son. They always had each other to lean on. As hard as it will be to continue the work on the campground David will be there in spirit watching over him with a hand on his shoulder. He was and always will be proud of his son. Everything that Chad will do David will be in his heart and the memories will always be cherished. David was always there for him from hunting, tracking, cleaning a deer, and cutting firewood to make sure everyone was warm through the winter months. David knew how much Chad loved him and appreciated him and Chad knew his father did as well.

David will be greatly missed by everyone, but will never ever be forgotten. As a part of us went with him, a part of him will stay with us. David is now with his family whom passed prior to him. He is telling and listening to stories with his brother and sister, was able to spend Christmas with his mom and dad, and was able to give a big comforting hug to his nephew, great-niece and great-nephew. He will be smacking the cards down in a game of smear, and drinking a Diet Coke with a snuff in his lip. He will forever be watching over those left behind until they meet again. He meant so much to so many people in his life; our lives will not be the same without him. The memories will fill the hearts of those he touched and will continue to do so. David will be in the hearts of loved ones, a light in the dark, an eagle in the sky, a shooting star, a butterfly in a field, or a spark at a campfire.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 29 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Leonard Catholic Church in Laona. Father Felix Penetrante officiated. Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial was in the Laona Cemetery. Online condolences for the family may be left at weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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Dennis Klapper, age 67 of Crandon, Wisconsin, formerly of Appleton, passed away on December 27, 2015. Dennis was born on January 17, 1948 to Robert and Virginia Klapper.

He was a graduate of Menasha High School where he was a three sport letterman, excelling in football, track and wrestling. and the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

On June 21, 1995 he married the former Danna Clarke and he is survived by her. Dennis was a fun loving, glass half full kind of man. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was a caring, patient and generous husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was an avid deer hunter and fisherman who enjoyed the outdoors. He appreciated his home "Up North" and in Texas, traveling and playing cards.

Denny will be sadly missed by his parents; his wife, Danna; children, Chad Klapper of Appleton, Stacy (Tom) Prillwitz of Appleton, Katie (Charles) Miller of Appleton and T.J. (Lindsay) Spilman of Greenville; grandchildren, Kayla, Jennifer, Meagan, Avery, Sydney, Jackson and Tyler; siblings, Bobby (Nance) Klapper, Gary (Ann) Klapper, Barbara (Gary) Wegner and close family friend, Brad, as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

There will be a memorial service at Wichmann Funeral Homes, Tri County Location on Saturday, January 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. A gathering of family and friends will be on Saturday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. For more information and to express online condolences, please visit wichmannfargo.com.



Sallie L. Deer, 83, Wausau, formerly of Crandon, died Monday, December 28, 2015 at Stoney River Rehab, Weston.

She was born December 30, 1931 in Butler Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Edward and Edith (Gold) Myers.

On October 14, 1950, she married William Deer in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death on December 17, 2000.

Sallie worked as a CNA in her earlier years. Following college she went on to be an accountant

for the Forest County Courthouse until her retirement. Some of her interest were crocheting, knitting and sewing. Sallie will be remembered for always donating her many needle work pieces. She was proud to be a mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be deeply missed by her entire family.

Survivors include her children, Chuck Deer, Crandon and Randy (Stacey) Deer, Wausau, 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one sister, Roberta (Carl) Williams, Maryland.

Besides her parents and husband she was preceded in death by her children, William Jr., Jim, David and Kimberly and one brother, Edward Jr.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 3400 Stewart Avenue, Wausau. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. until the start of the service at 12:00 p.m.

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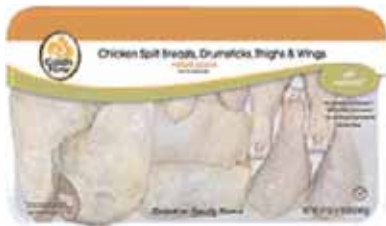
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Wed.:

Fruit juice, breakfast pizza, strawberries, cubed cheese, milk

Thurs.:

Fruit juice, mini chocolate pancakes, sausage patty, pears, milk

Fri.:

Fruit juice, oatmeal, banana, muffin, milk

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Lunch Menu
January 4-8, 2015

Mon.:

Uncrustable P.B.J, chili, crackers, brussel sprouts, tropical fruit, garden salad, milk

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Baked chicken leg, mashed pot./gravy, golden corn, applesauce, dinner roll garden salad, milk

Wed.:

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

• Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 15552 Hwy 32, Lakewood, will have their annual Christmas Cookie Sale Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch of BBQ, variety of soups and pies will be offered.

• Cathedral Church of the Northwoods Arbutus Lutheran Church, ELCA, W6607 Church Ln., Pearson, invites any and all to worship with them Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is at 11 a.m. Communion is open to all on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. For more information, call 715-484-5055 or 715-623-6850.

• Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 1742 Forest St., Wabeno, announces its Deer Hunters Supper and Service on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Supper is at 4:30 p.m., service at 5:30 p.m. Service will be the same as Sunday's. Everyone is welcome.

• Stitch'n Sisters Needlework Group - We invite anyone interested in needle arts to join us Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – noon in the Associated Bank Community Room, located at 210 S. Lake Ave., Crandon.

• St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS) - Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Monday. Wednesday - children's after school. Located at N9834 Hwy. 55 in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.

• Forest Cty. Humane Society - Open to public Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for more info. 715-478-2098.

• Crandon VFW Post - Meets the second Tuesday of the month. 1:30 p.m. at the VFW building, 104 N Forest.

• Support Group for Parent of Children with Disabilities - Call Chris at 715-784-0058.

• Crandon Lions Board Meetings - 1st Monday of the month at Crandon Library at 6 p.m. (downstairs). Member Meeting - 3rd Monday of month at 5:30 p.m.; November meeting will be held at Duck's Bar.

• Bridge Community Dental Health Clinic - This project serves people of all ages in Forest County for People who have Badger Care, medical Assistance & UNINSURED to schedule an appointment call (715) 848-4884. Call the Health Dept. for more information at 715-478-3371.

• Good Shepard Lutheran Church - Hwy 55N, Crandon. Sunday service 9:30 a.m. with Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday. Wednesday service at 6pm with Communion on 2nd & 4th Wednesday. No Saturday services.

• Christian Motorcyclist Association - Spirit Ryders Chapter of Langlade & Forest Co. invites you to attend out monthly meetings on the last Saturday of each month. Call George 715-350-1679.

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• Highway 55 Flea Market - Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Nashville Town hall, corner of Hwys. 55 & B, Crandon. Interested vendors or for more information, call Linda at 715-484-7271.

• Tops - will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:30 am with meeting following at 7:45 a.m. For more info call 715-473-2613.

• Town of Lincoln Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln Hall.

• Town of Nashville Town Board Meeting November 18 7p.m. on south end.

• Crandon PTO - 1st Monday of month, 6-7 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria.

• Pickerel Area 50 Plus will meet on Thursday Nov 12th at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pickerel for our annual Thanksgiving gathering. Bring friends and a dish to pass. Entertainment will be provided. For more info call Bob 715-478-5199 or Marge 715-484-2205.

• Survivors of Suicide Support Group - Support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide will gather the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon at the Curran Building located at 315 South Oneida Avenue in Rhinelander. For more info call Sue at 715-275-5399.

• Senior Snoop Shop meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from May through September at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library.

• Crandon Public Library Board Monthly meeting. 6:00 p.m. Lower Level. 715.478.3784. www.crandonpl.org.

• Pickerel area 50 Plus will meet at St John's Church on Thursday, Jan 14th,12 noon for our annual soup lunch. Bring friends and soup, etc. to pass. We will discuss plans for Feb Valentine dinner. Questions call Marge 715-484-2205 or Bob 715-478-5199.

• Ske Gish Get (New Day) AA Meeting held Fridays at 2 p.m. at 5519 Wej Mo Gek Court, Crandon. For more information Debbie or Peggy at 715-478-4370.

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• AA Meeting - Saturdays, 9 a.m., Wabeno Fire Station, side entrance.

• AA Meeting - Antigo Hospital, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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The 50 pounds of popcorn was donated by the Liquor Lode and the bags were donated by the Schaefer's Bakery Department.

The students enjoyed a skit regarding the 12 days of Christmas by the teachers. The students then had a the opportunity to trim their teacher to look like a Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Clause followed with gifts. Fun was had by all!

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Nutritionist Laura Jeffers at Cleveland Clinic says it's easy to lose track of the number of calories in cozy holiday drinks like eggnog lattes, but they add up fast. "The more flavors and names that you have with that drink, the more calories you're going to have," Jeffers says.

For example, an innocent 100-calorie apple cider can balloon into a 400-calorie drink if you add whipped cream and caramel to sweeten it up. And drinking just an extra 200 calories a day can add up to 40 pounds of weight gain over the course of a year.

When it comes to some holiday drinks, modifications can help cut down on calories. Jeffers recommends replacing whole milk with skim milk and trying sugar-free syrups in caffe lattes for a taste of the season without the calories.

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58 Things You Didn't Know Had Names

1. Petrichor: the way it smells outside after rain.

2. Purlicue: the space between the thumb and forefingers.

3. Wamble: stomach rumbling.

4. Aglet: the plastic coating on a shoelace.

5. Vagitus: the cry of a newborn baby.

6. Glabella: the space between your eyebrows.

7. Chanking: spat-out food.

8. Lunule: the white, crescent shaped part of the nail.

9. Peen: the side opposite the hammer's striking side.

10. Tines: the prongs on a fork.

11. Souffle cup: a ketchup/condiment cup.

12. Natiform: something that resembles a butt.

13. Phosphenes: the lights you see when you close your eyes and press your hands to them.

14. Nurdle: a tiny dab of toothpaste.

15. Box tent: the table in the middle of a pizza box.

16. Cornicione: the outer part of the crust on a pizza.

17. Barm: the foam on a beer.

18. Rasceta: the lines on the inside of your wrist.

19. Overmorrow: the day after tomorrow.

20. Ferrule: the metal part at the end of a pencil.

21. Punt: the bottom of a wine bottle.

22. Keeper: the loop on a belt that keeps the end in place after it has passed through the buckle.

23. Minimus: your little toe or finger.

24. Zarf: the cardboard sleeve on a coffee cup.

25. Rectal Tenesmus: the feeling of incomplete defecation.

26. Agraffe: the wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne.

27. Columella nasi: the space between your nostrils.

28. Lemniscate: the infinity symbol.

29. Desire path: a path created by natural means, simply because it is the "shortest or most easily navigated" way.

30. Armscye: the armhole in most clothing.

31. Dysania: the state of finding it hard to get out of the bed in the morning.

32. Collywobbles: butterflies in your stomach.

33. Nibbling: the non-gender-specific term for a niece or nephew — like sibling.

34. Griffonage: unreadable handwriting.

35. Paresthesia: that "pins and needles" feeling.

36. Defenestrate: to throw out a window.

37. Muntin: the strip separating window panes.

38. Philtrum: the groove located just below the nose and above the middle of the lips.

39. Snood: the fleshy thing around the neck of a turkey.

40. Vocabule: the na na nas and la la las in song lyrics that don't have any meaning.

41. Tittle: the dot over an "i" or a "j."

42. Morton's toe: when your second toe is bigger than your big toe.

43. Crepuscular rays: rays of sunlight coming from a certain point in the sky. AKA what your aunt might have called "God's rays."

44. Snellen chart: the chart you look at when you take an eye exam.

45. Crapulence: that sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much.

46. Obelus: the division sign (÷).

47. Ideolocator: a "you are here" sign.

48. Brannock device: the thing they use to measure your feet at the shoe store.

49. Interrobang: what it's called when you combine a question mark with an exclamation point like this: ?!

50. Mamihlapinatapai: the look shared by two people who both hope the other will offer to do something that they both want but aren't willing to do.

51. Phloem bundles: those long stringy things you see when peeling a banana.

52. Semantic satiation: what happens when you say a word so long it loses meaning.

53. Octothorpe: the pound (#) button on a telephone.

54. Gynecomastia: man-boobs.

55. Mondegreen: misheard song lyrics.

56. Scurryfunge: the time you run around cleaning frantically right before company comes over.

57. Aphthongs: silent letters.

58. Tmesis: when you separate a word into two for effect. Example: "I AM GOING TO ASBO-FREAKIN'-LUTELY BE THE BEST SCRABBLE PLAYER ON THE PLANET NOW!"

Foods You Should Always Eat Together

Pairing certain foods together enhances the nutritional impact of each, a concept known as food synergy. Here are a few pairings from Amy Jamieson-Petonic, a registered dietician at the Cleveland Clinic, that can help take your healthy eating to the next level.

1. Spinach and lemon. Spinach, which contains a substantial amount of iron, is even better for you when you sprinkle it with lemon juice which, will help your body absorb the iron more efficiently.

2. Tomatoes and olive oil. The fat-soluble antioxidants lycopene and carotenoids found in tomatoes pair perfectly with heart-healthy olive oil which helps control cholesterol, blood pressure and the growth of cancer.

3. Fish and curry powder. When combined with curry, the heart-healthy omega-3s in fish as well as the fats DHA and EPA have been found to reduce cancer risk.

4. Mixed berries. Eating fresh blackberries, blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries together can give you more nutritional bang for your buck.

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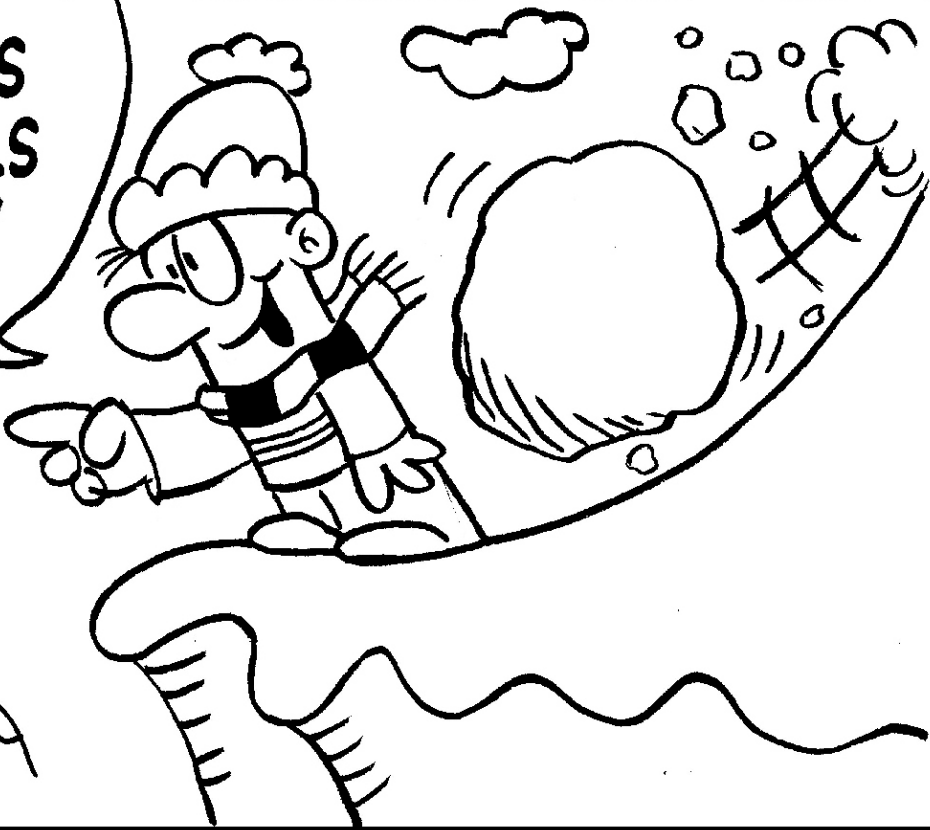
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Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel spreads holiday cheer



This year marked the sixth consecutive year team members at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel donated toys for local area children. The team members once again showed an outpouring of generosity, donating 743 toys. As in years past, the Management team at Potawatomi Carter Casino matched the average value of the toys and used that money to fill the local food pantry and to purchase winter jackets and snow pants for area youth. After emptying a trailer full of toys at Associated Bank in Crandon, managers and team members went to Schaefer's and filled that trailer back up with food and other items for the local food pantry.

Along with the toy drive, shopping for the food pantry and winter clothing purchase, Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel also ran a food drive with their loyal patrons during the month of November. Through that, over 3,500 nonperishable food items and additional turkeys helped fill three additional food pantries in the area.

"I am so proud of our Team Members and thankful for our guests who participated in our efforts this year. It's very overwhelming that after six years of doing this for the community; we still have so much support. It is wonderful to be able to give back during the holiday season," Frank Shepard, General Manager.



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Are Crops Contributing to the Whitetail Decline?

by Gordon Whittington

Unless you pay zero attention to environmental coverage in the media, you know there's a war going on over our food supply.

On one side stand many in the agricultural community. On the other stand critics who say today's bountiful crops will prove the death of us all. And at the center of this debate lies a single question: Are there major health risks associated with certain crops and specific agricultural chemicals used to treat them?

To date, an ironclad answer has proved elusive. And you won't find one here. But the truth is worth pursuing, and for reasons that go beyond the health of humans, livestock or pets. Some of the most heavily modified crops, including corn, soybeans and alfalfa, also are eagerly eaten by whitetails.

It's prudent, then, to ask if the farming boom that helped the species expand now might be threatening its health.

Tweaking Plants

Over several millennia, a handful of the world's native plants became favorite foods of humans and livestock. Thus, through selective breeding they received the bulk of effort to make them more productive and nutritious. Among these crops are corn, soybeans, potatoes, alfalfa, canola and cereal grains, including wheat, oats, rye, barley and rice. Today, these plants or their byproducts are found in most commercial food products or are fed to livestock whose meat we eat.

The push for higher yields at lower cost also fueled the development of herbicides, insecticides and fungicides. But only recently has crop science moved into the realm of "inventing" genetically modified organisms (GMOs): those whose genes have been artificially manipulated to have a productive advantage, especially in concert with chemical treatments. Genetic engineering is creating combinations of plant, animal, bacterial and viral genes not occurring in nature or through traditional crossbreeding.

Most common, to date, are GMOs "built" to withstand direct application of herbicides. And one herbicide in particular—glyphosate—catches most of the fire from critics who claim it's not nearly as benign as is claimed by Monsanto, the company that introduced it to consumers in 1974. This broad-spectrum, non-selective systemic herbicide works by inhibiting an enzyme involved in the synthesis of amino acids in growing plants.

Even if you don't know "glyphosate," no doubt you've heard of the most popular product containing it: Roundup. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in this herbicide, which you likely use to spray weeds in your yard—and perhaps in your food plots. With "Roundup Ready" (RR) crop varieties, glyphosate can be used to kill many annuals and perennials, including grasses, sedges, broad-leaved weeds and woody plants, without harming the crop. In North America there now are millions of acres of GMO plantings. With several of the world's largest corporations deep into producing these seeds and related chemicals, it's safe to assume GMOs won't be banned tomorrow. Thus, if the deer you hunt have been feeding on such crops and/or other plants treated with glyphosate, expect that to continue—unless the people controlling the land decide otherwise.

Growing Concerns

A North Carolina friend recently told me deer had all but quit using a local bean field since the farmer switched to RR beans. Now, he says, most feed in a nearby clover pasture instead.

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Do those deer know something science doesn't? It's hard to say. Depending on where, when, how and by whom a given study was done, reported GMO impacts range from zero to catastrophic.

Most research has focused on humans and livestock. But veteran plant pathologist Dr. Don Huber, professor emeritus at Purdue University, told me Montana's Judy Hoy has spent years studying pesticide effects on whitetails and other wild ungulates. I later learned that Dr. Diana Henshel at Indiana University also has given Judy's work a positive review. With those endorsements out of the way, here's what Judy revealed to me, verbatim:

"The use of Roundup on Roundup Ready crops increased astronomically in 1994 and even more in 2005 and 2006 on with the release of genetically modified (GMO) Roundup Ready seeds for multiple crops. What appears to cause even worse symptoms, especially to animal fetuses, the formulation for glyphosate and other commonly used herbicides was changed to a salt formulation. These formulations have been applied since 2005.

"Even more alarming, glyphosate (Roundup) has been shown to act synergistically with chlorothalonil (Bravo), a fungicide with cyanide as part of its molecule. Simultaneous exposure has been shown to cause much worse damage to cellular functions than either alone. Millions of pounds of Bravo have been used to combat potato blight each year in potato-growing states in summer since 1994.

"Both Bravo and Roundup cause significant disruption to thyroid hormone functions, especially in developing fetuses. Hypothyroidism in adults, especially does, can be quite obvious. Failure to thrive, extreme emaciation and failure to gain weight, failure to produce fawns, hair loss and/or slow growth of new hair in spring and fall and weak pasterns resulting in hoof malformations are some of the most common.

"When glyphosate is ingested, it chelates many minerals, including manganese, calcium, phosphate, copper, iron, zinc, nickel and others. It also chelates the minerals in the plants on which it is applied or on which it lands in rain and snow. The consequent deficiencies of those minerals cause fetal hypothyroidism and a wide variety of birth defects.

"Manganese deficiency alone has been shown by multiple studies to cause brachygnathia superior (underbite) in ruminants. Glyphosate also disrupts Vitamin A and immune system functions, as well as being an antibiotic. For an ungulate to constantly ingest an antibiotic has adverse effects on its gut flora (microbes that aid in digestion).

"I am a wildlife rehabilitator, and my husband is a biologist by education, who was a game warden for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and is now retired. We live in western Montana, in Ravalli County, where our studies on birth defects on wild ruminants, especially white-tailed deer, were done.

"As a game warden, my husband retrieved many accident-killed big-game animals, primarily white-tailed deer, from roadsides and yards, and I examined the carcasses prior to disposal. I also cared for newborn wild ruminants. Thus, we examined hundreds of white-tailed deer prior to and after 1995.

"We observed that, beginning in spring of 1995 and continuing through 2014, many

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individuals of white-tailed deer fawns were born with one or more birth defects consistent with mineral deficiencies and thyroid hormone disruption. In 1996, I began documenting the bite, the size of the deer and the size of the male genitalia with measurements and photos. I also found the sex ratio on the white-tailed deer skewed highly in favor of males at around 60M/40F, especially between 1995 and 2002.

"With so many more males born than females, there was a direct and almost instant effect on recruitment rates in the affected population. The hunters were very happy with large numbers of buck deer to harvest, until the entire deer population began declining. The mule deer fawns were affected even worse than the white-tailed deer fawns, so the mule deer population is now in serious trouble in some states.

"On male fawns, the most common birth defects are genital hypoplasia and a misaligned scrotum formed with the left testis directly forward of the right. The most severe reproductive malformations, such as ectopic testes (between the body wall and the skin) affect a buck's ability to reproduce, but do not cause mortality. Many of the other birth defects cause direct mortality in the young, in turn causing observable declines in the most affected populations.

"The most common birth defect on both sexes of fawns are underbite as a result of underdevelopment of the upper facial bones and sometimes the skull, in addition to wider-than-normal, doglegged lower incisors. Underbite significantly affects a grazing animal's ability to bite off foliage and causes malnutrition. Even mild underbite can affect winter survival of fawns and the survival of the fetuses of pregnant does, if there is deep snow and cold temperatures.

"Other less common birth defects we observed were crooked legs, missing digits, contracted tendons, weak pasterns, eye malformations and herniated umbilicus. Many white-tailed deer fawns I necropsied had underdeveloped and/or damaged thymus, enlarged right heart ventricle and damaged lungs, all of which can contribute to early mortality. All birth defects found on the deer and other animals have been shown by many studies to be caused by fetal hypothyroidism.

"Even if the young-of-the-year female fawns with underbite or enlarged heart ventricles survive their first two winters and are subsequently bred, their ability to produce viable young can be severely compromised, because their fawns often have even worse birth defects.

"It quickly became obvious that the newborns of other mammals, which eat mainly plants or seeds, especially wild and domestic herbivores, rodents and many bird species, were also being born with some or all of the same birth defects. With so many different animals being affected, one or more environmental toxins were suspected as the cause. The question was, what was suddenly used in high-enough amounts to cause such widespread symptoms of fetal hypothyroidism?

"Based on timing and symptoms of exposure, the culprits at this time appear to be Roundup and Bravo acting synergistically. Tested animals like dairy cows that eat GMO crops or other plants with Roundup on them have fairly high levels of glyphosate in their urine and/or milk. White-tailed deer eat on fields planted with GMO crops, especially alfalfa. With glyphosate in white-tailed deer milk, the mineral chelating effect on their fawns could be significant and at the least, affect their growth and at worst cause them to die. These are just a few of the many ways GMO crops sprayed with Roundup can affect white-tailed deer and other wild ungulate populations."

So what's the take-home message?

"I would strongly recommend not using GMO crops for food plots, and of course, no pesticides should be sprayed on food intended for wildlife," Dr. Hoy advised. "Farmers who care about today's children and all future generations of animals and people would be wise to immediately switch to farming organically. If that is not possible, they should not use pesticides like Roundup, Chlorothalonil, Neonics, 2,4-D, Atrazine and others that have been shown to be the most deadly to animals of all kinds, from beneficial insects to larger mammals like white-tailed deer."

In Conclusion

Those of us here at NAW grew up working with crops and livestock and of course remain avid food plotters. As such, we acknowledge the many ways in which agriculture has benefitted millions of us hunters and continues to do so.

Apparently no state or provincial wildlife agency has blamed GMOs or farm chemicals for a decline in whitetail numbers, though the drop began roughly when such products came into widespread use. Still, there's reason to closely follow the story of GMOs and chemicals used to treat our crops. Until science offers clear proof of their safety, it seems wise for deer managers to proceed with caution.

"Why use GMOs in food plots in the first place?" asks Dr. James C. Kroll, director of the Institute for White-tailed Deer Management & Research. "Weeds in food plots are generally a good thing. Some folks are so anal about having pure crops that they go to great lengths to keep them weed-free. I like weeds in plots and only use herbicides when absolutely necessary."

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grade students about stereotyping. The students enjoyed interacting with Donald and Tressa during their presentation and saw things from a different perspective.

We were also fortunate to have Donald and Gloria Gutierrez, from the Forest County Potawatomi Language and Culture program.

The Kindergarten and 1st grade students enjoyed listening to them read "Santa Knows" and loved making a Santa hat ornament to share with their families.



**Quebec's Le Vent du Nord to bring
progressive French folk music to
the Northwoods**



Mix a healthy serving of lively Saturday night kitchen party with a big dollop of high-energy barn dance and that's what one can expect to experience at a performance of the internationally-acclaimed Le Vent du Nord.

This progressive French folk band from Quebec will spend a week-long residency in the Northwoods in January, performing at numerous schools and culminating their visit with a special performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, on the Nicolet College Theatre stage.

"It's not often smaller communities like ours have the chance to host international ensembles like Le Vent du Nord—let alone for a full week," said Nicolet College Theatre Director Jim Nuttall.

"The music and culture Le Vent du Nord shares will be absolutely fascinating and different from what we typically hear. We expect this residency will be a rousing musical and cultural experience for everyone."

Tickets for the performance at Nicolet are \$15 and can be purchased online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.

Since its founding in 2002, Le Vent du Nord has won critical acclaim and audience adoration across Europe and North America. The quartet has performed well over 1,000 concerts, racking up prestigious awards including two Junos (Canada's Grammys), a Canadian Folk Music Award, and "Artist of the Year" at the North American Folk Alliance Annual Gala.

"These four indelibly cheerful Quebecers have been touring the world together for more than a decade and still appear to be having a whale of a time," wrote Kate Molleson in a review of the band for The Herald in Scotland. "They're wonderfully uninhibited at showing it, too."

The week-long Northwoods residency is made possible through a partnership with Arts Midwest World Fest, which arranges week-long residencies for international music ensembles in small Midwest communities.

Along with the public performance at Nicolet, Le Vent du Nord will also hold 11 workshops and performances at numerous K-12 schools and a community event in the Nicolet District. More than 4,200 students and community members are anticipated to participate in these events.

Le Vent du Nord is the second of four international ensembles visiting the Northwoods under Nicolet's two-year partnership with Arts Midwest. Last fall the Mediterranean folk band Baladino kicked off the series. The line-up for 2016-17 will include Aysenur Kolivar from Turkey and Anda Union from China.

Rhineland and surrounding communities were selected as one of only nine Midwestern locations to host the 2015-2017 Arts Midwest World Fest and is the only partner location chosen in Wisconsin.

"It's a real honor to be part of this program," Nuttall noted. "We really enjoyed working with the artists who have already visited as part of Arts Midwest World Fest and know Le Vent du Nord will be an amazing world music ensemble."

A program of Arts Midwest, the 2015-2017 Arts Midwest World Fest cycle is generously supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, 3M Foundation and Anime Twin Cities. Additional support is provided by the Délégation du Québec à Chicago for Le Vent du Nord. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, because of a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

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