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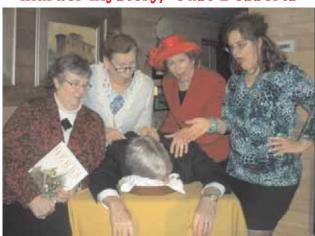
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Blackwell receives \$10,000 grant for the Rat River Trail



Blackwell received official notice this week of the award of \$10,000.00 from the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. at their January meeting in Shawano. Town Board Supervisor Jerry Graves was on hand to give the council a progress report on the Rat River Recreational Trail and the timeline for it's completion in the spring of 2016. The Council is a consortium of nine counties with a mission statement of enhancing area natural resources, promoting a higher standard of living and improving quality of life while fostering partnerships between the public and private sectors. The Town submitted a grant proposal in October of 2015 for financial assistance to complete the east end of the trail. There is a short distance still under construction by the snowmobile bridge over the Peshtigo River and touch-ups needed to the limestone cap in place. Once this is done, the volunteers will be out on the trail, seeding the culvert slopes and turn- arounds, placing the picnic table built by the Job Corp carpentry students, the information kiosk constructed by the Wabeno Tech, Ed. students, and the mile markers provided by the Forest County Health Department. The west end of the trail was completed in the summer of 2015 and has hosted wellness walks and bike races. Volunteers groomed the trail this winter for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. With the completion, we will have approximately eight miles of trail that follows the old Flanner Railroad grade along the Rat River, from Blackwell Junction to the Bear Lake Campground. Chairman Ron Henkel expressed the Town's appreciation to Lumberjack RC & D for their support and belief in the project. "Building this trail has been a long process, from it's inception in the Town's comprehensive plan in 2010, to the expected completion. We have been fortunate in obtaining grants from the Nicolet Resource Advisory Council, Department of Natural Resources Federal Trails program, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, and now Lumberjack RC & D. The financial support, along with the hard work of some dedicated volunteers has given the Town a recreational trail second to none. We invite all those individuals who enjoy bicycling and walking to try it

The Wabeno Area Players present murder mystery, "Just Desserts"



One of the contestants at this year's bake-off has decided to let Judge Cogsworth judge a "dessert-to-die-for." But who did in the cantankerous Judge Cogsworth (center), played by Bob Brown? Was it (L-R standing), Edna Mae Carter, the spinster librarian, played by Wendy Richards, or Miss Peabody, the bake-off organizer, played by Carol Bartlein, or Margaret Mason, the wealthiest woman in town, played by Linda Zuleger, or Scooter Bright, the town's flirt, played by Lori Mattern?

Break the February, mid-winter blues, by joining the Wabeno Area Players at the Essenhaus in Wabeno. For great fun the Players are offering the audience

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Crandon High School students learn business skills from Nicolet instructors under new partnership



Nicolet College Business Instructor David Phillips, standing, teaching his Business Marketing class at Crandon High School. This dual credit course gives Crandon juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits.

When Crandon High School students walked into their Business classes at the start of the current semester, they were presented with something unique: Nicolet College instructors standing in the front of the class.

Through this new and innovative partnership between the school district and the college, Crandon high school juniors and seniors are now earning both high school and college credits by taking the Nicolet Business classes.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for our students," said Crandon District Administrator Doug Kryder. "Everyone is excited we were able to make this happen and make it so convenient for high school students to earn college credits as part of their normal school day."

At the start of the semester, 22 students had enrolled in Nicolet's Principles of Management and Business Marketing classes.

The benefits are many, Kryder explained.

"First, the students get a jump start on college, which can help shorten the time they are in college," he said. "This means they save on tuition costs and may be able to graduate sooner. By shortening their time in college, they'll realize a significant financial advantage as they begin their professional careers."

Nicolet College President Richard Nelson said the college is committed to partnering with K-12 districts whenever possible to help meet the needs of students.

"Dual credit arrangements such as this, where students earn both high school and college credits in the same class, both smooth and speed the pathway for these students to earn a college education," Nelson said. "This arrangement with Crandon High School creates a significant benefit for students so they can receive the education they need to get ahead in life."

The unique partnership started as the result of the current statewide shortage of qualified high school business instructors. The School District of Crandon advertised the open position but ultimately was not able to hire an instructor

Kryder then approached Nicolet.

"We felt it was important to be able to offer business classes to students, to create new opportunities for them whenever possible," he said. "I can't tell you how excited everyone is, especially the students and their parents, that this partnership with Nicolet came together so well."

Townsend Centennial event to be held on April 2nd

Make your plans now to be in Townsend on Saturday, April 2. What's the occasion? The Townsend Centennial Committee is hosting the first of several events to celebrate Townsend turning 100 years old on April 4. So gather your Centennial costume items and be ready to have great time!

The April 2nd event will be held in the dining room of the Old Town Restaurant on Highway 32, Townsend. This kick-off is a reenactment of the founding of the Township of Townsend. It will start at 1:00 sharp when Chairman Allen McDonald (Al Benson) will use his gavel to call that historic meeting to order. A supporting cast will portray many of the more than 50 men who were in attendance on that historic day.

Audience members will compose the eclectic mix

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Townsend Fire Dept. Fireman's Wives Sweetheart Dance



Townsend Fire Department's 30th Annual Fireman's Wives Sweetheart Dance will be held on Saturday, February 13th at the Townsend Fire Garage. Grab your favorite significant other and bring them to the garage at 1:00 p.m. for a fine time.

There will be music by "Jess Havin Phun" until 6:00 p.m., and there will be beverages, food, music, and a good time. A "Reverse Happy Hour" will be from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

All proceeds will be used by the Townsend Fire Department for equipment and training, and all the food profits will benefit the Wabeno Senior Class.

Mole Lake Rod & Gun Club Fish-O-Ree & Family Fun Day this weekend

The 38th Annual Mole Lake Rod & Gun Club Fish-O-Ree and Family Fun Day will be this Saturday, February 13th. The good times begin at 7:00 p.m. and last until 5:00 p.m.

Cash prizes will be paid for the longest fish in the following species: northern, walleye, bass, bluegill, perch, crappie, and sunfish. In addition, there will be other prizes and a cash raffle. The drawings will be at 5:30 p.m. at Junior's Saloon.



Pelican Lake Area Chamber to hold 38th Annual Ice Fishing Derby

The Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 38th Annual Ice-Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 27th at Dockside Pub & Eatery, 889 Hwy 45, Pelican Lake. Fishing is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All fish must be registered at the tavern and you must present the orange ticket stubs when registering a fish. The \$5 tickets can be purchased in advance at all area chamber businesses, there is no preregistration. All the names of those who purchase orange tickets will also be put into a drawing for cash prizes of \$500 - 1st, \$200 - 2nd, and \$100 - 3rd.

There will be only 300 tickets sold for these prizes: Jiffy Pro 4 Lite Propane Ice Drill with 8" XT drill assembly - 1st, GoPro Hero Camera - 2nd, and Ice Fishing Package - 3rd.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase & drawings for cash and merchandise prizes for adults and children in all designated fish categories will start at 5:30 p.m. Make sure to stop in during the day to purchase tickets for the merchandise prize baskets that will be on display, or try your luck at winning some great prizes on the paddle wheel game.

Money raised goes towards the Pelican Lake Chamber Elcho Student Scholarship Fund. For more info call 715-487-5222 or pelicanlakecc@frontiernet.net.

McCaslin Lioness Blood Drive February 15th

The McCaslin Lioness Blood Drive will be at the Townsend Town Hall on Hwy 32, on Monday, February 15, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment, please call Evie at 715-276-9067, and walk-ins are welcome.

Forest Service seeks two young workers for YCC program

The Forest Service USDA is seeking two youths for summer work at the Lakewood/Laona Ranger District. The YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women.

The employment lasts eight weeks, and the worker will learn about conservation of natural resources as well as drawing wages.

For more information on this opportunity, see the ad in the Help Wanted section of this paper.



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Some things you should consider to help avoid the problem in the future is maintaining your heat at a minimum of 60 degrees. There are some companies that can alert you if your heating system fails. If you leave on vacation, make sure you have someone checking on vour home. Make sure your basement and home have adequate insulation.

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Crandon School shooters compete in Badger State Winter Games

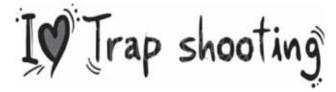


Ten students from Crandon High competed in the Badger State Winter Games on January 30th in Marathon City at the Marathon Trap Club. Six of the competitors from the Northwoods earned medals for their trap shooting.

Maria Huber won a gold medal for Ladies age sixteen to eighteen. Abby Pease won silver in the same event. Abby Schallock won a bronze for this event.

Sam Kalata won a silver medal for his shooting ability, and Kobe Gallion won a bronze. Luke Bukovic earned a silver in his age class, which was the ten to thirteen age group.

Others participating in the shooting were Dylan Bukovic, Austin Kalkofen, Ally Pease, and Harley Bukovic. All had a good time.



WABENO - 2 bedroom apartment (Orchard Ridge Apartments). Rent starts at \$494 until rental assistance becomes available and includes water, sewer, garbage and HEAT!! Major appliances, off street parking and laundry facilities. To receive an application, please call 800-938-5648 for an application or more information. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Betc6

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Betc48

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FOR RENT: 2 bedroom apt in Crandon. Heat, water and appliances included. No dogs allowed. \$500/month plus \$500 security deposit. Pictures available on craigslist. Call 920-460-6421. Betc43

Crandon High Forensics Team takes first place



Saturday February 6th, the Crandon High School Forensics Team participated in the first annual Trophy Invitational held here at our Crandon School District. School districts participating were Tomahawk, Three Lakes, Elcho, Wabeno and Crandon. Out of the six categories represented, Crandon won three of them: Group Interpretation first place Halee Evans, Wazy Pamp & Carol Bolding; Solo Acting first place Brooke Kalata; and Play acting first place Danuka Plamer and Kim Sipple, with a close second place by McKenna Jensen, Brianna McCarthy, Kevin Bocek and Jason Fife. The team's average score was 21.7 out of 25 which earned them a first place team trophy. Crandon is looking forward to hosting this event again next year. The public is welcome to all Forensics events.

Our next events include:

- --February 16th Middle School Level II starting at 4:15 pm. Supper is available.
- --February 20th High School sub- district starting at 9 am. Breakfast and lunch are available.
- --Night of the Arts starting at 6:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres served by culinary arts students.

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Amy, with only 1-1/2 years of experience in the real estate industry, has been with the CENTURY 21 system for the whole time. She is a valued and trusted real estate resource for the community, as is a major contributor to the overall success of CENTURY 21 Northwoods Team Inc. and the CENTURY 21 system as a whole.

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PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 04, FEBRUARY 15, 2016 Correction on Flannery/Hoppa

engagement announcement We apologize for the typo in the engagement

announcement of Amanda Flannery and Tyler Hoppa. In the article we spelled Tyler's last name as Hopps, not



School District of Wabeno Area **Special School Board Meeting** Monday, February 1, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by School Board President Janet Opiela.

Board members present: Janet Opiela, Robert Seeber, Patricia A. Manthey, Dawn Jakubiec, Ann Barfknecht, Joan Sackett and Jim Smith. Administrative staff present: Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator; Allison Space, Elementary School Principal; and William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal.

Others Present: Barry Forbes, WASB school attorney

A motion was made by Patricia A. Manthey seconded by Ann Barfknecht to approve the agenda. The motion

A motion was made by Jim Smith seconded by Joan Sackett to go into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss:

A. Update board on an employee performance matter.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Janet Opiela, yes; Robert Seeber, yes; Patricia A. Manthey, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Ann Barfknecht, yes; Joan Sackett, yes; and Jim Smith, yes. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Patricia A. Manthey to come out of Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Janet Opiela, yes; Robert Seeber, yes; Patricia A. Manthey, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Ann Barfknecht, yes; Joan Sackett, yes; and Jim Smith, yes. The motion carried 7 to 0.

The Board returned to open session and took no action.

There was a motion by Jim Smith seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried. (Signed)

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of lumberjacks, railroaders, homesteaders, and merchants who observed the solemn undertaking. Comic relief will be provided by an angry group of suffragists who are furious because they are not allowed to vote and thus are determined to disrupt the proceedings.

After the meeting, the assemblage will adjourn to the adjacent barroom where a lively celebration is anticipated. More on this educational and entertaining look at Townsend's birth and first hour of life will be shared as the time comes nearer.

If you have not yet indicated your desire to participate, there is still time to volunteer. Email kathiemarsh@yahoo.com or call 715-276-6515 to get on the cast of characters list. No rehearsal or memorization of lines is required.

Bids & Notices

School District of Wabeno Area **Regular School Board Meeting** Wednesday, February 3, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by School Board President Janet Opiela.

Board members present: Janet Opiela, Robert Seeber, Patricia A. Manthey, Dawn Jakubiec, Ann Barfknecht, Joan Sackett, and Jim Smith.

Administrative staff present: Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator; and William Taylor, Jr/Sr High School Principal.

Others present: Terri Palubicki, Bill Connors, Jr., Mike Higgins, Lisa Higgins, Mike Rocole, Michele Rocole, Steve Ashbeck, Raletta Ashbeck, Diane Houts, Brad Champine, Val Hoffmann, Laura Klescewski, Jody Kalata, Bill Kalata, Daniel Christianson, Jake Christianson, Becky Roy, Bill Novak, Cindy Novak, Lindsay Dailey, Willard Harris, Rebecca Shelhammer, Terri Brauer, Tim Brauer, Ryan Brauer, Katryna Van Eperen, Michelle Smith, Paul Ehlinger, Una Ross, Caroline Coughlin Lampereur, Pat Lowery, Nicole Libert, Eric Hoffman, Mike Carter. Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Patricia A. Manthey seconded by Robert Seeber to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried. Pat Lowery presented information regarding the Skills USA trip to Madison April 25-28 for the State Conference and competition.

Terri Brauer thanked Jody Harris for her help with the Human Growth and Development class.

Rebecca Shelhammer shared her views on volunteering at Wabeno Area Elementary.

Caroline Coughlin Lampereur thanked the Board for her nomination to the Lakes Country Library Board and shared her views on the parents' roll in their child's education.

There was a motion by Patricia A. Manthey seconded by Joan Sackett to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016 school board meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0. Ann Barfknecht and Jim Smith abstained.

There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Ann Barfknecht to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 75039 to 75170 for \$328,395.89, payroll checks 900029340 to 900029556 for \$185,753.99 and a state tax/employee trust fund electronic transfer of \$103,627.69. The motion carried.

The following financial statement was presented to the board:

February 3, 2016

Cash Balance – January, 6, 2016	85,193.66
(Cash - 18,003.31/Scholarship Fund - 44,764.80/Cap. Improvement Fund - \$22,42	(5.55)
Checks	328,395.89
Payroll	185,753.99
Elec. Trans. State Tax/Employee Trust Fund	103,627.69
Interest applied to CD's/Money Market	582.25
Loss on Investment - MFS Investment - Mugan Scholarship	18.43
Transfer from Checking to Money Market	1,300,000.00
Receipts	1,914,938.83
Transfer from Money Market to Checking	100,000.00
Cash Balance - February 3, 2016	181,754.24
(Cash - 114,568.61/Scholarship Fund - 44,752.46/Cap. Improvement Fund - 22,43	33.17)
INVESTMENTS:	
Laona State Bank \$601,065.28 - Interest Rate 0.70% - Due 11/15/16	
Laona State Bank \$320,374.64 - Interest Rate 0.70% - Due 08/14/16	
Laona State Bank \$343,873.21 - Interest Rate 0.70% - Due 05/11/16	
Laona State Bank \$2,466,004.07 - Interest Rate 0.50% - Money Market	

Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, reported the following:

- 1. Test results were discussed as well as what is being done to advance education during the next calendar year. Janet Opiela reported on the following in Allison Space, Elementary Principal's, absence:
 - 1. PBIS Mid-Winter Fun Day was a great success. Thank you to PBIS Team for great planning and a great day!
- 2. Congratulations to Carter Janesch for winning the 3-8 District Spelling Bee. Carter Janesch and Dylan Cloud will compete in Niagara on Feb. 2 at 7:00. Good Luck boys!
 - 3. Thank you to Home and School for a successful Family Night A Night at the Museum was well attended!
- 4. Over 600 Valentines were packed and mailed to our Vets! Thank you Trudy Linssen for all your diligence and help with this project as well as staff and students for the help with making the Valentines!
 - 5. Professional Development on Feb. 15 will include safety, learning, and wellness.
 - 6. Upcoming Events:
 - Feb. 5/K 2nd grade Assembly @ Nicolet College
 - Feb. 5/Home and School Open Gym 6:00 7:30
 - Feb.12/Valentine celebration throughout the day Feb. 25/Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:00

William Taylor, Jr/Sr High School Principal, reported the following:

- 1. Academic and Career Planning for students 6th 12th helps students vision for post-secondary success.
- ACT test dates on Mar. 1 and 2.
- 3. Thank you to Mrs. Boor and Student Council for a great week of Snow-coming activities.
- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the lock in.
- 5. Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb. 25 1:30-8:00. Early release for students @ 1:00 p.m.
- A student's letter of thanks to Mr. Hoffman was shared.

School Board Members reported the following:

- Jim Smith read a letter explaining his decision to run for school board.
- STEM, Fab Lab, and Job Shadowing was discussed. Rob Seeber welcomed the public to call him with questions.
- The Skills USA trip was discussed. There was a motion by Patricia A. Manthey seconded by Joan Sackett to approve the Skills USA trip to Madison

on Apr. 25-28. The motion carried. Hiring a Track Coach was discussed. There was a motion by Joan Sackett seconded by Patricia A. Manthey to hire John Twardowski as the Head

Track Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion carried. Hiring an Assistant Track Coach was discussed. There was a motion by Joan Sackett seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to hire Amy Donaldson as the

Assistant Track Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion carried. Choosing an insurance broker was discussed. There was a motion by Rob Seeber seconded by Patricia A. Manthey to choose M3 as the insurance broker for the school district. The motion carried.

The calendar for the 2016-2017 school year was discussed. There was a motion by Patricia A. Manthey seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve

the 2016-2017 calendar with the changes as discussed. The motion carried. Revising NEOLA Policy 2271 – Youth Options Program was discussed. There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Patricia A. Manthey to

revise NEOLA Policy 2271 – Youth Options Program as recommended. The motion carried. A Teaching staff member's letter of resignation was discussed. There was a motion by Ann Barfknecht seconded by Rob Seeber to accept Earl m's letter of resignation. The motion carried. The School Board Members and Administr children.

There was a motion by Patricia A. Manthey seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to go into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has

jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:

Update board on an employee performance matter.

Meet with employee and parent on a separate employee performance matter.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Janet Opiela, yes; Robert Seeber, yes; Patricia A. Manthey, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Ann Barfknecht, ves; Joan Sackett, ves; and Jim Smith, ves. The motion carried 7 to 0.

There was a motion by Rob Seeber seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to come out of Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Janet Opiela, yes; Robert Seeber, yes; Patricia A. Manthey, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Ann Barfknecht, yes; Joan Sackett, yes; and Jim Smith, yes.

The motion carried 7 to 0 The board returned to open session - no action was taken.

There was a motion by Jim Smith seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to adjourn at 10:33 P.M. The motion carried.

(Signed) Patricia A. Manthey, District Clerk

Crafters/flea market needed for Pelican Lake club Fund-raiser

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club is seeking crafters/flea market for its annual fund-raiser Sunday, May 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in the Village of Pelican Lake.

Crafters/flea market are welcome to set up anytime after 7 a.m., there is no setup fee. Coffee and sweet rolls are served starting 8 a.m. Brats and homemade pies will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information contact Lucy at 715- 487-5173 or Carolyn at 715- 487

FOR SALE: Ash paneling, \$1.75 sq. ft. and cherry paneling, \$2 sq. ft. Call for information at 715-889-1503. Betc38

FOR SALE: Small square bales. Straw - \$2.00. Hay -\$2.50. Call 715-610-1344. P44

Bids & Notices

Regular Meeting, Laona Board of Education Monday, January 11, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. C. L. Robinson Elementary – Room 24

President Jim Aschinger Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Scott Reeves, Kay Connors, Melissa McLaughlin, Frank Shepard, Jr., Jim Aschinger, Laurie Asher, Tiffany Pakulski, Jim Bradley, and Sherry Kramer to take the minutes. There were (2) guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Frank Shepard, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Shepard to approve the **Agenda**. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Mr. Benaszeski shared the details of the recent band trip to UW-Stevens Point. Students were well behaved and had a great experience. He also commented that Saturday's volleyball tournament went well.

Mrs. Chitko shared that the Laona Public Library turns 100 years old in March and activities are being planned.

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, December 14, 2015.

Special Open Meeting minutes dated Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

School Disbursements and Wires paid from 12/1/15-12/31/15=\$178,348.20

Purchase Orders for period 12/11/15-1/7/16=\$1228.08

Cash Receipts for period 12/1/15-12/31/15=\$23,385.77

Motion by Connors, seconded by Reeves to approve the **Consent Agenda**. All in favor, motion carried.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Sorenson outlined information on the High School Civics Exam that will be a requirement for graduation starting with the 2016-17 school year. The Laona School District Graduation Policy will be updated to reflect this requirement and brought to a future meeting.

Mr. Benaszeski presented an updated Senior Class Trip itinerary with chaperone possibilities. This will be taken into closed session for

A 2nd Reading was done for policies #5113 - Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District) and #5113.01 - Course Options policy. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Connors to approve as presented. Motion carried with McLaughlin, Aschinger, and Connors voting yes. Reeves and Shepard abstained.

2016-17 Open Enrollment Space recommendations were presented. After discussion, kindergarten-3rd grade will be increased from 18 to 22 spaces. The others will remain the same. Motion by Reeves, seconded by Shepard to approve open enrollment spaces as outlined. All in favor, motion carried.

Updated information was presented for the **Youth Option Courses** students will be taking Spring, 2016.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Reeves to approve Kylinn Connor's para-professional Resignation with thanks for her time in the district. All in favor, motion carried.

Hiring - Musical Costume Design Position - taken into closed session.

Along with the School Districts of Crandon and Wabeno, Mrs. Asher has completed the Peer Mentoring Grant Application that if awarded, would enable us to continue the mentoring of new teachers in their first three years of teaching. The Board would like to move forward with this grant submission.

2016-17 and 2017-18 Co-op Sports renewal for softball, baseball, golf, basketball, cross country, and volleyball were discussed. Laona would be the host school for baseball and softball. Motion by Shepard, seconded by Connors to approve the 2016-17 and 2017-18 co-op sports renewals as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

After recommendation, motion by Shepard, seconded by Connors to approve Tim Brauer as Varsity Baseball Coach. All in favor, motion

carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Tiffany Pakulski's Business Manager's Report included:

- Letter sent to Laona State Bank concerning insurance coverage of all accounts.
- She has submitted an application for a \$1500 grant to WI Assn of School Business Officials recognizing schools for efforts toward safe and healthy environments.

Jim Bradley submitted a written High School Principal's Report.

Administrator's Report - Mrs. Asher shared:

- January 22, 2016 staff development agenda
- Thank you given to Mr. Benaszeski and staff for Christmas concert and stage decorations. It's nice to see the community come together.
 - Thank you to staff for covering for others when substitutes can't be found.

Board Member Reports -

Scott Reeves suggested looking into the purchase of an additional school van to save transportation costs.

Jim Aschinger commented that the Christmas concert was very nice and thanked all involved. He also stated that Sheriff Dennee would like to see intruder drills held in Laona.

Motion by Connors, seconded by McLaughlin to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried with Reeves, McLaughlin, Shepard, Aschinger, and Connors voting aye.

After **Returning from Open Session**, the following action was taken:

Motion by Reeves, seconded by McLaughlin to approve Stephanie Conforti as the Costume Designer Advisor contingent on follow up by Mrs. Asher. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Connors to extend a 2-year contract for Jim Bradley as high school principal for the 2016-18 school years. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Reeves to extend a 2-year contract to Tiffany Pakulski as Business Director for the 2016-18 school years. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Connors to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (8:53 p.m.)

Public Library Hours

Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 715-276-9020.

Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-473-4131

Crandon Public Library - Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Noon • 715-478-3784.

Laona Edith Evans Community Library - HOURS: Monday: noon to 5pm, Tuesday thru Thursday: 8:30am to 4pm, Friday: 8am to 12:30pm. Closed Saturday & Sunday • 715-674-4751

Museum Hours

Forest County Museum- Located at 105 W. Jackson in Crandon.

Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center & Museum - Monday -Thursday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you have special research needs or want to inquire about collection, please call 715-478-4841.

Wabeno Museum - Labor Day through color season. open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Northeast Wisconsin Administrators meet with 12th Senate District lawmakers



Northeast Wisconsin district administrators met with all the representatives of the 12th Senate District on February 5 at Elcho High School. The meeting was attended by Senator Tom Tiffany, Representatives Mary Czaja, Rob Swearingen, Jeff Mursau and District Administrators Pat Mans (Crivitz), Bill Fisher (Elcho), Jim Ellis (Minocqua J1), Ben Niehaus (Florence), Terry Reynolds (Tomahawk), Jennifer Vogler (Wabeno), Chris Metras (Beecher-Pembine-Dunbar), Larry Ouimette (Lac du Flambeau), Jim Bouche (Lakeland UHS), Cory Hinkel (Goodman-Armstrong Creek) and Doug Kryder (Crandon).

The group collaborated to find workable solutions for the budgetary challenges facing rural school districts. Topics such as the high cost of transportation, continued reliance on operating referendums, declining state aid and teacher recruitment were discussed in addition to the newly released Rural Wisconsin Initiative. Included in the Rural Wisconsin Initiative are opportunities for S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering Math) curriculum grants and loan repayment programs targeted to attract and retain teachers in rural areas.



COMMUNITY **BILLBOARD**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- · Elcho Area Community Food Pantry is moving into a new location at 11224 Antigo St, Elcho, WI 54428. An official Grand Opening and open house will take place in March 2016 and will be open each week: Monday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wednesday 4-6 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. -1 p.m. If any further information is needed please contact David A. Schindler at (715) 610-5886.
- · Forest County Humane Society Open to public Monday - Friday 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.
- · Forest County Humane Society Meeting February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Crandon Library.
- · 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. Feb - April meetings will be held at LaFetta.
- 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.
- · 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.
- Town of Nashville Town Board Meeting February 17. North end at 7 p.m.
- · Town of Lincoln Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln Hall.
- Highway 55 Flea Market CLOSED FOR THE SEASON. WILL RETURN IN SPRING! 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 a.m. with meeting following at 7:45 a.m. For more info call 715-473-2613.
- Crandon PTO 1st Monday of month, 6-7 p.m., Crandon Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Support Group for Parent of Children with Disabilities - Call Chris at 715-784-0058.
- 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.
- · Crandon VFW Post Meets the second Tuesday of the month. 1:30 p.m. at the VFW building, 104 N Forest.
- · 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.
- 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.
- Wellbriety 12 Step Meeting (AA/NA) Monday nights, 6 p.m. -? lower level of FCP Museum, Mish • Ko • Swin Lane, Crandon. Call Brooks Boyd for more information at 715-
- AA Meetings Back Door Group Open meetings Monday & Thurs, nights at 7 p.m., Lakewood Lakes Country Library. Call Mary at 715-276-2318 or Bill at 715-882-3512.
- · AA Meeting Saturdays, 9 a.m., Wabeno Fire Station,
- AA Meeting Antigo Hospital, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting White Lake, Sunday Morning, 10:00 AM at the White Lake Fire House. Mike at 715-882-8901 or Bill at 715-882-3512.
- AA Meeting Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Carter Springs. Contact Peggy at 715-889-3116 for more information.

HELP WANTED

We are Currently Seeking

PART TIME MAINTENANCE

Looking for someone interested in working **3-4 days a week, 6-7 hours a day,** assisting with maintenance duties in the facility as well as snow removal and lawn care. Applications can be submitted online or filled out in office.

Please call Craig Newton or Sherri Cook at 715-674-4477 for further information



HELP WANTED

Wanted Cook Days and Evenings At Stoney Ridge Inn-Goodman **Experienced Cook or Will Train** Call 715-889-1903 or





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Wabeno

Full-time Route & **Substitute Drivers**

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Applicant must be hard working,

energetic, honest, personable, have a

great attitude and work ethic, love

people and fun! Must either have taken

or become certified by Safe Serve. Starting at \$11/ hour 30 hours a week

CALL ADAM: 715-473-2129

We help you do all necessary training.

Call Pitts Bus Service Inc. for details at 715-478-2780

MOLE LAKE CAJINO - LODGE We are now accepting applications for the following positions:

Lodge Manager

The Lodge Manager oversees the daily operations as well as provides strategic direction. This position plans and supervises the activities of an extensive and diversified workforce to ensure a smooth and profitable organization. The Manager takes responsibility for all aspects of the Lodge operations from handling customer concerns to strategizing and preparing reports.

- **Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in Hotel/Hospitality Management, Business Administration or relevant field.

 • Proven experience as a Lodge Manager
- or relevant role.
- · Understanding of all lodge management best practices and relevant laws and guidelines.

Outstanding leadership skills & a great attention to detail, excellent customer service skills.

Send completed applications/resumes to: Sokaogon Chippewa Gaming Enterprise HR Manager, PO Box 277, Crandon, WI 54520 Phone: 715-478-7549 • Email: hr@molelake.com Fax: 715-478-5745

NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE IS GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 93-638.

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COMPETITIVE WAGES • EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

SLOT SUPERVISOR

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. Verily 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. Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
- Must satisfactorily complete an introductory period.
- Must be available to work flexible shifts

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES

Post Date: February 8, 2016 Closing Date: February 29, 2016 Complete job description available at waxv.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com



COMPETITIVE WAGES - EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER Purpose The Assistant General Manager (AGM) is responsible for assisting the General Manager in any way necessary along with developing & managing systems, procedures, & Team Members. This position is also instrumental in strategic planning, policy development & operational support for all departments.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in related field is preferred; a minimum of four years verifiable experience is required.
- Three years verifiable management experience and five years
- minimum of related gaming experience is required.

 Must have a thorough knowledge of Class II & Class III gaming.

 Experience in budgeting, forecasting, reporting, analysis, and financial statement preparation and interpretation is required.
- Ability to read, analyze and interpret complex documents.
- Ability to respond to common inquiries, complaints or requests from Tribal Officials, regulatory agencies, guests and Team Members is required.

 Proficiency with Word, Excel, Internet and e-mail with the ability
- to acquire proficiency in numerous other applications is required.
- Must work well with people; possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.

Conditions of Employment

 Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
 Must know & abide by all PCCH policies & procedures.
 Must meet General Expectations as outlined in this job description Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: February 8, 2016 Closing Date: March 7, 2016 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

Company: Yaeger Oil Co. Inc., Laona, WI Job Title: Fuel Delivery Truck Driver

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ability to obtain the following CDL Class: B & C Ability to obtain the following endorsements: Air Brake,
- Hazardous Material, Tank Vehicle.
- Follow appropriate safety procedures while driving truck.
- · Must be professional and courteous.
- Check vehicle to ensure mechanical, safety and emergency equipment is in good working condition.
- Report vehicle defects, accidents, traffic violations or damage to vehicle.
- Other projects and tasks as assigned by supervisor.
- **Qualifications:**

- · 2 years of clean and safe Driving Record. Valid WI drivers license
- Ability to work independently, customer service skills and a positive attitude are required.
- Willingness to travel as necessary, work the required schedule, work at the specific location required, complete employment application, submit to a background investigation (to include past employment, education and criminal history) and drug screening are required.

Salary: Based on Experience

Benefits: Competitive Compensation and Vacation. Schedule: 37.5 hour work week, with 1 Saturday per month (4

Apply by: February 19, 2016

Submit: Fully completed resume or pick up an application below: Thad Yaeger, Laona Machine Supply 4902 Highway 8, PO Box 38, Laona, WI 54541 877-674-2601 • Email: thad@laonamachine.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITY POTAWATOMI > CARTER CASINO - HOTEL COMPETITIVE WAGES · EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

HOTEL FRONT DESK CLERK Full-Time, Hourly

Hotel Front Desk, reservations, and Gift Shop. The Front Desk Clerk will promote an atmosphere that ensures Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel's general expectations, and will consistently provide excellent guest service by greeting and communicating with all guests in a professional, prompt and courteous manner.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent preferred.
- · Previous guest service experience required; excellent customer service skills required. Basic computer knowledge/experience required; basic knowledge
- of switchboard preferred. Working knowledge of calculator & credit card terminals required.
- Working knowledge of basic office equipment preferred.
 Excellent math skills, written & verbal communication required.
- Excellent organizational skills required; ability to multitask preferred.

CPR/First Aid training preferred. Conditions of Employment

- · Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
- Must obtain and maintain Gaming License issued by Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: February 1, 2016 Closing Date: February 22, 2016 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI S4566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: Jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com



HELP WANTED BAR MANAGER

We are currently looking for a BAR MANAGER. Part time to Full time. Restaurant experience is a MUST!

Please apply in person or call 715-478-1059



Crandon Area Rescue Squad

is seeking to hire at our facility:

- First Responders
- EMT Basics EMTA's

Paramedics & Registered Nurses

What we have to offer:

High Volume of Calls • Bonus Pay Competitive Pay • Living Quarters

If interested in helping out your community and the surrounding areas, please call us the Crandon Area Rescue Squad at 715-478-3470.

HELP WANTED

NOTICE **TOWN OF LAONA**

The Town of Laona is looking for an individual to serve on the Cemetery Board. The member will have a 3 year term beginning in March. Anyone interested in being on the Cemetery Board should submit a letter of interest to:

Town of Laona PO Box 36 Laona, WI 54541

Letters will be accepted until March 1st, 2016.

Erin Lane, Clerk/Treas.

Position Vacancy I.M. Call Center Worker

Forest County Department of Social Services currently has a position vacancy for an Income Maintenance - Call Center Worker.

The successful applicant must have a high school diploma, a valid driver's license, excellent communication skills and demonstrable knowledge of personal computer applications.

Applications are available at the Forest County Department of Social Services. Applications must be returned to: Forest County D.S.S., 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520 by 4:30 p.m. on February 24, 2016.

Forest County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Submitted by Kate Schultz

What is Spinal Fusion?

Spinal fusion is a surgery that connects the bones in your spine. During the procedure the surgeon places a bone graft between 2 or more spinal vertebrae. Metal plates and screws hold the vertebrae together while the bone graft heals. After healing, the fused area of spine becomes one solid unit that no longer bends.

The decrease in spine movement can improve stability, correct deformity and alleviate pain for several conditions. Spinal fusion is used to treat slipped or broken vertebrae or herniated discs (the pads between vertebrae). The procedure is sometimes recommended for abnormal curvature of the spine, bone instability from arthritis or chronic low-back pain.

Get a second opinion before undergoing spinal fusion. Ask about your surgeon's success rate for your condition and the number of procedures performed. Also learn about potential complications, your nonsurgical options and health care coverage.

Bus Schedule

Monday - February 22 - Alvin and Nelma to Iron Moutain (Crandon and Argonne standby) - Bus Driver:

Tuesday - February 23 - Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander by 9 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldis only. No lunch. Depart Rhinelander at 11:45 a.m. -Bus Driver: Dan Pedersen

Wednesday - February 24 - Armstrong Creek, Newald, Popple River and Cavour to Iron Mountain (Crandon and Laona standby) - Bus Driver: Hal Weisnicht

Thursday - February 25 - Argonne, Hiles and Crandon to Rhinelander - Bus Driver: Dan Pedersen

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Hal Weisnicht: 715-478-2961 Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254

> **TOPIC OF THE MONTH** "Staying Well" **MEAL SCHEDULE**

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - February 15 - Quiche with bacon and vegetables, breakfast potatoes, fruit, biscuit, coffee cake Monday - February 22 - Pulled pork sandwich on a bun, carrot raisin salad, fruit, brownie

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - February 16 - Chicken Diane, roasted red potato, asparagus, Italian bread, sherbet - BINGO: Armstrong Creek

Tuesday - February 23 - Roast turkey with gravy, sweet potato, cauliflower, sunflower flax bread, ice cream -**MUSIC: Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON

Wednesday - February 17 - Spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, tossed salad, fruit, sourdough bread, snickerdoodle cookie

Wednesday - February 24 - Chicken alfredo pasta, broccoli, fruit, garlic bread, chocolate pudding

LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - February 18 - Pork boiled dinner with potato, carrots, rutabaga and cabbage, corn muffin, carrot cake Thursday - February 25 - Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, tres leches cake -**BIRTHDAY PARTY & BINGO: Laona**

Youth Employment with Forest Service

The USDA-Forest Service, Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest, Lakewood/Laona Ranger District is seeking applicants for the Youth Conservation Corps program. YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women, who will work, learn and earn for 8 weeks on projects that help conserve the natural resources of the United States.

There are two positions that will be filled, one at Lakewood and one at Laona Ranger District. Each position is in recreation with the primary duties of; cleaning campsites and restrooms, litter pick up, grass mowing, brush cutting, trail maintenance and gate and sign painting.

The employment period is for 8 weeks from June 13th - August 15th, 2016. The work schedule will be 40 hours per week. The work week will be Monday – Friday, 8 hours per day (7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour lunch break). The following guidelines apply:

- Enrollees must be 16 years of age by the beginning of employment, but not have reached 19 years of age during the term of employment.
- Pay will be minimum wage (7.25/hour).
- Individuals under the age of 18 are required to obtain a work permit at your own expense. The USDA Forest Service does not reimburse persons for this type of expense. Enrollees are required to provide their own work

attire, work boots, raincoat, etc.

All interested applicants should be aware that this position requires working outdoors and should be prepared for such elements as hot or rainy days, mosquitoes, wood ticks, etc. Applications must be returned to the Lakewood or Laona office by April 19, 2013.

USDA Forest Service USDA Forest Service Lakwood Ranger District Laona Ranger District 15085 State Rd. 32 4978 Hwv 8 W Lakewood, WI 54138

Laona, WI 54541

ALVIN

Thursday - February 18 - Breakfast for dinner, French toast, juice, applesauce, bars

Thursday - February 25 - Pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, pears, dinner rolls, birthday cake

The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is no longer in service. The only number for the ADRC is the 800-699-6704.

The direct number for Kate, Forest County Elderly Benefit, is 715-362-8277. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please register with Commission on Aging - 800-699-6704.

Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). Meal served at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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

Wabeno interim site manager Chris Geski at 715-473-6312 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Armstrong Creek interim site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

AWSC youth attend workshop

The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs Youth Group known as K.A.O.S. (Kids and Adults on Sleds) attended a training session and ride at the Appleton Y.M.C.A. Camp Nana Bo Sho on Waubee Lake February 5-7, 2016.

These young adults come from across the 72 counties in Wisconsin. They had 17 youth and nine haperones participate. The youth are resp onsible for he to cook meals and of course clean up afterwards. After arriving on Friday, a quick ride of 60 miles was enjoyed by the group that evening.

Saturday they broke up into three groups and headed over to White Lake where the Langlade County treated everyone to lunch at a small café. Dave Peterson, A.W.S.C. Director and wife Judy welcomed the group. It was off again and an arrival time of 5:30 back at the Camp. The groups said the trails were good considering the large amount of traffic that was in our area.

A great dinner with broasted chicken and all the fixings, from Waubee Lodge was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the Oconto County Alliance for picking up the food costs for all the meals over the weekend.

Along with the fun ride for the weekend, the youth had to give a demonstration of their choice.

This helps them to be confident and to grow in speaking before other people. Plans were also being made for the Convention to be held in March in Green Bay. The youth will be holding a silent auction to help defray the costs for four youth attending ISC (International Snowmobile Congress) in South Dakota in June. They will be holding a presentation on what K.A.O.S. is all about and to help promote youth in snowmobiling in other parts of the country.

They look forward to hosting the K.A.O.S. youth again next year. Safe riding on the trails.

CNA - FULL TIME

Nu-Roc Community Healthcare has an opening for a Certified Nursing Assistant \$500.00 SIGN ON BONUS FULL TIME - THIRD SHIFT - 11PM-7AM

This is to include every other weekend. Applications can be filled out on line or in person at NU-ROC HR@Nu-Roc.com or 715-674-4477. For

questions please call Craig Newton or Sherri Cook at 715-674-4477.

Nu-Roc is located 6 miles SE of Laona in Blackwell. Nu-Roc Community Healthcare is an equal opportunity employer. Visit our website at: www.nu-roc.com



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participation, murder mystery comedy, Just Desserts. The evening of entertainment will start with "a complimentary meal to die for," which will follow by the laugh-a-minute murder mystery by Craig Sodaro. There will be four opportunities to attend this great event. Evening performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 18, 19, and 20, with supper served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and show at 7:00 p.m. There will be a matinee on Sunday, February 21. The door will open at 1:30 p.m. with the show at 2:00 p.m. Instead of a supper, a complimentary decadent dessert array will be served at the table.

The story for the play is built around a charity bake-off contest held on a snowy winter evening at the local town hall. The winner will be able to donate \$1000 to the charity of her choosing. Before the winner is determined, the judge drops dead. Miss Peabody, a retired teacher and head of the evening's festivities, turns sleuth. All three contestants become suspects because they all have had unhappy dealings with the judge. With the help of the audience and numerous clues found in the hall, the murderer and her motive are exposed.

The cast is composed of a veteran Wabeno Player, Bob Brown, as the cantankerous judge and Carol Bartlein, also a regular at the Essenhaus, plays the dogooder Miss Peabody. The bake-off contestants include: Lori Mattern, making a return to the Essenhaus, as "Scooter," the flamboyant flirt; Linda Zuleger is making her debut playing haughty Margaret Mason, the wealthiest woman in town; Wendy Richards, another Player veteran, plays Edna, the bitter, spinster public librarian. This delightful show is under the direction of Carol Bartlein.

Make plans now if you are searching for a special night out with friends or a treat for your Valentine! Reservations are required and seating is limited. The cost for the supper and live theater is \$20.00 per person. To make reservations call 715-889-1179.

The Wabeno Area Players originated over 20 years ago under the direction of Nancy Volk. At that time the organization presented mainly summer-theater on the Wabeno High School stage. All members are volunteers and put in endless hours in all productions. Since 2014 the troupe has been performing an extended calendar with a full production schedule for 2016.

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Prospective students and their parents planning to complete the FAFSA form at an event will need to bring along completed income tax returns for 2015, W-2 statements, any other 2015 income or benefit information, a driver's license if the applicant has one, and asset information. Dependent students should bring at least one parent to the event. Participants will also have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win a scholarship. To find out more about the program, visit collegegoalwi.org.

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Sandra Sue (Neumann) Gengalo, age 60, of Tarpon Springs, FL and Crandon, WI, left this world to be with the Lord on February 2, 2016.

Sandy was born on July 9, 1955 in Merrill, WI. She spent her early years traveling with her family during her husband's tours of duty (Army).

On November 11, 1972, she married Joseph B. Gengalo. Sandy discovered her life long

love of the outdoors; fishing, hunting, camping and gardening with her family.

Sandy was as kind, creative and loving as any soul on earth. Nana loved her grandchildren. She enjoyed the Green Bay Packers. She loved to ride their Harley with her loving husband, Joe.

Sandy is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Joseph B. Gengalo, II; daughter, Tina Brinson and son, Joseph B. Gengalo, III; siblings, Donald Neumann and Bonnie (Paul) Pergarde; and nine grandchildren, Thomas, Tyler, Trevor, Travis, Hannah, and Tate Brinson, Sarah Roufley, James Patrick Gengalo and Merissa Gengalo-Melichar. She is also survived by many other loving family members.

Sandy was preceded in passing by her parents, Lila and Earl Neumann and her brother, Gary Neumann.

There will be a Memorial gathering Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. with a Celebration of Life Mass to follow at 11 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Pelican Lake, WI.



Genevieve (Jeanne) M. Ewens, age 85, passed away peacefully at home in Crandon, WI on February 4, 2016 after a brief battle with cancer.

Jeanne was born on July 3, 1930 in Appleton, WI to the late Elizabeth (Nienhaus) Haug and John Haug. She graduated from Appleton High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in

Nursing in 1953 from Alverno College.

She married Frank K. Pfeiffer on September 8, 1956. He preceded her in death on January 19, 1973. Jeanne married Nicolas G. Ewens on June 22, 1975. He preceded her in death in August 1991.

Jeanne is survived by her loving children, Mary (John) White, Julie (Mike) Pappas, Jane Borden, Robert Pfeiffer and Michael (Tina) Pfeiffer. She was the best Nana to her grandchildren, Patrick (Brit) Wincapaw, Jake (special friend, Amy Grogan) Wincapaw, Stephen Pappas, Angela Pappas, Julia Borden, Nathan Borden, Samantha Borden, Abigail Pfeiffer, Nicole Pfeiffer and Megan Pfeiffer. She is further survived by a sister, Elizabeth (John) Milhaupt: step-son, Peter (Carole) Ewens, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth and John Haug; in-laws, Matthias and Anna Pfeiffer; husbands, Frank Pfeiffer and Nicholas Ewens; sisters, Mary Hose Schwartz, Margaret Schun and brothers, John Haug and Joseph Haug; nephews, Grant P. Schwartz and Mark (Boomer) Haug and grandson, Andrew Pappas.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 20th at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 1793 Elm Ave., Wabeno, WI with Fathers Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep and Dave Schmidt officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service.

Jeanne requests donations to the Salvation Army or other charity of your choice.

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

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Vernon McGeshick, "Ta-com-mawa-yoshi", 88 of Iron River, MI, passed away February 2, 2016 at the Crandon Nursing Home, Crandon, WI. Vernon was born April 10, 1928 in Mole Lake. WI. the son of William and Helen (Petterson) McGeshick. He was united in marriage to Ida Charlotte Ackley October 8, 1949. Vernon served in the U.S.

Army during the Korean Conflict. He started working at Wells Manufacturing in 1955, retiring in 1995. In 1996, he moved to Iron River, MI.

He leaves behind five daughters, Josephine (James) Cottenham of Iron River, MI, Donna (Benjamin) Scott of Iron River, MI, Lori McGeshick of IL, Mary Brunk of Eagle River and April McGeshick of Kingsford, MI; two sons, Vernon (Jennifer) McGeshick, Jr. of Watersmeet, MI, and Michael McGeshick of Mole Lake; 32 grandchildren, 52 great - grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ida; daughter, Dianna Scott, and grandson, Benjamin Scott, IV.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6th at the Recreation Center in Mole Lake with Mr. Rick Van Zile officiating. Visitation was held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5th at the Recreation Center. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements and online condolences for the family may be directed to weberhillfuneralhome.com.



Lorraine E. Minkel, age 93, a Manitowoc resident formerly of Wabeno, entered eternal life on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center.

A memorial service is being scheduled for a later date in Wabeno. Cremation has taken place at the Harrigan Parkside Crematory and Chapel in

Manitowoc. A complete obituary will be announced at a later date prior to the memorial service being held.

The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home, 628 North Water Street, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements and online condolences for the family may be sent to harriganparksidefuneralhome.com.

Lucille J. Olds, age 77, of Mole Lake, passed away at her home on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Visitation was held on Friday, February 12, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon. Memorial services followed at 1:00 p.m. with Mr. Bobby Williams officiating. Inurnment is at the Mole Lake Tribal Cemetery. Online condolences may be directed to the family at weberhillfuneralhome.com.



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To the readers:

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Jan Leschke, Rhinelander

Bill Creating Off-Highway Motorcycle Program Passes Assembly

Legislation authored by Madison, WI Representative Jeff Mursau (RCrivitz) creating an Off-Highway Motorcycle Program, passed the Assembly today on a unanimous vote.

"I really appreciate the support of my Assembly colleagues today," expressed Mursau. "I've been working with the Off-Highway Motorcycle Association on creating this program for several years. It's great to see the bill move forward."

The legislation creates requirements for the operation and registration of Off-Highway Motorcycles (OHMs) that are similar to the requirements that apply under current law to ATVs and UTVs. The bill further requires the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to develop and supervise a system of OHM trails and routes, again similar to that of ATV/UTV's. Local municipalities are granted the ability to designate OHM routes and corridors through land that it owns or controls for use as OHM trails.

"Right now, off-highway motorcycle enthusiasts are going to other states because there are few places to ride here," explained Mursau. "Adding OHM trails to the list of outdoor recreational opportunities we have available in Wisconsin makes sense. It can also be beneficial for the local businesses located near the trails."

An identical bill received unanimous support by a Senate Committee in January and is available for debate by the full Senate. Once the Senate passes the bill it can go to the Governor for his signature and become law.

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The Crandon Middle School Student Senate participated in community and international outreaches for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In December, each grade level raised money to donate to Heifer International, an organization that supplies families in third world countries with an animal. Many times, this one animal will allow a family to work their way out of poverty and to better their lives. The students were able to raise enough money to purchase two llamas, one pig, and three flocks of chickens.

Just recently they had a food drive for the Forest County Food Pantry. They donated 294 food items. To celebrate their accomplishments, the students played games that revolved around a frozen theme such as: digging for treasure in a snow pile; eating a bowl of ice cream; and melting ice cubes in their hands.

The near future will hold an event for the Forest County Humane Society and giving May Day baskets to the nursing home residents. Middle School Student Senate is led by Nancy Jones.

Veterans Corner

Gulf War Veterans' Medically Unexplained Illnesses

A prominent condition affecting Gulf War Veterans is a cluster of medically unexplained chronic symptoms that can include fatigue, headaches, joint pain, indigestion, insomnia, dizziness, respiratory disorders, and memory problems. VA refers to these illnesses as "chronic multi-symptom illness" and "undiagnosed illnesses." The term "Gulf War Syndrome" is used when referring to medically unexplained symptoms reported by Gulf War Veterans.

Gulf War Veterans who meet the criteria below do not need to prove a connection between their military service and illnesses in order to receive VA disability compensation. VA presumes certain chronic, unexplained symptoms existing for six months or more are related to Gulf War service without regard to cause. These "presumptive" illnesses must have appeared during active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of military operations or by December 31, 2016, and be at least 10 percent disabling.

Illnesses include: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, a condition of long-term and severe fatigue that is not relieved by rest and is not directly caused by other conditions

Fibromyalgia, a condition characterized by widespread muscle pain. Other symptoms may include insomnia, morning stiffness, headache, and memory problems.

Functional gastrointestinal disorders, a group of conditions marked by chronic or recurrent symptoms related to any part of the gastrointestinal tract. Functional condition refers to an abnormal function of an organ, without a structural alteration in the tissues. Examples include irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), functional dyspepsia, and functional abdominal pain syndrome. Undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to: abnormal weight loss, fatigue, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders, and sleep disturbances.

Gulf War Veterans may be eligible for a variety of VA benefits, including a Gulf War Registry health exam, health care, and disability compensation for diseases related to military service.

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Robert W Koplien, is the Veterans Service Officer for Forest County. Send your questions to the Veterans Service Office, 200 E. Madison Ave, Crandon, Wi 54520; call 478-3722; or e-mail at robbkoplien@co.forest.wi.us.

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Assembly Approves Bill to Promote Fish Habitat on Wisconsin Lakes

Madison- Today, Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) released the following statement after Senate Bill 315 was approved by the full Assembly body. Senate Bill 315 was authored by Representative Swearingen and Senator Gudex (R - Fond du Lac) at the request of a lake association in the 34th Assembly District.

Senate Bill 315 was drafted to improve fish and wildlife habitat on Wisconsin waterways by removing civil liability from property owners placing Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permitted structures in navigable waters and wetlands. Senate Bill 315 will keep the rules and regulations in place for all permits, while removing liability if and when the DNR specifications are met. This proposal will continue to protect our environment through DNR permits and specifications while boosting fish habitat statewide.

"During the drafting of this legislation my office was contacted by a number of property owners who were hesitant to pursue a DNR permit for placing a fish crib or other coarse woody habitat due to liability. I am confident that Senate Bill 315 will protect Wisconsin property owners and promote fish and wildlife habitat," said Rep. Swearingen.

Senate Bill 315 passed the full Assembly body on a voice vote.

Rep. Swearingen concluded, "Senate Bill 315 now awaits Governor Walker's signature to become law. I would like to thank all of my colleagues for their support on this proposal."

Rebels Cruise to Win Over the Lakers!

Final... Rebels 70 - Lakers 52

The Rebels were perfect at the line during the first half, jumping to a 38-25 lead, controlling the ball most of the game to secure another NLC win. They remain undefeated and on top of the conference with a two-game lead. Two conference games remain! Wabeno/Laona's Ryan Brauer and Cooper Chrisman led the Rebels with each 20 points! Jordan Schuhart scored 9, Michael Gilpin and Isaiah Joyce with 8 each, Brandon Fronek 2 and Spencer Huettl 1. White Lakes Camron Fredrick led the Lakers with 17 points followed by Angelo Barron 16, Chris Schewe 11 and Jerimiah Hull 8.

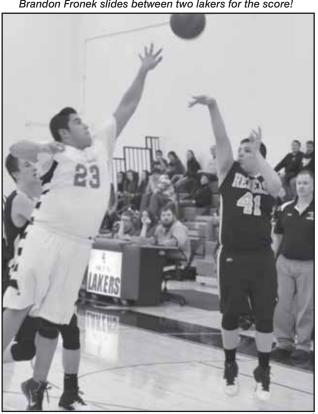
Team Assists! 15, lead by Sr. Ryan Brauer with 4! Team Steals! 16 lead by Jr. Michael Gilpin with 6! Team Offensive rebounds! 12 lead by Jr.Coop Chrisman with 5! Team Defensive rebounds! 15, Ryan Brauer, Baylen Caley & Jordan Schuhart with 3 each.



Michael Gilpin makes the layup



Brandon Fronek slides between two lakers for the score!



Kyle Harris tries for three.

Rebel Girls Defeat the **Bobcats 68-46!**

The Wabeno/Laona Rebels traveled to Florence to take on the Bobcats. The Rebels led the Bobcats at halftime 32-22. Wabeno's Abby Smith led the Rebels with 18, followed by Courtney Schaefer 15, Tressa Lange 14, Sarah Jennings 6, Presley Keeble 5. Tessa Merhalski led the Bobcats with 12 followed by Kim Huotari, Alicia Gehloff & Victoria Marefke each with 5. The games had many fouls with the Bobcats fouling 17 times and the Rebel girls 10. The Rebel girls are now 14-5 for the season.



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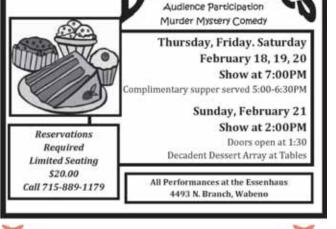
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