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Tons of fun at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel



Did you know leprechauns were in Pickerel? They may not be native to the area, but they come out every March!

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Forest County Deer Advisory Council to meet

The Forest County Deer Advisory Council will meet to discuss preliminary antlerless quota recommendations and permit levels for the 2016 deer season. The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting will take place on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Forest County Board Room, during which the public may speak or submit written comments.

The council's population objective recommendation suggested increasing the local deer population, and was approved by Wisconsin's Natural Resources Board on February 25, 2015. This population objective will guide deer management decisions for the next three years.

The antlerless quota recommendation is one tool the CDAC will use to achieve the county's population objective. The final quota recommendation will influence the number of antlerless deer carcass tags available in the county during the 2016 deer hunting season. Antlerless quotas will be reviewed and set each year.

Once a preliminary quota recommendation is proposed, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment during an online public comment period in April. The public may also comment at any time by contacting CDAC Chair Alan Harrison at 715-473-3921 or by emailing DNRCDACWebMail@Wisconsin.gov.

Additional information on CDAC recommendations, agendas and membership is available at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/cdac.html, or email DNRCDACWebMail@Wisconsin.gov with any questions.

Candidate Spotlight

Anyone seeking political office is invited and encouraged to announce their candidacy in the Candidate Spotlight. It is an opportunity to tell the voters why you are running, goals if elected, etc. It is not a forum for bashing an opponent, and there is no charge.



Dan Huettl write-in candidate for county board Ward 3

I was looking at the Forest County website to see the February primary ballot, and noticed that nobody had put in nomination papers for District 5 of the county board. This district is the Town of Blackwell and Wabeno Ward 3. I felt it was too important to leave this seat vacant, so I went down to the courthouse and got write-in candidate paperwork. It is a big commitment in time and effort, but if elected, I will give a full effort to the voters for my term

I live in Blackwell with my family. This is the house I grew up in, so Blackwell is my home town. I am a Wabeno High School graduate and have degrees from Nicolet College and UW Green Bay. I have worked for the Oneida County Sheriff's Office for the past 17 years or so as a corrections officer, field training officer, and academy and in-service instructor. I was a union negotiator until the passing of Act 10. I recognize the value of good employees, but am also familiar with the alarming increases in cost of employee benefits and was involved in

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Governor Walker visits the School in Crandon



By Mike Monte

Governor Scott Walker visited the K-12 at Crandon on Tuesday morning. The governor and his staff were on a northern visit that brought him to our area and eventually to Florence and the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center to sign a bill that provided continued funding to the center.

On his way, he spent time with the students and staff in Crandon, and he obviously enjoyed the interaction with the grade school students in the auditorium.

Governor Walker fielded written questions from the kids. Because of these questions, we now know that the Governor Walker does not play miniature golf in his Madison office!

Governor Walker now asked questions of the students-Wisconsin questions. He asked them the number of counties in the state, and one grade schooler came close with the answer of 70. He also asked the students how many parts made up state government, and we don't know who she is, but a little blonde girl quickly answered three. Good job!

This reporter had ten minutes or so to talk about local issues with Governor Walker, and I was quick to point out that it is a great place to live when one of the hot issues was whether or not to plant muskies in a local lake. I explained about the cooperative effort made between the tribe and the Lake Metonga Association to bring the fishing back to the lake and the opposition to bringing in a new predator fish.

We also discussed the use of forest products in Wisconsin and the possible utilization of forest products as a renewable fuel for both heat and electrical generation, and a few other issues.

It was nice to see our governor in a local school talking to students, who now realize that the governor is a real man and not just a character on the local news, and the kids seemed to enjoy his talk.

A visit was made to some classrooms on the high school side as well, but I decided not to tag along after looking at the number of people following the governor.



A 'Truly Diamond Tribute' coming to Lakewood!

The Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to experience a night with your favorite songs offered by Paul Ecansen in his 'Truly Diamond Tribute' to American Singer/Songwriter Neil Diamond. 'Sweet Caroline', this interactive show will have you begging 'Holly Holy' and then some!

The date is Saturday, May 7, at the Nicolet Room at Waubee Lodge, with a cash bar open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person for a Grand Hor d'oeuvres Buffet served from 5:30 to 6:30 and the show at 7:00. Seating is in the round, so there are no bad seats!

To purchase your tickets for this unique evening, please call 715-276-6091.



This hooded merganser was one of the first ducks to make an appearance of Rollingstone Lake.

Geiter Septic in Wabeno under new management



Geiter's Septic and Pumping in Wabeno is under new management. Bryce and Heidi Harding are the proud new owners.

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Should there be muskies in Lake Metonga? Meeting March 23rd

By Mike Monte

Through the years, Lake Metonga, along with other area lakes, have suffered deterioration. Metonga has gone through the rusty crayfish infestation, milfoil growth, and the perch and walleye fishery that made it famous faded to almost nothing.

Because of a great cooperative effort by the Lake Metonga Association and the Sokaogon Chippewa, Metonga has shown a great deal of recovery. Milfoil hasn't disappeared, but it has been kept somewhat in check, the walleyes numbers have rebounded, and the perch fishery has vastly improved.

Now, according to the letters we have been receiving, the DNR wants to plant muskie in Metonga. This news isn't being received very well by the people who have done the planning and the work on recovering this lake. The question is whether another major predator fish is needed in a lake that has just recently shown signs of its former glory.

A meeting on this subject is planned for March 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. at Crandon High School. If you have an opinion, that would be the place to express it.

Job Center of Wisconsin will be in Forest County Workforce Development Center

On Tuesday, March 22nd Job Center of Wisconsin staff will be at the Forest County Economic Development Partnership Workforce Development Center. The hours will be 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The Center is located in Crandon at the Forest County Visitor Center across from the County Courthouse.

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THANKS & PERSONALS

Milgwech (Thank You)!

I wanted to personally thank all the people who helped me during my family fundraisers for my dad, Charlie Polar. We received gift cards/certificates from Flowers from the Heart, Schaefer's, Luscious Locks and Northwoods Insurance. Also, many friends and family donated items for the raffle as well as making cash donations. A special thanks to Mike Monte for the front page story!

My heart goes out to all of you who were so kind to help! My dad is now in hospice care and if he was able to, I'm sure he would tell each and every one of you Thank You. My dad's a fighter but he's getting tired. I'm so fortunate to have such a wonderful father and to live in a small town where people are still good, kind and compassionate.

Sincerely, Tina L. Van Zile



March 17

March 26th



These Guys Are Just Gone! Happy Birthday Boys!

Gov. Walker signs bill to fund the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center



Madison- Today, Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) released the following statement after Assembly Bill 422 was signed into law by Governor Scott Walker. Assembly Bill 422 was authored by Rep. Rob Swearingen, Rep. Mursau (R-Crivitz) and Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) at the request of constituents in Florence

Assembly Bill 422 was drafted to restore funding for the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. Under one roof, this building houses the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), United State Forest Service (USFS), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), UW-Extension, and County Forestry & Parks. The funding for this facility is used to pay for Interpretive Center staff. The Interpretive Center provides recreational information for tourists, sells DNR licenses to visitors and residents and assists the public to respective departments within the building. Assembly Bill 422 restores funding with monies allocated from the Conservation Fund not General Purpose Revenue (GPR).

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Also, THANKS to Individual volunteers: Monica Stamper, Mike and LexAnn Hitchcock, Stacey Jameson, Channon Krabbe, Betty and Dennis Abney, Steve Conway III, RT Krueger & Lisa Walentowski, Dan Elam & Anna Marie Combs, Jack and Marion Kloss, Abby & Ally Pease, Maria Huber, Dawn Volz & Jimmy Elam. Through your efforts, the bowling teams and generous participants, over \$1300 was donated to the American Cancer Society. This, and the larger Forest County Relay for Life, offers hope to beat this disease which has touched so many.

With gratitude, Pete Davison

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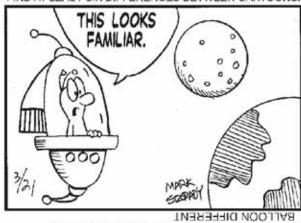
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DOUBLE TAKE

By Mark Szorady



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Candidate Huettl Cont. from pg. 1

negotiations that reduced health care and uniform costs.

I think that county board positions should remain non-partisan to respond directly to local constituent concerns. County governments are responsible for many services but with a limited budget to provide them. As a Forest County resident I take comfort in knowing we have good services, but I also like to see my tax bill go down. It is an important balance. County and Municipal Aid is not going to jump up in the near future so budgeting requires creativity and decisions, especially with the limitations imposed by state mandates and other non-discretionary items.

Even though the board is non-partisan, I think it is fair to share my personal beliefs. I consider myself a Constitutional Conservative with Libertarian leanings. What does that mean? I think that D.C. and Madison have lost touch with us and have too much say so in our lives. I do just fine without government intervention in my daily life and want lower taxes and more money in my pocket. If the taxpayers want to make a decision it is done more efficiently and frugally at the local level. I think the judicial branch, specifically the Federal and Wisconsin Supreme Courts, should stick with the constitution and not make a political decision then bend the law to fit it.

I will appreciate your support on April 5th. Please remember I am a write-in candidate so I will not appear on the ballot. Also I am working on a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/danielhuettlcampaign stop in and see what I'm up to.

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Trail Closures

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest's snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), utility-terrain vehicle (UTV), horse and bicycle trails are now closed and will remain closed until further notice.

During this time period, the use of wheeled motorized vehicles, mountain bikes, horses or other pack or saddle animals is prohibited on National Forest System trails.

"The trails are all very saturated with the melting snow and rain," said Jeff Mell, Recreation Program Manager for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. "We ask that the public refrain from using the trails until conditions improve and they open for the summer season."

This seasonal closure of trails during spring break-up reduces rutting and erosion of trails which often occurs when the soil is saturated. Protecting recreation trails during this time period reduces the likelihood of trail closures during the high use season to repair damaged segments.

ATV routes and other trails designated by towns under state law are not affected by this closure. Trail users should check local regulations for trails they plan to use.

ATV, horse and mountain bike enthusiasts are encouraged to do their part in helping to protect everyone's recreation opportunities by honoring this closure.

T o check the status of recreational trails in your area go to http://www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf, follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/CNNF002, or call your local Forest Service Ranger District office.

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.

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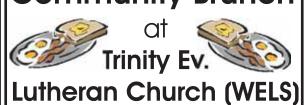
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Forest County Museum- Located at 105 W. Jackson in Crandon.

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.

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Palm Sunday - March 20 Church 9:30 a.m. - Brunch 11 a.m.

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Saturday, March 19 at Schaefer's IGA in Crandon

We are asking community members to bring home baked goods that we can then sell to raise funds for the shelter.

Items should be dropped off after 7 a.m. at the main store entrance.

Thank you for being our Easter Bunny.

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 6 p.m. with Communion on 2nd & 4th Wednesday. No Saturday services.
- Trinity Evengelical Church (Wels) 1741 Forest Avenue, Wabeno. Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m.; Youth Bible Study at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays with service held at 5:30 p.m. Holy week Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 p.m.; Good Friday Service at 1:30 p.m.
- 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.
- 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.
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- 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. • Veterans Services Committee & Commission will meet Thursday, March 24th at 3:00
- Veterans Services Committee & Commission will meet Thursday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m. in County Board Room 107.
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 Crandon VFW Post Meets the second Tuesday of the month. 1:30 p.m. at the VFW building,
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- 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.
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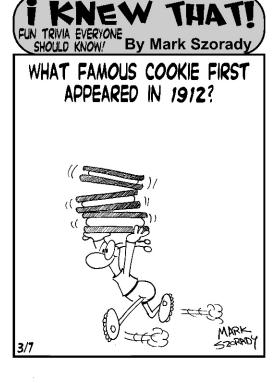


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I am a lifelong resident of Wabeno; my parents were Bob and MaryAnn Huberty. I graduated from Wabeno High School in 1981 and went on to Nicolet College and Technical Institute until 1983. I have worked at Rhinelander Paper Mill, Forest SawMill Inc., St. Ambrose Parish and Wisconsin Public Service. My husband, Dan and I have 2 children, Hope and Emma attending Wabeno High School, and I have 3 step-children who have graduated from WHS and served in the armed forces.

I have been involved with several organizations, serving as a member and/or an officer, such as the PLAY organization, 7/8th gr. Volleyball coach, Girl Scout leader, Wabeno Friends of the Library, Catholic United Financial, CESA 8, and Wabeno Area School Board. I am an active member of St. Ambrose as a lector. Eucharistic minister and religious ed. coordinator.

I am seeking another term on the school board because I know there have been many wonderful things happening at our school and I would like to be there to see them through. Our personalized learning environments are up and running in the elementary school and I look forward to that continuing into the high school building.

I am proud of the Wabeno Area School District having the lowest taxes in the area and would like to keep that record.

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Don't let screen time affect kids' healthy physical activity

Submitted by Jenette Gunville, UW Extension

Florence, Forest, Vilas, WIDid you know that many school-age children spend more time with screen mediatelevision, video games, computers and hand-held devices than they do in school?

According to a report from the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation, more than eight in ten children under the age of six use screen media, with most averaging about two hours a day. The report also suggests that spending long hours in front of a screen can become habit-forming. Too much screen time has been shown to be a link to poor school performance, childhood obesity, poor sleep habits and attention problems.

Even infants are not immune from the impacts of screenssixty percent of young children up to a year old experience some screen time on a typical dayeven though the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under the age of two not be exposed to screen

"Many families spend significant portions of their days in front of screens," says Jenette Gunville, University of Wisconsin Family Living Agent for Florence, Forest, and Vilas Counties. "To help children successfully decrease their screen time, the whole family might consider ways to cut back."

Experts agree that the key to doing this lies in deciding that you and your family are going to reduce your screen time, and then substituting other activities that you enjoy. Teens who report that their parents have rules about screen time also report almost three hours less screen time per day.

Gunville offers some examples of ways families can limit their screen time.

Don't allow electronics at the table during meals. Even the landline should go to voice mail during dinner.

Each person should look through the television listings and choose one show or movie they want to watch that week. Otherwise, the TV stays off during the afternoon and evening hours.

Keep televisions and computers out of bedrooms. Place the TV so it's not the focus of the room. Place the most comfortable sofas or chairs elsewhere.

Schedule other activities in the afternoon or evening when it's tempting to get drawn into watching television

Make non-screen activities more appealing. Encourage kids to invite a friend over for a screen-free sleepover. Plan a family bike ride or visit a place everyone enjoys. Leave video games, phones and music devices at home and get out of the house.



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"Sometimes resistance to reducing screen time comes from the adults in the house, not just the kids," says Gunville. "But it's good for everybody to find other ways to unwind at the end of a workday or evening."

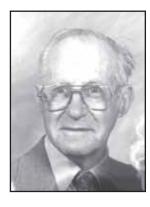
Since warmer weather is on the way, Gunville suggests going for an after-dinner walk. Do you need some background noise? How about listening to the radio? Or use the time to connect with family and friends. Call and talk, or better yet, make plans to get together to do something active.

"Parents may need to deal with some resistance at first to cutting back on screen time," says Gunville. "Consistency, commitment to the plan, role modeling and perhaps some incentives or rewards will go a long way towards long-term change."

For more information on ways for your family to reduce screen time and be more active, contact your local county UW-Extension office.



Death Notices



Paul L. Smith, 91, of Athelstane, WI, passed peacefully at his home on Friday, March 11, 2016.

He was born in Wabeno, WI on March 6, 1925 to Dan and Florence (McCullum) King and was adopted by Owen and Sarah Smith of Silver Cliff, WI, where he grew up and graduated from Wausaukee High School, class of 1942. Paul worked

with his dad farming and became a Registered Land Surveyor.

On November 8, 1947, Paul married Edith Betts. They farmed and raised six children, later converting the homestead into McCaslin Mountain Camp Grounds.

Paul served on the Wausaukee School Board, was a Marinette County Sherriff's Auxiliary member and was a Silver Cliff Rescue Squad member for many years.

His survivors include his wife, Edith; 6 children, Michael (Barbara) Smith of Athelstane, WI, Paul (Debora) Smith of Wake Forest, NC, Jeanne (Michael) Monahan of Marinette, WI, Thomas (Elizabeth) Smith of Houston, TX, Crystal (Jeffrey) Schaal of Athelstane, WI, and Susan (Jason) Gillette of Green Bay, WI; 28 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents; siblings, Louise Crystal Kobus and James Warren King and grandson, Steven Smith.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9 a.m. until the funeral services at 11 a.m. at Northwoods Bible Fellowship Church in Lakewood. Pastor Scott Vanlaanen will be officiating. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery. Funeral Director, Lloyd A. Fulcer, 715-473-2541.

Josephine Marie Littleton, of Monico, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 12, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was 50 years old. She was born on February 14, 1966 a daughter of the late Allan and Vivian Littleton.

She is survived by a son, Chad Littleton and brother, Mitch Littleton, both of Monico.

In remembrance of Josephine, family and friends are invited to gather on Saturday, March 19 from noon until 3 p.m. at the Monico Town Hall.

Floyd Louis Pochinski, age 86, passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Mitchell Manor Nursing Home in West Allis.

Floyd grew up in Argonne.

He is survived by his special person, Christine Brzycki; daughters, Gloria, Rosemary, Linda, Janice, Julie and Judy; sons, Jeff and Bruce; and further survived by his brothers, Eugene and Warren.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Pochinski and Mildred Adelaide (Schroeder) Pochinski; four brothers; three sisters and two sons, Keith and Floyd, Jr.

Arrangements were made by Krause Funeral Home in Milwaukee and grave side services were held at Forest Home Cemetery on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Amos G. Spencer, 78 of Hiles, passed away quietly March 14, 2016 after a brief illness.

Amos was born February 28, 1938 in Crandon, WI, the son of Harry and Eldine (Wilber) Spencer.

Amos grew up in the northwoods and had three children; Lynn, Amos Jr. and Tammy.

The family eventually moved to Kenosha.

Amos lived a varied life of trucking, logging, and helping his brother Andy with his salvage business. He could fix anything and basically was a "Jack of All Trades".

When he was not working, Amos enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening, and the lake.

Amos was a "water witch" and could locate water anywhere.

He also seemed to know the genealogy of most of Forest County.

He is survived by his daughters, Lynn Cornell and Tammy Davis; brother, Avery; sisters, Rosie, Susie and Connie; 6 grandchildren; 4 great - grandchildren, as well as, numerous nieces and nephews.

Amos was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Eldine (Babe); brother, Andy; and son, Amos Jr. Amos will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends and will never be forgotten.

Amos had requested no formal services. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements and online condolences for the family may be directed to weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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In response to an Editorial in the papers criticizing Ron Johnson....I can only say it prompted me to look up information on Ron Johnson who took office in 2011 ... (DOI Fiduciary Rule Making)

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S FIDUCIARY RULE: HOW A FLAWED PROCESS COULD HURT RETIREMENT SAVERS

A Majority Staff Report of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs United States Senate Senator Ron Johnson, Chairman

Very interesting reading from start to finish......final lines read:

VI. Chairman Johnson's inquiry into the Labor Department's proposed rule has revealed that the Labor Department prioritized an expedited rule-making process at the expense of thoughtfully considering and incorporating advice and suggestions from industry experts. Additionally, career, non-partisan, professional staff at the SEC, career, non-partisan, regulatory experts at OIRA, and Treasury Department officials expressed concerns to the Labor Department about the rule. Yet, documents that the Committee received indicate that the Department failed to implement numerous recommendations from these government officials in other agencies.

Chairman Johnson also encountered opposition and non-cooperation from the Labor Department throughout its examination of the rule-making process, calling into question the Department's commitment to transparency and accountability to Congress. From the information that the Committee was able to uncover, the Labor Department's flawed process in issuing its proposed "Conflict of Interest" rule could ultimately hurt American retirement savers. Whether intentionally or not, the proposed rule threatens to restrict access to retirement advice for those Americans who need it the most.

Thank you for printing all political sides, the information you provide is important to me.

Lorry Runge

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This is an open letter to anyone who lives, plays or fishes on a lake in Forest County

I am sure by now that most of you are aware of the proposed DNR, "information" meeting, scheduled at Crandon High School, at 6:00 p.m. on March 23, concerning the planting of musky in Lake Metonga this fall. I have been a riparian property owner on Lake Metonga for over forty years and am vehemently opposed to this politically motivated "Tourism Scheme."

In case you haven't read, Lake Metonga was recently voted "Best Place to Fish in Wisconsin" by Travel Wisconsin magazine. I think this is a state-sponsored tourism magazine promoting the "best" Wisconsin has to offer

There are many reasons why we should not allow Muskies to be introduced into Lake Metonga but what bothers me the most is the politics involved. A few years ago Governor Walker decided that a good way to increase tourism in northern Wisconsin would be to plant more musky in our lakes. Apparently this message was taken quite seriously by Forest and Florence County Fish Biologist Greg Matzke. He has stated that he has been studying and planning to plant muskies in Lake Metonga for the last two years. It seems to me to be a coincidence that for the past two years the D.N.R. has not allowed the Lake Metonga Association to treat our milfoil other than the two boat landings. Now we all know that muskies need lots of weeds to thrive. Metonga however, was missing that one key element in muskie habitat. The Lake Metonga Association [LMA], in cooperation with the DNR had been successfully containing the Eurasion water milfoil to 40 to 60 acres. By not being able to treat these 40 to 60 acres in the last two years our milfoil has doubled and doubled again into over 200 acres.

This winter I was able to attend a meeting with several members of our LMA and we were informed that we would no longer be able to get any grant money for the treatment of our milfoil and they, the DNR, recommended that we do nothing for the next 5 to 10 years and just study what happens. Now guess who was sitting in the back of the room for this meeting! None other than Greg Matzke. This was not a meeting about the fishery in Lake Metonga This was strictly a meeting about milfoil treatment. Now one does not have to be a rocket scientist to connect the dots! This is the same Greg Matzke who has said I will put muskies in Lake Metonga this Fall! It just seems to me that Governor Walker and his henchman, Greg Matzke, will sacrifice the riparian owners and the Crandon people's ability to swim, boat, jet ski, walleye fish or even gain access to Lake Metonga just to put muskies in the Lake.

It is my hope that anyone reading this who cares about Lake Metonga will show up at the meeting and express your concerns.

Christine Mueller

To the Editor:

I attended the Wabeno School District as did my children and two of my granddaughters. I have seen many changes over the last 5 decades and some were controversial.

I volunteer at the elementary school. I have been with the same group of children for over a year. On average I spend 2 days a week for about 2 hours a day in the classroom. Volunteering in the classroom means going into the classroom finding out where you are needed and assisting the teachers and students accordingly. Interaction is necessary to get a clear picture of what is needed and what is going on in the classroom. I would encourage anyone that wants to see how personalized learning is working in our school system to step up to the plate and volunteer.

The personalized learning is very different from the way of the past and believe me I was very skeptical. Last year, when I started volunteering, I thought this system was very hectic, unorganized and chaotic and didn't know how it could work. After spending some time in the classroom, I could see that although it was different, as all change is, it is working. I have seen this system making great strides during this time for this group of students.

Children generally transition from one form of study to another on their own without a commotion. There are teachers and students coming and going from the classroom for one reason or another and the children as a whole don't think twice about it. It isn't a distraction for students because it is "normal" to their classroom. Even the disruptive children are not a distraction for the other children.

I have monitored testing, for different students in the testing system and have seen how the system can be so different for the same group of children. Their testing and activities are at the level that each individual have accomplished and can excel at. As they progress and reach their goal or potential the questions get harder to

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The Aging Department is working with the Health Department, UW Extension, City of Crandon Officials, Crandon Public Library, Forest County Economic Development Partnership and other partners to plan and implement the revitalization project. The existing garden space near City Hall will be used and plans are underway to divide the garden into several different plots. A portion of the garden will be used to grow vegetables for the Senior Meal Site salad bar. Some of the features of this area will include a shaded sitting area and a greenhouse that will allow for a jump start on some of the crops. Another section of the garden will be child friendly and the committee is teaming up with 4H to help with the layout Other features of the garden will include and work. accessible walkways, a perennial and herb garden.

There will be raised garden community plots available to community members and preference will be given to residents in the City of Crandon. There will be a requirement to volunteer in the garden and may be a small annual fee for community growers. If you are interested in renting a plot, please contact Jill at the Health Department at 715-478-3371.

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Jeremy Gobert will be leading the Boy Scouts on some of the projects including the raised bed construction, water collection system, documenting and photographing the progress of the project.

We will be starting plants for the garden project and also to sell at a plant sale on May 21st. We hope to be able to use some of the money raised to publish a collection of recipes that have been collected over the years from the county meal site participants. Assistance is needed to help organize the recipes and complete the book.

This opportunity will lead to more community involvement and socialization at the meal site as well as access to local healthy foods. We hope interest in the community garden will continue to grow and that we can expand to other communities in the future.

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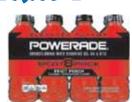
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continue to challenge them and encourage them to reach another level

I have observed a student asking how to do a math problem about distribution, which looked like a beginning algebra problem to me. That teacher took the time to show that child how to do the math problem. In this group I have seen math problems as simple as 5+9 and as difficult as 3 digit addition and subtraction or beginning theories for algebra. These are 2nd graders and they have only been in school a few months.

My husband and I chose to move back here to raise our children because of the small community and the quality of this school district.

This group of children have grasped and understand so much more than I and even my own children did academically at the elementary level. Change is difficult but in most cases it is better than what may have worked a few years ago or decades ago. I also believe that not all children learn at the same level or in the same way. Sometimes adjustments or a combination of teaching techniques need to be used in one classroom.

There are desks in this classroom for some students and that is great for those students if it will help them to excel in their studies. I have seen those children goofing off, playing with things in their desks and daydreaming just as I have observed similar actions in the classrooms. It is normal for kids to day dream and goof off at times they are kids.

In taking Early Childhood classes, I have observed 3 classrooms and 5 teachers this year. One of the classrooms was the kindergarten and I was blown away at what I saw. The things that this class is learning are way above any other classes, at that level, that I have observed.

One morning I was talking to my granddaughters Bekkah (11) and Bailey (7). One is in 6th grade and one is in second grade. We were talking about what was being taught in the second grade the day before. Bekkah pipes up "What!! We didn't learn that until we were in third grade." An old saying, "Out of the mouths of babes." They speak the truth and they have an insight that often eludes adults.

Teachers, administrators and principles are dealing with situations that would not have been tolerated /or allowed in the classroom years ago.

In the history of our school district Townsend and Lakewood area tax payers pulled their children out of Wabeno and put them in the White Lake School District where they felt their tax dollars would make a better future for their children. The majority of the Wabeno High school students walked in protest to Townsend and Lakewood.

There were I believe 3 sets of parents that paid the tuition out of their pockets to allow their sons/daughters to continue their education at Wabeno. After just a few short years, four I believe, Townsend and Lakewood came back to Wabeno where they realized their children were getting a better education.

Today parents can take advantage of open enrollment and place their children where ever they choose for whatever reasons and some have done so. This can be done at no personal cost to them. There is also the option of home schooling which many parents are presently doing throughout our nation. So if parents feel their child can advance at a higher level quicker than by all means enroll them into another education alternative that will better suit them.

Teachers need parents, grandparent and community support.

"It takes a whole village to raise a child"

No staff member should have to defend themselves or others in the employ of Wabeno school district. They have the right to come to work and feel safe as our children do.

Harassment and bullying is not tolerated for our students nor should it be tolerated in the workplace by the staff of this school system.

Applicants for positions in the school district are chosen after being interviewed by multiple people. Their education and experience is taken into consideration in the decision to hire the best person for the district and the children.

This being said, I also believe the administrators, principals and board members who were chosen by peers and/or by elections will make their best judgment for the district.

America is a democratic society that we live in and it evokes the checks and balances system. School boards help run this school and the majority rules in voting procedures.

Now as for the board members!

Our present board members have either attended or have children, grandchildren or family that have or are in Wabeno school district. They choose to give up their time with their families to serve the school at monthly and special board meetings. They also serve on interview panels. They are approached in public and contacted by phone about school issues sometimes in the evening and weekends. They hold these positions because they were voted in by the voters of the Wabeno School District. The voters went to the polls and made their decisions.

If individuals or groups do not like what a school board member or members are doing or how they are conducting the business of the school district then show it at the polling place at the next election. If you want change when re-election comes up don't cast your vote for that person or persons. If you think you can do a better job than by all means run for a school board position at the next election. That is your right as a member of this community and as a citizen of America

Change is difficult in all aspects of our lives and our school is going through a big change now. Changes sometimes take time and need to be tweaked or slightly adjusted to work.

The Wabeno School District does not tolerate bullying of our students. It cannot be tolerated for our board members, staff, or teachers either. Harassing people at their workplaces is unlawful and can result in legal action against individuals.

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PTSD Topic of Hire Up Presentation at Nicolet College

Post-traumatic stress disorder is more common than many people think.

Learning best practices to assist workers and college students with PTSD will be the topic of the next Hire Up presentation from 8 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 1, in the Northwoods Center at Nicolet College.

Participants will learn how the disorder affects individuals and their families, how to recognize PTSD, and treatment options for those with the mental health illness.

Jessica Schiek, a licensed professional counselor with Ministry Health Care in Rhinelander, will lead the presentation Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the Workplace and the Classroom.

Studies have shown that about 30 percent of the men and women who have spent time in a war zone will experience PTSD and an estimated 7.8 percent of all Americans will get the disorder at some point in their lives. The event, which is free and open to the public, will start with check-in from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., the presentation from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and conclude with a question and answer session from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

While geared toward employers and those working in higher education, the event is free and open to the public. Those interested in attending are asked to register online by March 28 at nicoletcollege.edu/hireup. For more information, contact Nicolet College at (715) 365-4905.

The three-part Hire Up series at Nicolet will conclude in May with a presentation for employers that will provide tips on interviewing veterans, translating language associated with military jobs to non-military work, and helping veterans be successful in the workplace.

The workshops are made possible as part of the TAAACCT 4 federal grant awarded to the Wisconsin Technical College System. The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has funded 100 percent of this project equaling \$461,531. This is an equal opportunity program. Assistive technologies are available upon request and include voice/TTY 711 or 1-800-947-6644.

Northern Advantage Job Fair April 13 at Rouman Cinema

Employers from throughout the region will be on hand at the Northern Advantage Job Fair Wednesday, April 13, looking to fill open positions at their businesses. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rouman Cinema, 1205 Lincoln St. in Rhinelander.

"This will give anyone looking for a job a great opportunity to meet with numerous employers at a single location," said Nicolet College Career Coach Erika Warning. "Nearly 30 businesses, both large and small, are expected to be on hand and looking to fill a wide range of positions."

Employment areas will include business management, manufacturing, consumer service, retail, law enforcement, and human services.

In addition to the Job Fair, Nicolet will hold three different workshops in March and April to help people make their job searches more effective. All workshops are free and open to the public and will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center on the Nicolet Campus.

Workshops will include:

- Networking Strategies for Successful Job Searching, Tuesday or Wednesday, March 29 and 30.
- Developing a Dynamic Resume and Cover Letter, Wednesday, April 6, or Tuesday, April 12.
- Tips on Job Interviewing, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 or 27.

Material covered will be the same both days for all workshops and individuals would only need to attend one of the days.

The Job Fair is being sponsored by the Northern Advantage Job Center, Nicolet College, and the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

For more information, contact the Northern Advantage Job Center at (715) 365-1500 or Nicolet College at (715) 365-4902, TTY 1-800-947-3529 or 711.



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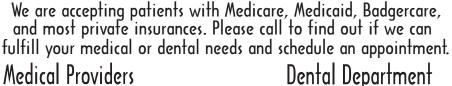
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March 11, 2016 As an additional safety measure against the emerging Zika virus outbreak, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued new guidance providing recommendations to blood centers to reduce the potential transmission risk of Zika virus from blood donations. These recommendations that go into effect on March 15, 2016, include the deferral of individuals from donating blood if they have been to areas with active Zika virus transmission, potentially have been exposed to the virus, or have had a confirmed

While there have been no reports to date of Zika virus entering the U.S. blood supply, the risk of blood transmission is considered likely based on the most current scientific evidence of how Zika virus and similar viruses (flaviviruses) are spread and recent reports of transfusion-associated infection outside of the U.S. Beginning March 15, 2016, The Community Blood Center will begin to formally defer those that have traveled to areas with local Zika virus transmission, or have been exposed to the virus for four weeks after travel or symptom resolution. Active Zika virus transmission areas include Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, South America and the Pacific Islands. In addition, donors with two or more symptoms after possible exposure are asked to self-defer for 4 weeks after their symptoms have cleared. Symptoms of the Zika virus include a fever greater than 100 °F, muscle and/or joint aches or weakness, eye pain including conjunctivitis (pink eye), and a

According to the AABB (American Association of Blood Banks), travel deferrals at a minimum will affect around 2.25 percent of donors nationwide. The Community Blood Center is anticipating this change will have an effect on the number of donors impacted locally. "In order to keep our blood supply safe and meet the needs of patients and hospitals, we would like to invite those who have not traveled to these areas to come in and donate. If you plan to travel to one of these areas, please donate before you leave," said John Hagins, President &

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No experience necessary. We will train the right individuals. Applicant must be able to pass a background check and a drug test.

Applications can be picked up at Nicolet Staffing in Rhinelander. Questions for Nicolet Staffing? Call 715-365-1342.

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI HELP WANTED

POSITION: C-Store Cook, Supervisor CLASS: Non-Exempt • DEPT: C-Store • GRADE: NE4 SUPERVISOR: C-Store Assistant Manager POSTED: 1-26-16 • CLOSING: Until Filled

POSITION TITLE:

Preschool Floater, Substitute Bus Driver

CLASS: Non-Exempt • DEPT: Gte-Ga-Nes Preschool SUPERVISOR: Gte-Ga-Nes Preschool Director CDL required with School Bus Endorsement **GRADE: NE3**

POSTED: 2-3-16 • CLOSING: Until Filled

POSITION: Building and Grounds Director CLASS: Exempt • GRADE: E3 • DEPT: Health Division SUPERVISOR: Health Division Director

POSTED: 2-24-16 • CLOSING: Until Filled **POSITION TITLE: CNA-PT (Nights)**

CLASS: Non-Exempt • SUPERVISOR: Charge Nurse DEPT: Caring Place • GRADE: NE6 POSTED: 2-24-16 • CLOSING: Until Filled

POSITION: (2) IT Support Specialist I CLASS: Non-Exempt • DEPT: IT • GRADE: NE8

SUPERVISOR: IT Support Supervisor POSTED: 2-25-16 • CLOSING: Until Filled

POSITION: Security Guard -2nd & 3rd Shift

CLASS: Non-Exempt • DEPT: Security GRADE: NE4 • SUPERVISOR: Security Supervisor POSTED: 2-25-16 • CLOSING: Until Filled

For more information or to apply for one of these positions go to our website or contact-

Nicolet Country Club is now hiring

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Email NCC224@centurytel.net or

call 715-674-4780 for an application.

Deadline is March 31, 2016.



POTAWATOMI Keeper of the Fire

NICOLET COUNTRY

Forest County Potawatomi Human Resources Department P.O. Box 340 Crandon, WI 54520 www.fcpotawatomi.com

Help Wanted School District of Crandon Assistant Softball Coach

Wage for this position is \$1,500 per year

This coaching position will be for the 2015-16 school year, with no other benefits offered. Any persons interested in this position should complete a support staff application, located on the District webpage: www.crandon.k12.wi.us, along with a letter explaining your qualifications for the position.

Return applications to the District Office, Attention: Tracy Cassidy, Activities Director **School District of Crandon** 9750 US HWY 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520 Questions regarding this position can be addressed to Mrs. Cassidy at 715-478-6124.

Deadline for applications: Friday, March 25th at 4:00 p.m. or until filled.

The School District of Crandon does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

HELP WANTED

Options Counseling Services

Substance Abuse OR Mental Health Counselor Part-time/Full-time; First Shift Salary based on Education and Experience. Competitive benefit package.

Provide comprehensive counseling and case management services to individuals presenting with Mental Health and/or AODA issues. Experience preferred, but will train. OCS will accept candidates working towards their 3,000 hours for LPC certification. OCS will be opening an outpatient office in Antigo.

Job Requirements: Master's degree

- Licensure in the State of Wisconsin as a LCSW or LPC Certified SAC-IT, SAC or CSAC through the State of WI
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills
 - Solid computer skills and competency Strong organization and interpersonal skills

To Apply, forward a letter of interest and current resume including references to: Options Counseling Services, Bruce Decorah - Director, PO Box 1550, Rhinelander, WI 54501. E-mail: bdecorah@optionscs.net.

Application deadline is March 25, 2016.

It is the policy of Options Counseling Services not to discriminate against any employee or any applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, sexual orientation or national origin.



Full Time Breakfast Cook 715-649-3810

MOLE LAKE CASINO · LODGE

We are accepting applications for the following positions:

Casino: Housekeepers **Restaurant:** Cook & Wait Staff **Bar:** Bartenders & Cocktail Servers **Bingo:** Floor workers & Callers **Lodge:** Manager, Front Desk Clerks & Housekeepers

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Applications available online at www.molelakecasino.com or at the Player's Club Desk. For more information contact the HR Office at 715-478-7549.

HELP WANTED: Van Experienced roofers and Driver: Part-time position siders and roofing general for an individual to drive a laborers. Pay based on 14 passenger bus experience. Call Aaron transporting individuals to Ciezki at 414-759-0938 or Headwaters, Inc. Monday-Friday morning and achunter5278@gmail.com afternoon routes- average of about 25 hours per week. Valid driver's license. CDL. and good driving record required. Paid training provided. Position will remain open until filled.

Contact Headwaters, Inc.

(715-369-1337) and ask for

Julie Deaton. E.O.E. B50

BUYING: Cash for guitars,

banjos and guns, etc. Call

715-536-6060.

HELP WANTED: Part time carpenter. Flexible hours. Salary negotiable. Project rotated in Crandon. Call 715-362-1941.

HELP WANTED:

HELP WANTED: Part time plumber needed. Flexible hours. Salary negotiable. Project rotated in Crandon. Call 715-362-1941.

HELP WANTED

PART TIME SECRETARIAL OFFICE WORKER:

Please send resume or work history with references to -

Forest Tool, Inc., Attention - Carmen Strong, P.O. Box 215, Crandon, WI 54520 or email office@forest-tool.com. Subject: Job Application

Bus Driver Wanted



Full-time Route & Substitute Drivers

We help you do all necessary training.

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

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Provide comprehensive counseling and case management services to individuals presenting with AODA issues. Experience preferred, but will train. OCS will accept candidates working towards their 3,000 hours for LPC certification. Position will be at Koinonia in Rhinelander.

Job Requirements:

- Certified SAC-IT, SAC or CSAC through the State of WI Excellent written and verbal communication skills Solid computer skills and competency
 - Strong organization and interpersonal skills

To Apply, forward a letter of interest and current resume including references to: Options Counseling Services, Bruce Decorah - Director, PO Box 1550, Rhinelander, WI 54501. E-mail: bdecorah@optionscs.net.

Application deadline is March 21, 2016.

t is the policy of Options Counseling Services not to discriminate against any employee or any applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, sexual orientation or national origin.

HELP WANTED - Child Support Planning Grant Program Director Salary:Based Education/Experience

Position Summary:

This position is responsible for all aspects of the Tribal IV-D Planning Project which will result in a comprehensive child support program. The Director will hire and supervise staff, oversee the budget, monitor the program objectives, and ensure all Tribal/Federal regulations are met. In addition, this position will act as liaison with Tribal, Federal, and State agencies; plan and facilitate the program's overall direction; maintain adequate accountability records; and ensure compliance with 45 CFR §309 and other Federal and Tribal laws pertaining to child support services.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Social Sciences, Criminal Justice or related field.
- 3 years experience with program planning, startup, and administration.
- Knowledge of child support service; legal report writing; legal terminology; courtroom procedures and protocol for Tribal, State and Federal courts.
- Certified Notary Public (or obtain certification within the first year of hire).
- Must have exceptional skills with word processing, spreadsheets, and database software.
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal and communication skills. • Ability to work cooperatively and effectively with
- community leaders, lawyers, employers, and

Submit completed applications to:

Donna Vodar, HR Director 3051 Sand Lake Road, Crandon, WI 54520

Phone: (715) 478-7663 Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov

HELP WANTED

POTAWATOMI 🔪 CARTER CASINO · HOTEI OPPORTUNITY COMPETITIVE WAGES - EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR Full Time, Hourly

Purpose Assist the Marketing Supervisor with coordination, implementation and communication of entertainment, promotions and special events to ensure guest satisfaction.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Advanced computer knowledge & experience is required. Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Must display constant professionalism when representing PCCH.
- Must work well with people, possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Must possess strong oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and the ability to maintain accuracy are 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 obtain & maintain a Gaming License issued by the
- Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.

 Must know & abide by all PCCH policies & procedures. Must be available to work flexible shifts as dictated by volume

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: March 14, 2016 Closing Date: March 28, 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAPPY TAILS RESALE SHOP Call Kathy at 5-490-6071



My Nose, My Allergies

Nasal allergy, or allergic rhinitis, causes inflammation of the nasal membranes. It occurs in some 50 million Americans who are sensitive to inhaled allergens.

- · Seasonal allergic rhinitis (hay fever) is most often caused by pollen from trees, grasses and weeds carried in the air during different times of the year in different parts of the globe.
- · Perennial allergic rhinitis occurs year-round, typically triggered by indoor allergens. Most common offenders: animal dander, mold spores, dust mites and cockroach particles.

If you have symptoms of nasal allergy, such as sneezing, itching, nasal congestion, watery eyes and runny nose -- seasonal or year-round -- talk to your health care provider, who can recommend a variety of prescription medications, and over-the-counter symptom relievers including:

- · Antihistamines, which help relieve sneezing, itching and runny nose. They work best taken routinely during allergy season and before symptoms take control.
- · Decongestants, which narrow the blood vessels and reduce blood flow in the affected area to relieve congestion and improve breathing. They come in oral tablets and eye or nose drops and sprays.

While there is no cure for allergic rhinitis, researchers continue to look for new ways to prevent symptoms, including drugs that stop pollen from entering the body and allergy vaccines.

Bus Schedule

Monday - March 21 - Alvin and Nelma to Iron Mountain (Crandon and Argonne standby) - Bus Driver: Hal Weisnicht

Tuesday - March 22 - Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander. By 9 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No lunch. Depart Rhinelander at 11:45 a.m. -Bus Driver: Dan Pedersen

Wednesday - March 23 - Armstrong Creek, Newald, Popple River and Cavour to Iron Mountain (Crandon and Laona standby) - Bus Driver: Hal Weisnicht

Thursday - March 24 - 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

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- Experience working in trades or manufacturing
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Willingness to learn

Have references readily available. This position may lead to further advancement within our company.

Starting pay range is \$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour.

Fill out an application in person at Dvorak's Docks, US Hwy 45, Elcho

HELP WANTED

Now taking applications at Conway True Value Hardware, both full and part time, must be available to work weekdays and weekends. Some knowledge of hardware helpful and retail helpful. Please apply in person at Conway True Value **Pioneer Plaza-Crandon**

WRITE IN KELLEE GALLION

Forest Cty. Board District 13, Town of Nashville **April 5, 2016**



Dear Forest County Seniors:

The new Forest County Elderly Benefits Specialist, Kathy O'Melia, will be starting her position on March 14, 2016. She will be filling the shoes of long-time benefit specialist, Kate Schultz, who has taken the Coordinated Service Team Coordinator position, working with children and families through the Forest County Social Services Department.

Kathy can assist adults age 60 years and older by providing information and links to available resources and services regarding benefit programs. Kathy can help in many areas including, but not limited to, Social Security, Medicare, Supplement Insurance, advocacy, paperwork, referrals, benefit appeals, housing and long-term care options.

Please call Kathy to set up an appointment at 1-800-699-6704 or 715-362-8277. The Elderly Benefits Specialist is located in the Aging and Disability Resource Center building at 300A South Lake Street, Crandon, WI 54520.

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

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - March 21 - Turkey tetrazzini with egg noodles, broccoli, fruit, dinner roll, chocolate chip bar

Monday - March 28 - Beef lasagna, tossed salad with dressing, fruit, garlic bread, jello

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - March 22 - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, cream puffs - MUSIC: **Armstrong Creek**

Tuesday - March 29 - Roast pork, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, sunflower flax bread, carrot cake - BINGO: **Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON

Wednesday - March 23 - Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onion and celery, fruit, biscuit, chocolate cake

Wednesday - March 30 - Chicken enchilada with tortillas, peppers and onions, Spanish rice, fruit, sherbet LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - March 24 - Chicken Dijon, 1/2 baked potato with sour cream, herbed carrots, wheat bread, ice cream

Thursday - March 31 - Salisbury steak, mashed potato. cauliflower, dinner roll, peanut butter cookie - BIRTHDAY **PARTY & BINGO: Laona**

ALVIN

Thursday - March 24 - Roast pork, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, dinner rolls, bars

Thursday - March 31 - Lasagna, salad, fruit cocktail, garlic bread, birthday cake

Paying Cash!

We are looking for CNA's or Caregivers to help take care of a hospice patient who is living in his home. We will pay \$9.00/hr. for CNA's and \$8.00/hr. for caregiver's. Please call Tina at 715-889-9084

(Serious Inquiries Only)



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We are currently seeking - 2 COOKS

Position 1 - Approximately 32.5 hours. 5:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Position 2 - Approximately 26 hours. 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Applications may be completed at 105 W. Pioneer St., Crandon or contact our Dietary Manager, Casey Novak at 715-478-3324

HELP WANTED

Do you love plants? We are looking for some plant loving people to work at our Rain Barrel **Garden Center. If you are interested** please stop in at Conway True Value and fill out an application.

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-

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.

Complete Autos	\$77/GT
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D.J.'S RECYCLING

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Sat. 8 - Noon 6516 Cty G, Cavour, WI, 715-649-3223



PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 23, the Boundary Waters Musky Club will be at the public meeting at 6 p.m. at the Crandon High School to promote the introduction of Muskellunge into Lake Metonga.

It is said that Lake Metonga could support these fish without damaging the walleye or perch population.

Bids & Notices

Child Development Day

The School District of Wabeno Area will be conducting a developmental screening for young children living in the district. This event is for children whose birthdays fall between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013. Children will be screened through observation in a natural play setting. Speech and language, motor and social skills will be evaluated.

The screening will be held at Wabeno Area Elementary School, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

If you have a child in this age range and have not yet scheduled an appointment, please call the Elementary school at 715-473-3633.

Bids Wanted

The Town of Wabeno is accepting bids for Technology improvements. A complete description can be picked up at the Wabeno Town Hall at 4473 North Branch Street or call 715-473-4333 and one will be mailed to you. Bids will be accepted until noon on Friday, April 8,

2016.

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

FOR SALE: Oak firewood. Call 715-889-3205 for more information.

Regular Meeting, Laona Board of Education Monday, February 8, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. C. L. Robinson Elementary – Room 24

President Jim Aschinger Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:33 p.m. Present: Scott Reeves, Kay Connors, Melissa McLaughlin, Jim Aschinger, Laurie Asher, Tiffany Pakulski, Jim Bradley, and Sherry Kramer to take the minutes. There were (10) guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Scott Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Agenda. All in favor, motion carried. Frank Shepard, Jr. arrived at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Ruby Westimayer - voiced concern about the safety of her sons and other students while at

Kathy Krawze - today was the 100th day of school and it went very well with many activities. Kathy Krawze and Shelly Chitko - thanked the Board and Mrs. Asher for allowing them to attend the reading conference.

Shelly Chitko - Laona Public Library turns 100 years old and activities are being planned throughout March.

Kristie Gill - inquired whether Family and Consumer Science was being brought back to

Laona.

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, January 11,

2016.

school.

School Disbursements and Wires paid from 1/1/16-1/31/16=\$157,814.63Purchase Orders for period 1/8/16-2/4/16=\$17,251.76 Cash Receipts for period 1/1/16-1/31/16=\$28,220.05

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

carried.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Rachel Keepers shared that three (3) students will be having art work displayed at the Wisconsin State Capitol February 27-March 11. She is asking to have those students plus 6 others in the advanced art class attend an Overnight Trip to the Capitol. The Board would like Mrs. Keepers to go ahead with exploring all 9 students attending depending on funding available.

The Senior Class Trip/Chaperones - taken into closed session.

Mrs. Asher gave an Academic Achievement Presentation and shared our student results on both state and district assessments.

Review of the proposed 2016-17 School Year Calendar was done. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Asher shared her recommendations for the 2016-17 CESA 8 Contract. Motion by

Reeves, seconded by Connors to approve contract as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Resignations - Kelly Kevilus, Child Care Teacher, has resigned her position. Current staff will cover those hours so no additional staff will be hired.

Sherry Renkas, Food Service Director, has resigned her position. Motion by Shepard, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the resignations of Sherry Renkas and Kelly Kevilus. All in favor, motion carried. Thank you to Sherry Renkas for going above and beyond job expectations.

Hiring - Food Service Director - Taken into closed session.

Maintenance Director Contract Negotiations - Taken into closed session. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Tiffany Pakulski, Business Manager's Report, shared:

- With the mild winter, over \$12,000 less in natural gas was spent this year over last year. Jim Bradley submitted a written High School Principal's Report that can be found on the
- school website under the District School Board Agenda BoardDocs link. He also shared: • Discussion was held with Wabeno on the possibility of sharing some class options for the upcoming school year. We would like to offer as much as possible to give our students the maximum opportunities available.
 - Mr. Bradley and Mr. Kelly went to see a Fab Lab at Three Lakes School District.
- School Forest update given. 10,000 trees in 3 varieties have been given free of charge from the Dept. of Natural Resources. A grant from Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin has been submitted for school forest maintenance and the construction of new learning stations.

Administrator's Report - Mrs. Asher shared:

- Congratulations to Amber Peters on the birth of her new son.
- Daycare update given. They are \$1691 in the positive overall and will be running throughout the summer if there is a need.
 - Update given on 100th day of school and upcoming Valentine's Dance.

Board Member Reports - None

Motion by Connors, seconded by Shepard 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 yes.

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

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Shepard to approve Kim Winkelman pending her acceptance of the offer for Food Service Director. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Reeves to approve the **Senior Class Trip** pending approval of the budget by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Aschinger to offer Travis Matuszewski, Maintenance Director, a 2-year contract for 2016-18. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Connors to Adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (9:26 p.m.)

At the time of this letter we have yet to see an official posting of this meeting. LOVE A LOON? SO DO MUSKIES!

Lake Metonga Association's response to the potential planting of Muskie in **Lake Metonga**

The Lake Metonga Association (LMA) has been the sole public advocate for Lake Metonga for forty years. The LMA's diverse membership represents a cross section of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts from every ability and pursuit. The membership, at our annual meeting, voted 100% against introducing musky into Metonga. Several members of the LMA are champion muskie and walleye tournament winners. They have never mentioned adding muskie to the Metonga fishery.

Why is the LMA so adamant about preventing Musky introduction? In a word, I would say "credibility." For the last 40 years, the DNR fishery management strategies for Metonga have proven to be marginal at best. If the LMA hadn't joined forces with the Mole Lake Chippewa (MLC) and determined the root cause of the lakes lack of natural reproduction sustainability, we would still be feeding this years hatch and plantings to the bullheads. The LMA and the MLC partnered in purchasing thousands of dollars of walleye plantings. The MLC community held off spearing and the LMA encouraged a two fish bag limit and eighteen inch size limit for the three years it took the walleyes to reach maturity. We now enjoy a class A walleye fishery with mid twenty inch Walleye the norm. The real success story, however, must be the resurgence of the perch. Our perch fishery supports about 500, yes 500, angler days per week throughout the winter. The normal casual bass tournaments, that seem to occur every other Saturday in the summer, generate about 50 angler days per week. These tournaments, besides filling our limited boat launch parking area, bring little to our local economy. Our local family boating community is relegated to shallow water boat launch at the county park if they choose to spend the day on the water.

The LMA, the MLC and the Wisconsin DNR will need years to determine the impact 12,000 mature walleyes, that now reside in the lake, will have on the perch population. Our perch fishery is by far our most valued fishery asset. The perch fisherman flock to Metonga because this fishery has vanished from Lake Michigan.

Forest County already has several muskie waters, why not improve the existing stock in Silver, Roberts or Kentuck? The DNR claims it costs between \$25 and \$80 to produce a single 18" muskie. Who pays for this? When LMA wanted walleyes we had to purchase our own.

What is one of the biggest attractions Metonga affords our entire community? Eagles and loons rank at the top for viewing and listening. Metonga has three loon and five eagle nesting sites. The loons develop a natural sight and sound protective instinct against the eagle. No such instinct exists against the muskie. If you think you like loons, well muskies like them better and the loon has no defense.

Do you really want to jeopardize your next fish fry or be relegated to listening to a loon on your cell phone? Please discourage muskie planting In Metonga.

PLEASE ATTEND THE MARCH 23 MEETING **Gary Mueller - LMA President**

Special Meeting Laona Board of Education Monday, March 7, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. C. L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

President Jim Aschinger Called the Special Meeting to Order at 5:33 p.m. Present: Jim Aschinger, Frank Shepard, Jr., Kay Connors, Scott Reeves, and Laurie Asher. Melissa McLaughlin was absent. There was one guest in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Kay Connors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chaperones for Overnight Art Trip -

- Recommendation made for Nicole Thurston, Rachel Keepers, and Larry Seiler as chaperones.
- Two (2) school vans will be used to transport students and chaperones.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Shepard to approve the three (3) recommended chaperones. All in favor, motion carried. No Closed Session was held.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Connors to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (5:38 p.m.)

BIDS WANTED

The School District of Crandon The School District of

Crandon is accepting bids for waste and recycling services. There is a detailed request for proposal (RFP) that is available at the district office. Any organization interested in bidding needs to contact

Edward Then at 715-478-6119 or thenedwa@sdofcrandon **.com** to receive a copy of the RFP. The deadline for proposals will be April 15, 2016 at 4:00

p.m. District office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.





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Law Enforcement Recruit Academy June 6 to Oct. 6 at Nicolet College



Hands-on scenario training is a central component of Law Enforcement Recruit Academy training.

Nicolet College will hold a Law Enforcement Recruit Academy June 6 to October 6 for individuals interested in starting a career in law enforcement.

Classes will typically run from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday on the Nicolet Campus one mile south of Rhinelander on Hwy. G.

The academy is open to anyone who has at least 60 college credits in any field. Applicants to the academy will have to pass an oral interview, criminal background check, a physical, and a physical readiness test.

The 720 hours of instruction will include lectures and hands-on scenario training covering numerous areas of law enforcement. These include professional communication, emergency vehicle operation, emergency medical response, tactical skills, traffic and patrol procedures, investigations, and defense and arrest tactics. Graduates will also be proficient in firearms, radar, and field sobriety testing.

This year the Wisconsin Department of Justice expanded the breadth of training in the academy, said Nicolet Criminal Justice Instructor Timothy Gerdmann.

"Like virtually every other occupation, the skills needed to do a job effectively change over time," Gerdmann said. "The academy now expands upon cultural issues officers often face in the field and provides updated

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"You look across the Northwoods and you find many, many Nicolet graduates having successful careers in law enforcement," Gerdmann said.

For more information, contact Gerdmann at (715) 365-4535, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4535, or by email at tgerdmann@nicoletcollege.edu.

Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club to hold spaghetti dinner fundraiser



It's the time of the year that the members of the Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club like best! Donating the money that was made on their fundraisers to assist in the needs of the community. A donation of \$400 has been made to assist in the restoration of the Mountain Fire Tower. Here, Lion Dick Higley is pictured presenting a \$500 check to Chris Schultz of the Mountain Ambulance. The spring fundraiser is the spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 19 from 4 to 7 at the Crooked Lake Community Center. There will be good food, beverages and raffles. It will be the first time the money calendars for next year will go on sale.

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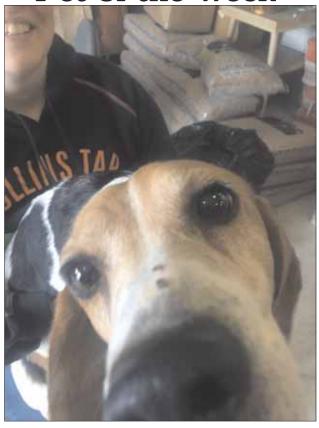


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Lilly is a good natured older girl. She is a smaller dog who is housetrained and loves to be petted.

If you are interested in Lilly or any of the other animals looking for a fur-ever home, call 715-478-2098 or visit the shelter at 701Industrial Parkway in Crandon.

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The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel was held on Saturday, March 12 at noon. People from all over the state come up to witness the parade and celebrate their Irish heritage and at this event, everybody is Irish!

Winners of this years parade were: first place Anderson's Irish Jig, second place belongs to St. Johns Exercise Class and third place went to the Pickerel - Pearson Lions Club.

This year marked 27 years of hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you have never experienced this event, you should experience the fun. Here are some photos of this years event in case you missed it.



Langlade Ford showed off their Irish pride and a beautiful Ford Raptor.



The Irish do love their golf, you can find these two at Maplewood Golf Course

























