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Nicolet College's new Learning in Retirement classes keep retirees active, engaged

Nicolet College's Learning in Retirement program will feature another fun-filled, learning-inspired collection of offerings for Spring Semester that will include many new classes along with fresh takes on traditional favorites.

"For more than 20 years LIR members have been putting together exciting and engaging classes and I'm happy to say that tradition will continue with the next round of upcoming offerings," said LIR President Nancy Brissee. In all, the LIR will feature 40 different offerings, starting Jan. 17 and running through May 17.

Some classes will meet only once for a couple of hours while others will be part of a series that meet once a week over several weeks.

The hallmark of each class is learning just for the fun of it. "There are no tests or grades, simply groups of people getting together to learn new things and share a common interest," said Brissee, who helped found the program in 1995.

Upcoming offerings will cover a broad range of subjects.

One of many unique topics will be the history of baseball with Kyle Rogers as he takes a look at our nation's pastime, focusing on oddball facts and the quirky characters who shaped the early years of the sport.

For those with a green thumb, Ruth Hempel will offer tips and tricks for growing vegetables, fruits and herbs on a back porch or patio.

On the political front, Judge Robert Kinney will take a look at Robert La Follette, his role in making the Progressive Party once a force in state politics, and how current-day dynamics have impacted the Progressive movement.

Travel enthusiasts will delight in two travelogues, one with Louise Schotz and her journey through Southeast Asia with vicarious stops in Thailand, Cambodia, and

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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.

Steve Bunda announces his candidacy for Supervisor, Town of Lincoln

I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the position of Town of Lincoln Supervisor. I appreciate all of the people who signed my nomination papers. I am humbled at the huge support and will continue to do my due diligence for the people of the Town of Lincoln.

I wish all of the people of my town a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Please vote on April 4, 2017! /s/ Steve Bunda

Free classifieds continue!



That canoe that hasn't been in the water for three years, that antique chair that is so uncomfortable, the double barrel shotgun that nobody wants to carry (call me for that), that pickup that nobody drives, the ice auger that nobody has used for four years, all qualify for a free classified in the Pioneer and freedom from ownership and

The free classifieds will continue in January, and you are urged to call, email, or drop off your ad of 30 words or less for one free classified ad a week. Let us help you unclutter your life!

Lots of Thanksgiving Dinners!



This picture of wild turkeys was sent to us by Paul Johnson, who took the shot near his home on Pine Lake in Hiles. There are about 16 turkeys in the photo. They are hard to count because some are behind their friends in the flock. While not native to the northern end of the state, many seem to survive the winters, and some hunters enjoy trying to get one in the



Flu cases on the rise in Wisconsin 65 years & older especially affected

Flu cases are on the rise, and health officials are urging people to take precautions. Simple steps, including getting a flu shot, help protect against the flu.

There have been 161 influenza cases to date this flu season, and 95 influenza-associated hospitalizations, including 8 children and 78 adults ages 50 and older. Of those hospitalized with influenza, 63 percent were ages 65 years and older.

Influenza can range from mild to severe, and in some cases can cause life-threatening complications. Symptoms can come on quickly and include fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, body aches, and tiredness. If someone does get the flu after getting vaccinated, it is more likely to be a milder case. Everyone aged six months and older should be vaccinated annually.

Remember these tips for protecting against the

- flu: Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your upper sleeve, and try to avoid touching your face with your hand. If you use a tissue, throw it away after one use.
- Use your own drinking cups and straws.
- Avoid being exposed to people who are sick with flu-like symptoms.
- Eat nutritious meals, get plenty of rest and do not smoke.
- Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, refrigerator handle, telephone, faucets).
- If you think you have the flu, call your doctor. Stay home, rest, drink plenty of liquids, and avoid using alcohol and tobacco

Flu shots are available at the Forest County Health Department. No appointment necessary. We can bill Medicare and Forward Card. We also have a limited supply of free children's flu vaccine.

Call 715-478-3371 with any questions.

For more information visit: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov www.forestcountypublichealth.org

WXPR presents Joshua Davis In Concert



WXPR Public Radio 91.7FM will host singer and songwriter, Joshua Davis in concert Saturday, January 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the newly remodeled Nicolet College Theater in Rhinelander.

Recent finalist on NBC's hit musical showcase The Voice and former band member in the bands Steppin' In It, Shout Sister Shout and Starlight Six, Joshua Davis, breathes life into timeless folk music with his raw, organic edge.

Rooted in the folk tradition, he writes songs that blend the roots of American music with gritty rock n' roll and vintage soul. Performing Songwriter Magazine called the result "Some of the liveliest and most rocking roots music around".

Reserved tickets for Joshua Davis are \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased online at WXPR.org. Call 715-362-6000 for more information.

WXPR, an independent community-sponsored public radio station.

Lakewood Area Chamber to meet-New members welcome

The Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce will meet on Monday, January 16, 6:00 PM at Waubee Lodge. This is a general membership meeting. Mardi Gras will top the Agenda. The public is welcome to attend. If you are interested in the Chamber or would like more information, please call 715-276-6500.

AREA EVENTS



Praise Chapel Community Church 200 East Sixth Street Sunday Service - 10 am Saturday Service - 6 pm Wed. Kids Club 3:15 pm Bible Study Wed. 6:30 pm **Everybody Welcome** to Attend

Crandon red hat ladies CELLULITE SISTERS

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY! Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:00, at LaFetta Please bring a wrapped White **Elephant gift Hostesses: JoAnn Yingling** 715-674-3204 or Judy Monte 715-674-3081 Please respond by Monday, Jan 16, 5 p.m. with a yes or no.

Around the Area

TLHS Drama Club presents "Oliver Twist"

THREE LAKES, WI - The Three Lakes High School Drama Club will perform "Oliver Twist" from the novel by Charles Dickens, adapted by Joellen Bland. This classic story includes menacing villians such as Fagin and Bill Sikes along with memorable characters such as Nancy, Oliver and many more in a plot containing mystery, robbery and revenge. This play is suitable for all ages.

The performances will be held on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th at 7 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, January 29th at 1 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and children under 4 years old are admitted free of charge. Attendees are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for \$1 off the ticket price, with food items to benefit the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry. Each of the performances will include a bake sale before the play and during intermission with all proceeds benefiting the drama club. Donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support!

The drama club will host an ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser right before the Saturday performance on January 28th from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$7 per person, with children under 4 years old being free of charge. The dinner includes salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and a beverage. The proceeds from the dinner will be used to benefit the TLHS Drama Club spring trip to NYC. For more information about the Three Lakes High School Drama Club please e-mail Jen Meyer at jmeyer@threelakessd.k12.wi.us



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Calling all crafters fifty and older

With the holidays passed and 2017 looming ahead, it's time to start doing some real serious crafting in preparation for the upcoming Senior Snoop Shop season which will begin on Friday, May 26th and run through Labor Day. Anyone 50 years of age or older, who live or own property in Forest County or immediately adjacent counties qualify to have their items for sale in the Snoop

The Snoop Shop is a consignment shop on the Courthouse grounds where seniors have an outlet for their handcrafted items. Each consignee decides on the price they would like to recoup. The shop then adds a small percentage to help cover operational costs. Sales tax is then added to that amount. All items must be made from new materials and be made by the consignee. We encourage everyone who qualifies to participate.

In the past, there have been a wide variety of items, which make for a lovely shop. Positive comments have been about the excellent quality of the items and the reasonable prices.

The first business meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of Associated Bank in Crandon. We look forward to seeing all interested parties there.

For questions and other information, you can contact any of the officers. President Marge Scardino (715-478-1164), Vice-President Pat Schultz (920-362-1542), Treasurer Kathy Gibs (715-478-0403) or Secretary Ann Koziol (715-478-2785).



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PERSONALS

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Death Notices

Lavada S. Gryczkowski, 89, of Crandon, WI passed away Saturday, December 31, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rhinelander. Lavada was born July 1, 1927 in Big Stone, KY the daughter of Rev. James and Eva (Pennington) Fraley.

She was united in marriage to Chester Gryczkowski November 26, 1945.

Funeral Mass for Lavada was held on Monday, January 2, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Crandon, with Fr. Callistus Elue officiating. Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to weberhillfuneralhome.com.



William W. Bailey, "Bill", 77, of Crandon, p a s s e d a w a y o n December 29, 2016 at his home under the care of his family and Ministry Home Care Hospice. He was born in Crandon on October 12, 1939, to Zach and Leone (Agin) Bailey.

Bill attended the Crandon school system.

He enlisted into the United States Army on

August 1958. He was honorably discharged in May of 1964.

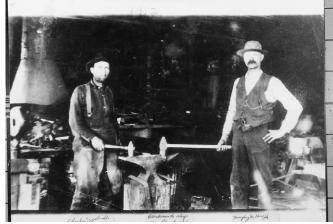
After serving his country, Bill returned to Crandon and began BHB Logging. Working in the woods was his true passion in life. Much of the equipment he operated, he also built, or at least modified to make better. His daily routine began with the guys and a few cups of coffee at the Log Cabin Restaurant.

Bill is survived by his children, Cindy Doleshal of Crandon, Billy (Beatrice), and Zack, both of Watersmeet, MI, Shawn (Summer) and Scott, both of Bruce Crossing, MI; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is further survived by sisters, Audrey Zold of Monico and Jeannie Childers (Archie Sparks) of Crandon, and brother, Michael (Carolyn) Bailey of Crandon. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Donald, and James Evans; sister, Dorothy Wurtinger and son-in-law Jeff Doleshal.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Tuesday, January 10 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon. At 6 p.m., Bills fellow veterans will conduct Military Honors in recognition for the time he served. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Blacksmithing, a practical skill that turned into an art form

Originally printed in Northern Logger Magazine



These blacksmiths were hard at work shortly after the turn of the last century in Laona, Wisconsin.

By Mike Monte

Blacksmithing isn't a lost art. I haven't watched the television program, but I have seen the ads for Milwaukee Blacksmith. From the ads, I see that they are making very elaborate artsy objects. Any number of old tractor shows around the Midwest will have a blacksmith set up under an awning making art objects. In Laona, Wisconsin, there is a tourist attraction that draws thousands of visitors. The Lumberjack Steam Train picks up riders on Highway 8, near Laona, and transports them to what was the Connor Lumber and Land farm. The farm raised meat and vegetables to feed the many men they lodged in logging camps throughout the area. The engine is a 100 year-old Vulcan steam engine that has been faithfully working for the Connor family for the last 80 years. Passengers ride in vintage rail cars, and the steam engine is certainly a big attraction, but there is a petting zoo, the Cracker Barrel Gift Shop, and a logging museum. In the museum, there is the blacksmith shop that served the needs of the farm and I am sure many of the needs of the logging operations. That blacksmith shop is now operated by young people who work there in the summer months, and have learned some of the trade. It draws a big crowd in a small space. It is hard to get a good photo of the young blacksmiths because of the people crowded in to watch this ancient skill being performed. There is definitely a fascination with the art of blacksmithing.

Of course, blacksmiths weren't considered artists back in the early logging days. A blacksmith shop was a necessary expenditure that would keep a winter logging operation running and profitable. I'm sure that if you would tell one of these old blacksmiths that they were needed to make lawn ornaments, they would stomp off in disgust.

A blacksmith in a logging camp or in one of the small towns across the Midwest was a necessary facility to keep things running. The first thing most people think of when the subject of blacksmithing comes up is shoeing horses. Certainly, most people in the blacksmith business made horse shoes and often nailed them on to horse hooves, but some wouldn't. There might be an individual in the community who was good at it, and didn't mind occasionally being kicked by a horse. Some farmers and loggers also possessed the skills needed to shoe their own horses. But, horse shoes were only a part of what a blacksmith fabricated in his shop.

Every implement used in the woods in former times required metal parts. The tool might be a wooden dray built from trees with the right crook at the stump, or the a-frame jammer, but it was held together with iron. It is hard to think of all the needs that a blacksmith covered, as the list is long.

Logs were skidded with tongs, and they could be purchased from one of the companies that supplied the needs of the logging business, but a good blacksmith could turn out a pair of tongs in short order, and they could be built as heavy or as light as was needed. The pup hooks that were attached to each end of a log for decking or loading on sleighs or rail cars were likely made by the camp's blacksmith, and the metal pieces that held the wooden a-frame jammers or ginpole jammers together were also made by the company smithy.

As a kid growing up in the Town of Argonne, in northeast Wisconsin, I had the opportunity to learn a few things about this necessary trade. My grandfather, Vince Monte, had learned blacksmithing as a young man, probably in the Bear Creek, Wisconsin area, where he grew up. I don't know where he learned or who taught him, but he did grow up on a farm, and they might have had their own smithy.

Grandpa moved to the Northwoods in about 1921. He took a job with a potato company that was clearing land for potato fields near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, about 26 miles west of Argonne, where he was to spend the rest of his life. I know that one of the reasons he was hired was because of his skills at blacksmithing. When that job ended, he was told that there were jobs at Argonne, and he moved to the small town and soon became acquainted with the farming and logging people in the area.

I remember Grandpa talking about sleighing logs in camps, but also doing any blacksmith work that was needed. Most camps had a shack with a forge and an anvil that took care of their needs. From what I can remember of family conversations, those skills often found him work in some of the logging camps that tried to operate during the Great Depression.

When World War II came, like many of our citizens, Grandpa took a job in Indiana at a defense plant and made big money. I have seen some of his check stubs, and discovered that he was making upwards of \$50 a week! Don't laugh. This was a goodly sum, when you have been used to working in a camp for \$30 a month, and you had seven kids.

After the war, when logging camps were seldom used, my grandfather took a job with the county on a patrol truck, but this didn't last for many years. He was getting older, and retired. When he did, he built a small blacksmith shop behind his home in Argonne. It was a slant-roofed rough lumber building. Zoning hadn't come to the northern counties, and the neighbors didn't mind, so he was able to supplement his Social Security check with blacksmithing.

In the late 1950's, the mechanical revolution in logging hadn't started yet. Most area loggers, and there were lots of them, still used horses or mules to get pulpwood to the side of the road. They all used drays, Finn-hooks, tongs for bolts and logs, horseshoes, singletrees, and hooks for the ends of their skidding chains. Grandpa's smith supplied all of these needed tools.

This time frame was when I learned a little bit about blacksmithing. I would see that he was in the shop, and I would ride my bike to the door and look in. I often became the muscle on the forge. This was frustrating. I was hollered at for turning the handle of the blower too fast and then not fast enough. He never took the handle away from me, however. I watched as Grandpa pounded the red hot iron into skidding tongs or his version of hooks for skidding chains. He used welding compound to fasten corks to horseshoes. For those not familiar with the term "corks," they were welded to horsehoes to give the horse traction on icy surfaces, and were little squares of steel with a peg that went into a hole provided on the horseshoe. If you weren't paying attention, he would spit on the joint, and when he hit the cork to seat it, there was a small explosion, with the shop filling with a shower of sparks. He took great pleasure in scaring me half to death.

In horse logging days, many loggers used wooden drays for skidding, and they were made from

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Letters to the Editor

We welcome letter to the Editor; however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.



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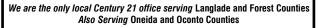
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Depression and Aging

Written by Erica Cirino Medically Reviewed by Timothy J. Legg, PhD, PMHNP-BC, GNP-BC

What Is Depression?

There are times in life when you'll feel sad. These emotions usually only last a few hours or days. It's when you feel down or upset for long periods of time, and when those feelings are very strong that these feelings are considered depression.

Depression is a serious mental disorder that can ere with your daily life. It can make it hard for you to carry out your daily activities and find pleasure in the activities you once enjoyed.

Many people experience depression. In fact, it's one of the most common mental disorders in the United States, according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH). According to a study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 6 percent of American adults experienced at least one episode of depression each year of the decade beginning in 2005.

Depression usually first occurs in early adulthood, but it's also common among older adults, according to the NIH. Studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that 7 million American adults over the age of 65 experience depression each year. The CDC also reports that adults over the age of 65 made up 16 percent of all suicide deaths in 2004.

What Are the Symptoms?

Depression is especially common in people with other medical problems. Older adults may have more medical issues, which can increase their risk of depression. Even though depression is common in seniors, it's not a normal part of getting older. Some older adults may not think they're depressed because sadness is not their major symptom.

The symptoms of depression vary from person to person. In seniors, some of the most common symptoms include:

- · feeling sadness or "emptiness" · feeling hopeless, cranky, nervous, or guilty for no
- reason
 - sudden lack of enjoyment in favorite pastimes
 - fatigue
 - · loss of concentration or memory • either insomnia or too much sleep
 - · eating too much or eating too little
 - · suicidal thoughts or attempts · aches and pains
 - headaches
 - · abdominal cramps
 - · digestive issues

How Can You Help Someone with Depression?

Help your loved one get to a doctor if you suspect they have depression. The doctor can diagnose the condition and prescribe treatment. You can also help in the

Talk - Talk with your loved one regularly, and listen carefully. Give advice if they ask. Take what they say seriously. Never ignore a suicide threat or comments about suicide

Support - Offer support. Be encouraging, patient, and understanding.

Friendship - Be a friend. Regularly invite them to come and spend time with you. Optimism - Keep reminding your loved one that,

with time and treatment, their depression will lessen. You should always report suicidal talk to your loved

one's doctor, and, if necessary, take them to a hospital for psychiatric help.

Bus Schedule

Monday - January 16 - Argonne, Alvin and Nelma to Rhinelander - Bus driver: Bob Schultheis

Tuesday - January 17 - 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 - January 18 - Armstrong Creek, Cavour, Newald, Popple River, Crandon and Laona to Iron Mountain - Bus driver: Bob Schultheis

will get back to you. Betc38 Thursday - January 19 - Argonne, Hiles and

Crandon to Rhinelander - Bus driver: Dan Pedersen For reservations please call the bus driver for that day. Bus rides now cost \$4 per ride.

Bob Schultheis: 715-478-0025 Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254

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

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - January 9 - Bean soup with bacon, tossed salad with egg, corn muffin, molasses cookie

Monday - January 16 - Pork chop, roasted red potato, cauliflower, dinner roll, cran-apple crisp **CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**

Tuesday - January 10 - Chicken alfredo pasta, broccoli, fruit, Italian bread, marble cake - BINGO: Armstrong Creek

Tuesday - January 17 - Beef chili with beans, tossed salad with cheese, wheat bread, chocolate pie - MUSIC: **Armstrong Creek CRANDON**

Wednesday - January 11 - Beef tips over mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, rice pudding

Wednesday - January 18 - Chicken enchilada with peppers and onions, Spanish rice, fruit, sherbet - BINGO **LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE**

Thursday - January 12 - Baked cod with sauce, ½ baked potato with sour cream, asparagus, bread stick, lemon Thursday - January 19 - Beef stew with potatoes,

carrots, onion and celery, fruit, biscuit, oatmeal raisin bar Thursday - January 12 - Lasagna, salad, peaches, garlic

bread, cookies Thursday - January 19 - Meatloaf, baked potatoes, corn,

dinner rolls, bars 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 Forest County Elderly Benefits Specialist, Kathy O'Melia, has a new local telephone

number. Kathy can be reached at 715-478-3067. 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 site manager Chris Geske 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 site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

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Director at 715-276-6321 to learn more about how you can help Northern Health Centers, Inc. continue to grow our comprehensive health care programs.

Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education

Monday, January 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m. C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Frank Shepard, Jr.
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
- 5. Consent Agenda
- A. Meeting Minutes
- B. Bills and Claims
- 6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
- A. Final Approval of Senior Class Trip
- B. School Report Cards
- C. Fire Inspection Update
- D. Open Enrollment Seats
- E. Coaching Positions
- 7. Informational Items
- A. Business Manager's Report
- B. High School Principal's Report
- C. Administrator's Report
- D. Athletic Director's Report
- E. Board Member Reports
- 8. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
 - A. Personnel
- 9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.

10. Adjourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

- 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.
- Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship: Lakewood 8:00 (15552 Hwy. 32), Wabeno - 10:00 (4347 North Branch St.), Laona - 11:30 (5265 Linden St.). Call 715-473-3603 for more information.
- · 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 Shepherd Lutheran Church Hwy 55N, Crandon. Sunday service 9:30 a.m. with Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday. 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 Wednesday.
- Bethel Baptist Church 1761 East Ave., Wabeno. Worship service Sunday at 9 a.m. Bible
- · Lakeland Baptist Church Sunday Service at 10 a.m, Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday night at 5 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 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.
- · Pickerel area 50 Plus will meet at St John's Lutheran Church in Pickerel on Thursday, January 12 at noon for our Annual Soup Luncheon. Our guest's will give a presentation on their trip to Israel. Bring friends and a dish to pass.
- Elcho Area Community Food Pantry moved into a new location at 11224 Antigo St, Elcho, WI 54428. It will be open each week: Mon. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wed. 4 - 6 p.m. and Thur. 11 a.m. -1 p.m. If any further information is needed please contact David A. Schindler at (715) 610-
- 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 Every fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library. The January 24th meeting will be held at the Crandon Community Building. The public is always welcome.
- Crandon Lions Board Meetings 1st Monday of the month at Crandon Library at 6 p.m.
- Crandon Lions Membership Meeting 3rd Monday of month. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. & meeting at 7 p.m. October through January meetings held at Duck's Bar.
- Bridge Community Dental Health Clinic This project serves people of all ages in Forest County for People who have Badger Care, medical Assistance & UNINSURED to schedule an appointment call (715) 848-4884. Call the Health Dept. for more information at 715-478-3371.
- Christian Motorcyclist Association Spirit Ryders Chapter of Langlade & Forest Co. invites you to attend our meetings on the last Saturday of each month. Call George 715-350-
- Town of Lincoln Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln
- Nashville Craft & Flea Market Closed for the season. Will return to the Nashville Town Hall Spring 2017. Interested vendors or for more information, call Linda at 715-484-7271.
- Tops will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:35 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 info call Sue at 715-275-
- Crandon Public Library Board Monthly meeting. 6 p.m. Lower Level. 715.478.3784.
- · 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 715-889-
- 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, side entrance.
- 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.

Senator Baldwin supports investigation in Russian hacking

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin today announced her support for a new Senate Select Committee on Cyber to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election and develop a comprehensive legislative package to address gaps in current cyber laws to better deter and defend against further cyberattacks.

"Congress has a responsibility to get to the bottom of this. That is why I support a new, bipartisan Senate Select Committee on Cyber to investigate how the Russian government interfered in our election and sought to influence it," Senator Baldwin said.

Senator Baldwin also announced her support for the actions taken by the Obama Administration in response to the Russian government's aggressive harassment of U.S. officials and cyber operations aimed at the U.S. election.

"While President-elect Trump has encouraged, dismissed and even defended these attacks on America, I support President Obama's response to the Russian government's cyberattacks on our election. Our intelligence community has made clear these attacks were aimed at interfering with and influencing our election and they cannot be ignored. America is stronger when we are united and have the backbone to stand up to Russia's aggression," Senator Baldwin said.

Last Thursday, the F.B.I. and Department of Homeland Security released a report detailing the ways that the Russian government acted to interfere with and influence the American election through cyberespionage. President Obama also authorized a number of actions in response to the Russian government's hacking of our American election.



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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 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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 - 10:30 - 4:30 every day. The museum will be open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.



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two trees, usually from eight to twelve inches in diameter. The trees had to be a damaged tree that bent into a curve just above the stump, and everybody called them dray crooks. Grandpa would spot one in the woods, any woods would do, he didn't worry much about ownership, take an axe and Swede saw out of the trunk of his 1947 Studebaker, and cut it. We would see him come into town with the tree sticking out of the trunk of the Studebaker. After a tremendous amount of draw shave work, he would now have two runners about ten feet long. To the runners he attached two bunks from about 6x6 square timbers above a spacer between the runners and the bunks. The bunks were fastened with two long bolts made by Grandpa. The bolts were threaded on the top end and bent at right angles on the bottom of the runner, so they would slide over the ground. These single bolts through each bunk also allowed the dray to pivot on the bolts and and was flexible, so when one runner hit a stump or rock, the flexibility allowed the whole contraption to slide around the obstruction. Metal stake pockets, that were made from flat steel were bent in a loop on either end of the bunks. The front of the runners had a chain through a pipe, but sometimes a piece of wood fastened on either end with a chain. A loop was fastened to the middle of this to allow for the chain that was fastened to the single tree that dragged behind the horse. Another chain was installed that could by fastened around the pulpwood and would tighten around the load as the dray was pulled, keeping slippery wood on the dray. This sounds complicated to explain, but was actually a simple device that usually held a third cord of pulpwood. Grandpa usually had one of these made in case anybody needed a replacement. It would sit on the ground in front of the shop on top of a big heap of shavings left over from the draw shave work. I believe he sold them for about \$100.

Grandpa worked in his little blacksmith shop until three weeks before he died of cancer, in 1963. I was a junior in high school. The shop sat empty for many years, and my grandmother didn't want it emptied out until she passed. I ended up with the forge, blower and all the tools he made for blacksmith work. I have since passed this stuff on to a friend who is a gunsmith. I had no use for the stuff, and a blacksmith forge doesn't work well for a key chain or a watch fob. I did use some white ash blanks for singletrees when I started logging my own timber sales, with horses, about thirteen years after grandpa's death.

We don't have logging camps anymore, and a blacksmith isn't required on any logging sites I can think about these days, but I can certainly make the connection between a blacksmith shop in a logging camp and the portable welders and cutting torches in equipment trailers these days.

In retrospect, at the time of my grandfather's death, the logging world was already changing. Emil

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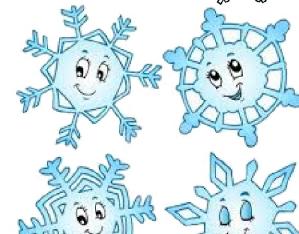
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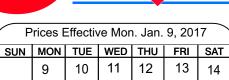




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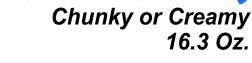
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Brian Jones will be back with one of his highly entertaining, make-believe bus rides, this time along the River Thames. Participants will tour the city of Oxford, take in the maritime events of the Henley Regatta, negotiate the world-renowned maze at Hampton Court Palace, and experience the majesty of Windsor Castle.

Art lovers will have plenty to pick from with guided tours of exhibits at ArtStart in downtown Rhinelander; understanding and creating mandalas, which are geometric patterns, as a path to inner peace; and, for those who like to sing, participating in the LIR chorus.

Tours will include a guided visit to Kemp Station, an epicenter of environmental research in the Northwoods operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a tour and introduction to the recently remodeled Nicolet College Library with its many digital technology improvements, and a look inside Eagle Recycling to see how recyclables are sorted and prepared for reuse.

Long-time favorite classes such as Ced's Nature Series, Current Events discussions, and a look at world affairs in the Great Decisions series will also be held.

Outdoor activities will include a Valentine's Day sleigh ride and a bicycle adventure from Eagle River to Three Lakes and back.

Membership is \$40 annually and open to anyone who is retired or semi-retired. Members can take as many offerings as they desire. To join, for a complete listing of classes, and to register for classes visit nicoletcollege.edu/lir.

Classes will be held throughout the Northwoods in Rhinelander, Eagle River, Woodruff, Tomahawk, Irma, and Three Lakes.

For more information about the LIR or to receive a printed schedule, contact the Nicolet College Learning in Retirement Office at (715) 365-4491 or 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4491: TTY 711 or 1-800-947-3529.



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- Accurate cash handling experience & good math skills required.
- Basic computer experience preferred.
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Qualifications

- · Bachelor's Degree in F&B Management or Hospitality is preferred; a min. of 4 years verifiable experience is preferred. Foodservice operations/management/training a must.
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- Must always display professionalism when representing PCCH. Must work well with people, possess excellent guest service
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Conditions of Employment

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Representative Swearingen has been reappointed to serve as the chairman of the Assembly Committee on State Affairs. In addition, Representative Swearingen will serve as a member on the Assembly committees on Tourism, Environment and Forestry, Small Business Development, Tax Exemptions as well as the State Building Commission.

Representative Swearingen is one of 64 Republican members in the 2017-2018 legislative session, which is the largest GOP majority since 1957.

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Mursau to Chair Committee on Environment and Forestry

103rd Legislature sworn into office

Madison ... Representative Jeff Mursau (RCrivitz) was sworn into office as the 103rd Wisconsin Legislature convened earlier today. Mursau will serve on several committees this session including as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environment and Forestry and CoChair of the State Tribal Relations Committee. He served as chair of both committees during the previous legislative session.

"I appreciate the continued support from my colleagues to provide leadership on forestry issues and tribal relations," said Mursau. "I look forward to working with the new members of these committees and building on the improvements we've made over the last few years."

Mursau will also serve on the committees of: Agriculture, Education, Sporting Heritage and Natural Resources and Tourism. This will be his first term serving on the Education Committee.

"It's important to me that the work I do in Madison matters to the people of the 36th Assembly District," stated Mursau. "I asked to serve on these committees because they're the top issues I hear about the most from constituents. I want to be at the table at the beginning of the legislative process to ensure that rural areas have a voice when important policy decisions are being made."

Citizens can sign up for email notifications through the Wisconsin Legislature's website to receive information on proposals being considered by the legislature. You can pick preferences based on subject area, committee, author, etc. To sign up please visit: http://legis.wisconsin.gov/

To share your thoughts with Representative Mursau regarding his committee work or matters before the legislature you can contact his office by email at: Rep.Mursau@legis.wi.gov or by calling (888) 534-0036.







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Rhinelander, WI - January 3, 2017 -Alzheimer's Association collaborates with a number of different organizations to offer monthly Alzheimer's support groups in communities across Northern Wisconsin. These groups are often held at senior centers, libraries, churches community centers and other aging service providers. These monthly group meetings are always free of charge and open to all.

Tomahawk - 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm - Senior Center

Rhinelander – 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm – Oneida Senior Center

Ironwood - 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm – Grandview Hospital Eagle River – 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30

am - Vilas County Commission on Aging Lac du Flambeau - 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm – Wellness Center

Support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment or community and a chance for participants to develop informal mutual support and social relationships. They also educate and inform participants about dementia and help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems.

The groups encourage caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical and emotional health as well as optimally care for the persons with dementia. addition, a support group can provide a needed break from caregiving responsibilities.

For more information on a support group near you, please visit our website at www.alz.org/gwwi or contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1.800.272.3900.

Rep. Swearingen promises to work hard for Northwoods in third term

Madison, WI - Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) released the following statement after being sworn in for his third term in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

"It is an honor to begin my third term serving the residents of the Northwoods. During my second term in office, we were able to make great strides in addressing issues that directly impact the people of the 34th District. I voted to increase funding for our rural schools, pushed for more broadband expansion grants in underserved areas, and supported legislation that addresses Alzheimer's and dementia as well as the heroin and opioid epidemic affecting our state," Swearingen stated.



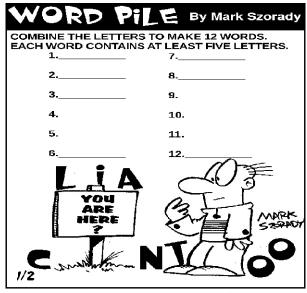
Ron Johnson sworn in for second term as United States Senator



Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) was sworn in Tuesday for his second term as a United States senator for Wisconsin. Alongside his wife, Jane, and their three children, Johnson took the oath of office administered by Vice President Joe Biden.

Sen. Johnson said this afterward:

"Today, I took an oath for the second time to support and defend the U.S. Constitution. I am honored to represent Wisconsin in the U.S. Senate, and I will do everything I can to strengthen this incredible experiment in human liberty, the United States of America."



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Forest Co. Tavern League Makes Donation



Jodi Stamper accepts a check from Denise Lornson for \$250 on behalf of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation (Ties That Bind Us). The check was a donation from the Forest County Tavern League. The Tavern League of Wisconsin will be matching the donation.

Crandon Elementary News



The students at Crandon take giving to others and ice cream challenges very seriously. This school wide effort brought giving and sharing to the forefront of the Christmas/holiday season when students were able to help others by donating 625 pounds of food to a local food pantry.

The ice cream challenge for bringing in the most

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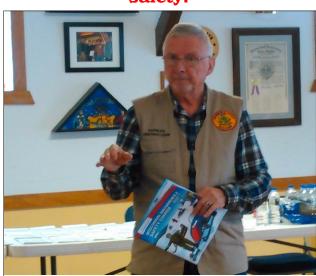
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33 years teaching snowmobile safety!



Lead Instructor Bob Grobarchik teaches the Snowmobile Safety Class for the 33rd Consecutive Year!

On December 16th and 17th Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club held a DNR Snowmobile Safety Class at the Townsend Town Hall. 26 students attended the course, passed the test, and got their Safety Certificates. This despite a major snowstorm that swept through the area that weekend. Only three of those who signed up could not make the trip. Town of Townsend for provided the hall and Red Arrow instructors Bob Grobarchik, Larry Westphal and Carl Christensen volunteered their time.

Red Arrow would like to congratulate Bob Grobarchik for teaching the Snowmobile Safety class for 33 consecutive years! During his working years, Bob lived in Waterford and taught the class for the Wind Lake Drifters Snowmobile Club. Bob retired to Townsend with his wife Barb about 12 years ago, and has been part of the Red Arrow instructor team ever since. The last few years he has been the Lead Instructor and responsible for organizing the event and reporting data to the Wisconsin Department of Resources.

If you are looking for a club that has lots of activities and fun, consider joining Red Arrow. We are a year-round Snowmobile/ATV-UTV club nearly 500 Family, Booster, and Single members strong. Our website has a Membership tab on the home page where you can check things out and join online. Trail reports for the Townsend area are easy to access from the home page. We also have a Facebook page with a link on the Website home page. Please come ride our trails. You won't be disappointed.



Graduates and Instructors pose for a group photo after successfully completing the Snowmobile Safety Class