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CWD meeting moved to January 19-courthouse

Because of the inclement weather last Tuesday, the meeting on CWD in the deer herd has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 p.m., at the courthouse, in the third floor jury room.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Northern Buck Hunters Coyote' Hunt January 21 in Argonne



Northern Buck Hunters is a non-profit organization dedicated to offering public use of several outdoor shooting ranges up to 200 yards, as well as maintaining the Aaron "Chunk" Smith Memorial outdoor 3D Archery Range.

The upkeep to these ranges and maintaining the proper insurance for public use is the sole responsibility of this group.

The Northern Buck Hunters will be holding a Coyote Hunt on January 21st to raise funds for improvements and upkeep, as well as the insurance costs.

Registration will be Friday, January 20, from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. at Main Street Ed's in Argonne. All coyotes must be brought in for verification between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The cost is \$15 per person with two divisions: callers and dog hunters. Prizes will be awarded in both categories.

Raffles and door prizes will start at 4 p.m. and continue throughout the evening. Even if you aren't a hunter, come out and support the Buck Hunters. Ed will also be offering many dinner and refreshment specials for the evening.

If you have any questions, or would like to make a donation to the club or the event, please contact Chris Statezny at 715-889-1547.

Crandon Lions Club Fish-O-Ree January 21

The Crandon Lions Club Fish-O-Ree will be on Saturday, January 21, at the Crandon Community Building beginning at noon and lasting until its over!

Prizes for longest walleye, northern, perch, crappie and panfish. Meat Raffles galore and a paddle wheel for the kids. Good food and drink all day.

For more details, see the ad on page 2.

LMT Snowmobile Club Chicken Booyah Bash

The LMT Chicken Booyah Bash will be on Saturday, January 21st, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Frog Valley Inn.

There will be booyah, hot dogs and meat raffles. And, you can get booyah to go!

This is fun for the family and all are welcome to attend whether you snowmobile or not!

See more details on page 2.

Crandon Library News Laura Ingalls Wilder program to kick off History On Tap

The Crandon Public Library is excited to announce a new series of programming titled "History on Tap." History on Tap aims to provide engaging historical programs in a social setting for residents in Forest and surrounding counties. Our first History on Tap program is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the historic Hotel Crandon. The program will feature a First Impressions presentation by Jessica Michna portraying an older, wiser Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Generations of children and adults worldwide have been fascinated by the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Her "Little House" series was the basis for a successful television series. But how did her life really evolve? What motivated her to put her experiences to paper? In this presentation you will meet Mrs. Wilder, older, wiser and reflecting back on her life. She will tell you her life story and how she came to produce her literary works.

This program is free of charge and is open to all ages. Complimentary snacks will be provided. Alcoholic and non-alchohlic beverages for sale. History on Tap is sponsored in part by the Crandon Public Library, the Forest County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Hotel Crandon. For more information, please contact Michelle @ the library.

Friends of the Library Armchair Travel Series

Friends of the Library member Jodi Resch-

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Hometown Trolley



By Mike Monte

Back in the 1970's, Bruce Pence vacationed in Florida. On the trip, he took a tour on a bus and enjoyed it. He had the idea that a Gay 90's designed bus would be a great way give tours. When he returned to Decauter, Illinois, he started to build these decorative and eyecatching vehicles, and the idea took off.

The business moved to Crandon in 1992, and became Hometown Trolley. Since that time, the business has grown, and the model line has increased as well.

Hometown Trolley makes diesel powered trolleys, but also make models that run on natural gas and fully electric.

Recently, they bought out another company that was doing a similar product. Classic American Trolleys is now owned by Hometown Trolley, and they will be built in Crandon with some changes made to the product line.

A recent project by Hometown Trolley is a vehicle that looks like a conventional bus. It was designed to run tours in national parks, and the first of the line is going to Maine to haul passengers through Acadia National Park. This bus will handle rough roads, and it is currently under extensive testing to make sure it will be tough and reliable.

After testing, the company is looking forward to building a fleet of the new busses, and this will mean more jobs at Hometown Trolley. Currently, they employ 43 people at the plant in Crandon's Industrial Park.

Hometown Trolley has changed their manufacturing process to be more efficient. In the past, the trolleys were started and worked on in one spot, but not now. Like a miniature automobile assemble line, the trolleys are started in one spot, then the entire assembly is on castors and moved to the next stage of production. In the end spot the trolley is finished and can move to the former assembly location, across the road, for the custom paint. In addition, there is a complete woodworking shop in the main building to make the beautiful, high-grade trim Hometown Trolleys are known for.

And, they are special! The company was just given an award of distinction for northeast Wisconsin manufacturing. In addition, staff will be traveling to Washington D.C. next month as one of 50 nominees from each state nominated by the SBDC that will compete for the number one spot. But, just the nomination is a big



Trolleys under construction on the assembly line. Custom paint will follow.



If you are planning a Las Vegas wedding in the near future, demand that you and your wedding party are transported in this trolley that is headed to Vegas for weddings.

A little bit of snow It is nothing new!





The picture above is from somewhere between 1910 and 1920. Our latest snowstorm is a shock because we have had some easy winters. The snow banks in the top photo, however weren't made with a snow blower. In case you haven't noticed both photos are of the same building. Back then it was Page Mercantile.

WA Players Scholarship Fundraiser "Songs Under the Mistletoe" raises \$1000+ for county students & schools



December 15-18, Wabeno Area Players presented "Songs Under the Mistletoe." It was held in the beautiful atmosphere of The Big Easel in Wabeno. This annual event included a mix of traditional, contemporary and classical music selections of the holiday season and a great deal of humor. A special treat of the event was performances by Sarah Jennings, a Wabeno High School Graduate, studying vocal performance at Luther College. Sarah was also a past recipient of the Erna Rousseau Scholarship.

The money raised goes toward the Erna Rousseau Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is in the memory of Erna Rousseau, a lifelong piano teacher and accompanist from Wabeno. It's awarded annually to a student from the area schools. The scholarship is awarded to students who have been involved in the arts in high school and plan on pursuing a college degree in education, art, music, dance, or theater. Scholarships are now being awarded to current high school students to attend summer camps for the arts.

Since 1997 the scholarship has awarded over \$6,000 to 20 area students. It's the only scholarship of it's kind for the youth in our area. Wabeno Area Players is the only community focused arts organization in our area as well. Both entities rely on the generous support of the community we live in. All donations are tax deductible. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship or Wabeno Area Players, please contact (715) 889-1606 or (715) 473-5466. You can also email us at wabenoareaplayers@gmail.com or send donations directly to: Wabeno Area Players, P.O. Box 325, Wabeno, WI 54566

AREA EVENTS

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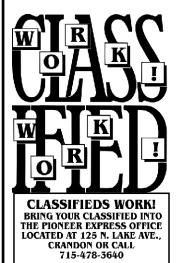
CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY! Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:00, at LaFetta Please bring a wrapped White **Elephant gift Hostesses: JoAnn Yingling** 715-674-3204 or Judy Monte 715-674-3081 Please respond by Monday, Jan 16, 5 p.m. with a yes or no.



Everybody Is Invited To Attend The Installation Service of Pastor Dan Childers January 22nd at 5:00 p.m.



Dinner To Follow





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THANK YOU to Laona State Bank for sponsoring the printing of the posters! THANK YOU to Associated Bank for sponsoring the printing of the raffle tickets!

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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



Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile Club **SNOW FUN DAY** Saturday, January 28th

1 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Waubee Lake Resort 5 miles East of Lakewood on Cty. F • Food and Beverages Available

Saturday, January 28, starting at 6 a.m. Registration starts Friday, Jan. 27 or Saturday, Jan. 28

(at the following locations listed below) • Mighty Fine Bait Shop in Lakewood at 6 a.m.

• Pintsch's Hardware in Townsend at 7 a.m.

Waubee Lake Lodge - Friday at 11 a.m. or Saturday at 6 a.m.

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Starting at 1 p.m. - Meat, 50/50 & Basket Raffles Poker Run winner announced at 7 p.m. Must be present to win Club Big Ticket Drawing at 8 p.m. Need not be present to win.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT LOCAL AREA BUSINESSES.

Alzheimer's Association presents "Know the 10 Signs" workshop

The Alzheimer's Association will host "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters" on Tuesday, February 14th. Julie St. Pierre, Community Outreach Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Wisconsin Chapter, will provide participants with information about what sort of memory changes typically occur with aging, tips to

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the earliest signs of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia as well as steps to take to obtain an accurate diagnosis.

The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 the Crandon Public Library (110 W. Polk Street) in the lower level meeting room.

"In 2011, the first wave of baby boomers began turning 65 – the age at which the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease begins to increase significantly," stated St. Pierre. "Knowing the warning signs of Alzheimer's and getting diagnosed early is vital

to receiving the best help and care possible."

People who attend the "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters" workshop will view video footage that address fears and myths associated with dementia. Individuals featured in the films include real people who are living with the early stages of dementia and their families discussing the following key topics:

The 10 warning signs

Basic overview of Alzheimer's and dementia

Risk factors

What is involved in getting a diagnosis

Benefits of early detection including accessing available treatments, planning for the future and participating in

For more information about this program, or the programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association, please contact Julie St. Pierre at (715) 362-7779 or by email to jstpierre@alz.org.

Association statistics: More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, up to 16 million will have the disease. Nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease are women. Another American develops Alzheimer's disease every 67 seconds. By 2050, an American will develop the disease every 33 seconds.

Bids & Notices

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Jan. 16-20

Monday - Chicken patty, bun, potato cubes, apple slices, garden salad, milk Tuesday - Oven roasted pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, bug bits, garden salad, milk

Wednesday - Crispitos, Spanish rice, fajita vegetables, pears, garden salad, milk

Thursday - Sloppy joes, baked beans, baked chips, slushie cups, garden salad, milk

Friday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, corn, kiwi, garden salad, milk



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9. Leave the room on your knees, closing the door behind you.

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11. As you proceed, waken and alert others on the floor.

12. Don't look for the fire and don't take time to call 911.

13. Leave the house and go directly to your family's predetermined meeting place.

Once you are outside call the fire department don't assume they have been alerted by others.

15. Don't go back in the house until the fire department gives the okay.

Every household should have a set of full rules of escape as published by their fire department. These 15 Steps do not cover all you should know about escape from fire...they are merely a guideline to survival.

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NORTHERN HEALTH CENTERS

Recruiting Governing Board of Directors

Northern Health Centers is seeking individuals to serve as volunteer Board Members. Directors serve a 3 year term and are charged with the responsibility to oversee the performance of Northern Health Centers and plan for the health centers future.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the majority of the Board members should be patients of Northern Health Centers serving the residents of Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties. Both Professional and Consumer input is important to the Governance of NHC.

Please contact Shelly White, Executive 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.

Even if you travel to a warmer winter location, please consider joining the board of directors. Remote access for meetings available.

Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education Monday, December 12, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. C. L. Robinson Elementary – Room 24

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

Jim Aschinger led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hoffman to approve the **Agenda** after being amended. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes): None

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated

Monday, November 14, 2016. School Disbursements and Wires paid from 11/1/16-11/30/16 =

Purchase Orders for period 11/12/16-12/9/16 = \$2,684.50

Cash Receipts for period 11/1/16-11/30/16 = \$18,049.42

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Consent Agenda after the minutes were amended. All in favor, motion carried. **OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

Core samples have been taken from different areas of the elementary, high school, and gymnasium roofs showing they're all in need of replacement. Three (3) **Roof Project Bids** have been received and were opened. The bids were from:

- · Commercial Roofing, Inc.
- Custofoam Corporation
- Maurer Roofing, Inc.

The bids will be discussed further in closed session. This year's calendar has school in session on Easter Monday.

Per some staff contracts, this is a paid holiday. Mr. Palubicki shared three possible options to rectify this. The Board agrees with moving forward with any option that works best. Retiree Discussion was taken into closed session.

Mr. Palubicki read a letter of **Resignation** from Larry Seiler as JV Golf Coach. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by McLaughlin to accept his resignation with regret. All in favor, motion carried.

No school board members will be attending the WASB **Educational Convention.**

2017-18 Preliminary School Calendar looks very similar to this year's. Mr. Palubicki is petitioning the state for an early start, but may not be successful. The calendar will be brought to a future meeting before finalized.

Ms. Davis and Mr. Bradley discussed possible incentives to be used for those students taking the mandatory ACT Exam. If students put forth good effort and meet certain criteria, they would not be required to take their second semester exams. The Board is in agreement with these incentives

<u>INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:</u>

Tiffany Pakulski submitted a written Business Manager's Report that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

Jim Bradley submitted a written High School Principal's Report that can be found on the school website

under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link. Administrator's Report - Mr. Palubicki will continue his weekly

Board Member Reports - All Board members commented that

they enjoyed the Christmas party and thanked those involved in organizing Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hoffman 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 and (e) competitive bidding. Motion carried with McLaughlin, Aschinger, and Hoffman voting yes.

Scott Reeves arrived at 6:33 p.m.

After **Returning from Closed Session**, the following action was taken: Motion by Reeves, seconded by McLaughlin to accept the bid from Commercial Roofing, Inc. to complete roofs #2, #5, and #10 during the summer of 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Aschinger to Adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (7:44 p.m.)

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.
- 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) 610-5886.
- Forest County Humane Society Open to public Monday Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for more info. 715-478-2098.
- · Forest County Humane Society Meeting 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. (downstairs).

Town of Nashville Town Board Meeting - Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, Nashville Community Center & Town Offices Building Pickerel at 7p.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 715-350-1679.
- Town of Lincoln Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln Hall. · 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 715-275-5399.
- Crandon Public Library Board Monthly meeting. 6 p.m. Lower Level. 715.478.3784. www.crandonpl.org.
- Ske Gish Get (New Day) AA Meeting held Fridays at 2 p.m. at 5519 Wej Mo Gek Court, Crandon. For more information Debbie or Peggy at 715-478-4370.
- Wellbriety 12 Step Meeting (AA/NA) Monday nights, 6 p.m. ? lower level of FCP Museum, Mish • Ko • Swin Lane, Crandon. Call Brooks Boyd for more information at 715-889-4902
- · 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.

Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Jan. 16-20

Monday - Blueberry pancakes, pears, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Oatmeal, cinnamon apples, banana nut bread, fruit juice, milk Wednesday - Whole grain

cereal, mandarin oranges,

fruit juice, milk Thursday - Cheese omelet, muffin, grapes, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Sausage breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk





Public Library Hours

Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 715-276-9020. Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-

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

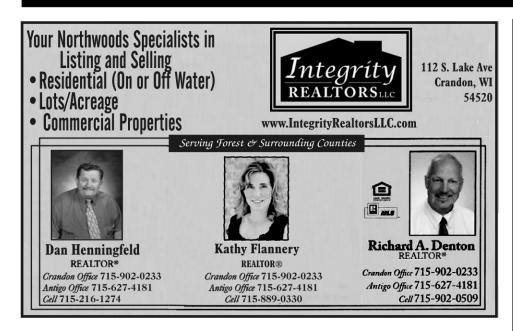
Museum Hours

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 - Open everyday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30

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State traffic deaths increased by nearly 6 percent in 2016

Wisconsin ended 2016 with 588 traffic fatalities, which was 33 more than 2015 and 40 more than the fiveyear average, according to preliminary statistics from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). Traffic fatalities in 2016 were the highest since 2012 when 601 people died on Wisconsin roads.

"Low gas prices and an improving economy in 2016 likely contributed to an increase in the number of vehicles on the road and the miles they traveled. An increase in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) can also increase the risks for crashes," says David Pabst, director of the WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety.

"The 2016 VMT will not be available for several more months. However, VMT in 2015 was up nearly 2.1 billion miles compared with the previous year and that was the largest statewide increase in 17 years. It seems likely that VMT in 2016 was high as well," Pabst says.

He emphasizes that about 90 percent of crashes are caused at least in part by bad decisions and dangerous habits by drivers. In addition, multiple behavioral factors may be involved in a crash.

"Speeding, impaired driving and lack of safety belt use have for many years been frequent factors in fatal crashes," Pabst says. "In recent years, there's been an increase in distracted driving including the use of cell phones behind the wheel. The dangers of distracted driving, also known as inattentive driving, are not exaggerated. During the last five years, an average of 97 people were killed and more than 10,000 were injured annually in crashes in which at least one driver was listed as driving inattentively. Because distracted driving greatly increases the risk of causing a crash or failing to avoid one, people always need to pay attention to traffic and road conditions."

To prevent deaths and injuries in the upcoming year, WisDOT along with its traffic safety partners will intensify many safety initiatives including the following:

- · There were 87 law enforcement task forces throughout the state in 2016 to combat drunken driving, drugged driving and distracted driving, as well as to increase safety belt use and pedestrian safety. The task forces allow multiple law enforcement agencies to coordinate and combine their resources for high-visibility enforcement and education efforts. Federal funding administered by WisDOT covers the overtime wages for task force officers.
- More Wisconsin law enforcement officers are being trained to detect drug-impaired driving. Deaths from drugrelated traffic crashes have increased approximately 200 percent over the last 10 years. Wisconsin now has more than 230 drug recognition experts, putting it in the top five per capita in the United States.
- · High-visibility enforcement and education efforts, like the Click It or Ticket campaign, have increased safety belt use to more than 88 percent, which is an all-time high in Wisconsin. However, Wisconsin's safety belt use rate still lags behind neighboring states all of which have safety belt use rates of more than 90 percent.
- · To prevent speed-related crashes on major highways, the State Patrol Air Support Unit flew 61 traffic enforcement missions last year. WisDOT used Twitter to advise drivers of the time and locations of many of the aerial enforcement missions to increase voluntary compliance with speed limits and other traffic laws.
- · WisDOT launched online crash forms and a new crash database on Jan. 1, 2017. The forms and database had not been updated in 20 years. They will provide critical data for improving traffic safety, such as information about crashes involving cell phone use.
- · The State Patrol is using crash data to plan where and

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when to deploy its officers. In addition to interstate corridors, State Patrol officers are increasingly patrolling other highways with high crash rates.

- · The State Patrol received a \$400,000 federal grant in 2016 to bolster its efforts to prevent large-truck crashes. Using grant funds, State Patrol officers are enforcing speeding and other traffic safety laws in 28 counties where serious injury and fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicle are highest.
- · WisDOT will continue to work with motorcyclists' groups to promote safety initiatives including the need for riders to always wear protective gear and to have a motorcycle endorsement on their license. From 2010 to 2014, approximately 68 percent of motorcyclists killed in crashes were not wearing helmets. During the same period, about 37 percent of motorcyclists killed in crashes had not completed the safety training or skills test required to obtain a motorcycle license in Wisconsin.
- · WisDOT will continue its cost-effective traffic safety engineering improvements. These improvements include installation of roundabouts, designing safer intersections, installation of centerline and shoulder rumble strips to prevent run-off the road and lane departure crashes, installation of cable barriers to stop cross median crashes, installation of high-friction surfaces, and better signage and advanced warning systems for construction work zones.
- · WisDOT and its traffic safety partners will use enforcement and education to increase voluntary compliance with a recently enacted state law that prohibits handheld cell phone use in road construction work zones.
- "We will focus our traffic safety education and enforcement efforts on improving the behavior and decision making of drivers and others who travel on streets, local roads and highways," Pabst said. "In addition, engineering advancements will help make the vehicles we drive and the roads we drive on much safer for all users."

In assessing the increase in traffic fatalities, WisDOT Secretary Gottlieb said, "Preventing crashes that cause serious injuries and deaths will always be a top priority for our department. Traffic fatalities are more than just numbers and statistics. Each number was a person whose tragic death was mourned by family and friends. And we know that hundreds of traffic deaths could have been prevented if motorists had only slowed down, paid attention, driven sober and buckled up. Therefore, we remain committed to our ultimate goal of zero preventable traffic deaths in Wisconsin."

To view '2016 Wisconsin traffic fatalities summary by role' and 'Wisconsin traffic fatalities & fatal crashes since 1990, 'visit the WisDOT website.

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Benedict Krawczyk "Benny, The Beak", 90, formerly of Milwaukee, passed away peacefully at his home in Crandon on January 3, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Nancy

Private services will be held at a later date. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



Mildred C. Verch. 89. of Argonne, passed away on Tuesday, January 4, 2017 at AGI Heath Care Center in Crandon. She was born on May 16, 1927 in the Town of Polk in Washington County, to Edwin and Theresa (Gottsch) Ackerman.

Mildred married Norbert Verch in 1948 in Marshfield, WI. He preceded her in death in

March 1995. They were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Crandon. Mildred enjoyed painting, gardening, and dogs.

Mildred is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law Loraine (Roland) Engelhardt.

Funeral services for Mildred will be held on January 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Crandon Lakeside Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin Introduces Amendment to Prohibit ACA Repeal from Increasing the Deficit

"Let's not use this fast-track process to add to our deficit."

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin has offered an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 budget being considered in the Senate that would prohibit the Republican plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act from increasing the deficit.

"This budget process was created for deficit reduction—which the Republican majority claims to care so much about," Senator Baldwin said. "Rather than reduce our debt, Republicans are choosing to fast track tax breaks to those at the top, take people's health care away, and turn control back over to insurance companies. If repealing the Affordable Care Act is so important-if putting the health coverage of over 30 million Americans at risk is so important—then they ought to pay for it."

Baldwin's amendment would restore the "Conrad rule" prohibiting reconciliation legislation from increasing the deficit within the ten-year budget window. This rule, named after former Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND), was in place from 2007 until it was repealed in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget resolution.

"The entire reason Reconciliation was created was for deficit reduction. For that special, protected, fast track process to be used to increase the deficit stands logic and its history on its head. It is past time to restore the Reconciliation process to its original purpose which was exclusively for deficit reduction. I applaud Senator Baldwin and her allies in this effort as truly fiscally responsible members," said former Senator Conrad.

"Reconciliation legislation is considered under special expedited procedures and should be used to enact the tough choices necessary to reduce the debt trajectory, not to make tax and spending giveaways even easier to deliver," said Maya MacGuineas, President of the Committee for a Responsible Budget. "Senator Baldwin's amendment would help ensure reconciliation is part of more responsible budgeting - something we particularly need now when the debt is so high relative to the

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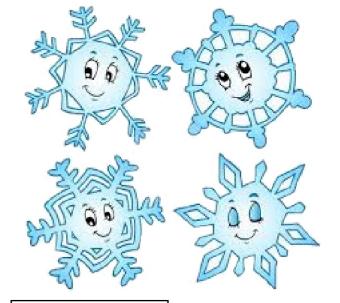
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Air quality still improving, DNR report shows

MADISON - Concentrations of fine particles and other air pollutants in Wisconsin continue to improve - that is the latest message coming from the most recent data in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Trends Report.

The December 2016 report provides official state monitoring data through 2015 for air pollutants and shows trends in Wisconsin's air quality over time. In general, concentrations of most pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act have been decreasing over the past decade in all regions of the state.

One of the many success stories highlighted in the report is the significant reduction in fine particle pollution. Fine particles form when air pollutants react in the atmosphere with ammonia and other gases. Fine particles may also be emitted directly from high temperature combustion sources such as vehicles, fires, or large boilers.

The trends report demonstrates how successful regulatory controls have been in reducing concentrations of this pollutant. Statewide, ambient concentrations of fine particles have decreased by approximately 30 percent over the last decade. The report shows a clear correlation between the start of this reduction and when new automobile fuel standards (regulations that removed sulfur - a fine particle precursor - from fuels used in automobiles) were implemented in 2007. Other state and federal regulations controlling the emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from power plants are also responsible for these reductions. In Wisconsin, these reductions were so pronounced that three counties in Southeastern Wisconsin, which were not previously meeting the 24-hour fine particle standard, were able to be redesignated to attainment in 2014. All counties in Wisconsin now monitor concentrations of fine particles well below the federal air quality standards and are considered to be "in attainment" by U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency.**

The report reinforces the importance of operating a well-functioning statewide air program and air monitoring network, providing valuable information to understand Wisconsin's long-term trends in air quality. In tune with current alignment efforts, the DNR air program has and will continue to implement innovative approaches and efficiencies to address core priorities. Some of the report's other key findings include:

- · Monitored pollutant levels continue to decrease
- The number of Wisconsin counties not meeting federal air quality standards remained at its lowest number since the enactment of the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments;
- The long term trend of overall improved air quality in Wisconsin has been occurring for decades.

"These trends demonstrate that Wisconsin's Air Program has been very successful in implementing regulatory approaches that are enhancing the state's air quality," said DNR Air Program Director Gail Good "Wisconsin's Air Program is a national leader in implementing strategies to improve air quality. Even though the air is much cleaner, the public may see information that suggests just the opposite. By providing real time monitoring data and information in the Trends Report, the department is ensuring the public has current and correct information so that they can see for themselves the improvements that have been made."

The air quality trends report, which includes an interactive map where the user can look at concentrations from sites around the state, is available on the DNR website.

To view more information on Wisconsin's air quality, go to the DNR's web site and search for "air quality."

News from Grow North Receives Hardwoods Products Strategy Grand

Grow North Economic Development Corporation focuses on creating economic development opportunities to improve the vitality of Oneida, Vilas, Forest, Lincoln, Langlade, Oconto, Florence, and Marinette counties. Areas of focus include workforce development, with efforts to attract, retain, and promote a pipeline of skilled workers to the region. Initiatives include engaging K-12 students by providing manufacturing and other business tours, FAB Lab / Maker Space opportunities, promoting forestry, logging, and wood products careers, and collaborating with businesses to offer apprenticeship opportunities. Vicky Oldham, Vice-President of Grow North, stated, "It is extremely important to provide educational opportunities for students through internships, applied learning, and dual credit options while in high school to prepare our youth for high-paying jobs in the region, as well as to build a sustainable pipeline of skilled talent for our workforce". Another area Grow North is focusing on is broadband expansion; "We play an active role in securing Connect America funds and Broadband Expansion grants, hosting round table listening sessions for businesses, and members of the community, and contacting legislators to ensure under or unserved rural areas receive assistance related to broadband coverage", explained Collette Sorgel, President of Grow North.

As a recipient of a Hardwood Products Strategy grant, Grow North is creating a marketing plan to showcase the wood products industry and related assets in the region. This includes the creation of a directory for the wood products industry, collaborating with the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association and the Department of Natural Resources Forestry Products Services Division, promoting forestry, logging, and wood products careers, and developing markets for secondary woods, such as red pine, tamarack, etc.

In order to attract, develop, and grow new and existing businesses in the region, Grow North helps to create opportunities for entrepreneurs to develop skills and receive assistance. Financial support from the Juday Foundation, along with support from Vilas County Economic Development and Nicolet Technical College helps to provide scholarships for entrepreneurship training. To date, 53 individuals graduated from the training sessions and 26 either started or expanded their businesses. Entrepreneurship training will soon be expanded to address the needs of individuals with disabilities who would like to own their own business. By providing support and business space for start-up companies, Grow North ensures entrepreneurs have what they need to be successful. Dave Armour of Rental Shack in Eagle River utilized this opportunity to expand his "I found the Entrepreneurial Training business. invaluable. It helped me by being able to learn from and talk to the professional guest speakers that came to the training, including accountants, lawyers and other business people. I was able to take my business to the next level", said Armour. Chris Gaffron, owner of Stitchlt in Eagle River, also understands the importance of the classes and support provided at the business incubator. "When I moved into the incubator in April 2012, I thought I was just getting rental space -- I didn't realize that I would also have support and guidance as I developed my business and created a business plan. I couldn't have done that without the help I received in the classes and from my mentors". Gaffron, who started out with just one industrial sewing machine, now owns three machines, as well as a laser garment printer. StitchIt provides custom embroidery and printed garments for businesses, resorts, and school districts. The company also has a special niche in the equestrian industry. Gaffron proudly added, "Whether I have an order for one item or an order for 1,000, the same high level of care is given to each piece, because I know that, to my customer, their order is the most important thing to them". To date, 10 businesses are currently housed in the business incubator space with 2 additional businesses looking to move in.

"Expanding opportunities for northern Wisconsin by leveraging partnerships and building strategies for growth will positively impact the economic vitality of our region", said Collette Sorgel, Grow North President. If you are interested in learning more about Grow North, or would like to become a member, please contact grownorthed@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.grownorth.org.

The next Board of Directors & Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Three Lakes Center for the Arts, 2760 Superior Street in Three Lakes.

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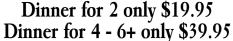
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Eating Berries Might Help Preserve Your Memory

Written by Serena Gordon, HealthDay News

Regular consumption of berries, such as blueberries or strawberries, may help keep your brain functioning well as you age, new research suggests.

The study found that women with the highest intake of berries appeared to delay cognitive aging by up to 2.5 years. Cognition refers to brain activities such as thinking, remembering and reasoning.

'Given that we know that fruits and vegetables are good for our health in general, our findings add to the idea that we should be consuming more, especially berries, as a way to help maintain memory in older ages," said the study's lead author, Elizabeth Devore, an instructor in medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, in Boston.

"Berries are a simple dietary intervention that may be helpful to the brain," Devore added.

Results of the study were published online April 26 in the Annals of Neurology.

Berries and other fruits and vegetables are rich in substances known as flavonoids. Flavonoids help protect the body's cells from damage and reduce inflammation.

"Flavonoids, which are antioxidants found in berries, apples, citrus fruits, tea, red wine and onions, have been shown to reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancers," explained nutritionist Nancy Copperman, director of public health initiatives at the North Shore-LIJ Health System in Great Neck, N.Y.

Berries contain a particular flavonoid called anthocyanidin. Devore said anthocyanidin helps give berries their rich colors, and it's found in fruits such as raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, cherries, elderberries, and red and concord grapes.

Devore explained that one of the things that's special about anthocyanidins is that they can cross the blood-brain barrier and that these flavonoids tend to locate in the areas of the brain responsible for memory

Another recent study, also from Harvard but from a different group of researchers, recently found that berries might help reduce a man's risk of Parkinson's disease.

The current study included data on food consumption from the U.S. Nurses' Health Study, which began in 1980 and collected dietary information every four years. In the period between 1995 and 2001, the researchers began measuring cognitive function in just over 16,000 female volunteers.

At the time the researchers started measuring cognitive function, all of the study participants were older than 70. Cognitive function was measured twice with a two-year interval between each assessment.

The investigators found that women who had the highest intake of blueberries (more than one serving a week) and strawberries (more than twice a week), appeared to delay cognitive aging by as much as 2.5 years. Devore said other berries may also contribute to a reduction in cognitive aging, but there wasn't enough

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consumption of other berries, cherries or grapes to be able to study the effects of these fruits. A serving of blueberries or strawberries is a half-cup, she noted.

Commenting on the study, Dr. Robert Graham, an internist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, said: "Large epidemiological studies, such as this one, add to the basic science research that the antioxidant and antiinflammatory properties of berries have a beneficial role in age-related cognitive decline. I would advise all my patients, at any age, to eat more berries. Berries are an easy, nutritious and delicious way preserve brain function.'

Copperman, the nutritionist, said that "the current study demonstrates that women who consumed the most flavonoids, especially berries, had a slower cognitive decline over time than women with lower intakes. Increasing our intakes of fruits and vegetables is one of the best ways to live a healthy life."

While the study found an association between eating berries and maintaining mental function, it did not prove a cause-and-effect relationship.

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Monday - January 16 - Pork chop, roasted red potato, cauliflower, dinner roll, cran-apple crisp

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Tuesday - January 24 - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sourdough bread, applesauce - BINGO: **Armstrong Creek**

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Thursday - January 19 - Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onion and celery, fruit, biscuit, oatmeal raisin bar Thursday - January 26 - Chicken veronique, roasted red potato, herbed carrots, dinner roll, peach crisp -**BIRTHDAY PARTY & BINGO: Laona**

Thursday - January 19 - Meatloaf, baked potatoes, corn, dinner rolls, bars

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- preferred; a min. of 4 years verifiable experience is preferred. Foodservice operations/management/training a must.
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That's what local musician Dave Drivas and friends have in store for concert-goers attending his upcoming performance at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Nicolet College Theatre.

"I really like the storytellers," said Drivas, who's mainstay of the Northwoods music sce decades. "A lot of what we will be playing will be popular covers, songs that people know, songs that have stood the test of time and have gone on to become true classics that have really defined an era."

Music has been a part of this Rhinelander native's entire life. His first public performance was in 1979. And he's been at it ever since. Drivas is a mainstay at local establishments, fairs and festivals, and a fixture at the Hodag Country Fest Pavilion, a venue he's played for the past 28 years.

Why has he stuck with it for so long?

"I just really love performing," he explained. "I really get a kick out of entertaining people, seeing them smile when I start playing one of their favorite songs. That's what I enjoy and what makes it all worthwhile."

The concert is part of the Nicolet Live! performing arts series, which features numerous national acts as well as local artists.

"The Northwoods has many very talented musicians," said Nicolet Theatre Director Jim Nuttall, who books the series. "We want to showcase these individuals and encourage the local music scene to grow as much as possible."

Drivas will share the stage with long-time friends and musicians Mark Wayne, Charlie Strong, and Dan Cable. "Every one of these guys is a terrific musician and

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top-notch all the way," Drivas commented.

One of the challenges for Drivas in preparing for the Nicolet show was trimming his set list - he said he knows about 2,000 songs - to fit into an hour and half performance.

"There will be something for everyone," he said. "Except for people who like rap. I don't do rap."

Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.



Cheri Wilson recognized by CMS

Cheryl (Cheri) Wilson, Northwoods Insurance Agency, Crandon, was recently recognized as one of the top performing agents and brokers in the country by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This nationwide recognition as a member of the HealthCare. gov Champions Circle goes to agents and brokers for their success during the 2017 Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment. Agents and brokers, who are certified through a registration process in order to assist people in enrolling in health insurance through the Marketplaces via HealthCare.gov, receive recognition when they exceed 20 consumers making plan selections on HealthCare.gov.

"Agents and brokers, like the ones we have recognized, are there for people in the community," said Kevin Counihan, Marketplace CEO. "They help people get the coverage they need for their families, when they need

The HealthCare.gov Champions Circle recognizes the hard work of agents and brokers who improve access to health insurance in the community during Open Enrollment. Agents and brokers in the Champions Circle go above and beyond to enhance the community through service to their customers. These exceptional agents and brokers help CMS connect to and meet the needs of these consumers.

To hear more about Marketplace Open Enrollment via HealthCare.gov, you can contact Cheryl Wilson of Northwoods Insurance at 715-478-2215 or by visiting their website at www.northwoodsinsurance.com. Cheri will be working part-time, so please call for an appointment. It is still not too late to get coverage for 2017 and during the year if you experience a qualifying life event, you can still get coverage for 2017.

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At the Pioneer Express

Nicolet College Hire Up event focuses on finding, hiring, and retaining quality employees

Recruiting and retaining high quality employees is key for business success.

Few know that more than Ann Kerian, who has studied the current-day employment scene in the Northwoods with an eye towards the best strategies to find quality employees and then developing a work culture that retains these individuals.

Kerian will share her findings when she delivers the keynote address during Nicolet College's Hire Up -Creative Solutions for Growing Your Workforce conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, February 3, at the Northwoods Center on the Rhinelander Campus.

A former award-winning investigative broadcast journalist, Kerian is now a sought-after nationallyrecognized speaker. During her presentation from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. she'll also discuss challenges of the workforce shortage and why out-of-the- box thinking is no longer an option - it is a necessity. Participants will learn new strategies to recruit for their company today and into the future.

The afternoon will feature three 45-minute breakout sessions. Topics will include Using Technology to Recruit and Retain Good Employees, Motivating Millennials, and People Don't Leave Their Jobs, They Leave Their Bosses.

The day will conclude with networking and a wine and cheese reception from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Early bird registration is \$49 before Jan. 13 and after that date. To register, visit nicoletcollege.edu/hireup. Individuals can also call Nicolet at (715) 365-4544 to register. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and the wine and cheese reception.



Lions and local restaurants team up to treat the Crandon Elementary



The Crandon Lions provided fresh-popped pop corn and a \$5 coupon redeemable at local restaurants to Crandon Elementary students at the recent Christmas program.

Lion President Larry Sommer and Lion member Dan Fritsch, Karl Beghrens and Jack Jensen popped 500 bags of popcorn the day before the event. 50 pounds of popcorn was donated by the Liquor Lode and bags were furnished by Schaefer's IGA. The \$5 coupon was attached to each bag and was redeemable at the following restaurants: Duck's Bar, Beachside, Hotel Crandon, Log Cabin, La Fetta's, Main Street Ed's, On Deck Platter and Tricia's Bistro.

The Lions will pay each business \$3 for the redeemed coupons.

Parents, be sure to take your elementary student out for a healthy meal!

Laona Lions 5th predator hunt

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The Laona Lions Club held the 5Th Annual Preditor hunt at T-Bob's in Laona on Saturday January 7th. 85 hunters participated in the frigid event. Throughout the day attendance raffles were drawn every half hour and the raffle wheel was spun to give out wonderful prizes, plus card raffles.

Winners for the hunt:

Most and largest coyote - Jim Winkelman & Chad

Belland

Smallest coyote - Argonne Crew- Nubby Reilly

Fox - Mark Zebel

Bobcat - Townsend Crew The ticket raffle winners were:

Grand prize- Crossbow - Sandy Millan

1st prize - Tv- Don Brandl, Eagle River

2nd prize- \$300 - Muskie, Laona

3rd prize - \$200 - Treyton Noe, Laona 4th prize - \$100- Dan Kadlec, Laona

5th prize - \$50 - Nubby Reilly, Argonne

It was great to see a fantastic crowd on such a cold day. We will see you at the Trap Shoot in May.