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Crandon International Raceway partners with BF Goodrich Unlimited Off Road Shows for Labor Day weekend

Crandon's Off-Road park to open for on-site Off-Roading And Camping Large midway display to offer fans latest in off-road products



Adding additional attractions to what is already the largest and most prestigious short-course off-road race weekend in the world, Crandon International Raceway today confirmed a new two-year partnership with Cumming, Georgia-based Unlimited Off-Road Shows for the 2018 and 2019 Crandon World Championship Off-Road Race® weekend.

The new partnership is designed to create an enhanced weekend experience for Crandon's massive Labor Day weekend crowds, which in 2017 reached a record of just over 54,000 fans. First, the BFGoodrich Unlimited Off Road Show group will expand the four-day Crandon race weekend by adding the World Championships/World Cup to its existing 2018 schedule of five events, thus adding their huge expo of top-level offroad manufacturers and vendors to Crandon's display area. Second, the group will also help manage and activate Crandon's 100-acre Off-Road Park to add interactive off-roading and camping for Jeep/4x4 and truck enthusiasts.

The result will be a true "Off-Road Woodstock" that encompasses not only the most dynamic form of racing in all of motorsports, but also the massive off-road lifestyle that is enjoyed by weekend enthusiasts around the world.

"Crandon is an exception in the racing world that blows people's minds with its genuine tradition," explained Unlimited Off-Road Show CEO Axel Stammel. "We are honored to be adding the industry's top brands and an exciting vendor show to the World Championship weekend, but also opening up the Crandon Off-Road Park for interactive participation by Jeep, truck and 4x4 fans. It's exciting for us to help expand on Crandon tradition by ultimately delivering a 360 degree experience to off-road enthusiasts."

In addition to its new stop at Crandon International Raceway, the 2018 BFGoodrich Unlimited Off Road Show includes the Texas Motor Speedway (March 3-4), Jeep Resort at Crystal Beach, Texas (May 17-19), Louisville, Kentucky (June 1-3), Off-Road Ruckus at Texas Motor Speedway (June 8-9), Crandon International

Office on Aging to offer rides to Courthouse Informational Meetings

Due to demand, the Commission on Aging will be offering rides to the Courthouse Informational meetings that will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at the School District of Crandon and Wednesday, January 24 to Laona School. We will not be able to pick up from individual homes as we will not have the manpower to do so. However, we will have pick up points. Crandon's pick up points will be at the Courthouse and the Community Building (Meal Site). In Laona, pick up point will be at the Laona Senior Center.

If you are interested in getting a ride to either meeting, please contact Tammy Queen, Director at (715) 478-7712. If you leave a message please give a name and phone number to be contacted so we are able to coordinate pick up times.

I apologize that transportation has not been offered to Wabeno's Informational meeting on January 10th however, due to time constraints we were unable to coordinate it. Sorry for any inconvenience. Rides will be free.

Gus Frank retires from FCP Community Executive Council

Harold "Gus" Frank announced this week his retirement from the Forest County Potawatomi Community Executive Council after 20 years of elected service for his Tribe.

"It's been a great pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the Tribe," stated former Chairman Gus Frank. "I am grateful and humbled for the confidence showed in me by the Tribal members, fellow Council members and those who nominated me all these years. Serving the Tribe through elected office has been one of the most rewarding endeavors of my life; but now it is time to let others lead and for me to spend more time with my family."

The Tribe will conduct a special election for Chairman on February 10, 2018. The Forest County Potawatomi Community is governed by a six-member Executive Council that includes the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and two at-large Council members.

Vice Chairman Chad Frank stated on behalf of the Executive Council, "Gus always served with integrity, humility and with the best interest of the tribal members in mind. We are grateful for all the Tribe has accomplished under his leadership. He should be proud of the Tribe's health and wellbeing as he exits tribal office."

Vice Chairman Chad Frank will assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of Chairman until the February 10th election. Before being elected to the Forest County Potawatomi Community Executive Council, Vice Chairman Chad Frank served as Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Gaming Commission, the Tribe's gaming regulatory body.

Candidates for the April 3, 2018 Election-Forest County Board

District #1 Karl Tauer District #2 Cindy Gretzinger New- (Incumbent-Al Marvin filed Non-candidacy papers) District #3 Kris Houle District #4 Paul Millan (Incumbent) Scott Goode District #5 No Candidate Running District #6 John (Jack) Matuszewski (Incumbent) Judy (Tackes) Savard District #7 Scott E. Shaffer Sr. District #8 Cheri Collins (Incumbent) Tom Tallier District #9 Terry Lukas District #10 Ronald W. Karl District #11 Bill Connors Jr. (Incumbent) Mike Miller District #12 David Velie, Jr Jill Zagar District #13 Kellee M. Gallion District #14 David Campbell District #15 William Chaney

Some old-fashioned fun!



By Mike Monte

This last weekend saw a flurry of activity on the sledding hill on Crandon's east side, just past the fairgrounds. It brought back memories of doing the same thing on Sunny Hill in Argonne a long time ago.

To do this, you need a sled, any kind will do. You won't need a computer, a smart phone, or a television. Motors aren't required either, and the exercise is great. You always have to walk back up the hill to make another run. All is needed to make a sled work well is snow, a hill, and a desire to have fun with your friends, in person!

I also noted the difference in clothing available to people these days. At Sunny Hill, the first order of business was to build a fire. Affordable, warm boots weren't invented yet, and it was a sure thing that everybody would be sitting around the fire with their stocking feet pointed at the flames until the feeling returned to your toes.



Spills are part of the fun!



(August 31 - September 2) and the Winter Wonderland in Atlanta, Georgia (December 1-2).

Unlike nearly every other location in off-road racing, Crandon International Raceway is a permanent facility found on 400-plus acres of woodlands in northern Wisconsin. The former farm includes rich green grass that frames the track's challenging 1.75-mile undulating dirt circuit. 2018's Labor Day weekend will host the biggest offroad short course race on earth, the 49th annual Crandon World Championship Off-Road Races®. This past September more than 54,400 fans from all over America and Canada made the pilgrimage to the sport's "Big House." Many of the Crandon faithful have made this annual pilgrimage an annual family tradition with camping, fireworks and tons of bratwurst creating an unforgettable weekend better known as "the Crandon Experience."

For the third consecutive year, along with a full slate of The Off Road Championship (TORC) PRO and Sportsman racing, the weekend will feature the annual Crandon World Cup. Hosted and sanctioned by Crandon International Raceway on Sunday, September 2nd, the special day has been created to attract the world's best offroad racers and teams to compete for Crandon World Championships in a variety of PRO-level classes. For just the third time in the sport's nearly 50-year history, short

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District #16 Stephen J Bunda (Incumbent) Lynne M. Black District #17 Don Dehart District #18 Larry Berg District #19 Melinda Otto District #20 George Stamper District #21 Bucky Dailey



Getting ready for another run. Reminder of the meetings on the courthouse renovations

By Mike Monte

The meetings for the courthouse renovation are being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. As this is being written, on Wednesday, January 10, the weather doesn't look too inviting for driving, especially if the freezing drizzle shows up that is predicted. This is a shame, because the first meeting will be this evening in Wabeno. It is hoped that a good crowd will show up, but that might not happen with bad weather.

If you can't make this meeting, citizens should try to make one of the other informational meeting to be held in Crandon, at the school, on January 17, or the meeting at the Laona school on January 24.

People should feel free to ask questions at any of the meetings. It is your courthouse and jail and your money.

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If you have homeowners form 3 coverage, you have coverage for sudden and accidental bursting of pipes. You would also have coverage for ensuing water damage to your home. It is a horrible mess and last year's winter resulted in several of our clients having to deal with it. Your insurance company is there to work with you and your contractor.

Some things you should consider to help avoid the problem in the future, is maintaining your heat at a minimum of 60 degrees. There are some companies that can alert you if your heating system fails. If you leave on vacation, make sure you have someone checking on your home. Make sure your basement and home have adequate insulation. **NORTHWOODS** INSURANCE AGENCY 100 S. Lake, PROFESSAS Crandon (715) 478-2215 1-800-365-6258



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Sunday Morning Worship: 10 a.m. **Sermon Topics:**

Jan. 14 - The Lord's Supper Jan. 21 - Table Talk (Luke 22: 21-38) Jan. 28 - Victorious Prayer (Luke 22: 39-46) 2973 Highway 55, Crandon • 715-784-0250



Praise Chapel **Community Church** 200 East Sixth Street Sunday Service - 10 am Wed. Kids Club 3:15 pm Bible Study Wed. 6:30 pm **Everybody Welcome** to Attend 40 ETC



Wabeno Area Players Present... **Monologue Merriment**



Cast of Monologue Merriment On Thursday, January 18th, 2018, Wabeno Area Players will be presenting a Third Thursday Readers Theatre at The Big Easel (1784 Maple Ave., Wabeno) at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and on the menu will be Pasta Cacio Con Pollo/Salad/Breadstick/Dessert for \$15. For reservations please call (715) 889-1179. Space is limited so call early. The evening will feature comical selections that everyone will be sure to enjoy. One of the evenings featured selections is from our very own local writer, Mike Monte. Enjoy a relaxing evening of food, fun and entertainment. Wabeno Area Players will be donating all funds raised this evening to the Wabeno High School Music Department.

to celebrate the wonderful memories of Jerry's life. When: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 Time: 1 p.m. Where: Town of Nashville Town Hall



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School District Of Wabeno **Area Board Election** April 3, 2018

Incumbent Joan Sackett failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy by the January 2, 2018 deadline. New candidate David Seeber filed a Declaration of Candidacy prior to the 5:00 PM, January 5, 2018 extended deadline for one position representing the Oconto County area. This position is for a three year term and will be on the ballot for the April 3, 2018 election.

Incumbent Dawn Jakubiec, incumbent Katrvna VanEperen, and new candidate Dennis Wettstein each filed a Declaration of Candidacy prior to the 5:00 PM, January 2, 2018 deadline for two positions representing the Forest County area. Both positions are for three year terms and will be on the ballot for the April 3, 2018 election.

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 - N8934 State Highway 55. Worship at 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Located at the corner of 55 and Cty. A in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information. After school programs at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

· Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Hwy 55N, Crandon. All Services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church located at 5502 Beech St. in Laona, until further notice.

• St John Lutheran Church - 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. Bible School Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

• 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 study Wed. at 2 p.m.

• 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.

• St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 501 N. Park Avenue, Crandon. Sunday worship service at 9 a.m.; Youth Bible School (grades pre k - 8) on Wednesday at 3:45 - 5 p.m. 715-478-5620.

· Pickerel Area 50 Plus will meet at St. John's Church in Pickerel on Thursday, January 11th at noon. Bring a soup, etc. and a friend. Call Bob Veit with any questions. 715-478-5199.

• Overeaters Anonymous meeting - Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Associated Bank at 210 S Lake Ave., Crandon. Contact Debra at 715-784-0031 for more information.

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

· Elcho Area Community Food Pantry 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 public is always welcome.

Crandon Lions Board Meetings - 1st Monday of the month at Ducks Bar 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. Meetings for November, December & January will be held at Duck's Bar.

Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education

Monday, December 11, 2017, 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: Jim Aschinger, Frank Shepard, Jr., Scott Reeves, Melissa McLaughlin, Larry Palubicki, Jim Bradley, Tiffany Pakulski, and Katie Shepard to take the minutes. There were two (2) guests in attendance. Samantha Hoffman was absent. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Scott Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Shepard to approve the Agenda after amended to add Youth Options and CPR class. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Kathy Krawze thanked the Retiring Teachers Association for having a luncheon for staff honoring the Blue Ribbon Award. She also thanked Sherry Kramer for her dedicated services at Laona District. Sherry Kramer thanked the district for a very nice retirement/christmas party.

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, November 13, 2017.

School Disbursements and Wires paid from 11/1/17 - 11/30/17 = \$163,940.92

Purchase Orders for period 11/11/17-12/08/17 = \$1,189.49

Cash Receipts for period 11/1/17 - 11/30/17 = \$16,220.25

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Rachel Keepers shared that students have the opportunity for a trip to Peru in June 2019. There is an informational meeting for parents being held on Tuesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 14th, 2017,

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Aschinger to approve student taking Youth Options course at Nicolet College. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Palubicki shared the School Report Card. The district's overall score Meets Expectations. The district is continuing to work towards closing gaps.

Discussion was held on School Perception Surveys, tool for board members. This will be added to January's meeting.

Strategic Planning Meetings will start in January.

Evaluations moved to closed session.

Administrative Negotiations moved to closed session.

After discussion, motion by Reeves, seconded by McLaughlin to approve funding toward CPR training for staff up to \$3000. All in favor, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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.

Great to see the students and advisors working together on the Christmas bulletin boards.

Mr. Palubicki gave his Administrator's Report:

· Elementary attendance so far this school year is great.

• Thank you to Raletta Ashbeck for the balloons for the Blue Ribbon Award assembly.

• Thank you to the Retiring Teachers Association for the nice luncheon.

• Thank you to the anonymous donor of powder paint.

• Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Niggeling for their donation of school and art supplies.

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

After Returning from Closed Session, the following action was taken:

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Aschinger to accept the maintenance director's resignation. Motion passed with Aschinger, McLaughlin, and Shepard voting yes. Reeves abstained.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Aschinger to Adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried, (6:50 p.m.)

Wabeno School District

Public Library Hours

Wabeno School District **Breakfast Menu** Jan. 15 - 19, 2018

Mon .: Pancake on a stick, fruit cup, fruit juice, milk Tue .: French toast sticks, sausage patty, orange, fruit juice, milk

Wed .: Breakfast sandwich, fresh banana, fruit juice, milk Thurs .: Whole grain cereal, applesauce, fruit juice, milk Fri.:Breakfast breads, assorted yogurt, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

· 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.

• Senior Snoop Shop - Closed for the season.

 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. See you in the spring. Interested vendors or for more information, call Lindy at 715-484-3152.

• 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.

• Wellbriety 12 Step Meeting (AA/NA) - Mondays at 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, Sundays at 10 a.m. at the White Lake Fire House. Mike at 715-882-8901

• AA Meeting - Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Carter Springs. Contact Peggy at 715-889-3116 for more information.

• The Senior Snoop Shop will be having a "special" meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. at Associated Bank.

Lunch Menu	Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday,
Jan, 15 - 19, 2018	Tuesday & Thurs. 9 a.m 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday
Mon.: Sloppy Joes, peas,	2 p.m 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m 2 p.m. • 715-276-9020.
Mandarin oranges, garden	Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m 5 p.m.;
salad, milk	Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS
Tue.: Mini corn dogs, potato	& SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-
wedges, green beans,	473-4131
peaches,, garden bar, milk	Crandon Public Library - Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Wed.: Assorted pizza,	9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.;
asparagus, fresh pineapple,	Thursday 9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m Noon
choc. pudding, garden bar,	• 715-478-3784.
milk	Laona Edith Evans Community Library - HOURS:
Thurs.: Popcorn chicken,	Monday: noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Thursday: 8:30 a.m.
buttered noodles, corn,	to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Closed Saturday &
applesauce, garden bar, milk	Sunday • 715-674-4751
Fri.: Pizza bake, cheesy	Museum Hours
cauliflower, apple slices,	Forest County Museum- Located at 105 W. Jackson in
garden bar, milk	Crandon.
5 • • • • • •	Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center &
	Museum - Monday -Thursday 7 a.m 5 p.m. If you have
	special research needs or want to inquire about
	collection, please call 715-478-4841.
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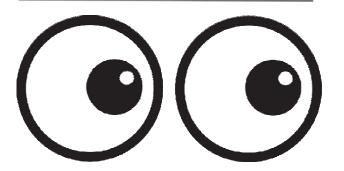
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Death Notices

On January 2, 2018, **IIa Mae Flannery** left this earth. She was the daughter of Joseph and Clara James and grew up in Hiles. In 1947 she married John R. Flannery. He preceded her in death in 2002. Together they raised three children: Susan (Larry) Nettleton, Peggy (Jim) Houle, both of Crandon, and Daniel "DJ" Flannery (Ellen) of Argonne. She was a very active



person her entire life and up until recently, she still did weekly flea markets with her friends, played cards with her family and sewed carpet rags for her woven rugs.

She is survived by her children; and grandchildren, Sam Votis (Todd), Jenny Houle (Jack), Shonda Sackett (Ed), Jamee (Adam) Belland, Sadie Flannery, Danielle Flannery and Cat Flannery. In addition she is survived by nine great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. Surviving sisters are Alice (Wally) Ritchie, Marge Newman, and Marie Maynard, all of Rhinelander; and brother, Monte (Dora) James of Hiles.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Ruth Dufour and Violet Otten.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 5 from 9-11 a.m. at Praise Chapel Community Church in Crandon. Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. with Pastor Bill Farr officiating. Luncheon followed services. Interment will take place in the spring at the Cavour Cemetery. Online condolences may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Richard Matthew Quinlan, age 88, of Wabeno, Wisconsin, died Monday,

January 1, 2018. Richard was born in Soperton, Wisconsin, on August 6th, 1929 to the late John V. Quinlan and the late Marian Edith Woessner.

He grew up in Wabeno in the house that is currently the Crystal Bell bed and breakfast, a home that provided him many wonderful memories throughout

his life. At age fourteen, he entered St. Norbert High School in West De Pere, Wisconsin, where he graduated in 1947. He then spent two years at St. Norbert College before he transferred to Marquette University in 1949.

In summer 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country for almost four years. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy he returned to St. Norbert College and earned his bachelor's degree after which he earned his master's degree in English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 1962, he married Melitta Reimann of West Bend, Wisconsin. He worked for the City of Green Bay Recreation Department, as an English and history teacher on Washington Island and at North Fond du Lac, and as a guidance counselor at Beaver Dam High School.

Among his interests and activities were camping and traveling with his wife and children, genealogy, stamp collecting, fishing, the Green Bay Packers, and practical jokes. He was also a charter member of the selfproclaimed Super 3 Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; eight siblings; his wife; and his son, Michael John Quinlan.

His survivors include his brother, David (Rose) Quinlan of Kewaunee; his children, Henry (Kristin) of Ashland, Stella Nicolet of Vancouver, B.C., and Matthew (Jori) of Missoula, MT; and four grandchildren, Maya, Robert, Abbigail, and Mari.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wabeno. Memorial mass will follow at 11 a.m. with Father Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep officiating. Online condolences may **Boyd "Mike" Kniess**, 84, of Newald, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Maplewood Villa, Armstrong Creek. Mike was born December 28, 1934 in Newald, the son of Max and Myrtle (Seymour) Kniess.

Mike serviced in the U.S. Army. He was united in marriage on June 8, 1957 to Mary Gilligan in Laona. He worked as a Dockman for CW & Advance Trucking Company

from 1973 to 1998. Mike loved gardening, hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed family and traveling.

Surviving are Mike's wife, Mary Kniess of 60 years; daughter, Karen (John) Bayer of Germantown; sons, Michael (Pam) Kniess of Milwaukee and Robert (Jennifer) Kniess of Newald; 7 grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; sisters, Virginia (Dan) Barribean of Cedarburg and Yvonne Sturzl of Rhinelander; brothers, Ronald (Judy) Kniess of Newald; and daughter-in-law, Melody Kniess.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Jerry and Dennis; sister, Bonnie Lou Cooper; and two brothers, Max (Harriet) Kniess and Larry (Glady) Kniess.

Memorial Mass was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 6, 2018 at St. Norbert's Parish in Long Lake with Father John officiating.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



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Eileen Joyce Collins was called home to be with the Lord January 5, 2018. She was born October 30, 1934, in Blackwell to Frank and Evelyn (Glinski) Johnson.

She married Delroy Collins in June of 1952 in Crystal Falls, Mich. Several years later they moved to Milwaukee where they raised



their family. While there, Eileen was employed for years as a cook at Park Manor Nursing Home, a job she loved.

In 1984, the couple moved back to Blackwell where Eileen worked for several years as a cook at Nu Roc Nursing Home. She loved the work, the people, and the place. It's somewhat fitting that this is where she left the confines of this world.

After Eileen and Delroy retired, they enjoyed long walks down Bear Lake Road, fishing at Gogebic Lake, and making homemade sausage. Weekend family picnics at the park, cooking, and welcoming all were traditions in the Collins family.

Eileen was an excellent cook and in 2001 began an eight-year stint as Chef Eileen at the Double Buck Café in Laona where she was especially known for her delicious homemade soups, salads and desserts, and where she worked alongside four generations. Nothing pleased her more than preparing good food for others and diners traveled miles to enjoy her fare.

She also loved playing cards, putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing games on her tablet, watching movies on the Hallmark Channel, as well as many cooking shows on the Food Network.

Eileen was a strong woman who faced many challenges in life, but she had a steadfast faith in God that carried her through. Her family was a constant source of pride, as evidenced by the 116+ photos displayed in her living room. One of Eileen's favorite pastimes was visiting family in various cities and supporting them in activities in which they excelled and enjoyed.

She was a loving, supportive daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother, who brought her own special brand of joy to the world. She will be greatly missed, but knowing that she is at peace with the Lord gives joy to those who love her. In her final days, Eileen was surrounded by the love of them all.

Eileen is survived by her children, James (Sue) Collins of Phoenix, Richard (Laurie) Collins of Merrill, Michael (Winda) Collins of Laona, Deborah (Victor) Gifford of Blackwell and Lisa (Charles) Collins of Fox Point. She is further survived by 14 grandchildren, 27 greatgrandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delroy; sisters, Geraldine Granath, Sharon Stear, and Rita Soderbeck; granddaughter, Jennifer Collins; and greatgranddaughter, Kayleigh Collins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wabeno. Visitation at noon, service at 1 p.m., luncheon immediately following. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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.

Wednesday, January 10-Wednesday, January 17-Wednesday, January 24

I see a pattern here. All of the informational meetings regarding the courthouse expansion are on a Wednesday. This poses a problem for me due to other commitments, and I'm sure the same holds true for others. Could the County Board please schedule a informational meeting to take place on a Saturday? The current courthouse is in dire need of replacement or repair. This is a very important issue given the property tax implications this will have for a generation or more. I have questions about the process the County Board has followed to bring us to this point. Have they properly vetted all avenues? Are there other more costeffective options for us tax payers to consider? Why is the courthouse in such bad condition? Hasn't there been budget set aside for short and long-term maintenance? Will we have assurances that a new facility will have sufficient budget so that near and long-term maintenance takes place? In 1992, Milwaukee County built a jail in downtown Milwaukee to house 800 inmates at a cost of \$125 million (\$156,250 per inmate, the foyer was marble, I digress). \$125 million today would be about \$220 million. By 1997, the jail was already overcrowded at 1,400 inmates. That jail is land-locked in downtown. County leaders saw this coming, and constructed a new House of Corrections in 1990 to house up to 300 inmates 15 miles south in what was then rural Franklin.

be left the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Audrey Breaker-Ratty, age 90, of Laona, passed away January 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon. Funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. with Pastor Bill Farr officiating. Interment will be at the Laona Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com. A complete obituary will appear in next week's publication.



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county business (maybe just the justice component) at a lower cost? Would we be able to get grant money to restore the historical county courthouse? These are just some of questions I'd like to ask, and I'd love to hear other people's questions too. If only I could be here on a Wednesday evening.

Val Blazich

COURT HOUSE WORK COULD COST TAXPAYERS OVER 38 MILLION DOLLARS!

Fact or Fiction?

Lets look at the proccess and learn how counties fund much needed projects. Counties can levy property owners to pay for the services it provides, employee wages, real property upkeep and cost. The operating tax levy is restricted by the State of Wisconsin and can not be increased without a referendum . The debt levy is limited by the state consitution which says the county can borrow up to ...5% of it's total value of all property taxed in the county. This would be a ceiling of approx 50 million dollars. The debt levy does not require the approval of the taxpayer, but requires a super majority vote consisting of 75%, of the county board. New building additions and restoration of the court house would be funded with a debt levy.

Think of a debt levy as a type of mortgage the county takes out for 20 years and pays interest and principle with property tax income. Right now your property in Forest County is assessed \$39.00 per 100 thousand to pay off the Highway shop . The shop will be completely paid off in the next couple of years. The highway shop is funded with a debt levy. The cost to the taxpayer for the operating levy is approx \$460.00 per 100K of valuation. Thus a home assessed at \$100.000 dollars is paying approx \$499.00 in property tax to Forest County.

For the sake of this disscusion if the county bonds or borrows \$25.8 million dollars over a 20 year period the cost will be approx \$160.00 per \$100.000 dollar property valuation. Thus your 100 thousand dollar home will pay the operating levy of \$460.00 and \$ 160.00 for a debt levy giving a total bill of \$620.00 for the Forest County part of your tax bill.

So where does the 38 Million dollar figure come in? The pfm General Borrowing Consideration information provided to the Forest County Board. Page 8 total principle and interest paid by year 2040. \$39,571,183 minus existing debt of approx \$1.1 million leaves a cost of over 38 Million dollars . As a matter of fact in 2021 just the interest is over a million dollars.

I hope I made this understandable, the experts on the finance committe of the county board that work on the budget, may be able to explain the numbers in more detail.

Steve Bunda

Tobacco products hit a new low with e-cigarettes that look like USB flash drives

Dear Editor,

Teachers in schools are used to dealing with disruptions in the classroom-like kids passing notes, using cell phones, talking out of turn, etc. Now they have a new one to worry about-JUUL E-cigarettes.

JUUL- E cigarettes are small in size and resemble a USB flash drive. They can actually be charged on a computer just like a flash drive, so students could have them in the classroom without the teacher even knowing. These products are easy to use discreetly because they are very small and are easy to hide in the hand. There are also vaping "pens" available to purchase locally, these are also small and have USB devices to plug in and charge on the computer.

Calling all crafters 50 and over

with the holidays passed and the 2018 sales season looming ahead, it's time to start doing some serious crafting in preparation for the upcoming senior snoop shop season which will begin on friday, may 25th and run through labor day. Anyone 50 years of age or older, who lives in or owns property in forest county or immediately adjacent counties qualify to have their items in the snoop shop for sale.

the snoop shop is a consignment shop on the courthouse grounds where seniors have an outlet for their hand-crafted 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 made by that consignee. We encourage everyone who gualifies to participate.

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

a special meeting will be held on thursday, feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m. At associated bank conference room to review plans to re-organize the shop to maximize space. Then, the first regular business meeting will be held on thursday, may 10 at 9:00 a.m. At associated bank. 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 gibbs (715-478-0403) or secretary: ann koziol (715-478-2785).



Celebrate the New Year with 10 free flowering trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents in your state can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2018. By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day



New Hope Shelter would like to thank Brian Park and the staff at the Best Western Crandon for supporting our emergency shelter operations with your gift of motel vouchers. We appreciate your willingness to help out those in need in our community and hope to continue our relationship in the future

These E-cigarettes come in enticing flavors like cool mint, fruit medley, and crème bruule. Using flavors has been a successful marketing tool in getting young people to use these new tobacco products. If you would like to learn about how many youth are using these products to: gо https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/tobaccoischanging/kno w-issues.htm).

The State of Wisconsin has recently launched a new campaign called "Tobacco is changing" to raise awareness of how candy flavors and deceptive packaging are successfully luring kids into a lifetime of addiction. We have this campaign available to view on our Facebook page and our website, they are very informative ads. We have sent a letter to the area schools to warn of possible use by students, and what teachers and parents should be aware of.

We urge your readers to go to the department of health services website listed above to learn about the dangers of youth using e-cigarettes.

Sincerely. Forest County Public Health Staff Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns, and three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will beautify your home with lovely flowers of pink, yellow and white colors," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2018. Residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.



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Dining & Entertainment





Feed your belly and your wallet! Every Monday when you earn 10 points you'll receive a free buffet and a chance to spin the wheel for up to \$50 in free play!

<u>Juesdays</u> {11AM-8PM} Soup & Salad Bar\$4.99

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Ulednesdays {11AM-8PM} Chicken, Ribs & Pizza Buffet \$9.99 Take your Wednesday to a new level with our All You Can Eat Chicken, Ribs & Pizza Buffet! Earn and redeem ten same day points from 8am to 8pm, you'll receive a FREE Buffet! Yum! Seafood Buffet { 4PM-9PM} ... \$9.99 Get "hooked" on our delicious Seafood Buffet!

Saturdays {4PM-9PM}

Prime Rib \$9.99 Treat yourself to our delicious Prime Rib dinner, served with a potato and salad.

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Early Social Security Retirment Benefits and Medicaid

Submitted by Kathy O'Melia

Many people hear that it is best to wait until age 70 to collect Social Security retirement benefits, if you can afford it. The reasoning behind this recommendation is that for each year after your full retirement age (FRA) up to age 70, your benefits increase. Similarly, if you begin collecting your Social Security retirement benefits before you reach your full retirement age, your benefit amount is reduced - and reduced permanently! Locking in this fixed income at a low amount can be daunting for many people, hence the recommendation to wait until age 70 if you can. However, what these recommendations fail to address is how Social Security retirement income effects people needing Medicaid. As soon as a person reaches age 62, he or she is entitled to collect early Social Security retirement benefits. For a person also on Medicaid (or considering Medicaid in the near future), the early retirement benefit he or she is entitled to at age 62 is considered available income because 1) it is actually available, 2) the person has a legal interest in it, and 3) the person has the legal ability to make it available for support and maintenance. Put more simply, if you needed to go and grab that money, you could. Therefore, the Medicaid program will count this income for eligibility purposes whether you're actually receiving it or not because you could go and get it to use for your care if you needed to.

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waited until FRA or age 70), Medicaid is going to ask that you try and get that money to pay a portion of your health care as soon as you can.

Tax and retirement planning often fails to consider Medicaid implications, and this is just another example. If you have any questions about timing the collection of your Social Security retirement benefits and Medicaid, you can talk to the Elder Benefits Specialist in your county, or visit these websites:

To determine your full retirement age: https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html; and to get an estimate of your benefits: https://www.ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html.

Bus Schedule

Monday - January 22 - Alvin, Nelma, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - Bus driver: Fred Draves IV

Wednesday - January 24 - Armstrong Creek, Cavour, Newald, Popple River, Laona and Crandon to Iron Mountain - Bus driver: Fred Draves IV

Thursday - January 25 - Argonne, Hiles and Crandon to Rhinelander - Bus driver: Dan Pedersen

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254 Fred Draves IV: 262-633-8968

TOPIC OF THE MONTH "Staying Well" MEAL SCHEDULE CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - January 15 - Pork chop, roasted potato, cauliflower, dinner roll, cran-apple crisp

Monday - January 22 - Quiche with bacon and vegetables, breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee cake

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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Pets, Pet Care, Lawn & Farm



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.

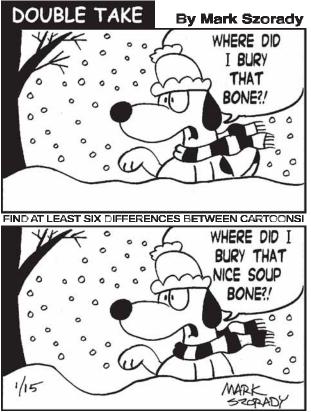
Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 Linda McEwan at 715-889-0123 (cell). 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.



Medicaid is designed to be a program and payer of last resort, which is why it requires people to utilize all income and assets first to pay for their health care. Therefore, if you could get early Social Security retirement income (even though it is a lower amount than if you

Tuesday - January 16 - Beef chili with beans, salad bar with cheese, raisins, wheat bread, chocolate pie - MUSIC: Armstrong Creek

Tuesday - January 23 - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sourdough bread, applesauce - BINGO: **Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON

Wednesday - January 17 - Chicken veronique, scalloped potato, broccoli, dinner roll, peach cobbler -BINGO

Wednesday - January 24 - Onion soup with crackers, salad bar with egg, raisins, bread stick, brownie

LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - January 18 - Beef stew with potatoes, celery, onions and carrots, fruit, biscuit, oatmeal raisin bar Thursday - January 25 - Chicken enchilada with peppers and onions, Spanish rice, black beans, fruit, sherbet - BIRTHDAY PARTY & BINGO: Laona **ALVIN**

Thursday - January 18 - Scalloped potatoes and ham, cabbage, applesauce, dinner rolls, bars

Thursday - January 25 - Pork and sauerkraut, potatoes, fruit cocktail, dinner rolls, bars

* Effective Dec. 7, the Alvin Meal Site will be serving meals at 1 p.m. Instead of 4 p.m. *

The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is

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HELP WANTED **Medical Biller Location: SCC Health Clinic**

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Qualifications -

• A minimum of 2 years of health care billing experience

• Strong ethics and a high level of personal and professional integrity.

• An effective communicator with strong verbal, written and persuasive skills and capability to deal with people at all levels internal and external to organization.

 Knowledgeable of federal and state laws and requirements relating to healthcare management

HELP WANTED: HEAD GROUNDS KEEPER

Nicolet Country Club is accepting applications for heads grounds keeper. Please send resume to Nicolet County Club. Applications due by January 31st.

Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District Position Open

Assistant Cook/Food Service Aide Part Time/9 Month Position

The Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District is looking for an Assistant Cook/Food Service Aide. In this position you would be responsible for assisting in the daily operation of the school breakfast and lunch program. The minimum requirements for this position are a high school diploma and at least one year of relevant school nutrition program experience.

Applications are available in the High School Office, or submit letter of interest to:

Allison Space, District Administrator Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District

PO Box 160 Goodman, WI 54125 Deadline for submitting application is Monday, January 22, 2018

The Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person/people has/have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Allison Space, District Administrator, 1 Falcon Crest Goodman WI, 54125, 715-336-2575. Aspace@goodman.k12.wi.us

HELP WANTED **RHIT Medical Coder** Location: SCC Health Clinic Supervisor: Clinic Director

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community Health Clinic is looking for a RHIT Medical Coder. **Position Summary-** A RHIT Professional Coder is responsible for accurately coding all physician progress notes before moving into the Billing Department. Medical codes are used to identify diagnoses and procedures provided during an office visit. The medical coder primarily uses these codes for billing and reimbursement of insurance. Therefore, a medical coder is expected to possess a thorough knowledge of the data contained in health records in order to find the necessary information for coding purposes.

Qualifications -

• CPC credentialing.

- · Knowledge and experience with CPT and ICD-9/ICD-10 coding.
- Knowledge and experience with Evaluation and

HELP WANTED **Clinic Health Director** Full Time - Pay commensurate with education and experience

Position Summary: This position reports to the SCC Tribal Council and SCC Health Board and is responsible for administering and supervising all aspects of the daily operations and management of the SCC Health Clinic.

Qualifications:

• A minimum of BA/BS with at least three (3) years management and supervisory experience in Health Care, Business, Public Health or Social Services.

• Strong ethics and a high level of personal and professional integrity.

• An effective communicator with strong verbal, written and persuasive skills and capability to deal with people at all levels internal and external to organization.

Three (3) years experience in policy analysis, development, and implementation.

• Knowledgeable of federal and state laws and requirements relating to healthcare management and HIPAA.

 Computer expertise, experience with electronic health records and role in contemporary health service delivery, and proficient in using MS office programs.

Passionate about customer service, with strong problem solving skills focused on identifying and putting in place solutions for customers and agency professionally.

• Exceptional communication and organizational skills with a high level of attention to detail

Self-starter, results driven, highly motivated, high energy with even disposition

• Proven track record of working towards and exceeding metrics strongly preferred

• Able to demonstrate proficiency in grant and program administration in line with federal regulations and understanding of regulations.

• Ability to work varied hours or weekends when necessary to accomplish supervisory role and goals of the health services for SCC.

Submit completed applications/resumes to: Donna Vodar, HR Director 3051 Sand Lake Road



Crandon WI 54520 • Phone: (715) 478-7663 Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA HELP WANTED **District Administrative Secretary**

The School District of Wabeno Area has a district administrative secretary position available. This position will be 40 hours per week with hours Monday through Friday. This is a 12 month position. Individual must have a high school diploma or equivalent and an excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel programs as well as Google Docs and Google Sheets.

Applications and complete job description can be picked up at the district office, located at the Wabeno Elementary School, or on the school's website at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us on the District Home Page under "Employment Opportunities." Interested persons must submit an application and three current letters of reference with contact information, either in person or by mail, no later than 3:00 P.M.

and HIPAA.

 Computer literate and very proficient in using MS office programs.

• Passionate about customer service, with strong problem solving skills focused on identifying and putting in place solutions for customers and agency professionally

 Exceptional communication and organizational skills with a high level of attention to detail

• Proven track record of working towards and exceeding metrics strongly preferred

• Ability to work independently and as part of a team

 Experience or Ability to learn the SCC CLINIC EHR system and perform coding related duties within the program.

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• Knowledge of HCPCS codes.

• Completed Medical Terminology course.

• Completed Anatomy and Physiology course.

• Knowledge or training with key boarding and word processing.

• Ability to learn claims filing procedures.

 Maintain patient confidentiality in accordance with the Federal Privacy Act.

• Ability to work independently.

• Experience or Ability to learn the SCC CLINIC EHR system and perform coding related duties within the program.

•Must attend trainings to maintain their certification to accrue their CEU's and to keep abreast of the upcoming ICD-10 implementation.



Donna Vodar, HR Director 3051 Sand Lake Road Crandon WI 54520 • Phone:(715) 478-7663 Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov

on Monday, January 22, 2018 to the District Office: Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566.

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HELP WANTED: Lake Forest **Trading Post** Convenience Store in Hiles Call Dean at 715-649-3120



DRIVER WANTED: Person needs a ride to Rhinelander Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Will pay. Call 715-616-9038. P41

Lakewood Sanitary District #1 Assistant Maintenance Technician

Lakewood Sanitary District #1 is looking for an Assistant Maintenance Technician. Under the direction of the Plant Manager, the Maintenance Technician will be responsible for performing general maintenance and repairs on facility equipment and facility structures, in addition to performing grounds maintenance. Individual will also have to handle and process wastewater samples. Technician will have to obtain a Wastewater Operator Certification from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) within one year of hiring. All work will be done in compliance with WI DNR, EPA, Hazmat and OSHA safety rules and regulations.

If you have prior experience in a maintenance role, we encourage you to apply for this position, however, we are willing to train someone without experience and background who possesses a willingness to learn.

Position guarantees a minimum of ten hours per week. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and pass a drug screening.

If interested contact the Lakewood Sanitary District at 715-276-1830 or send resume to Lakewood Sanitary District, P.O. Box 309, Lakewood, WI 54138.

NOTICE: Positions open in Forest County Sheriff's Department

Forest County Sheriff's Department is now accepting applications for Full Time and Part Time Correctional Officer/Dispatcher positions and to establish an eligibility list for future positions.

Individuals will be required to work day and night shifts, weekends, and holidays as shift rotations dictate. Applicants will be responsible for operations of the telephone and radio systems, jail responsibilities, clerical duties and 911 operations

Salary & Benefits: The starting hourly rate for full time pay for this position is \$17.15 per hour, \$17.75 per hour after one year; and \$18.46 per hour after two years of service, based on 2018 wages. Benefits include: Wisconsin Retirement Fund, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Sick Leave, Vacation Time, 9 Paid Holidays, Uniform Allowance, Deferred Compensation and Education Incentive Pay, if applicable.

Qualifications: Must be 18 years of age; US citizen; high school graduate or equivalent; have a valid Wisconsin driver's license; good verbal and written communications skills; basic knowledge of computers; ability to handle stressful situations and the ability to work varied shifts. Applicants must be self-motivated and able to work independently of others.

Apply: Submit Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Form, a current DJ-LE-330



Crandon Public Library Director Position

The Crandon Public Library seeks a well-organized, ambitious and energetic individual to direct the operations of their library. The library is part of the Wisconsin Valley Library System and VCat consortium. The library serves a community of 1,200 located in Forest County.

<u>Responsibilities:</u> The Library Director reports to a 9-member Board of Trustees and is responsible for the overall management of the library. Essential duties include building and maintaining our collection, managing the library budget, supervising the library staff, and promoting the library within Crandon and the surrounding area.

<u>Qualifications:</u> Candidates must be have obtained at least 54 semester credits, half of which must be in the liberal arts and sciences to be eligible for temporary Wisconsin Grade III certification. A Bachelor's Degree or higher is preferred and three or more years of library or similar experience is desired. The ideal candidate shall possess excellent interpersonal skills; an understanding of technology; and the ability to develop and maintain positive relationships with the public, library staff, the Library Board, government officials, community organizations, and area libraries.

<u>Compensation:</u> The hourly starting wage range is negotiable depending on education and experience. A complete job description may be obtained at the library, or on the library's website at www.crandonpl.org.

Please submit resume and cover letter to Crandon Public Library; Personnel Committee, 110 W. Polk Street; Crandon, WI 54520. Application deadline Monday, January 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Help Wanted

Quinlan's **Equipment GMC in** Antigo is looking for an automotive service technician. This is a full time position with benefit package. Must have a great attitude and be highly motivated. Must be comfortable using computer and electronic diagnostic tools. Some experience preferred. Please send resume to Quinlan's Equipment, PO Box 459, Antigo, WI or email resume to info@quinlansequipment B**40** .com

Still Smoking 207 N. Lake Ave. Crandon, next to Duck's Bar 715-478-4059 TEXT SS420 TO 51660 TO RECEIVE **PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 15, JANUARY 15, 2018**



U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Susan Collins' RAISE Family Caregivers Act Passes Congress Bipartisan legislation to establish a national strategy to support family caregivers is endorsed by over 60 aging and disability organizations

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) today applauded the passage of the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act in the U.S. Senate. Her bipartisan legislation to establish a national strategy to support family caregivers now heads to the president's desk for his signature.

The RAISE Family Caregivers Act would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and sustain a national strategy to recognize and support the more than 40 million family caregivers in the United States. This bipartisan legislation has been endorsed by over 60 aging and disability organizations, including the AARP, the Alzheimer's Association, the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Arc.

"Every day, family caregivers do right by their loved ones, and today I am proud to say we are doing right by them by passing the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to formally recognize and support family caregivers across this country," said Senator Baldwin. "This bipartisan effort is especially personal to me as I was raised by my maternal grandparents and later served as my grandmother's primary caretaker as she grew older. I know the challenges that family caregivers face. I've listened to family caregivers across Wisconsin and I will keep working to help make a difference in their lives. This reform will provide much-needed support for family caregivers and help ensure that our older adults and loved ones with disabilities receive the highest quality care in their own homes. When we work together across party lines we can get things done and I look forward to seeing President Trump sign this bipartisan legislation into law as soon as possible."

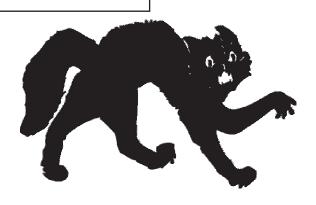
"Family caregivers play an essential role in our communities by dedicating time and attention and making countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones," said Senator Collins. "I am delighted that our bipartisan legislation to develop a coordinated strategic plan to leverage our resources, promote best practices, and expand services and training available to caregivers will now become law. This law will provide family caregivers across America with the much-needed recognition they deserve as well as the resources and training they need to better balance the full-time job of caregiving along with everything else that life brings."

"Thanks to the efforts of bipartisan Senate champions—Senators Collins and Baldwin—the RAISE Family Caregivers Act will help address the challenges family caregivers face," said AARP Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer Nancy A. LeaMond. "Family caregivers are the backbone of our care system in America. We need to make it easier for them to coordinate care for their loved ones, get information and resources, and take a break so they can rest and recharge." The RAISE Family Caregivers Act was supported by a broad bipartisan coalition of cosponsors including Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chris Coons (D-DE), Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Al Franken (D-MN), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Bill Nelson (D-FL), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jon Tester (D-MT) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH).

Application, Cover Letter and Resume to: Attention: Chief Deputy Alex Walrath Forest County Sheriff's Department 100 South Park Avenue Crandon WI 54520 Applications must be received by Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 at 4:00 PM Forms are available at the Forest County Sheriff's Department or online at www.wilenet.org. All questions on the application MUST be completed, including Section 6 - Questions A, B & C and your social security number. Applications that are not accurately completed will be rejected.

NOTE: Successful applicants will be required to submit to a written examination, oral interviews, extensive background investigation, a physical fitness test, and a medical and drug examination.

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Important Facts on Family Caregivers:

• 40 million family caregivers in the United States provided an estimated \$470 billion in uncompensated long-term care in 2013.

• Many caregivers are putting their own health at risk since caregivers experience high levels of stress and have a greater incidence of chronic conditions like heart disease, cancer, and depression.

 \cdot Every day, 10,000 baby boomers turn 65, and as many as 90 percent of them have one or more chronic health conditions.

 \cdot Americans 85 and older are the fastest growing segment of the aging population. This population is most at risk for multiple and interacting health problems that can lead to disability and the need for round-the-clock care



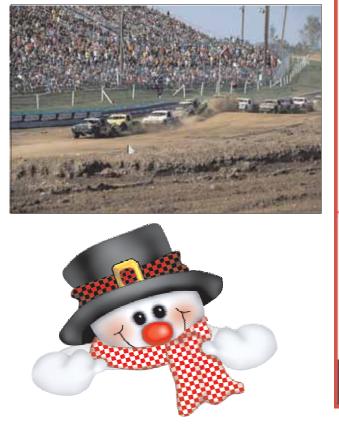


Wabeno Lions Club President Lee Lamers recently presented a \$500 donation to NEWCAP representative Linda Duff in Crandon on behalf of the Wabeno Lions.

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course competitors from sanctioning bodies around the country can race on a completely level playing field with the biggest single day payout in the sport.

Today's announcement with the BFGoodrich Unlimited Off Road Show series takes us closer to our goal of expanding Labor Day weekend into an even bigger off-road lifestyle event," explained Crandon President Cliff Flannery. "Now our race fans can see and buy the latest products and enjoy participating in off-road experiences before and after the on-track competition, while at the same time a whole new group of off-road enthusiasts will be introduced to world-class short-course racing. It's a winning idea for everyone, and will take the Crandon World Championship and World Cup weekend to even taller heights."



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