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New truck for Argonne Fire Department



Pictured from L to R are Asst. Chief Randy McKee, Chief Mark Sprenger, Jeff Kevilus, Bob Repinski, Lt. Jeremy Kevilus, Capt. Dan Thomaschefsky, Treasurer Dick Wilson, and Captain Brennan

After several months of training, equipping, and modifying, Argonne Volunteer Fire Department recently placed a new truck into service in its fleet in December. Originally built in Marion, WI, the 1999 Heavy Rescue truck was delivered to Huntington Manor Fire Department Station #2 in Long Island New York where it served until being brought home to Wisconsin this past August. This International truck which was custom built for fire department use replaces a 1989 Chevy stepside van which was purchased used and converted for use by the fire department with additions and changes being made over the years. The new truck has seatbelts for up to 6 passengers to be safely secured while the old truck had only a single belted seating position.

This truck is the first of its kind in Forest County to be a custom built walk-in, heavy rescue truck. It carries preconnected hydraulic JAWS of Life which eliminate the set up time for any extrication within 100 feet of the truck. These are running with the flip of a switch bringing power from the truck's on board 20KW PTO generator which also runs multiple large scene lights increasing safety and efficiency for nighttime incidents. The ability to power the JAWS of Life from an electrical pump versus the department's older gasoline pump greatly reduces the noise level on scenes. The generator also powers a large HVAC system for the rear of the truck to provide a cooling and warming station during longer incidents. Another county-wide first is the truck carries a large amount water and electrolyte replacement fluids, a microwave to prepare

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Edward Then is named 2018 "New School Business Manager of the Year"

MADISON – Edward Then, Business Manager, School District of Crandon, was named New School Business Manager of the Year in acknowledgment of his leadership in schools, commitment to professional development, active participation in his profession, and role in his community. Then was presented with the award Thursday, January 18 during the WASBO Business Meeting at the WASB/WASDA/WASBO State Education Convention in Milwaukee. This honor carries with it a \$1,000 cash award for continuing education, sponsored by Key Benefit Concepts.

Then has been with the School District of Crandon since 2015, where he entered the rural district office from an urban, teaching position. "He quickly rose to leadership prominence in his district because of demonstrated success in overcoming adversity...facing challenges far beyond those faced by the 'usual' new business manager circumstances, he maintained the determination to complete his 08 license," noted one nomination letter.

He also enrolled and participated in the 2015/16 "Year of Success Program" to better understand the application of DPI finances and guidelines and how they align with the school district's board, mission and vision.

Then was nominated by several colleagues including his District Administrator, Board President and the WASBO Wisconsin Valley Regional. "He leads by example with enthusiasm and dedication that are both inspiring and motivational. Eddie is also humble. It is his dedication to our students' success that gives him his drive. Not only does this show in his business manager abilities, but outside the office as well." "[Eddie] has built authentic relationships with those around him, from staff, team members, and students, to his peers in WASBO. His efforts have made our district more efficient, productive and effective. Anyone who meets Eddie knows he is a man who is self-assured and make 'his' team 'the' team of choice."

Sokaogon Chippewa Oak Lake Fishing Jamboree



The Sokaogn Chippewa are holding their 2nd Annual Oak Lake Fishing Jamboree on Sunday, January 28th on Oak Lake, of course!

So get your tip ups and jig poles ready, get on the lake and win some prizes! Besides winning with big fish, there is a raffle with a 1st place of an electric ice auger, plus some other good ice fishing prizes.

Explore college on your terms at Nicolet's College Visit Day Feb. 9

Nicolet will hold a College Visit Day Friday, February 9th, for anyone interested in attending Nicolet, learning about the careers graduates pursue, and the training necessary to begin any given profession.

The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Lakeside Center on the Nicolet Campus.

"Nicolet offers numerous flexible options for students to fit college into their lives," explained Nicolet Director of Enrollment Erika Warning.

"College Visit Day is a great opportunity for people to learn about these options, explore the academic programs Nicolet has to offer, meet with instructors, and understand the next steps to signing up for classes."

Flexible offerings include online classes, hybrid classes that feature a mix of online learning and face-to-face instruction once or twice a semester, drop-in open labs, and evening classes.

The college also recently launched the highly-flexible Nicolet My Way program for Welding students. Instead of attending traditional classes, students set their own schedules and advance through the program at their own pace. Progress is measured by students mastering specific skills, which are bundled into a series of modules. Once all of the modules are completed, students receive their Welding technical diploma. New students can start the Welding program at numerous times throughout the year, typically the first or second Monday of most months. Nicolet also offers credit for prior learning, where students take an assessment to demonstrate they already have the knowledge and skills taught in a given course. When they pass the assessment, students are awarded college credit without having to take the course.

Financial aid staff will also be available at College Visit Day to help individuals find ways to cover the cost of college with little or preferably no debt.

"Nicolet is a very affordable investment," said Nicolet Director of Financial Aid Jill Price. "We work with individuals to explore all options, including a full range of grants, scholarships, and other financial aid opportunities, to make college as affordable as possible."

The college offers 66 different academic credentials. These range from short-term certificates that can be earned in one semester to two-year associate's degrees, all of which transfer to four-year campuses for students who have their eyes set on earning a bachelor's degree.

"In most of our programs, students focus on learning what they need when they need it. They can learn a specific skill, earn a certificate, complete a program or finish a degree by taking small steps whenever they are ready," Warning explained.

She also noted that the latest Graduate Follow-Up Report shows that 93 percent of the graduates from the class of 2016 indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with their Nicolet education.

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the Nicolet College Welcome Center at (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4493: TTY 1-800-947-3529 or 711

Warm for Winter give-away Saturday morning

Recent snow is a reminder that there's still plenty of winter ahead. Warm clothes, bedding and footwear are available free of charge at the next Warm for Winter event this Saturday, January 27, from 10 to noon, at Friendly Village, across from Co-Vantage Credit Union on Boyce Drive in Rhinelander.

Everyone is welcome. No income limits are required and no questions will be asked. Anyone who is in need of items is welcome to bring a bag to fill. Volunteers work during the month to sort and organize area donations.

One more Warm for Winter event is scheduled on the last Saturday in February. For more information, or emergency assistance, call Jan at 715-362-7157.

The Crandon meeting on the proposed courthouse and jail project



Bv Mike Monte

The auditorium wasn't full at last Wednesday's meeting on the jail/courthouse project, but an estimate would be well over 200 people in attendance.

The Samuels Group did the same slide show that was done at the Wabeno meeting on this subject. Like Wabeno, there was a question and answer session following the slide show that showed all of the flaws and imperfections of the current facilities.

If you took the time to read the brochure sent to you by the county, you will remember that there is a proposal to add on to the jail and repair the existing 1909 courthouse at a cost of about \$26 million. The other alternative is to tear down the existing courthouse and the addition to the north and rebuild another courthouse, complete with a secure courtroom and do the additions needed at the jail. As the brochure says, it will save \$3 million, coming in at an estimated \$22.8 million.

The speaker from the Samuels Group said there were alternatives, the project could be in stages, but failed to elaborate on any of the alternatives.

How did the audience react? There were numerous questions.

Without getting in to each individual question, I will try to summarize.

It is safe to say that the majority of the people in attendance aren't in favor of tearing down the landmark old courthouse. They would be in favor of a new heating system and whatever repairs are needed to keep it intact and useful to county citizens.

It is also safe to say that people aren't in favor of paying a large tax increase either. It is apparent, I think, that the majority of those attending are in favor of refurbishing what we already have and building whatever we need, and not to be extravagant with the project.

Opinions in and out of meetings are as different as those who have opinions, but I will go out on a limb to say that they are not in favor of removing the old courthouse, they are not in favor of spending more than we can afford, and they are also in favor of renovating and building to meet the needs in a frugal and common sense way.

It is also apparent that biggest reason we are in these discussions is because of the needs of the Forest County jail and court house security. Sheriff Dennee asked for and received what is called a U.S. Marshalls Report back in 2011, and this report pointed out the deficiencies in our current jail facility.

Basically, it says that we have a problem in the jail because the jailer also serves as a dispatcher. If there is a disturbance with the inmates and an important call at the same time, it is impossible to handle for one person.

This report also pointed out that there is a security risk with moving prisoners from the jail to the court room, and that things can get heated in the old court room as well, with little chance for security. After a visit to the jail, as I pointed out in a previous article, we don't have a harmless run of prisoners housed there. Many are inner city gang members involved in the drug trade, and if they are cooperating, there can be a problem with their associates interfering with violence.

This isn't a new problem. The Marshall's Report was done back in 2011. Sheriff Dennee brought these problems to the attention of the board back in October of 2013. When there was no response from the county board, he followed with a letter in May of 2016 pointing out their lack of response.

Well, the board is certainly acting now, and the question on all minds is how far is the construction going. At the meetings held in Wabeno, Crandon and Laona, the

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N. Wis. Artist Tim Black's Collection in the Nicolet Art Gallery in January

Boulder Junction artist Tim Black brings his collection of landscape, portrait and female nude paintings to the Nicolet Art Gallery from January 15 until February 15. His work will be featured in a solo show and will become a part of the Nicolet College Collection. Black considers himself to be both an artist and a lifetime student of art "Being a painter is the one thing in life that has been my driving force and my sense of identity. I've painted for the love of it. I've managed to develop a style that's kept me engaged and excited about painting," says Black.

Black's landscapes are comprised of a myriad of colors and images and highlight the beauty and brightness of the season he's depicting. Black has painted nature scenes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse and Museum also in Michigan, as well as Wisconsin's Manitowish River and many more. His oil portraits capture a woman conveying a range of emotions. Whether in a portrait or a full nude canvas, Black's goal is to showcase a woman's intrinsic qualities. "In the craft of my painting, my aim is to convey the beauty and softness of the female form," says Black In his series "A Shift in the Heliosphere," Black created images aimed to require an observer to venture into the celestial world. The pieces in this collection marry art and science in a colorful and imaginative way.

Black attended the Arkansas Arts Center, the Aspen School of Art and the Peninsula School of Art in Fish Creek, Wisconsin during his educational career and received a full scholarship with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. He has been a member of the Wisconsin Visual Artists since 2013.

Tim Black's collection will be on display at the Nicolet Art Gallery until February 15. The Gallery is located at the Northwoods Center and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. For additional information, call (715) 365-4556.



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Nicolet Academic Success Centers open for Spring Semester

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Hours and locations of Nicolet College Academic

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public was given a slide show showing the problems with the current structures, but the old courthouse and its possible destruction has moved public interest away from the problems facing Sheriff Dennee and his staff.

The speaker from the Samuels Group does job of pointing out the deficiencies of the old court house, but most citizens have a more conservative view of handling these problems. They also like their old court house. They are waiting for some different plans than the options pointed out in the brochure that was mailed to

There are as many ideas as there are citizens. Some of these ideas might be feasible and considerably

One cost-cutting measure suggested is to not tear down the old sheriff's quarters and jail as well as the addition that connected the old jail to the courthouse that now houses the district attorney's office. The idea is to use it for storage, or whatever, and gradually fix it and upgrade

Some citizens have a hard time justifying tearing down the north addition that houses the county board room and social services.

This is being written on Wednesday, January 24th. A Wednesday meeting keeps both publications in the county from covering one of these meetings in their next issue, as both are printed just before the Wednesday meetings

We can only hope the county board decides on an option that covers the jail and the court room, as well as preserving the 1909 landmark Forest County Courthouse.

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OCEDC receives \$43,000 state grant to support entrepreneurship

Oconto County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) has been awarded a \$43,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to help fund the organization's efforts to advance the climate for entrepreneurship throughout Oconto County.

OCEDC is one of 11 Wisconsin organizations to receive grants under WEDC's Entrepreneurship Support Program, which helps fund activities such as the promotion of entrepreneurship; entrepreneurial education, mentorship and training; and business development and financial services. WEDC awarded \$500,000 in matching grants statewide.

"WEDC congratulates OCEDC for developing an innovative proposal that resulted in this grant," said Mark Hogan, secretary and CEO of WEDC, the state's lead economic development organization. "We look forward to working with OCEDC to further increase the availability of resources for entrepreneurs and innovators in Oconto

WEDC dollars will be utilized to continue operating OCEDC's Business Innovation Network. According to OCEDC Executive Director Paul Ehrfurth, "Our is currently working with and assisting 27 start up and early stage firms to help them grow and develop in a way that maximizes the

businesses chance of being successful".

While WEDC has a variety of programs to support the formation, development, growth and financing of technology-based and growth-oriented startup and earlystage businesses, the Entrepreneurship Support Program provides funding to organizations and communities whose efforts may not meet the eligibility criteria for existing

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OCEDC in conjunction with Economic Growth Advisors, LLC based in Madison identified an area in which it could expand OCEDC services, but its budget would not support the additional activity and could not be covered by other WEDC programs.

The Entrepreneurship Support Program, now in its second year, is the latest addition to WEDC's suite of entrepreneurship resources, which includes support for startup accelerators, seed capital funds, investment tax credits and technology development loans. In addition, WEDC supports and engages an existing statewide network of partners that offers business training, mentorship and financing to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Other grant recipients include: BizStarts, Milwaukee; BrightStar Wisconsin Foundation, Milwaukee; Couleecap Inc., La Crosse; Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 3, Fennimore; Indianhead Community Action Agency, Ladysmith; Green County

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Thursday, Feb. 22

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715-649-3409 or 920-915-6346 The price of the play is \$15.00 & Paulette must have the money in advance, in order to reserve tickets.

Development Corporation, Monroe; Heart of Wisconsin Community Incubator, Wisconsin Rapids; Nicolet Area Technical College, Rhinelander; UW-Stout Center for Innovation and Development, Menomonie; and WiSolve Consulting Group, Madison.

About the Oconto County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC)

The OCEDC provides economic development services throughout Oconto County. In addition, the OCEDC promotes tourism throughout the County. Economic development services include programs that promote workforce development, small business assistance and administration of two loan programs available to business. For more information, visit www.ocontocounty.org or call us at 920-834-6969



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CRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT TIMBER SALE

The Crandon School Distract will be offering one 65-acre timber sale in Forest County. The sale is located on the Crandon School Forest in the Town of Crandon: T36N-R12E-Sec. 25 Estimated Volume Totals are 385 cords of pulp and 63 MBF of logs

A timber sale prospectus, map of the tract, and a bid form can be obtained from the Crandon DNR. For questions regarding the prospectus or map, or to obtain a copy, please contact:

Liz Wood: office (715) 478-3187 - cell (715) 889-1921 - Elizabeth. Wood@wisconsin.gov

Bids must be submitted on the Timber Sale Bid Sheet included with the prospectus and map. Minimum Stumpage prices have been set by WI DNR but are not advertised by species

Sealed Bids will be accepted at the DNR Ranger Station in Crandon in an envelope plainly MARKED "School Forest Timber Sale - sealed bid" until 12:00 p.m. (noon), Monday February 5, 2018.

Address to send sealed bids:

Crandon Ranger Station

404 N. Lake Ave.

Crandon, WI 54520

After oral and written comments on the sales are considered, the bids will be publicly opened at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the conference room at the Crandon Ranger Station.

At the contract signing, the successful bidder must be prepared to submit: a certificate of insurance showing proof of Worker's Compensation, General Liability Converge and a Performance Bond valued at a minimum of \$1,000 or 15% of the sale total value. Note: at this time, the State of Wisconsin does not require a bid bond. Winning bidders will have 6 weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit an acceptable performance bond. Purchaser must coordinate with Crandon School District to hold a "Forestry Education Day" during the sale. The Forestry Education Day will be sponsored by Crandon School District in partnership with the WI DNR.

The purchaser is expected be on site to give a presentation to students about logging operations. A "Pre-Sale" Meeting with DNR Timber Sale Administration Staff is required prior to beginning any work on

this sale. The Crandon School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid they deem to be the most advantageous to the state.

2018-2019 OPEN ENROLLMENT

APPLICATION PERIOD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA

The School District of Laona will be accepting applications for Public School Open Enrollment. The applications will be accepted between the dates of February 5, 2018 and April 30, 2018 until 4:00 pm. This application period will be strictly followed. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply on-line directly from the open enrollment website at https://dpi.wi.gov/oe.

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. More information may be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction-Public School Open Enrollment Program by calling 1-888-245-2732 or you may visit their web site at https://dpi.wi.gov/oe. You may also contact the School District of Laona @ 5216 Forest Avenue, Suite A, Laona WI 54541. Phone: 715-674-2143, extension 1.



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- 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
- · 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.
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- 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.
- Pickerel area 50 Plus will meet at the North Woods Inn at Hwy 55 & A on February 8th at 12 noon. It is our annual Valentine's Dinner. Bring friends. Questions? Call Bob 715-478-5199.
- 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 January will be 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.
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- · 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 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.
- •The Senior Snoop Shop will be having a "special" meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. at Associated Bank.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified and preserved now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, help of the hopeless, protector of children, pray for us

Town of Wabeno Bid Request

Labor and Material to Insulate and Finish interior walls at Trump Lake Pavillion. R-19 insulation in walls

White liner steel - 3' lower walls with

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Nancy Schuhart Wabeno Town Clerk

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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2018

Wabeno Junior High/High School Library, Wabeno Senior High School 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll call II. Pledge of Allegiance III.
- Agenda Approval
- Approval of Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on January 4, 2017 V. and Special Board Meeting on January 18, 2018.
- VI. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
- Public Comment (5 Minute Maximum per Person)

This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community. All individuals who comment during the public comment period are reminded that the information provided this evening is intended to provide information to the Board so that it can fulfill its role. In that vein, all parties are reminded that all information offered be truthful and honest. False statements or stigmatizing charges may subject the individual making such statements to legal repercussions, including, but not limited to, defamation claims. Comments that identify students shall be subject to the Wisconsin pupil records law and FERPA. As such, student information that is not directory data as designated by the board, for example individual student behavioral or progress records, shall not be discussed in this forum. Comments that identify personnel are subject to the applicable personnel records statutes in section 19.36 (10), Wis. Stats. Please understand that although the Board may not necessarily comment or ask questions, this does not mean your concerns have not been recognized or understood.

Informational Items VIII.

- Jackie Nielson, KerberRose SC Audit Report
- Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, will present updates and
- c. Eric Becker, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
- Bill Taylor, Jr/Sr High School Principal will present updates and
- information.
 - School Board Member Reports
 - Discuss dates for school board meetings during lent

IX. Action Items

- Discuss and take action on Skills USA Trip.
- Review Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report regarding progress made on growth
- Discuss and take action on elementary school counselor c. Discuss and take action on district wide social worker d.
- Discuss and take action on Professional
- Learning Community (PLC) Training on February 19,
- f. Discuss and take action on summer/fall PLC training opportunity
- Discuss and take action on school community survey from
- School Perceptions Discuss school climate survey
- Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) the Board will enter into X. closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
 - Review exit interviews
 - Elementary concerns summary and discussion
 - Review school counsel report
 - Employee performance
- Return to open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed

Adjourn

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Forest County Potawatomi Community - Cultural Center, 8130 Mish Ko Swen Drive, Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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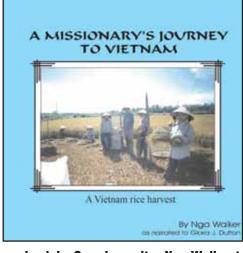
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(The original deadline of 3:00 P.M., January 22, 2018 has been extended due to Monday's weather closure.)

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Crandon WI 54520

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Death Notices

Inez Mary Douglas, age 82, of Casa, died Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at River Valley Medical Center. She was born April 1, 1935 at Red Granite, Wisconsin to the late Bert and Mildred Walker Hawks.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Casa Church of Christ. She loved reading, watching birds and her favorite soap opera, Days of Our Lives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Diane Lynn Douglas and Sandra Jean Level; and four brothers, Ken, Jim, Jerry, and Ronnie Hawks.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Clarence Douglas of Casa; three children, Steve Douglas Sr. (Tina) of Casa, Nancy Patton (Dale) of Russellville and Stacey Weaver (Todd) of Ola; two sisters, Dawn Binder of Wisconsin, Jean Keller (Bill) of Wisconsin; five grandchildren, Shanae Douglas, Christy Barker, Steven Douglas Jr., Whitney Fowler and Drake Weaver; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services was held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 19, 2018 at Cornwell Chapel in Dardanelle with Bro. Charles Lewis officiating. Burial was be in Casa Cemetery. Visitation was held Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. at the chapel.

Pallbearers were Steven Douglas Jr., Danny Barker, Justin Barker and Ed Hawks.

Arrangements by Cornwell Funeral Home in Dardanelle. Online guest book and condolences at www.cornwellfuneralhomes.com.

Richard (Dick) L. Binns, 91, of Suring, formerly of Lakewood, passed away Thursday, January 18, 2017 at the Woodland Village Nursing Home in Suring.

Military Services were provided by the Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno on Tuesday, January 23, 2017. Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

James G. "Bud" Polar, Jr., "Wab-thig-we" "White Thunder," age 32, of Crandon, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, January 20, 2018. James was born in Rhinelander on August 10, 1985, the son of Francine VanZile and James Polar, Sr.

James was a very good carpenter and was proud to be in job training with Tribal Housing. He enjoyed golfing, cooking, bowling, watching pro wrestling and video games. He was a converted Dallas "Cowboys" fan and now is a loyal "Packers" fan.

James truly loved his children and spent lots of time with them. He also loved all children.

He is survived by his mother, Francine (Jeremy) VanZile; father, James Polar, Sr. of Crandon; daughter, Harmony Shockto of Gillett; son, Wyett Shockto of Crandon; sisters, Anndrea McGeshick of Mole Lake; Jaimie (Mark) Seymour of Iron River, MI; brothers, Austin Polar of Crandon, Ahren (MaKayla) Polar of Crandon, Dillion Polar of Crandon, Taylor (Andriana) Maki of Mass City, MI and Taylor Poler of Crandon; paternal grandmother, Marie Polar; and maternal grandmother, Ruth (Shockto) Weso.

Preceded in death by his son, Asher Shockto; grandfathers, LeRoy L. Shockto, Sr. and Charles Polar; aunt, Theodora Shockto; and uncle, LeRoy L. Shockto, Sr.

Visitation was held after 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel of Crandon. Funeral services will be at noon on Thursday, January 25 with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Interment will be at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Crandon. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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Letters to the Editor

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

Mursau Bills advance in state legislature

Madison ... Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) was the lead author of two bills that passed today during floor sessions of the State Assembly and Senate. Assembly Bill 688 re-establishes the Wisconsin Conservation Corps and passed the Assembly on a voice vote. Senate Bill 488 authorizes the use of tribal identification cards for specific state purposes and was also passed on a voice vote by the senate.

"I'm thankful my legislative colleagues strongly supported both of these bills," said Mursau. "They're important pieces of legislation that will have a positive impact on the constituencies they aim to serve."

Assembly Bill 688 would re-establish the Wisconsin Conservation Corps program that operated in Wisconsin from 1983 to 2003. The popular youth conservation work program was a casualty of budget cuts at a time when other states also ended their statesponsored Conservation Corps programs. This time the program would be a public-private partnership with the majority of funding coming directly from grants through the National and Community Service Board. Participants would complete projects on public or tribal lands throughout the state, while earning valuable job-related skills that can lead to future long-term employment.

"Since the program ended, there's been a bipartisan effort to bring it back in some capacity," said Mursau. "The program provides education and work training to young adults, many who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our public lands need a great deal of upkeep and having the Corps available to do some of the necessary maintenance will be a great benefit to the state."

Senate Bill 488 would allow the use of tribal identification cards for specific state purposes. Similar to a driver's license, a tribal ID contains the individual's name, address, date of birth, and a picture. Currently, the Federal Government recognizes a tribal identification when applying for a passport and to determine employment eligibility. Unfortunately, tribal members have found inconsistent recognition in Wisconsin that tribal ID's may be considered an eligible form of identification for certain purposes, like buying alcohol or registering to vote.

"Allowing the use of a Tribal ID's is especially important for our elder tribal members who no longer drive, but need identification to pick up necessary medications," expressed Mursau. "It's important that we have uniformity in Tribal ID recognition and this bill will help accomplish that."

Both bills need approval from the other legislative house before being signed into law by the Governor.

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The Wabeno Area Elementary School is working on a special project to send Valentines to Veterans. If you are a veteran or know of any veterans, please contact the Wabeno Area Elementary School. Please call 715-473-3633, ext. 4505 to leave the veteran's name and address. Or, if you prefer, write it down and send it in with a student, or mail it to us at PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. We would like the names and addresses of all veterans that would like to receive valentines by Friday, February 2, 2018.

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