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Wabeno Area Players and Flowers from the Heart raise scholarship funds



Guests enjoy the beautiful holiday atmosphere of an amazing evening.

On Saturday, December 14th the Wabeno Area Players presented, "A Christmas Mafia Murder Mystery." It was held in the beautiful atmosphere of Flowers from the Heart, in Crandon.

This audience participation murder mystery show was a huge success and raised over \$850 for the Erna Rousseau Scholarship Fund. Everyone that attended became part of the show. All involved came in costumes of the 1920's and 30's. Fun was had by all.

Flowers from the Heart and Owner Bruce Walentowski have been major supporters of the Erna Rousseau Scholarship and Wabeno Area Players. Bruce wanted to do something special again this year and give back to the communities his business has served for 33 years.

The scholarship is in the memory of Erna Rousseau, a lifelong piano teacher and accompanist from Wabeno. Erna always made time for students from the area and supported the arts fully. It's awarded annually to a student from Crandon, Goodman/Armstrong Creek, Laona, Elcho, Three Lakes, Phelps, White Lake, Florence, Pembine and Wabeno who have been involved in the arts in high school and plan on pursuing a college degree in education, art, music, dance, or theater. Scholarships are now being awarded to current high school students to attend summer camps. Since 1997 the scholarship has awarded over \$9,000 to 36 area students. It's the only scholarship of it's kind for the youth in our area. Wabeno Area Players is the only community focused arts organization in our area as well. Both entities rely on the generous support of the community we live in.

For more information about Wabeno Area Players and events please check our our website at www.wabenoareaplayers.org or email us at wabenoareapkayers@gmail.com.

Conservation Corner

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land &Water Conservation Department. For more information contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) seeks public comments on its interim rule for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), USDA's flagship program that helps producers plan and implement 150-plus conservation practices on working lands.

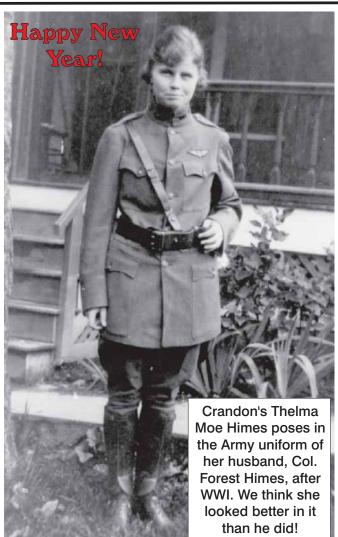
"The Environmental Quality Incentives Program gives farmers and forest landowners the tools they need to improve their agricultural operations while conserving natural resources," said Angela Biggs, NRCS state conservationist in Wisconsin.

NRCS invites comments on this interim rule through February 17, 2020. Electronic comments must be submitted through regulations.gov under Docket ID NRCS-2019-0009. All written comments received will be publicly available on http://www.regulations.gov.

Popular EQIP practices include cover crops, nutrient management, forest stand improvement, prescribed grazing, and practices related to water quality improvement. Implementing conservation practices can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat while improving agricultural operations.

For more information on how to sign up for EQIP in Wisconsin, visit www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov, or contact the Forest County Land Conservation Office.

On another note, Forest County landowners/farmers can expect a survey in the mail shortly regarding available Cost Share funding for farmland. If you have a project/improvement in mind, contact us for assistance.



See inside for historical photos from around the area!

The anecdote for Cabin Fever! Area winter events!

There is no reason to suffer from cabin fever this winter! There are plenty of events going on that will get you out of the house and around people.

The Laona Lions Predator Hunt and Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 11th at JARS Bar & Grill in Laona. You don't have to hunt coyotes to attend this event and enjoy the food, drinks and good company.

The Crandon Lions Club Fish-O-Ree & Winterfest will be at the Crandon Community Building on Saturday, January 18th. There will be plenty of prizes, food and drinks as well as conversation.

The Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile Club will be sponsoring their Snow Fun Day on Saturday, January 25th at Waubee Lake Lodge, with a Fisheree, meat raffles, 50/50 raffles and plenty to eat and drink.

The 4th Annual Sokaogon Chippewa Oak Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree is planned for January 26th. Lots of good prizes and fun.

The Roberts Lake Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday, February 1st on the Lake, with proceeds to help the walleye fishing in Roberts Lake. Lots of prizes and plenty of food and drink.

The Hiles Volunteer Fire Dept. Fishoree is on February 1st at the Hiles Town Hall, with a special raffle for a hunting pod with limited ticket sales. Food and beverages will be good on the taste buds!

If you would rather snowmobile, the 36th Annual Sugar Bush Sno-Mo-Wheelers and LMT Poker Run will finish up at Charlie's Lake Metonga on February 1st.

You can support the shooting sports at Crandon High by attending the Crandon Cardinal Trap Team Predator Hunt at the Crandon Community Building on February 8th. Food, drinks and plenty of guns to win.

The 58th Annual Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree will be on February 8th at the Trump Lake Pavilion, held by the American Legion Post 44. Prizes for fish and plenty of raffles and food.

The Red Arrown Snowmobile Club is holding their 45th Annual Family Fish-A-Ree on Saturday, February 15th at the Townsend Town Hall, with DJ music, food, drinks, meat raffles and a fishing contest.

The 8th Annual Laona Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish-O-Ree will be at Silver Lake on February 29th. You can win a half a cow, but don't worry, it will be processed!.

The Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is holding their 42nd Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 29th with the headquarters at Gerrit's Lakeview Inn on Pelican Lake. There will be lots of raffles, meat raffles, a Cash Raffle and a Sportsmen Raffle.

So plan your winter fun and fight off cabin fever by attending any or all of these events, and if you are holding an event we missed, give the *Pioneer* a call.

Thornton's Nicolet College class assignment means new basketball courts in Laona

What started out as a Nicolet College class assignment for student Mary Thornton last spring will turn into several new basketball courts in the town of Laona next summer.

Thornton was tasked with writing a grant proposal for the class project. It wasn't required that students actually submit the application.

"But I figured, if I'm going to write this, let's go for it

and make it real," said Thornton, who graduated this December with her two-year associate's degree in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) counseling.

She started the project by searching the internet for grant opportunities and same across Lowe's Charitable.

for grant opportunities and came across Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. The organization's Toolbox for Education grants seemed to be a solid fit.

Thornton completed the assignment, submitted

the grant application, and a few months later learned that her proposal was accepted and funded to the tune of \$3,970. "I was absolutely ecstatic," Thornton said. "You

never really know with things like this and I was thrilled to learn our grant application was approved."

She first showed the approval letter to her AODA instructor, Takia Longstreet. The two then made a bee-line to the dean's office to share the good news.

"Our goal is to give students the skills they'll need and will apply in the real world," said Candy Dailey, dean of Health Occupations at Nicolet. "Mary did a fantastic job of doing exactly that. She took what she learned and had the vision to apply that knowledge in a way that will benefit her community. In my mind that's just fantastic."

Work will begin this spring that will turn a set of old tennis courts that for years have suffered the ravages of time and will turn the area into three new basketball courts. A unique aspect of the three courts is that each will be for different ages, one with shorter hoops for youngsters, another with a little taller hoops, and the third with the standard 10-foot baskets.

"It's important that young people have something constructive to do with their energy," said Thornton, who works in Forest County as an AmeriCorp recovery coach and prevention specialist. "Sometimes in rural communities there's not a lot for young people to do and this opens the door for them to turn to alcohol and drugs. I wanted to create an alternative to that, something that can give people a heathy connection to their community."

The project is expected to be completed this summer through a partnership between the Laona Quarterback Club, the Laona School District, and the town of Laona.

And what grade did Thornton get on her grant writing assignment.

"It was an A."

Correction to the "Imperfect Christmas Angel"

Those of you who read last week's story of the "Imperfect Christmas Angel" realized that there were some lines missing at the end of the story. This was due to an error laying out the paper, which cut off the last couple of lines. (My wife made the error, and she didn't like the end of the story. I am blaming her for doing it on purpose, but she is denying that!) Below is the last paragraph, which will complete the story.

The crooked-winged angel waits patiently in his box to thrill members of the family, especially those who have reached the age to appreciate story, and to help the family through rough times, always bringing forth the Christmas Spirit in them and reminding members of the family that tough times don't last forever, and family history is worth remembering.

Forest County Building Committee meets

By Mike Monte

The Forest County Board Building Committee met last Thursday, December 19. Various issues were discussed.

Board member Terry Lukas said that he had approached the Job Corps for help on the flag pole project, and they said they would do the work as a teaching tool for their students. A new flag pole display is planned for the courthouse grounds and a flag pole at the Veteran's Park on the south end of Lake Metonga.

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AREA CHURCH SERVICES

- 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 715-219-6363.
- 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 Hwy 55, Pickerel Sunday: 8 a.m. Bible Class, 9 a.m. Worship; Wednesday: 4-4:30 p.m. After School Program; Children's Service, Sunday, December 22nd at 9 a.m., Christmas Eve Worship 5:30 p.m., Christmas Day Worship 9 a.m. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS)- 1507 N Lake Ave, Crandon. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 715-478-3555.
- St John Lutheran Church (LCMS)- 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 8:00 a.m. 715-674-3836.
- 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. Sunday Worship Service at 9 AM, Wednesday Prayer & Bible study 6 PM (winter-time 2PM). Pastor Benjamin Larson (715) 610-1420
- 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 Lutheran (WELS) 501 N Park Ave, Crandon. Sunday worship at 9:15am. 715-478-5620 NorthwoodsLutheran.org
- Christ Lutheran (WELS) 9139 S Main St, Hiles. Sunday worship at 7:45am. 715-478-5620 NorthwoodsLutheran.org
- Praise Chapel 200 East Sixth St., Crandon, Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed.
- kid's Club 3:15 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church 208 N. Park Ave., Crandon, Saturday Service 5
- p.m. Sunday Service 9 a.m. 715-478-3396.
 St. Luke's United Methodist Church 301 South Lake Ave., Crandon, Sunday
- Service 8:45 a.m. 715-478-3797.
 Argonne United Methodist Church 7945 Pine St., Argonne, Sunday Service
- 10:15 a.m. 715-478-3797.

 Gospel Mission Fellowship 1901 Hwy 8 E. in Monico, WI. Sundays 10:30 a.m. come join us in worship, prayer and a time in God's word.
- www.gospelmissionfellowshippcg.org
 Upper Room Church -18805 State Highway 32, Townsend, Prayer 9:30 a.m.,
 Sunday worship at 10 a.m., Bible Study 10 a.m. Tuesday. Pastor Jim 715-850-
- St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS), 17963 Hwy 32, Townsend, worship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday, with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Call 715-276-
- 7214 for more information.

 St. Mary's Catholic Church N9184 WI-55, Pickerel, WI 54465. Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- Living Faith Church of God 202 S. Hazeldell, Crandon. Services Sunday at 4 p.m. & Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- The Pickerel Area Community Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday December 12, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pickerel at noon. Bring a dish to pass. Bingo players need to bring two prizes.
- Town of Wabeno has set the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. to hold Town Board Meetings.
- Crandon American Legion Post 94 First Thursday of every month (except Sept.) at 7 p.m. at the new American Legion Hall.
- Overeaters Anonymous meeting Thursday at 4:15-5:15 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 Wednesday Friday, 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for more info. 715-478-2098.
- Forest County Humane Society Meeting Every fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the training center at the shelter. The public is always welcome.
- 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. at Ducks for Oct, Nov., Dec. and Jon.
- 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.
- Town of Lincoln Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln Holl
- Tops will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:45 a.m. with meeting following at 8:00 a.m. For more info call 715-473-2613.
- 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. Second Wednesday of the Month.
- Nashville Town Hall Craft & Flea Market, located at Hwy 55 and B, south of Crandon, will be closed until spring 2020.
- Forest County ATV Association Monthly meeting the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Laona Senior Community Building, back entrance.

AREA AA MEETINGS

- AA Meetings Back Door Group Open meeting Thursday 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 Community Center on School St.. 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.
- 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 info at 715-889-4902.
- Lost Marbles Group Open AA meeting Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.
 Wabeno Fire Station, side entrance.



Bids & Notices

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Dec. 30- Jan. 3

Monday - No school Tuesday - No school Wednesday - No school Thursday - Boston cream pie crepe, granola bar, mixed berry cup, fruit juice,

Friday - Early risers, oranges, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu

Dec. 30- Jan. 3
Monday-No school
Tuesday-No school
Wednesday-No school
Thursday - Turkey/ham
sub sandwich, chips,
apple slices, Scooby
snacks, garden bar, milk
Friday - Taco bar, rice,
corn, winter fruit salad,
garden bar, milk

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Looking Back Argonne



This is an early view of Argonne, probably North Crandon when the picture was taken. The tall building in the middle of the block is Wm. Lord's Newhall Saloon. The old brick building of today was the white Commercial House. The corner store was Musbaum's General Store, which most will remember as Jock's and later Bob Samz's general store. Things change! Notice that there are no cars, only horse and buggies.



This is a picture from the early 50's, when Vic and Ella Sparks had the grocery store and feed mill right behind the old bank building that is still there. The grocery store building is still there, but hasn't been a grocery for decades. Vic and Ella later moved to Crandon and ran Spark's Clothing store.

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School District of Wabeno Area Strategic Planning Invitation

The School District of Wabeno Area invites any residents who

live within the district boundaries to our Strategic Planning

community Input night on January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria of the Jr./Sr. High school. This will be an opportunity to have input into the future goals of the school district. For those planning to attend, please RSVP to the District Office by January 10, 2020. This is to give us an estimate for

Office by January 10, 2020. This is to give us an estimate for the meeting so we can plan on seating and snacks for the night. You can reach the District Office at 715-473-2592 ext. 4502.

Thank you in advance for having an interest in the planning for our district's future.



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New Years Looking Back



Tragedy struck Laona on March 13, 1914 when the Connor company store was destroyed by fire. It was where the groceries, hardware, clothes and just about everything needed for daily life was purchased. Another store was started very soon!



No time was wasted putting up another company store, and this was completed in 1914, after the fire. The old building is now being refurbished and re-purposed. The former Gordon Hotel is to the left. PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 4, DECEMBER 30, 2019

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Statewide Availability of Marriage Certificates to Expand

Cortney Britten Cleereman, Forest County Register of Deeds, announces that it will soon be easier to obtain a copy of your marriage certificate. Effective Jan. 2, 2020 - individuals married in Wisconsin will be able to go to any Wisconsin Register of Deeds office to obtain their marriage certificate. Register of Deeds offices are currently able to issue birth certificates from all Wisconsin counties. Certificates of death are available statewide for deaths occurring on or after September 1, 2013. Certificates of divorce are available statewide for divorces occurring on or after January 1, 2016 to present.

Cleereman adds that while not all vital records are eligible for statewide issuance; the State Vital Records Office continues to work with Register of Deeds offices to add or update specific vital records on demand - with the goal of having all eligible records available.

Cleereman notes that statewide issuance provides an easier and more efficient method of serving County residents by providing better access to Wisconsin vital records. Individuals can contact the Register of Deeds office to receive more information about the statewide availability of records.

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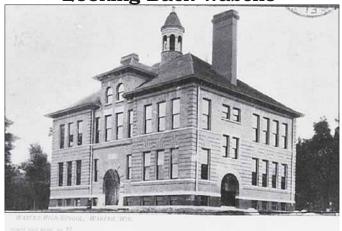
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Looking Back Wabeno



This is the Wabeno High School that was destroyed by fire in the late 1930's. The current school was built following this tragic fire.

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Fred Colburn was an early Wabeno logger, and related to the Colburns that moved to Hiles and were in the resort business. The fellow with the X by him is Fred, and he was obviously out checking on his loading crew on the rail line. It was Fred's crew that cut and hauled the big pine log to the park in Wabeno, where it resides today.

Death Notices



Geraldine L. Clinard, "Sis", 93, of Wabeno, WI passed away Monday, December 16, 2019 at The Bay at Nu Roc Nursing Home, Laona. Geraldine was born April 14, 1926 in Durand, WI the daughter of Bert and Millie (Mattson) Graves. As she often told people, "She was the oldest and the smartest." Her

five brothers never argued with part of that statement!

She married Gerald Rexford Clinard on February 25, 1946 and helped Rex raise his two daughter, Joanne and Eunice. Although Sis and Rex never had any children together, she was a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. She took them fishing, berry picking, and just made all of them feel special. It was a treat to spend time with Aunt Sis and Uncle Rex.

Sis and Rex were amazing fishers, hunters and boy could they dance! It was always fun to watch them dance.

Sis was probably best known for her bar-tending skills at many establishments around Wabeno, one of her famous sayings when someone ordered a tap beer was always "Do you want the foam on the top or the bottom?" More often than not she couldn't reach over the bar being the little shorty that she was!

Her favorite past times were bowling, playing cards, working in her garden and flower beds, taking care of her house and listening to country music.

Sis was survived by two brothers, Amos Graves, Wabeno; and Doug (Mary) Graves, Antigo; two sisters-in-law, Mary Graves and Cheryl Graves both of Wabeno; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Millie Graves; husband, Rex Clinard; three brothers, Allen, Richard, Ronald; three sisters-in-law, Shirley, Barbara, and Joanne Graves; two nephews, Bruce and Cory Joe and one niece, Michele Graves.

The family would like to thank the staff and nurses at Nu Roc for the care and compassion she received these last years of her life.

Memorial services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Wabeno. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to time of service. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

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On Sunday, December 8, 2019, David McEwen, loving husband and father of three daughters, passed away at age 83 after many decades of battling silicosis of the lungs. He was an amazing man of faith and said he was still on this earth because the Lord had things for him to do. He shared and lived his faith.

David was born on April 20, 1936 in Soperton, Wisconsin to Raymond and Florence (LaFleur) McEwen. He met the love of his life, Mary Champeau in Wabeno at the A&W, and they married on December 22, 1962. They were blessed with almost 57 years together. David said she was the best thing that ever happened to him. Their love for each other and the Lord was deep and visible to all who knew them.

The other loves of his life were his daughters, Beth (Paul) Zellner, Jill McEwen, Allison Manuel; grandchildren, Garrett (Briana) Wasielewski, Terra Wasielewski (Tyler Niemczyk), Bailey Manuel, Parker Manuel; great grandchild, Finnley Wasielewski. He lived his faith as an example to his family and all who knew him. David was a friend to all and would do anything to help anyone. He could strike up a conversation and make a new friend immediately, regardless of where he was or who he was with at the time. He was known for his humor, mischievous smile, caring nature, and ability to make all feel welcome.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Florence McEwen; brother Richard McEwen; sisters, Jean Levinson and Alice Willey; sister-in-law Marguerite Tarlton; brothers-in-law, Lee Levinson, Bob Snyder, and Lyman Tarlton; mother-in-law Anna Carlisle; fathers-in-law, Vern Champeau and Ron Carlisle. In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchild, he is survived by his sisters Doris Snyder and Mary Ellen Barnett; brother George (Linda) McEwen; brother-in laws, David (Sue) Champeau and Dave Willey and many special nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to thank the caring and compassionate staff at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center. They treated David and his family like they were their own family during this past week. They would also like to thank Pastor Cody Hauch.

Visitation was on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1741 Forest Ave., Wabeno, Wisconsin. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church's roof replacement fund.

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

James "Jim" Repinski, age 75, a Manitowoc resident, passed away Monday, December 16,2019 at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center, Manitowoc.

He was born October 3,1944 in Crandon, Wisconsin, son of the lat John and Violet Repinski. Jim attended and graduated from Crandon High School.

Survivors include his son; James Repinski (fiancé Marie Mabrey); partner Rosie Keesler; four brothers and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Repinski, an infant daughter, Tammy Repinski, one brother and other relatives and friends.

Cremation occurred at the All-Care Cremation Center in Manitowoc and private family services will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy many be sent to the family by visiting www.pfefferfuneralhome.com. The Pfeffer Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Looking Back Armstrong Creek



Vital when he was a young guy hauling pulpwood. You can bet that old truck got cussed a good bit, but Vital wasn't afraid of hard work, and likely loaded that truck by hand in the days before truck-mounted loaders. By the way, I didn't even attempt to spell his last name!

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Are you turning 65?

A Welcome to Medicare presentation will take place at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), 300A South Lake Avenue in Crandon on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10 a.m. This presentation will be particularly helpful in answering questions for those individuals who will be starting Medicare soon or who have recently gone on Medicare. There will be an overview of Original Medicare Part A and B coverage, Medigap Plans, Advantage Plans and Part D Drug Plans.

This program is free to the public. If you would like to attend this presentation please contact the ADRC at 800-699-6704 to reserve your spot.



Bus Schedule

Tuesday - Jan. 7 - Carter, Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - Bus driver: Pam Blank

Thursday - Jan. 9 - Hiles, Argonne and Crandon to Rhinelander by 9 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No lunch. Depart Rhinelander at 11:45 a.m. - Bus driver: Pam Blank

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Pam Blank: 715-784-1079

Forest County Office on Aging provides transportation to residents 55+ and the disabled. Bus route trip stops may include Aldi's, Crandon Library, Schaefer's and other area businesses including doctor appointments.

Forest County Commission on Aging



Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Dec. 30 - Chicken marsala, parsley potato, green beans, fruit, biscuit, ice cream

Monday - Jan. 6 - Spinach quiche, breakfast potatoes, fruit, biscuit, banana coffee cake

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Tuesday - Jan. 7 - Chicken dijon, baked potato with sour cream, mixed vegetables, sourdough bread, jello with fruit

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Wednesday - Jan. 8 - Sloppy ioe on a bun carrot s

Wednesday - Jan. 8 - Sloppy joe on a bun, carrot salad, baked beans, fruit, brownie

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Thursday - Jan. 9 - Sloppy joe on a bun, carrot salad, baked beans, fruit, brownie

ALVIN

Thursday - Jan. 2 - Chicken and rice, 7 layer salad, green beans, whole grain bread, bar

Thursday - Jan. 9 - Beef stew with carrots and peas, potatoes, whole grain roll, cookie

JARS

Thursday - Jan. 2 - 1) Bowl of chili, peanut butter sandwich on whole wheat, fresh fruit, apple crisp and milk **2)** Cranberry walnut, chicken salad, whole wheat roll, apple crisp and milk

Thursday - Jan. 9 - 1) Brat on bun, baked beans, fresh fruit, pineapple upside down cake and milk

2) Taco salad, whole wheat roll, pineapple upside down cake and milk

The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is no longer in service. The only number for the ADRC is the 800-699-6704.

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

JARS - 4863 Elm St., Laona, WI 54541. Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday. Site Manager is Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116.

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 p.m. on Thursday.

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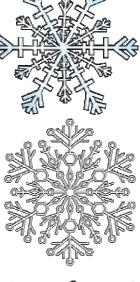


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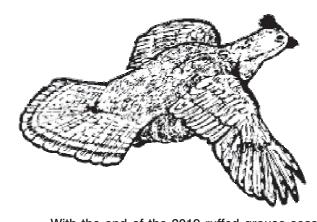
No law enforcement experience is required to apply. Successful applicants receive six months of paid training at the State Patrol Academy and graduate ready to serve as a trooper or inspector. Under a recent change, State Patrol officers now have up to five years after being hired to earn the required associate degree or minimum of 60 college credits.

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Anthony Burrell Superintendent of the Wisconsin State Patrol



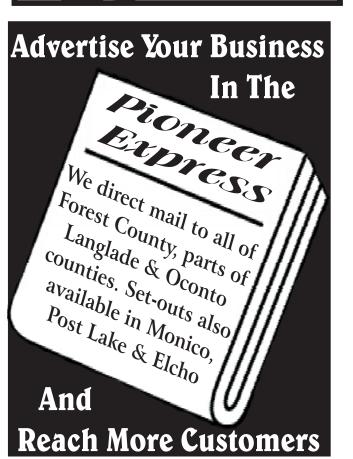


With the end of the 2019 ruffed grouse season rapidly coming to a close, RGS is reminding members who requested a West Nile Virus sampling kit to send them back to their respective DNR location detailed in the sampling instructions.

Filling these kits is a vital citizen science component in building a better understanding of the effects West Nile Virus has on ruffed grouse populations. And RGS members like yourselves have made up a good proportion of this sampling effort thus far. With just weeks left in the 2019 ruffed grouse season there is still the opportunity to participate in the sampling. At this time, all available kits for 2019 have been distributed. However, if you have an unfilled kit in your possession and you are willing (or know of a fellow hunter willing) to brave the cold yet this season, we ask you to participate in this disease study. Additionally, if you have a sample sitting in your freezer or refrigerator yet to be sent out, the WI DNR needs to receive your sample as soon as possible. Samples will be packaged and bulk shipped to the disease testing lab shortly after the season closes. Lastly, make sure to hang onto any unused West Nile Virus testing kits. These kits can be filled next season.

We hope that you had a safe/successful season thus far and make the most of the season that remains,

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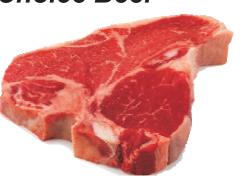
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### For Old Time's Sake Calendar Correction Building Committee Cont. from pg. 1



In the 2020 vintage calendar that is available for pickup at the sponsor's stores, there is an error. A member of the Keith family came in and pointed out that the gentleman on the left is not M.D. Keith, but is his son, Harry Keith. From the left, is his son, Bud, then Marshall Keith. Edith Keith is the lady in the foreground. Unfortunately, the other people in the photo are not identified.

The location of the photo is not the M.D. Keith house. It is Harry and Edith's home on Lake Metonga, which is the lovely arts and crafts style home on the south end of Lake Avenue, where the street turns left towards the beach, the house is on the right.



Another issue that was raised was the use of the old sheriff's quarters/jail attached to the south side of the courthouse. Michelle Gobert and Brian Schultz talked for the Forest County Historical Society. There has been discussions on the Historical Society using the residence for a museum and/or storage of historical material. The question arose as to the maintenance work necessary to preserve the old building and to make it useful for the residents and taxpayers of the county.

While public opinion is to keep the old building, there is also talk of tearing down the structure. During this discussion, the cost of removal was roughly estimated, and while no formal estimates have been done, the thought arose that fixing the building and putting it to use might cost about as much as tearing it down and redoing the wall of the original courthouse where the two structures were joined. As the discussion evolved, the need for archival storage was brought up repeatedly, with statements made about the lack of adequate and organized storage of county records. This subject is still up in the air.

Architect Jeff Munson gave an update on the new 911/Dispatch Center that was approved in referendum. A very good visual display was given by Munson that seemed to please all in the room. Bidding requirements will be the next part of this building project.

The issue of updating the generator for the Law Enforcement Center was on the agenda, and bids will be sought for this upgrade to the building. A new contract for electrical engineer Cottrell was called for to determine the exact needs of emergency power for the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). There was also talk of a generator and emergency power for the courthouse building.

As an observer of this meeting, it appeared that there is a more concentrated effort afoot, and focus, to get some of these issues about the courthouse and the LEC taken care of versus endlessly being discussed. Those following these issues will nember that both a planner and an architectural firm presented the board with expensive plans that were unacceptable for a county of this size and to the taxpayers. It would appear that future plans will be more realistic.





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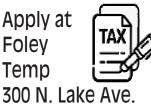
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# Looking Back Hiles



This view of the fountain and the boarding house in Hiles is currently the site of a home. But when this was taken, Hiles was a new sawmill town with a big mill supplying jobs. The single men needed a place to sleep and eat, and the boarding house provided those services.



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### Looking Back Lakewood



This early logging crew in Lakewood was probably working for the Holt Lumber Co. These guys were here before anybody ever heard of tourism! But, they did make the roads and certainly opened up the view with the removal of the timber. Then again, for certain, the deer hunting improved with all the new browse!

### Baldwin helps secure federal funding to conduct gun violence research

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, helped secure \$25 million in the Fiscal Year 2020 government funding agreement for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study gun violence

This is the first time in more than 20 years that Congress has appropriated federal funding for oun violence research. In last year's funding bill, Congress adopted language clarifying that a longstanding measure that bars the use of federal dollars to advocate or promote gun control, known as the Dickey Amendment, does not prevent those funds from supporting research into the causes of oun violence.

"I believe that Congress has a moral responsibility to confront gun violence like the public health crisis it is," said Senator Baldwin. "I'm proud to say Congress finally took action today and is providing \$25 million to study the effects of gun violence on our communities, and how to prevent it so we can save lives."

"Research funding provides us with opportunities to reduce gun violence in the United States. The academic scientific community is excited to learn about the modest allocation of research funding that has been approved for NIH and CDC. As with other complex diseases, we can learn more about the causes and optimal treatments for patients who are injured with a bullet," said Stephen Hargarten, MD, MPH, Professor of the Department of Emergency Medicine, Associate Dean for the Global Health Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Director of the Comprehensive Injury Center. "Gun violence is a significant and pervasive public health burden, and many of us have been working together to perform analysis and research on this issue. We collectively are dedicated to make our communities healthy and safe."

This government funding agreement includes \$12.5 million for CDC and \$12.5 million for NIH to conduct gun violence prevention research. Baldwin has long supported funding for gun violence prevention research and has cosponsored legislation to provide funding for the CDC to conduct or support research on firearms safety and gun violence prevention.

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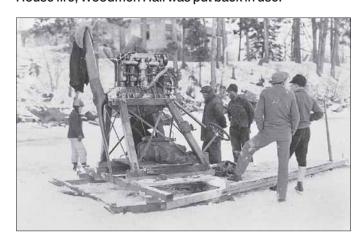
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### Looking Back Crandon



This would have been a play held in the Crandon Opera House between the years 1908 and 1912, when the building burned down. This was the days before radio and television, and places like the Opera House provided a place to gather and be entertained. Before the Opera House, the public used Woodmen Hall for plays, meals, graduations and other big events. After the 1912 Opera House fire, Woodmen Hall was put back in use.



This is a Wright aircraft engine that was salvaged from a bi-plane in the 1920's by the late Marshall Keith. Marshall went on to the an aeronautical engineer, but when home from school, he invented this snow sled to run on Lake Metonga. He promised his mother he would go slow, but said he didn't keep his promise! When getting to the south end of Metonga, he couldn't stop. His luck held when he jumped on to the shoreline by the dam and luckily went between the trees and was properly scared. This engine was sold to a potato farmer in Antigo who used it for running a pump to irrigate his potatoes, and Marshall said it did the job for decades before wearing out.

You may remember this photo from a vintage calendar produced by the Pioneer Express.

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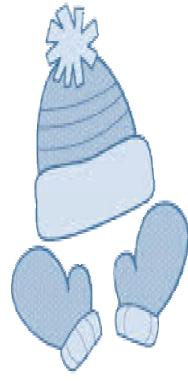
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Crandon Wrestlers do well

The Crandon High School wrestling team spent a day of wrestling at the Wabeno Invitational this past Saturday, December 14th. The tournament consisted of 17 teams and with only 7 Crandon wrestlers they were able to place 9th overall. It was a successful day of wrestling for Crandon, as well, with four podium finishers. Congratulations to all the wrestlers!







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