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Laona Lions 8th Annual Predator Hunt



Get ready for a good time at the Laona Lions 8th Annual Predator Hunt and Fundraiser. The event is headquartered at JARS Bar & Grill, in Laona on Saturday, January 11th from 1 p.m. until it is over!

The hunt is open to callers and hound hunters, but even if you aren't hunting, come in and enjoy the day. There will be plenty of raffles and door prizes, with a lot of necessities offered, like guns, ice fishing gear, and other sporting items. The raffle drawing will be at 8:30 p.m.

There will be prizes for the largest, smallest and the most coyotes, along with a prize for the largest bobcat and largest fox. Prizes are determined by weight with 100% of entries returned to the winners.

The \$10 entry fee for all hunters and callers must be paid before 9 p.m. on Friday, January 10th at JARS in Laona. The weigh-in at JARS is from 5-7:30 p.m. Predators must be harvested the day of the event.

For more info, call Dick at 715-889-0841 or Dan at 715-889-0246.



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 Trails are open! On Friday morning, Wirtzie, one of the 100-mile Snow Safari trail groomers, reports that trails are beautiful (for now). Langlade County trails are closing and we can probably expect the same after the rains in Forest County on Saturday. Roger Hilberg reports that Lake Lucerne isn't safe and Lake Metonga was turning dark. A few hard water fishermen have ventured out, but we can expect ice conditions to deteriorate into the new year.

Earlier in December the trail opening was hindered by wet swamps that weren't freezing up. Frozen ground is necessary to conduct forest management in much of northern Wisconsin to protect sensitive soils, cross wet areas, and haul on unpaved roads. Over the 20th century, frozen ground conditions declined across northern Wisconsin. As winter temperatures have increased, snow conditions have also become more variable. Some places have seen an increase in snowfall (such as lake-effect snow belts), while warm periods also lead to more melting between snowfalls. Snow acts as an insulator and protector for the soil during winter, so a change in snow levels has consequences for management and the duration and depth of frozen ground. Frozen ground duration is expected to shrink by another 1-2 months by the end of the century. The exception may be those areas that currently have deep snowpack, where snow reductions may expose soils to sufficiently cold temperatures and allow for a deeper frost.

This weekend we can expect rain and later some snow. Intense rainstorms are happening much more frequently in recent decades, and this trend is occurring across the entire Midwest and Northeastern US. Flooding and erosion from heavy rainfall has severe consequences for ecosystems, infrastructure, and local communities, and is likely to increase flooding frequency. These events can also disrupt and delay forest management operations. Longer growing seasons also mean that the timing of snowmelt, runoff, and peak streamflow will be earlier in the year. Peak flow amounts in winter and spring could more than double, depending on ground conditions, timing, and amount of rainfall.

More information regarding our changing climate in the Northwoods can be found at https://forestcountylandandwater.org/ and by accessing the Climate Change Field Guide for Northern Wisconsin Forests. If you have questions or concerns, contact us at the Forest County Land and Water Conservation office.

Bob Erdman-Crandon Dock & Lift donates to K-9 Unit and Fire Dept.



Bob Erdman, owner of Crandon Dock & Lift has made two donations of \$500 each. One donation is to the Crandon Fire Department and the other is to the Forest County K-9 Unit. Erdman says he is a part of the community and wants to help these organizations that serve the community.

Seen above, in the snow storm, is Bob Erdman presenting a check to Bill Hujet, Forest County's K-9 Officer. Bill and his fellow officer, sitting in the snow, were grateful for the donation.

Emergency power at the Forest County Law Enforcement Center

By Mike Monte

There has been a continuing debate within the county board about the current emergency generator at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC), but the problem seems to be on the way to being solved.

There is currently a 150 kw generator at the LEC that was supposed to keep the facility operating during a power loss, but a power loss in recent history proved that the generator was inadequate.

The electrical engineer on call to the county, Mr. Cottrell, has studied the problem and there are two cures possible. One is to replace the current generator with a 200 kw generator that will run the entire system in the LEC, and the other is to add another generator to help the existing generator do the job.

The addition of another 100 kw generator would handle the emergency side of the LEC, like the 911 dispatch center and offices, and the existing generator would handle the rest of the facility, like the jail cells etc. Or, a new 200 kw generator would handle the functions of the entire building.

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Celebrate a moment in Sports History



Row 1: Pat Abney, Grant Bradley, Chuck Rogers, Tim Marvin, Jerry Bowles, Rick Samz. Row 2: Mark Roberts, Kelly Nelson, Gary Hendricksen, Coach Harold Resch, Gino Lamond, Bill Nickel, Ben Samz.

Earlier this year, a local history club was formed at the Crandon School District in partnership with Extension Forest County and the Crandon Area Historical Society. Soon after the meetings started, Crandon High School Principal Josh Jaeger met with the members of the club and told them about a time when the Crandon High School basketball team made national headlines. The game, a match-up between the Florence Bobcats and the Crandon Cardinals, was played in January of 1977 and ended up being, at the time, the lowest scoring game in U.S. high school history. Florence won by a score of 2-1. Students in the Local History Club did a little bit more research and discovered that the game is part of the book titled "Great Moments in Wisconsin Sports" by Todd Mishler.

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Wabeno Area Players to hold auditions for "Play On"

The Wabeno Area Players will be holding Auditions for the March production of Play On. This hilarious comedy is sure to be a favorite of all involved and who attend. The show will be March 26-29, 2020. Auditions will Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. They will be held at the Nancy Volk Auditorium (Wabeno High School, 4325 Branch St., Wabeno, WI 54566) in Wabeno. The audition will consist of cold readings. For more information please call (715) 889-1606 or email wabenoareaplayers@gmail.com.

This will be the featured production of the Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre Conference being held in Wabeno at the Wabeno High School and Nancy Volk Auditorium on Saturday, March 28. The conference will focus on workshops devoted to community theatre or high school theatre. Workshops are led by experts that have or are working with community/high school theatre in many areas. These workshops are for those with experience, little experience, or no experience in producing a theatrical production. The workshops are open to adults and students as well. Anyone interested or involved in theatre is welcome to attend. These workshops would include: acting, directing, stage management, improvisation, sound and lights, volunteerism, AACTFest, and state community theater networking. This is also a great opportunity to get to know other theatre people from around the state, share ideas, possibly exchange costumes or props, and have a great time.

A little about Play On...

This is the hilarious story of a theatre group trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty author who keeps revising the script. Act I is a rehearsal of the dreadful show, Act II is the near disastrous dress rehearsal, and the final act is the actual performance, in which anything that can go wrong, does. When the author decides to give a speech on the state of the modern theatre during the curtain calls, the audience is treated to a madcap climax and a thoroughly hilarious romp. Even the sound effects reap their share of laughter.

Wabeno Area Players 2020 Pledge Drive Begins

For almost 40 years, the Wabeno Area Players has relied upon the extraordinary support of donors, without whom the journey to producing amazing productions would not be possible. Whether it be our free theater camp for children, a visiting music group, live plays and musical productions, readers theater, teaming up with other organizations to raise community funds, supporting the school fine arts programs in the area, we are here to make a difference in the lives around us.

Our pledge is to put your generosity directly into the artists and work you see on stage and continue our mission of producing and developing quality performances. As such, by contributing to WAP, you are investing in the future of the Arts in our area. Gratitude is such a humbling and overwhelming feeling as we look around at what we, with your help, accomplish every season.

It is our firm intention to maintain Wabeno Area Players as a thriving entity for live entertainment so that long after we are gone, our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy what we have built together. Won't you please help make that a reality?

To make a donation, you can mail a check made out to Wabeno Area Players to PO Box 325, Wabeno, WI 54566. For online donations, go to our website www.wabenoareaplayers.org, click on the donate button at the right of the page. All contributions are tax-deductible, as allowable by law. Wabeno Area Players is a 501c3 Charitable Organization. No amount is too small; even \$10 can go a long way. We appreciate all those that give for your generosity.

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Together the students and Mr. Jaeger decided to host a reunion game on Friday, January 3rd to highlight this moment in Crandon High School history. Invitation letters were written to the players and coaches asking them to attend the game and which will highlight the game.

This is a great opportunity for current Crandon students and alumni to come together and show Cardinal Pride. The Crandon Area Historical Society and Crandon Athletic Booster Club will be offering a Taco Bar dinner beginning at 5 p.m. that evening with proceeds from the event being shared between the two organizations. Both Crandon and Florence communities are invited to join us for this community dinner. The J.V. team will play Florence at 5:45 and the Varsity team will play at 7:00 p.m.

In keeping with the spirit of the 1977 event, community members and students are asked to wear their best 1970's outfit to the game.

For more information or to help with the event please contact Michelle Gobert at 715-478-7797.

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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.
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- 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.
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- . The Pickerel Area 50 Plus Club will hold their noon luncheon meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pickerel on Thursday, January 9. Please bring a pot luck of chili or soup. New members will be welcome.
- 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
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
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- 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.
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- Lost Marbles Group Open AA meeting Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Wabeno Fire Station, side entrance.

Bids & Notices

Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Jan. 6-10

Monday - Whole grain cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - French toast sticks, sausage links, tropical fruit, fruit juice ,milk

Wednesday - Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, tater tot, muffin, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Breakfast

taco, southwestern potatoes, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk Friday - Whole grain cereal, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Jan. 6-10

Monday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, garden bar, milk Tuesday - Sloppy joe, potato wedges, carrots, pears, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Spaghetti, meat sauce/marinara, California blend, grapes, garden bar, milk

Thursday - Turkey/ham sub sandwich, chips, apple slices, Scooby snacks, garden bar, milk Friday - Chicken noodle,

whole wheat crackers, grapes, garden bar, milk

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New Wisconsin Chief Warden

MADISON, Wis. - A 22-year veteran of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Conservation Warden Service has been named the next chief warden, succeeding Chief Todd Schaller who will retire from the top law enforcement position after more than 30 years of public service.

DNR Secretary-designee Preston Cole today announced Capt. Casey Krueger will be sworn in to succeed Schaller in January. Krueger currently leads the department's law enforcement teams serving the South-Central Region out of the Fitchburg headquarters in Dane

Hired in January 1998, Krueger served as a field warden in Oconto and Columbia counties. In 2008, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant/warden supervisor of the Park Falls Warden Team based in northern Lincoln County. In 2012, the Langlade County native then was promoted to captain of the South-Central Region and moved to Dane County. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I'm extremely honored to step into the role of chief warden to continue working with our dedicated, passionate men and women who encompass the Department of Natural Resources. I also look forward to our continued partnerships with the public we serve which will no doubt lead us to success in protecting our natural resources through integration, education and community involvement," Krueger said.

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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 the meeting so we can plan on seating and snacks for the

night. You can reach the District Office at 715-473-2592 ext. Thank you in advance for having an interest in the planning for

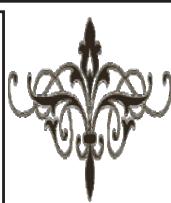
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All this makes an enticing story that will unfold on January 14, at high noon during the monthly meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW), at the Tomahawk Public Library (300 W. Lincoln Av in Tomahawk). Dr. Dorothy Skye, President of the LWVNOW and currently serving on the National Popular Vote Committee with the Wisconsin League of Women Voters, will help us to understand the history of this important part of our elections, what the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) is and how it is permitted by our Constitution. You'll also find out how you can help bring about the National Popular Vote to insure that your vote for President counts as much as anybody else's. All are welcome to attend. It will be a "Brown Bag" meeting, so bring your lunch!

The LWVNOW encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. Our local league belongs to the state and national League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process. Our monthly meetings and sponsored events are open to all. You can contact us atinformation@lwvnow.org. Our website is www.lwvnow.org.

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Alice Mae (Bernacki) Wilson, born April 23, 1927, in Blackwell, WI, went to her eternal rest on Sunday evening, December 29, 2019, surrounded by family. She was 92 years old.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Sophie Bernacki, her husband Herb, her son Robert, her sister Lorraine, daughter-in-law Karen

DeLuca, and infant granddaughter Stephanie.

She leaves behind her legacy of two daughters, Bonnie and Cindy. Bonnie (Bruce Schroeder) reside in Little Suamico. Cindy Wilson (Stacey Warnke) reside in Sobieski, WI. She also leaves a sister, Dorothy Baltus, who was by her side at NuRoc and a brother Ronald Bernacki (Peg). Alice had three grandchildren, Mike (SuAnn) Schroeder, Heather Schroeder (John) Powell, and Lindsay Wilson (Todd) Arquette. She had 8 great grandchildren whom she loved and adored.

Alice married Herb Wilson on September 27, 1947 and they lived in Laona, WI. Together they raised their family instilling a strong work ethic, their faith in God, time for simple fun after your work was done, and lots and lots of love. Alice worked at Connor's store for many years. After Herb's death in 1991, not being one to ever sit down long, Alice went to work at the Camp 5 Lumberjack Special Cracker Barrel store. She will be forever missed for her quilting, baking, hand-knit morning slippers, her smile, her spunk, her love to shop for a bargain, and need to have the last word. Her heart was so big and she was so generous. May she rest comfortably at home in heaven forever reunited with her husband Herb.

Special thanks to the staff at NuRoc for her care over the last three years and comfort at the end. Visitation will be held at 10:00 am with service at 11:00 am on January 2, 2020, at St. Leonard Church in Laona. Burial to follow at Laona Cemetery.

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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Martell Green, Devon Bell and Keotis Hamilton were charged by the Forest County District Attorney's Office for felony possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, felony possession of heroin with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 16th and 17th Martell Green and Devon Bell both had a jury trial in Forest County Court. The 12 person jury heard all of the testimony and evidence presented by Forest County District Attorney Charles Simono. The jury returned to the court after deliberation with a guilty verdict on all 3 counts against both Martell Green and Devon Bell.

On Wednesday December 18, 2019 both Martell Green and Devon Bell were sentenced in Forest County Court by Judge Leon Stenz. Judge Stenz sentenced both Martell and Devon to 26 years in prison, with 18 years of initial confinement followed by 8 years of extended supervision and also imposed a \$10,000 fine to both Keotis Hamilton plead guilty to felony possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and felony possession of heroin with intent to deliver. The date for Keotis's sentencing has not yet been set by the court.

AARP 1191



Karen Prueter, Janice Tetzlaff, Mary Wagner and Mary Campion

The Nicolet AARP Christmas Party was held this year at Waters Edge. Members enjoyed sharing time with friends and a good dinner of chicken and ribs. Entertainment was provided by Marty Lambrecht who sang and played Christmas songs on his guitar. President Karen Prueter announced that long time member Janice Tetzlaff was recently awarded Snowmobiler of the Year by the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. Everyone left with a choice gift of a fruit basket, meat and cheese, or maple syrup.

AARP members collected nonperishable food items and money to contribute to the Christian Food Pantry. The next regular meeting will be on January 28 with a potluck dinner starting at noon and will include a bucket raffle.

All persons 50 and over are invited to join the local AARP Chapter. AARP meetings are social, entertaining, and informative. Meetings are held at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church on the fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 1:30 PM. Contact Joyce West, Membership Chairman, at 715-850-

Submitted by Dick Culver, Public Relations Chairman.



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Thank You! We would like to thank everyone for their kind words of love, food, flowers cards and any and every way you have helped us through our difficult time of loss. A special thank you to Pastor Sam and the Ladies at St. Paul

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CoVantage President Charlie Zanayed, added, "Part of our mission is to provide outstanding everyday value, and I'm humbled to share that in September 2019, CoVantage was ranked 4th out of 5,400 credit unions nationally for providing great rates and low fees (as reported by Callahan, an independent credit union research company). This was the 13th year in a row CoVantage was honored to be in the top 1% of credit unions for providing outstanding value. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and for allowing your credit union to continue to do well by doing good."

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Attention Wisconsin Grouse Hunters

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,

Jon Steigerwaldt Wildlife Biologist WI, IL, IA, MN Ruffed Grouse Society | American Woodcock Society LEC Generator Cont. from pg. 1

50 kw generator donated to the county

Hearing about the problem here in Forest County, Matt Meier, son of resident Dave Meier, recently donated a 50 kw generator to help the county with emergency situations.

Matt's company owns a commercial building in Madison, and the generator was needed for a mail order company that was renting space in the building. The company's business was online, and the generator was needed to keep the computers going should there be a power outage. The mail order company grew and moved to bigger quarters, and Matt said the generator was in storage with no usage for the unit in sight. Hearing about the problem here in Forest County, he donated the unit to the county. While he is not a resident, he is often here visiting parents and recreating, and has ties to the county. He was also impressed when his young dog wandered off and was lost for about a week. The people in the area made an effort to watch for the animal, and he did get the dog back with the help of local people. He was very much appreciative.

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Job Posting-Town of Laona

The Town of Laona is accepting applications for a full-time position with the Laona Streets Department. Applicants must have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record. CDL endorsement is preferred but not required at the time of hire, but must be obtained within the first 6 months of employment. Experience operating, maintaining, and repairing heavy equipment and trucks will be a plus. Pay will be based upon experience.

Full benefits package is available upon completion of probationary period. Applications can be picked up at the Laona Town Hall, 5146 Linden Street, Laona WI 54541. Applications will be accepted until 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2019.

Any questions please call the Town Hall 715-674-4071

Erin Lane, Clerk/Treas.



Laona Library Lore

The Laona Public Library is hosting an Adult Book Club for all interested readers who like to discuss the books, with other interested persons, that they read.

The next session will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6th; and the participants will be discussing Becoming (by Michelle O'Bama), in addition to preparing for The February session.

Please contact Felicia Albrecht at 715-674-4751 for more information, or to join this library program.

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The Forest County Highway Department is accepting applications for a full - time position. This position would be involved with all road maintenance functions of the Highway Department.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license, a clean driving record with a CDL endorsement, and be able to pass a physical, audiogram and DOT drug screen. Applications may be obtained at the Highway offices, located at 5350 County Road W, Crandon, Wisconsin.

All interested parties must file a new job **application** to be given consideration.

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on January 7, 2020.

By Order of the Forest County Highway Commissioner Bill Anderson, Highway Commissioner

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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.

FOREST COUNTY **COMMISSION ON AGING**



Bus Schedule

Tuesday - Jan. 14 - Wabeno, Laona 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

Wednesday - Jan. 15 - Alvin, Nelma, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - Bus driver: Pam Blank

Thursday - Jan. 16 - 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.

HELP WANTED

Wisconsin Division of Community Corrections has a full time opening in Crandon, WI; Office Operations Associate - JA Code: 1903737

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This position provides a wide range of office operations support services to supervisory and professional staff. Application materials can be found on www.wisc.jobs.

Log in/Create an account and search job announcement 1903737 for more details & process to apply. Full time employment with Wisconsin State Benefits.

HELP WANTED - TOWN OF ARGONNE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Argonne is seeking a road maintenance worker whose duties will include, but not limited to road repair, snow plowing and grass mowing. Must have knowledge of general maintenance requirements and CDL for heavy equipment, especially for road grader.

Submit resume to Town of Argonne, P.O. box 295 Argonne, WI 54511 Deadline Jan. 19, 2020

Forest County Commission on Aging



Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

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

Monday - Jan. 13 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, bread stick, apple crisp

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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

Tuesday - Jan. 14 - Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit, sunflower flax, bread, chocolate chip cookie CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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

Wednesday - Jan. 15 - Chicken alfredo over pasta, spinach salad, fruit, peach cobbler

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

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

Thursday - Jan. 16 - Chicken alfredo over pasta, spinach salad, fruit, peach cobbler

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

Thursday - Jan. 16 - Bean soup with ham, carrots, green beans, whole grain bread, bar

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

Thursday - Jan. 16 - 1) Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, applesauce, apple pie and milk

2) Chicken chef salad, whole wheat roll, apple pie and

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-

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.

Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 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 and Wednesday.

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