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#### Laona Lions needs volunteers for work on Lumberjack Steam Train

Laona Lions Club is looking for volunteers to help with improvement projects at Lumberjack Steam Train and the Camp 5 Museum complex. We are a community service club that was chartered in 1951. Lion Dan Bobbe and Jim Hansen, will be the project leaders. They are both long time members of the Laona Lions Club and also work on the train during the summer. Lion Dan contacted Catherine Hurtgen, managing director of the Camp 5 Museum Foundation, to ask if the Laona Lions could help with small improvement projects. We met with Catherine to develop a list of projects that we felt could be done under our state's current COVID-19 guidelines.

Workers will keep a minimum of six feet of social distancing and will be expected to practice standard hand sanitation. 10 volunteers at location per state guidelines.

\*\* Personal cloth face masks will be provided by the Laona Lions Club.

Daily sheets with an attached waiver of liability statement must be signed.

Workers' hours will be documented to provide Lions Club International valuable support.

We will start on Tuesday May 5, 2020 and plan to meet weekly. Please contact Dan Bobbe (715) 889-0246 or Jim Hansen (715) 889-2839 to sign up as a volunteer.

Camp 5 Museum Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit operating the Wisconsin Forestry Museum and Laona and Northern Railroad.

Submitted by Dan Bobbe, dpbobbe@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.

#### **Clean Boats, Clean Waters Summer 2020** Campaigns

The annual AIS Drain Campaign, normally held in early June, will be merged with the annual Fourth-of-July Landing Blitz. The combined campaigns will run from June 28 July 5.

During the week, the Clean Boats, Clean Waters watercraft inspectors throughout Forest County will be joining forces with AIS partners from around the state to give away over 5,500 hard-sided ice packs to anglers. Each ice pack is stamped with the reminder to Drain Your Catch. Draining includes the water in fishing buckets and livewells. Any lake water added to your catch or water that comes in contact with the fish potentially carries diseases or microscopic invasive animals, such as the larvae of zebra mussels. Draining your catch as well as your boat and any other gear that takes on water is important for keeping our waters healthy.

In addition, watercraft inspectors will also be giving away over 10,000 of the ever popular "Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker" free microfiber boat towels as a thank you to boaters they observe practicing the important prevention steps of "Inspect, Remove, Drain, and Never Move." The towels serve as a reminder to act to prevent the spread of AIS and are perfect for soaking up water in live wells and for wiping down boats, jet skis, anchors and other equipment before leaving the launch. One ice pack or towel is given to each boat owner while supplies last. These campaigns are a great opportunity to remind everyone that the power to protect our water resources is shared by all of us who love Wisconsin's waters. Wisconsin has approximately 300 launches participating. No matter where you launch, always remember before you leave the launch to:



## announces **Badger** Bounce **Back Plan**

Gov. Tony Evers today announced Wisconsin's "Badger Bounce Back" plan which outlines important criteria for Wisconsin to be able to reopen its economy in phases and includes steps to make sure workers and businesses are prepared to reopen as soon as it is safe to do so. In coordination with this announcement, at the direction of the governor, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #31 establishing the process and outlining the phases of the plan. The emergency order is available here.

"As we've learned over the past month, in the most difficult of circumstances, Wisconsinites will rise to the occasion, helping each other and working together to do what's best for our families, our neighbors, and our communities," said Gov. Evers. "That's what the Badger Bounce Back is all about: our resilience as a people and as a state. I am excited and hopeful about this plan. While being safe at home continues to be important, this plan is an all-out attack on the virus and it begins the process of preparing our businesses and our workforce for the important planning that will result in the safe and logical reopening of our economy."

The Badger Bounce Back plan is informed in part by the President's Guidelines for Opening Up America Again that was issued by the White House on April 16, 2020. Currently, Wisconsin does not meet the criteria the White House established to start reopening our state. The Badger Bounce Back plan takes important steps to get the state of Wisconsin there.

The goal of the Badger Bounce Back plan is to decrease cases and deaths to a low level, and increase capacity in our healthcare system so the phased reopening of businesses is possible. As part of that plan the state will be working to increase access to more testing and expand lab capacity. Under the Badger Bounce Back plan, everyone who needs a test should get a test. The state is setting a goal of 85,000 tests per week, averaging about 12,000 tests per day. More information on the state's testing efforts was released earlier today, and is available for review here.

Next, the state will be expanding contact tracing and more aggressively tracking the spread with the goal of every Wisconsinite who tests positive being interviewed within 24 hours of receiving their test results and their contacts being interviewed within 48 hours of test results.

Additionally, the state will continue to pursue every avenue to grow Wisconsin's supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare and public safety entities to conduct COVID-19 testing, patient care, and public safety work. Finally, the plan works to bolster healthcare system capacity where patients can be treated without crisis care and there are more robust testing programs in place for at-risk healthcare workers.

The state will be looking for a downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses and COVID-19 symptoms reported within a 14-day period, and a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period. When the state has seen these efforts be successful, Wisconsin can begin to turn the dial, re-open the state, and get businesses and workers back on their feet. "Forest County is also working diligently in their COVID-19 response and meeting with key local partners twice per week. We are also looking at ways to safely reopen our community and are committed to keeping our community safe and informed," says Jacee Shepard, Forest County Health Officer. "We appreciate our community members for their cooperation and support during these difficult times." We encourage the public to frequently monitor the Forest County Health Department Facebook page and website: http://forestcountypublichealth.org/, and the WI DHS website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm

## **COVID-19** response in **Forest County**

As the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact all members of our community, we wanted to share a message about our efforts here in Forest County.

The Forest County Health Department has been working closely with other local partners to protect the health and safety of all Forest County residents. Together, we continue to make great progress in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Critical strategies thus far have been keeping people in our communities safe by staying home and flattening the curve for healthcare systems so they are able to provide the best care possible for our community members.

Forest County declared a local State of Emergency on March 24, 2020. Our local Virtual Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has been open since March 26, 2020. The EOC has been meeting twice per week to discuss topics such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), testing capacity, local community planning, State Emergency Orders, etc. The EOC consists of representation from the Forest County Health Department, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Forest County Sheriff's Office, Crandon Police Department, Forest County Emergency Management, Forest County Aging, Forest County Social Services, The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of the Northwoods, Forest County Veteran's Service Office, Ascension Clinic, Blackwell Job Corps, The Bay at Nu Roc, Laona Rescue Squad, Crandon Rescue Squad, and the Human Service Center.

We know this pandemic has impacted all of our community members in a variety of ways and we empathize with each and every one of you. With the Safer at Home Extension and Badger Bounce Back Plan being announced, please know that we are committed to continuing our work with local partners and looking at plans to re-open our communities with the health and safety of all community members in mind.

#### **Crandon Public Library to offer** curbside service

The recent changes in Governor Evers' "Safer at Home" initiative now allow for library curbside services. The Crandon Public Library will be offering curbside pickup of materials starting Monday, April 27th and will continue offering curbside service until it is safe to reopen the library to patrons. The curbside service is available Monday through Friday form 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To use the curbside service, patrons can call or email the library and request items. When patrons contact the library they will set a material pick-up time. When patrons arrive at the library to pick up items, they will call again to notify the staff they are outside. Then, a staff member will bring the requested items outside to them. If patrons are unable to call upon their arrival, the library will make other accommodations. No patrons can enter the library per the extended "Safer at Home" guidelines.

The library will also be distributing craft kits for children in the community. These kits will have all the craft materials necessary to make a particular project. The kits are free and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Parents, caregivers, and children can find these kits in the blue bin outside the library from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The library is also offering a "Safer at Home" reading challenge for both children and adults. Reading logs, rules, and instructions will be in the blue bin outside the library and can also be found on our website. The prize for both children and adults is a \$20.00 Rouman Cinema gift card. At this time the library requests that patrons not return materials to the library. The exterior book drop is unavailable until further notice to try and curb the spread of COVID-19. All due dates have been extended and all fines will be waived until the threat of COVID-19 is lessened and the library is able to reopen for patron use. More information on curbside service, craft kits, reading logs, virtual services, and COVID-19 safety can be found on our website www.crandonpl.org and by following Crandon Public Library on Facebook. To request curbside service call us at 715-478-3784 or email us at info@crandonpl.org.

\*\* Inspect boats, trailers and equipment for attached aquatic plants or animals.

\*\* Remove all attached plants or animals

- \*\* Drain all water from boats, motors, live wells and other equipment
- \*\* Never move live fish away from a waterbody
- \*\* Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash
- · Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer

\*\* Only use leftover minnows when either 1) fishing with them on the same body of water or 2) on other waters if no lake/river water or other fish have been added to the container.

Following these steps also helps boaters comply with Wisconsin state law, which prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species. To learn more about invasive species and their impacts to Wisconsin's waters and economy, visit DNR.wi.gov and search "Invasive Species."

Turn to Page 09 for a more complete look at Badger Bounce Back

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This is a familiar piece of roadway for those in the Crandon area. It is blacktop, however, and those riding around Lake Metonga will recognize this piece of shoreline as the Rock Wall. The point sticking out into the lake has been numerous things through the years, from the site of the Sportsmen's Club in the early 1900's to the CrandonAire Supper Club in later years. For quite some time, it is the site of a private residence. When this photo was taken, sometime before 1942, according to the inscription on the back, it was the Klass Lodge.



#### Crandon, WI Hours: Mon. - Fri, 8-4, Sat. 8-12 **Closed on Sunday** Home Delivery and Curbside Pickup Available





715-478-3617



This photo sent in by George from Schultz Shooting Supply shows that even the deer are practicing social distance in the field across from his shop.

# **Bids & Notices**

#### 2020-2021 OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PERIOD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GOODMAN-ARMSTRONG CREEK

The Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District will be accepting applications for Public School Open Enrollment. The applications will be accepted between the dates of February 3, 2020 and April 30, 2020 until 4 pm. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply on-line 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 Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District at PO Box 160, Goodman, WI 54125. Phone: 715-336-2575, ext. 203.

Important dates: February 3 April 30: parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district. June 5: nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal. June 12: resident district must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal. June 26: parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2020-21 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

Please note: If your child is already attending the Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District through Open Enrollment, you do not have to reapply.

## Veteran's Memorial Park Closed Until Further Notice

In an effort to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our community the Veteran's Memorial Park will not be opening until further notice.

Please email carly@co.forest.wi.us or call (715)478-3475 with questions.

#### 2020-2021 OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PERIOD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA

The School District of Laona will be accepting applications for Public School Open Enrollment. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the open enrollment period for the 2020-2021 school year has been extended until 4:00 p.m. on May 29, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply on-line 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, option 2, 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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# **Death Notices**



**Louise Delotto**, of Post Lake, died Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at St. Mary Hospital in Rhinelander. She was 69 years old. She was born on May 23, 1950, in Buffalo, New York.

Louise attended The Nativity Elementary School and St. Rose of Lima. She was a graduate of Holy Angels Academy in Buffalo and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Daemen College, Amherst, New

York. She was a passionate and extremely talented artist. She enjoyed using her artistic talents in drawing, painting and photography. Louise was an administration professional for the Buffalo School District.

She met Robin Schmidt in 2006 on Valentine's Day, by 2007 they were attached at the hip and did everything together. Louise was a winter resident of Alamogordo, New Mexico and a summer resident of Post Lake, Wisconsin.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Elcho.

Louise is survived by her life partner, Robin Schmidt; 10 siblings and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Andrew and Marie DiPalma

A memorial service will be held in Buffalo at a later date.

Bradley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com



**Rebecca Sue Cox**, passed away peacefully to the loving arms of God on April 15, 2020 at The Bay at Nu-Roc Nursing Home, Blackwell, at the age of 73. Becky was born on February 2, 1947 in Laona. She was the daughter of Percy and Elaine (Hartman) Rasmussen who have preceded her in death.

Becky is survived by her

sisters, Linnea (James) Collis, Fox Point, WI; Karen Seeber, Townsend, WI; Chris (Don) Sheldon, Newald, WI; and Lisa (John) Calhoun, Laona; WI.

She is further survived by her fifteen nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. She was dearly loved by all.

Becky enjoyed coloring, reading, and visiting with family and friends. Her beautiful smile, gentle spirit, and deep faith in God will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.

Thank you to The Bay at Nu-Roc Nursing Home for the wonderful care she received while she was there.

To celebrate Becky's life, a memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To All Who Need Cheering Up!

In December, my husband and I moved to Townsend from Dousman, Wi. we moved into our 900sq. foot cabin that we built 13 years ago. after selling our home of 42 years. We have been remodeling the basement, adding a bedroom and bathroom and soon to add an office. Our carpenter did an amazing job and we just finished the two rooms when "Safe at home" began and we decided to put a stop to the building for a bit.

We were happily going for back road rides with our Jeep and were watching the raging rivers and hiking. Maybe mother nature decided we were having too much fun? One morning we woke up to a river in our basement. We never had a drop of water in the basement for 13 years.. It was flooding and water was running between the concrete floor and the new vinyl plank flooring. So here we are, in the forest on 7 acres and we have a steady stream (pun intended) of workmen and basements specialists coming through our home(so much for safe at home). Thank goodness we have an outside entrance to our basement. They flushed our drain tiles and looked at them with a camera. The next morning there was a new water issue. There was a loose fitting by our new shut off valve by our outside faucet and water was pouring through our new ceiling in our bathroom. I felt stunned and overwhelmed. I said the Serenity Prayer and took a deep breath. The plumbers were on their way and there was nothing I could change. I decided to have breakfast. I poured some Cheerios into my bowl and I was amazed. My bowl was full of hearts! The Cheerios were heart shaped! I felt loved. Maybe this was a message from Above? "YOU ARE LOVED!" My funk lifted and I smiled on and off all day. I called them to thank them for the gift they gave me. Love can be anywhere!

Please note: If your child is already attending the School District of Laona through Open Enrollment, you **do not** have to reapply.



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Sincerely,

Nina Solberg

Editor's Note: Down in the dumps? You might try Cheerios!



### ANOTHER AUCTION WITH COL. RENÉ BRASS www.colrene.net

Crandon City Home! Being Sold to highest bidder Regardless of Price! **Owner Passed Away. (Absolute) No** Reserve! Saturday, May. 2 (10:00AM) (Fishing Season Weekend) (Crandon, WI) 105 Wisconsin Ave.



This diamond in the rough is waiting for your finishing touches! 3 -bedroom Home situated on 5 city lots, features large kitchen/den w/ attached family room, hardwood floors, attached 2 car garage and nicely landscaped yard. All being sold to the highest bidder!

Terms: \$6,000 down payment non-refundable cashier's check. Closing 45 days or upon paper completion, 10% buyer's tee added to winning bid). Bidders must request bid form by calling SL Louis Auctions LLC, 715-367-1668. (6728 Whitefish Lk, Rd, Three Lakes, WI 54562). R.W.A.'s: Col. Rene' Brass #424, Col. Robert St. Louis #450.



**BUS SCHEDULE** Due to COVID - 19: We will only have bus transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus is only transporting within Forest County. Thank You and sorry for any inconveniences. **STAY SAFE!** 

**Forest County Commission on Aging** 



**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA** Monday - April 27 - Beef Lasagna, tossed salad, fruit, garlic bread, jello w/ fruit

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - April 28 - Pork boiled dinner w/ potato, carrots, rutabaga & cabbage, bread stick, pear crisp

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK** Wednesday - April 29 - Chicken pot pie w/ veggies & biscuit top, kale salad, fruit, oatmeal raisin bar

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

Thursday - April 30 - Chicken pot pie w/ veggies & biscuit top, kale salad, fruit, oatmeal raisin bar (Served at Laona Citizen Center





<u>ALVIN</u>

Thursday - April 30 - Sloppy joes, french fries, pork & beans, tomatoes, applesauce

#### **JARS**

Thursday - April 30 - Chicken alfredo baked ziti, mixed vegetables, applesauce, pineapple upside down cake and milk or 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. Closed until further notice. 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). Meals canceled until further notice.

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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## From Safer At Home to the **Badger Bounce Back**

When COVID-19 hit Wisconsin, it started to spread very rapidly. This is what happens when a very infectious, brand-new virus enters a community. No one is safe because no one is immune. That means a lot of people can get sick very quickly. It also means hospitals can be overrun with very sick patients. We saw this happen in Wuhan, in Italy and in New York City. Our Safer at Home order was enacted to protect Wisconsin from this situation. We all stayed home, so the virus couldn't spread easily, and our hospitals have been able to safely care for sick people. According to the model created by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Wisconsin was projected to have between 440 and 1,500 deaths from the 22,000 COVID-19 infections projected by April 8th. Over the first three weeks of Safer at Home, our data shows we have saved at least 300 lives, and perhaps as many as 1,400 lives. We have helped flatten the curve, which has resulted in fewer cases and hospitalizations, and we've saved lives, together. Safer at Home has saved lives, protected healthcare workers and critical employees, and prevented our hospitals from being overrun, but we know that it is not a workable solution for our economy or our way of life in the long-term. We are fighting an unprecedented global pandemic and we are working to open Wisconsin as soon as we can and in the safest way possible. The challenge is that all of us who have remained safe at home can still become ill if we move too quickly or act without an achievable plan in place. In order to preserve the progress we made during Safer at Home, we've developed a plan to safely reopen Wisconsin. Our plan is the Badger Bounce Back. Here's what it looks like: We turn the dial to open businesses and society in phases. Decisions to move from phase to phase are guided by dataWisconsin's Gating Criteria and Core Responsibilities. In order to turn the dial on Safer at Home and supercharge the Badger Bounce Back, we need to:1: Increase lab capacity and testing 2: Increase contact tracing, including support for isolation and quarantine 3: Track the spread of COVID-19 4: Increase health care capacity 5: Procure more personal protective equipment Individuals and businesses agree to practice good hygiene, physical distancing and other best practices. Our initial response to COVID-19 has been to keep all Wisconsinites safer at home to prevent spreading this disease. We are eager to move to the next phase but do not yet meet the thresholds for testing, contact tracing, health care worker infection rates, personal protective equipment, and others that public health experts in Wisconsin and within the federal government have determined are necessary.

#### **Badger Bounce Back**

Once we reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and meet the Wisconsin Gating Criteria and Core Responsibilities, we can begin to allow people to interact, and more importantly get Wisconsinites back to work. But once we have more flexibility to interact more and get back to work, we will need to aggressively test people for COVID-19, properly isolate people who test positive and quarantine their close contacts. The shift we are making is from boxing in" all the people to "boxing in" the virus. Until we have a vaccine that prevents this virus, we will need to take these steps to prevent future outbreaks, monitor for resurgence of the virus and take appropriate steps if we see increases in virus transmission. WISCONSIN'S GATING CRITERIA SYMPTOMS: Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period AND downward trajectory of COVID-19-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period CASES: Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period HOSPITALS: Treat all patients without crisis care AND Robust testing programs in place for at-risk healthcare workers, with decreasing numbers of infected healthcare workers These metrics and progress on Core Responsibilities will be evaluated regularly and guide decisions about when Wisconsin is ready to move from phase to phase. They are based on the Federal Gating Criteria and Core State Preparedness Responsibilities found in Guidelines for Opening up America Again that was issued by the White House on April 16, 2020. These metrics will be applied on a statewide basis as this highly infectious virus knows no county boundaries and can easily spread from regions with high prevalence to regions with low prevalence. CORE STATE RESPONSIBILITIES TEST, TRACE, & TRACK: Testing: Every Wisconsin resident who has symptoms of COVID-19 can get a lab test. Results will be reported to the patient and state or local public health within 48 hours of collection. To achieve this, our goal is 85,000 tests/week or approximately 12,000 tests/day. To achieve this goal, we will focus on the following: 1. Within the healthcare systems across the state, all barriers to testing will be addressed, including: a. Providers are aware of guidance and order tests. b. All clinics have adequate specimen collection supplies (e.g. NP swabs and viral media transport) and PPE to conduct tests. c. All labs have supplies to perform tests. d. All tests are reported to patient and public health. 2. In addition to increasing capacity through the health care system, mobile/temporary testing sites are stood up to address the most pressing needs: a. Community locations with known intense community spread (e.g., particular zip codes in Milwaukee). b. Outbreaks in congregate settings (e.g., long term care, correctional facilities). c. Outbreaks in business settings.

Tracing: Testing without contact tracing will not result in controlling the spread of the virus. In order to reopen Wisconsin, we need to be sure that everyone who can transmit the virus (whether because they are infected or exposed) understands their responsibility to stay home. We will increase the state's contact tracing efforts by hiring 1,000 additional staff to make sure everyone is contacted and has what they need to safely isolate and guarantine. To achieve this goal, we will focus on the following: 1. A case interview and contact tracing protocol to standardize processes for training and implementation across the state will be established. 2. Technology options for data management and client communication and tracing will be explored and deployed. 3. A system for contact tracing will be adopted that considers and balances the assets of local health departments and the state. 4. Contact tracing workforce will be hired, trained and deployed via direct hires or through contracts with other agencies. 5 solation and guarantine capacity will be identified in each county across the state. Tracking: Building on systems used to track influenza, we will track the spread of the disease and report on the Wisconsin Gating Criteria and other related metrics to keep everyone informed about how we are doing. To achieve this goal, we will focus on the following: 1. Data to inform these metrics will be collected and translated into a regularly-updated public dashboard. 2. Communication assets will be developed and deployed to engage the public and keep them informed of these metrics. 3. Evaluation questions about the pandemic will be identified, prioritized, and studied to further understand the pandemic. OTHER STATE RESPONSIBILITIES: \* We will procure personal protective equipment and other necessary supplies to support health care and public safety agencies. \* While PPE is in short supply, we will acquire systems for decontaminating N95 masks for healthcare providers in the state who request this service. \* We will support the surge capacity of our healthcare system. \* We will work with employers to guide them in steps to take, including physical distancing and cleaning practices to create safe workplaces. \* We will work with long-term care facilities to protect the health and safety of our most vulnerable neighbors. \* We will advise residents regarding protocols for physical distancing, hygiene practices, and cloth face coverings. \* We will monitor conditions and immediately take steps to respond to any COVID-19 disease resurgence or outbreaks by restarting a phase or returning to an earlier phase, depending on severity.

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#### INDIVIDUAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHASES CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

\* Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces. \* Avoid touching your face. \* Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. \* Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible. Strongly consider using cloth face coverings while in public, and particularly when using mass transit. PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK MUST STAY AT HOME.

\* Do NOT go to work, school, or any other public place. \* Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider. EMPLOYER GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHASES \* All employers are encouraged to use federal, state, and local regulations and guidance, informed by industry best practices and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, to develop and implement appropriate policies regarding: \* Physical distancing and protective equipment \* Temperature checks and symptom screening \* Testing, isolating, and contact tracing \* Sanitation \* Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas \* Business travel \* Other best practices Do NOT allow symptomatic people to work. Send them home if they arrive at work and do not allow them to return until cleared by a medical provider. Working with local public health staff, develop and implement policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following an employee COVID-19 positive test result.

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## Scammers are using COVID-19 to try to Steal Personal Information

Everyone needs to watch out for COVID-19-related fraud! Scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic to benefit themselves. Scammers may offer COVID-19 testing or treatment through phone calls, social media, and/or door-to-door visits. These services are not real and will not help you.

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## Notice for Armstrong CreekRoad Maintenance Supervisor

The township of Armstrong Creek is now accepting Applications for the full time position of Road and Maintenance Supervisor for the township of Armstrong Creek. A description of the position includes general and winter road maintenance, oversight of community center and townships garage, oversight and care of other city properties, management of additional seasonal summer and winter help, and general maintenance of city equipment. Hourly wage with retirement benefits. Applications to be turned in by May 4th, 2020

Resumes should be sent to: Howard Young, 8105 Highway 101, Armstrong Creek, WI 54103 Phone: 920-737-1163



I think it is a wonderful time... as you have to stay home anyhow, to work in your yard and make a vegetable garden to grow your own food. Nothing tastes as good as vegetables that you have grown yourself. If you have bad soil, you can grow vegetables in large pots or 5 gallon pails. A very easy way to garden is to make raised beds. All this will help you stay fit and keep your mind busy.

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You can call me on the phone, or stop by to discuss the planters and hanging baskets you want us to make for you. Then you can come by and drop off your empty containers if you have them, and we will replant. We can also hold any type of pre-planted hanging basket you may want.

Scammers use this information to steal money or your identity.

Members should not answer any ads for COVID-19 testing or treatment or give out any personal information in this emergency unless they know who they are talking to. If members receive a phone call asking for personal information and aren't sure of who they are talking to, they should hang up and call ForwardHealth Member Services at 800-362-3002 or their agency to find out if the call is real.

If someone calls or visits you about COVID-19 and you think they are a scammer, you can report it.

Call the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721.

Email disaster@leo.gov.

Report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

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# **Picking a Living**



This sandhill crane doesn't have to worry about Covid 19. He is free to roam wherever he pleases, unlike us humans lately. Then again, we don't have to look for something to eat in a horse apple!



### I don't like photographers!



"I was doing just fine making a supper from the new grass starting to grow at the Lake Lucerne boat landing when that jerk pulled in with his camera. I had to swim away until he left."



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#### To all of our valued guests,

In accordance with the most recent guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, we will be suspending operations temporarily due to the coronavirus outbreak. The closure will begin at 5pm, Wednesday, March 18. Employees will be paid during the closure.

"At this time, the health and safety of our guests and the 200+ team members of Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel is our top priority," said Stacey White, General Manager of the property.

We will remain in communication with local health officials and follow the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control.

Please follow all of our social media channels for future updates.



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