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Lumberjack Steam Train to start on July 1st



The Lumberjack Steam Train will be making its trips to the Camp 5 Museum beginning on July 1st. The train will depart the Laona Depot at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon and 1 p.m. The train will be running Tuesday through Saturday, and is closed Sunday and Monday.

Visitors to Camp 5 will enjoy the Logging Museum with a working blacksmith shop, the Petting Zoo, the Choo Choo Hut Restaurant, the Green Treasure Forest Tour and the Cracker Barrel Gift and Ice Cream Shop. A visit to the Camp 5 Museum Complex is both an educational and enjoyable time for people of all ages.

The Lumberjack Steam Train is a vintage 1916 Vulcan steam engine that was actually used to haul logs to the Connor Sawmill in the early days of Northwoods logging. Passengers ride in vintage passenger cars and cabooses, giving them an idea of what transportation was like for their ancestors.

It should be noted that ticket sales will be limited to provide for some social distancing. We encourage people to use the website for ticket ordering at lumberjacksteamtrain.com. There will also be tickets available at the window, and we encourage everyone buying at the window to arrive fifteen minutes early.

Conservation Corner

How to Help Wildlife in Hot Weather

By Cassidy Neilitz

Leave out water sources. High and low water sources help animals maintain a safe body temperature. Some mammals and birds use panting, allowing water to escape from their mouth, thus needing extra water around to avoid dehydration and overheating.

Have undisturbed areas of shade. For those of you with a garden, if you have a lot of plants, this is a good start that creates naturally, cool and shady areas. These shaded areas give wildlife a break from direct sunlight.

Pay attention to your pond. Head and sunlight can change the conditions of your pond so it is important to keep an eye on it and make any changes needed to help the wildlife. Make sure there are exit and entry routes to the pond to assist the amphibians with the changing conditions. Warm water tends to hold less dissolved oxygen than cold water, so warm, still water can be less oxygenated during the humid summer. You can install a simple pump or water fountain that will keep the water constantly moving allowing the dissolving process of essential oxygen. Water your plants. This might be an obvious one, but it can make a huge difference to the health of your garden and the wildlife. Plants are essential for animals to thrive, and healthy watered plants provide both food and water to the ecosystem. As the water reaches down to the roots, it will provide moisture to the soil, lending a hand to animals beneath the ground. Put out extra food. Water might seem like the most obvious scarcity in the heat but food can also be in shorter supply for wildlife. During hot and dry conditions invertebrates like worms, will tunnel deep into the soil, out of reach for birds to eat them. Putting out bird seed or meal worms for birds is an easy way to help.

Thirty-five cases of Covid-19 confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed one additional person has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 35 cases in Forest County. The individual is linked to the current public health investigation with The Bay at Nu-Roc.

We continue to work closely with The Bay at Nu-Roc leadership and staff, along with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease, Division of Quality Assurance, and Emergency Management to ensure all appropriate measures are in place to keep the residents and staff safe and healthy. We continue to work with these state departments for assistance with staffing, securing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), coordinating testing efforts, and ensuring all proper infection control practices are in place.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to minimize their contact with others by staying home when possible, practice physical distancing and good personal hygiene, wear a mask or cloth face covering, and stay alert for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms, please contact your health care provider and ask to be tested.

In an effort to keep our community members up to date on COVID-19, the Forest County Health Department will continue to update our Facebook page with current COVID-19 case counts. This will include the number of negative and positive cases in Forest County. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

Explore new experiences in Nicolet Outdoor Adventure classes



Nicolet College's Outdoor Adventure program will feature more than 30 different outdoor experiences this summer and fall, including a Loon Paddle Friday, July 17, on the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage to learn about these iconic birds of the north. For a complete list of classes and to register visit nicoletcollege.edu/outdooradventure.

Anyone feeling cooped up and ready to get outside is invited to check out the full compliment of upcoming classes in the Outdoor Adventure Program at Nicolet College.

From July through October the program will feature more than 30 different offerings that include a broad range of outdoor experiences and learning opportunities, said Terry Rutlin, Outdoor Adventure coordinator.

Covid-19 considerations for events and gatherings

As we move into the summer months, our community members are beginning to plan and hold events and gatherings. The Forest County Health Department along with the CDC and the Department of Health Services would like to offer the following considerations for enhancing protection of individuals and communities and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

These considerations are meant to supplement, not replace any existing state, local, or tribal health and safety laws, rules and regulations with which gatherings must comply. Organizers should continue to assess, based on current conditions, whether to postpone, cancel, or significantly reduce the number of attendees for gatherings.

A gathering refers to a planned or spontaneous event, indoors or outdoors, with a small number of people participating or a large number of people in attendance such as a community event or gathering, concert, festival, conference, parade, wedding, or sporting event.

The more people an individual interacts with at a aathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spread. The higher the level of community transmission in the area that the gathering is being held, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreading during a gathering. The size of an event or gathering should be determined based on state, local, or tribal safety laws and regulations.

The risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases as follows:

Lowest Risk: Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings. More Risk: Smaller outdoor and in-person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear cloth face coverings, do not share objects, and come from the same local area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).

Higher Risk: Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.

Highest Risk: Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is thought to be mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may also spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose, mouth or eyes, causing infection. Therefore, personal prevention practices such as handwashing, staying home when sick, maintaining 6 feet of distance, wearing a cloth face covering and environmental prevention practices such as cleaning and disinfection are important ways to prevent the virus's spread.

If you are planning an event or gathering and would like more guidance and information on how to keep your guests safe and healthy, please call the Forest County Health Department at 715-478-3371.

You can visit: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-eventsgatherings.html for more information on planning an event

Wabeno Library open

Wabeno Public Library will be opening their doors on Tuesday July 7th. Our hours will be Tuesday and Friday 10:00 to 5:00, Wednesday and Thursday Noon to 5:00. We will be asking everyone to sanitize your hands upon entering the building. With our library being so small we will be limiting the number of patrons that are in the library at one time. We will still be doing curbside pickup.

"We always try to put together a nice mix that covers both a variety of interests and ability levels," Rutlin said. "Along with some long-time favorites we also have quite afew new classes this year for people to learn new skills and pursue new interests. There's even one class that you could say has gone to the dogs."

Classes will include a paddling adventure on the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage to learn about loons with loon expert Jeff Wilson, nature hikes with noted naturalist and author John Bates, classes that teach the basics of canoeing and kayaking, and a couple of mushroom classes, one on how to find them in the wild an another on how togrow gourmet shiitake and oyster mushrooms.

Others include easy to intermediate bicycle tours on the scenic Great Headwaters Trail in Vilas County, Date Night by Sea Kayak or Canoe on Lake Nokomis, wild game cooking, grouse hunting, fly fishing, outdoor photography, and the popular On The Hunt for Lake Superior Agates.

As for the dogs, the program will offer Dog-Powered Silent Sports with Niina Baum, co-captain of the U.S. Dryland Dog Sledding Team. Niina will cover the fastgrowing sports of carnicross, bikejor, and scooterjor at the Washburn Lake Silent Sports Trails just west of Rhinelander.

For a complete list of classes, details on each, and to register, visit nicoletcollege.edu/outdooradventure. **Continued on page 11**

or gathering.

Also for the latest on COVID-19 go to: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19.

It is everybody's responsibility to keep our community healthy and safe by following the recommendations put forth by public health officials. We are all in this together.

Candidate Spotlight

Anyone seeking political office is invited and encouraged to announce their candidacy in the Candidate Spotlight. It is an opportunity to tell the voters why you are running, goals if elected, etc. It is not a forum for bashing an opponent, and there is no charge.



Swearingen announces bid for re-wlection

See text on page 13

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Sad "Goodbye" and Warm "Hello" -St. Luke's and **Argonne Methodist**

This past year, the people of St. Luke's in Crandon and Argonne Methodist have been richly blessed with the leadership and ministry of Pastor Adam Woods. Pastor Adam faithfully served us as we moved from meaningful inperson worship and study to on-line worship and study during the COVID lock-down. Though distanced, we never lost touch and happily met outdoors for our first in-person worship on Sunday, June 14.

unlikely Pastor Adam would be with us for more than a year.

He moved to the Northwoods to accompany his wife, Laurie, as she completed her internship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minocqua to become an ordained minister.

Now, her opportunities lie in the western part of Wisconsin, and Pastor Adam has accepted a new appointment at Parkview United Methodist Church in Turtle Lake. We know that the churches they serve will be richly blessed, but it is a sad thing to for us to part with Pastor Adam.

We are, however, looking very much forward to our new pastor, Pastor Francois Kazadi Mukosa. Pastor Francois is from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has been studying in Texas for two years to complete his Master's Degree in Theological Studies at Perkins School of Theology - SMU. He came to the US with a rich background in service to the Lord in his own country before being led to pursue a call to study at SMU and serve in this country.

When borders and transportation permit, he will be joined by his wife and three young boys who are still located in From the outset, church members knew it was the DRC. The boys are cute as can be and we look forward to meeting Pastor Francois' wife, Irene, too.



Bids & Notices

Laona-Wabeno Winter/Spring Sports Co-	Op Meeting	Our Mission: We inspire confident, creative, and responsible individuals to develop their
Laona/Wabeno Boards of Educat		full potential.
Wednesday, July 1, 2020		SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA
6:00 P.M. (regular board meeting to	follow)	REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wabeno Jr./Sr. High Library		Wednesday, July 1, 2020
I. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call		High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School
II. Pledge of Allegiance III. Approval of Agenda		Immediately Following 6:00 P.M. Sports Co-op Meeting
IV. Winter/Spring sports updates – Michelle Boor		AGENDA
V. Winter/Spring coaches report – Michelle Boor		
VI. Items for discussion and possible action:		I. Call Meeting to Order II. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum
a. Recommended coach approvals for next year		III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law
b. Discuss senior athletes playing down on JV		Notification (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2))
c. Coaches' Handbook		IV. Pledge of Allegiance
d. Code of Conduct Handbook e. July baseball/softball participation		V. Agenda Revisions
f. Athletic Training Services Contract		VI. Agenda Approval
VII. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), the Boa	ard will enter into closed	VII. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3
session to discuss employment, promotion, compe	ensation, or performance	a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person)
evaluation data of anypublic employee over which t	the governmental body	b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The
has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:		maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this
a. Coaches' evaluations		segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our
VIII. Motion and roll call vote to return to open session.IX. Return to open session to take possible action on it	tomo discussed in closed	community.
IX. Return to open session to take possible action on it session.	terns discussed in closed	c. Public Participation
X. Adjourn		VIII. Approval of Minutes
NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOW	ED BY LAW	a. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes on
		June 3, 2020. IX. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll.
		X. Informational Items:
TOOL SALE AT THE PIONE		a. Jeff Walsh, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
TOOL SALL AT THE FIUNE		b. Bill Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will present updates and
		information.
STANLEY ROUTER \$40 BLACK & D	ECKER BELT	c. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
CRAFTSMAN ROUTER \$60 SAN	DER \$30	d. Bob Tucker, Director of Special Education, will present updates and
CRAFTSMAN SABER SAW CRAFTSMA		information. e. Board Member Reports.
	IN 4 1/0	XI. Action Items:
\$25 JOINTER		a. Discuss and take possible action on overnight band trip in 2021.
CRAFTSMAN 3/8" DRILL PLAN	IER \$50	b. Discuss and take possible action on resignation(s).
-	B" DRILL \$20	c. Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s).
-		d. Discuss and take possible action on the following policies: 2261.01; 6112;
MASTER MECH. 5" 2 SPEED POWER KR	AFT HEAVY	6114; 6116; 6220; 6320; 6325; 7540; 8420.01; 8309; 8450; 9140.
ORBITAL SANDER SABER		e. Discuss and take possible action on Elementary Student Handbook. f. Discuss and take possible action on Jr./Sr. High Student Handbook.
	фо <u>г</u>	g. Discuss and take possible action on Daycare Staff Handbook.
\$20 SAW		h. Discuss and take possible action regarding budget.
CRAFTSMAN DUAL MOTION CRAFTSMA	N SKILSAW \$25	i. Discuss and take possible action on playground fence work.
SANDER \$40		j. Discuss and take possible action on crack sealing and heat quotes.
GANDEN 940		k. Discuss and take possible action on repair of high school steps.
		I. Discuss options for reopening of school in the fall.
	DAV CHAPTER 43	m. Discuss and take possible action on the opening of facilities after July 1, 2020.
I	Meeting July 8, 6:00 p.m.	XIV. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish
ANNUAL MEETING	at the American Legion	Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future
Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation	Hall, 110 Madison St.,	agenda items.
	Crandon. REGARDING:	XV. Adjourn
District	Vote to cancel Chapter.	NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.
WHEN: July 4th 2020	10 TO	Approved for Publication/Posting by: Superintendent of Schools Upon reasonable notice, the District shall make reasonable accommodation to accommodate the needs of
TIME: 8:30 A.M.		people with disabilities through appropriate aids and services including the provision of informational material
WHERE: Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin	WILLIAM	in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 715.473.2592.
AGENDA * 8:30 A.M. Call to Order		Sentto:
* Roll Call	1 PN	Board of Education Administrative Team
* Approval of minutes from last Annual Meeting		Pioneer and Lake/Forest Beacon Newspapers
* Accept	YT	The agenda, as noted above, was sent more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to
* Second	1_1_1	the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on the District
* Discussion		Website: https://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/#
* Treasurer's report		
* Accept		
* Second		
* Discussion	WADENA	D DAYCARE
	WADEN	D DAYCARE WOOL NOTICE OF DUBLIC HEARING

- Survey
- **Introduce Tanner**
- * **Old Business** *
 - Dredging
- * Lake Level attempt to raise
- * Any Other business to come before the

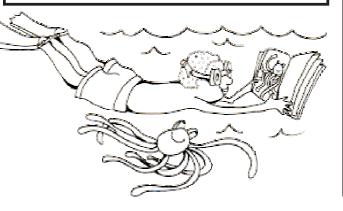
Commission

- **Election of three board members**
- Nominees
- Vote
- **Budget hearing**
- Discussion *
- Accept
- Second
- Adjourn
- **Quarterly Meeting**
- Approval of Minutes of last Quarterly meeting
- Accept
- Second
- **Election of Officers**
- Any other business to come before commission

WABENO DAYCARE

Little Logrollers is a new daycare located in the Wabeno Elementary School. We are enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age. We provide quality care from early morning to early evening, Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or need to discuss enrollment. please call Jess at 715.473.2592, ext. 4531 or email jolewinski@wabeno.k12.wi.us.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of Lincoln Plan Commission Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:30 P.M. Town of Lincoln Town Hall 5376 County Rd W, Crandon, WI

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive public comment regarding a Conditional Use Application from Stephen J. Bunda, to construct a nonmetallic mining operation (sand, gravel and rock) south of Pine Rd to the east and south of Potawatomi Trail, Section 33, said location being over 1000' from Lake Lucerne and therefore under Town of Lincoln zoning. Such use is allowed in General Rural zoning but requires a conditional use permit.

There will be a Plan Commission meeting following the Public Hearing for discussion and possible action on the application.

For further information contact Town of Lincoln Zoning Administrator Kyle Black at 715-889-2820.

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REAL ESTATE



making several controlled drug purchases over the last few months. Most of these subjects have now been arrested and are pending their day in Forest County court. The following is a list of subjects who either have been arrested or who the Forest County District Attorney's Office has issued arrest warrants for. All subjects should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Daniel Alloway 49 years old from Crandon was arrested for felony delivery of cocaine and felony maintaining a drug trafficking place. Daniel is currently free on a signature bond.

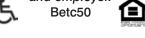
Jacob Bradley 17 years old from Hiles was arrested for felony delivery of schedule I & II narcotics and felony possession with intent to deliver schedule 4 drugs. Jacob is currently free on a signature bond. Anthony Fortier 26 years old from Crandon was arrested for felony delivery of THC. Anthony is currently free on a signature bond. Susan Kerr 56 years old from Hiles was arrested for felony delivery of schedule 1 & II narcotics, felony possession with intent to deliver schedule 4 drugs and Felony contributing to the delinguency of a child. Susan is currently free on a \$500 cash bond.

CRANDON: 1 bedroom apartments available at the Glenview Senior Apartments. Specifically built for persons 62 years of age or older handicapped/disabled individuals. Rental assistance is available which means your rentis based on 30% of your gross adjusted income and includes water, sewer, garbage pickup, HEAT, major appliances, off street parking and laundry facilities. We accept vouchers. Call 800-938-3229 for an application or more information. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Ê Betc50 FOR SALE: Commercial

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Wabeno- 2 and 3 bedroom apartments available (Orchard Ridge Apartments). Rent is based on 30% of your gross adjusted income or \$545.00 for a 2 bedroom and \$575.00 for a 3 bedroom. Rent includes water, sewer, garbage and heat. Major appliances, off street parking and laundry facilities. To receive an application, please call 1-800-938-5648.

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News of area college students

<u>UW Stevens Point</u>, Graduate-Crandon Kaitlyn Schallock, Bachelor of Science, forestry-forest mgmt

University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List, Crandon, Robert F Brauer, Freshman, Carlson School of Management

UW Oshkosh, Argonne, Leah Watermolen, Honor Roll Laona, Danielle Johnson, Honor Roll; Allisen Novak, Honor Roll

Milwaukee School of Engineering, Armstrong Creek, Maxwell Udell, Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering and Construction Management, Dean's List with High Honors

St. Norbert College, Laona, Zatrina Vollmar; Wabeno, Kassidy Ashbeck

UW Stevens Point, Argonne, Rebecca Conway, Junior, Honors; Kayla Littleton, Senior, High Honors; Crandon Ryan Lehman, Junior, High Honors, Lyndsey Marvin, Junior, Highest Honors; Laona, Elizabeth Tinsman, Sophomore, Highest Honors; Long Lake, Brooke Hilsabeck, Junior, Honors; Wabeno, Courtney Schaefer, Senior, Highest Honors, Abigail Smith, Senior, Honors

UW Madison Dean's List, Argonne, Taylor Hauser, School of Pharmacy, High Honor Roll; Crandon, Nathan Guth, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List; Laona, Madelyn Korbas, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Dean's List; Wabeno, Emma Barfknecht, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

UW-Green Bay Dean's List, Crandon, Hope Dewing, Semester High Honors, Jeanine Fisher, Semester Highest Honors, Erin Howerton, Semester High Honors; Wabeno, Holly Daniels, Semester Highest Honors

Northern Michigan University, Argonne, Corra Haen Milwaukee School of Engineering, Armstrong Creek Maxwell Udell, Dean's List with High Honors, Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Construction Management



Don't delay your care

Submitted by Lori Cannon, MSN, RN, PCMH CCE Care Management and PCMH Manager

COVID-19 has changed nearly everything about our lives. With schools and businesses closed and social distancing measures in place, most of us have spent as much time as possible avoiding unnecessary contact with people to prevent the spread of the virus. While this was an important step to take in slowing the outbreak, we are now beginning to look at how to safely resume normal activities, and this includes routine health care.

When the pandemic was declared. NorthLakes Community Clinic made the difficult decision to cancel our non-emergent medical and dental visits to protect our vulnerable patients. We know that people with chronic conditions like heart disease, COPD and diabetes are at higher risk for complications and serious illness from the COVID-19 virus. This is why health care providers and officials especially urged these groups to follow social distancing and avoid unnecessary appointments. In balancing protecting a patient with diabetes from infection with the virus, versus having them come to the clinic for labs and a routine check-up, we recommended delaying routine care.

Ariahnna McGeshick 29 years old from Crandon was arrested for felony delivery of THC. Ariahnna is currently free on a signature bond.

Laurie Olds 58 years old from Crandon was arrested for felony delivery of cocaine and felony maintaining a drug trafficking place. Laurie is currently free on a \$500 cash bond.

Dakota Tuckwab 28 years old from Crandon is currently wanted for felony delivery of cocaine and felony maintaining a drug trafficking place. Dakota currently has a valid warrant for his arrest.

Shavonn Tuckwab 20 years old from Crandon was arrested for felony delivery of cocaine, felony maintaining a drug trafficking place and 4 counts of felony bail jumping. Shavonn is currently being held in the Forest County Jail on a \$20,000 cash bond.

Georgena Vladik 32 years old from Lakewood was arrested for felony delivery of cocaine. Georgena is currently being held in the Forest County Jail on a \$5,000 cash bond.

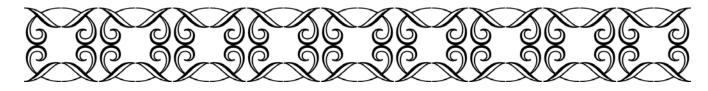
Now that we are three months into this pandemic, we need to revisit those decisions. We know that COVID-19 is not going away in the immediate future, and the risk to our patients with chronic disease is beginning to shift. Uncontrolled or poorly controlled diabetes, heart disease and COPD pose a greater risk on two levels. First, there are the general risks that come with a lack of routine care for chronic illness at any time, such as higher risks of heart attack or stroke. Second, while a chronic disease itself puts patients at greater risk for severe complications if they are infected with COVID-19, the risk increases with insufficient control and management.

We have also seen people delaying other care due to the pandemic, which is also a concern. While it was appropriate to delay routine screenings like mammograms and colonoscopies for a short time, these should not be delayed indefinitely. Cancer screenings, regular immunizations, and wellness checkups are all a vital part of healthcare and need to resume, following safe protocols.

The good news is that, like other healthcare organizations, NorthLakes has spent the last three months figuring out how to adjust to this new normal, and we have become even more skilled in infection control and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect themselves and those around them. We have also developed new processes for telehealth that allow us to connect with patients who don't necessarily need to be seen in person.

At NorthLakes clinics, we have put a huge amount of time and thought into providing access for our patients while also keeping patients and staff safe. We are continuing to offer virtual and in-person visits and want our patients to know that your health is our number one priority. If you have been delaying care, now is the time to get back in touch with your provider and schedule that appointment you've been putting off. If you aren't sure whether a virtual or inperson visit would be more appropriate for you, call us and our staff can help you figure that out.

To schedule an appointment at NorthLakes Community Clinic, please call 888.834.4551.



CHILD CARE TEACHER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA

We are looking for an enthusiastic, kid-friendly lead teacher in our child care program. The position is full-time. This person should have the qualifications to be a lead teacher. We offer a competitive hourly wage and some benefits. The position is for 40 hours per week and reports directly to the Daycare Director.

To apply for the position, please contact the District Office for an employment application or go to www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/Employment

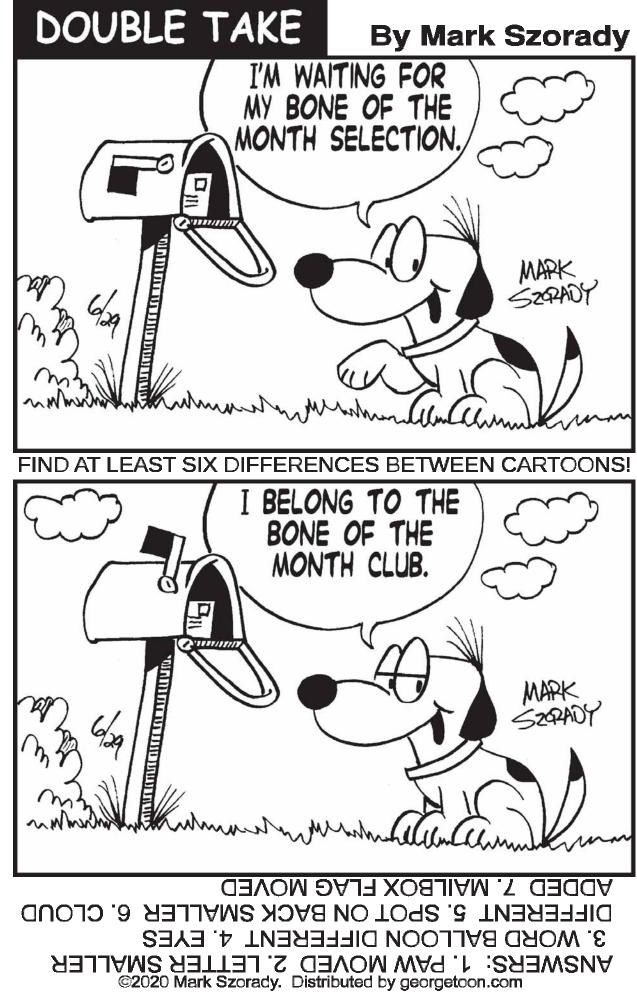
Opportunities/Employment Applications. Send the application and registry level, along with any recommendations to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane/ P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

The School District of Wabeno Area is an Equal Opportunity employer. The School District does not discriminate against applicants or employees based on race, age, sex, or sexual orientation, creed or religion, color, handicap or disability, marital, citizenship or veteran status, membership in the National Guard, state defense force, or reserves, national origin or ancestry, arrest or conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off District's premises during non-working hours, or any other characteristic protected by law.



The City of Crandon is seeking a motivated, skilled, ambitious individual for the position of Water & Sewer Crew. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 601 W. Washington St. and

must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on June 30, 2020.



HELP WANTED



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Death Notices

Brian H. Walentowski, 57, of Wabeno, WI passed away Friday, June 19, 2020 at his home. Brian was born July 28, 1962 in Laona, WI the son of Harold and Ruth (Kegley) Walentowski.

Surviving are his mother, Ruth Walentowski, Crandon; daughter, Amy Walentowski, Wabeno; son, Chad Walentowski, Aniwa; granddaughter, Ali Walentowski; sisters, Nancy (Ron) Sheldon, Sheboygan Falls; Barbara (Tim) Zastrow, Sheboygan Falls; Tammy McKee, Appleton.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Harold Walentowski.

No services will be held.

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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clothes, mens & womens,

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fishing item decor, fall &

Christmas yard decor,

women's clothes medium

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Wabeno. Friday 7- 3 -

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am -5:00 pm, Sun. 7/5 8:00

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gentleman moving to

town. Lots of misc.

household items, tools, 2

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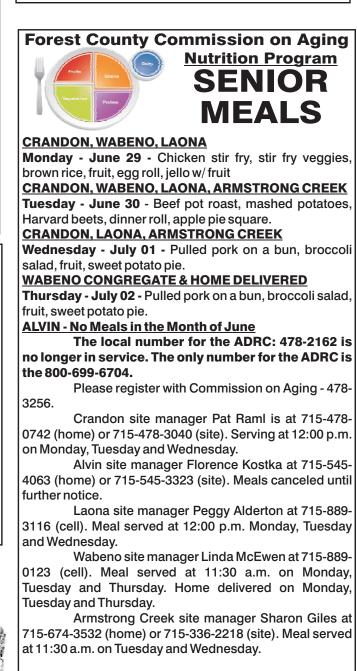


Waupee dam repairs underway on the National Forest

On June 15, the contractor's began making repairs



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CMS Announces Special Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage and Part D due to COVID-19

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced a temporary Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for individuals who were eligible for but unable to enroll in a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This SEP is available to residents of all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia and lasts until June 30, 2020.

You are eligible to use this SEP if you were unable to make a change to your coverage during a valid enrollment or disenrollment period as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a one-time opportunity to make that missed enrollment or disenrollment choice. You will not be asked to provide proof that you were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Darrin Wilson being held on drug charges

On Thursday June 18, 2020 at approximately 7:30 PM the Forest County Drug Task Force performed a traffic stop on a vehicle in the Town of Lincoln for a motor vehicle violation. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was identified as Darrin P Wilson 32 years old of Crandon.

The Forest County K9 Unit was deployed on the vehicle and K9 Leroy gave a positive indication on the vehicle. A vehicle search was performed and Detectives located approximately a 1/4 ounce of Methamphetamine in two separate bags along with drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Darrin Wilson was taken into custody for felony possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, felony possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and felony bail jumping.

Darrin Wilson is currently being held in the Forest County Jail pending a bond hearing.

Darrin should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

to the Waupee Dam to address the deteriorating condition of the structure and sediment deposition into Waupee Creek.

"Funding was obtained earlier this year and repairs to the dam structures are underway. Doing these muchneeded repairs will ensure the dam is working properly and will protect the adjacent resources and lands along Waupee Creek now and into the future," said Mike Brown, District Ranger, LakewoodLaona Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

The work is expected to go from June 15 through July 31, 2020. The repairs to the dam include: o Replacement of the concrete inlet structure o Replacement of the concrete pipe through the dam o Repairs to the auxiliary spillway

While construction is underway, the Waupee Dam boat landing and dispersed camping site are temporarily closed until further notice. The access road has been blocked off with barricades until the project is completed to ensure the safety of workers and the public.

"We are asking the public to please not walk into the work site because operators can't see individuals approaching them in their equipment or walking around the area while they are moving materials," said Brown. "We understand that the closure of this area is an inconvenience to the public who are looking to launch their boats or camp in the area, we ask that you please find another location while we complete these necessary repairs." In order to use this SEP, you can contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also contact your county's Aging and Disability Resource Center for assistance.

For more information, please see:

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Rutlin also noted that COVID-19 has impacted how classes will be run in this changed landscape.

"Student safety is the No. 1 Priority for all of us in Nicolet's Outdoor Adventure Program and at the college as a whole," he stressed. "And we've taken numerous steps to help ensure safety in each and every class."

Nicolet is following local, state, and federal guidance in regards to COVID-19.

Along with pushing back the start of classes to mid-July, all classes currently have a maximum of 10 people, including instructors. Any classes that have an indoor component have been moved to larger classrooms to accommodate at least six feet of physical distancing.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own cloth face coverings and hand sanitizer. The college will also have masks and sanitizer available for those who do not have their own. All participants are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when in indoor settings and when practicable when outdoors.

"We all know things can change fast and we are monitoring the situation daily," Rutlin said. "If conditions improve with the COVID-19 virus, we will increase the maximum number of students for each class as appropriate. Conversely, a local surge in case numbers will trigger additional safeguards and or restrictions."

For the latest and most up to date information, visit nicoletcollege.edu/outdooradventure.

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RHINELANDER - Incumbent 34th Assembly District State Representative Rob Swearingen (RRhinelander) announced he will seek a fifth, two-year term in the November election. The lifelong Rhinelander resident and small business owner is proud of the work he has accomplished in the legislature to bring more jobs and prosperity to the Northwoods. Rep. Swearingen is a strong advocate for lowering taxes, expanding broadband access to rural areas, promoting tourism, and addressing the unique issues that rural school districts face.

"I am extremely humbled by the amount of support and encouragement I have received to run for a fifth term in

the Assembly. As a restaurant owner, I understand firsthand the challenges our communities and businesses faced this year with the COVID-19 pandemic. I will continue working to keep property taxes low, help businesses get back on their feet, and get folks back to work. Moving forward, it's important for us to support the policies and reforms that have provided such a great economic climate in our state. It is my mission to continue moving Wisconsin forward in the right direction," said Rep Swearingen.

This session Rep. Swearingen fought to keep issues pertinent to the Northwoods at the forefront of the legislative agenda, including the largest total investment in actual dollars for K-12 education, increasing aid to rural school districts, and increasing broadband access to homes and small businesses alike.

"This session we once again made the largest K-12 investment, and I am proud to have supported this important provision in the budget. Broadband expansion still remains a top priority of mine as the 34th Assembly District has received the most broadband expansion grants in the state. The Northwoods continues to be a great place to live, work, raise a family, and investing in our schools and small businesses will ensure that will continue for years to come.

During his fourth term, Rep. Swearingen served as the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and the Vice Chair of the Assembly Committee on Tourism. Additionally, he served as a member on the Assembly Committee on Environment and Forestry, the Assembly Committee on Small Business Development, and on the State Building Commission.

"It has been my absolute privilege to represent the people of the 34th Assembly District, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve another term as your state representative. I respectfully ask for your support in the November election," said Rep. Swearingen.

Rob and his wife Amy have been married for 28 years and reside in the Rhinelander area where they raised their two daughters. They have owned and operated the Al-Gen Dinner Club together for 27 years. The 34th Assembly District includes portions of Oneida, Vilas, Forest and Florence counties.

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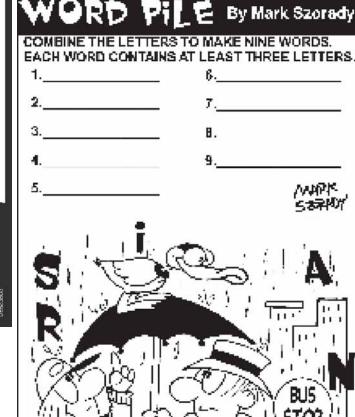
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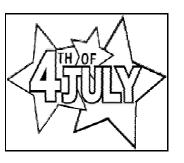


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National Forest opens additional recreation sites June 19

Rhinelander, WI June 16, 2020 On Friday, June 19, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will open additional recreation sites; see list below. For a full list of open areas and other up-to-date information, visit the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF.

Opening June 19 on a first-come, first-served basis:

- **Birch Grove Recreation Area
- **Chipmunk Rapids Recreation Area
- **Lac Vieux Desert Recreation Area **Stevens Lake Recreation Area

Opening June 19 on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations honored starting June 19:

- **Bear Lake Recreation Area
- **Richardson Lake Recreation Area

Opening June 19 on a first-come, first-served basis; however group sites will remain closed: **Horseshoe Lake Recreation Area

Opening June 19 on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations honored starting June 22:

- **Beaver Lake Recreation Area
- **Moose Lake Recreation Area

Opening June 19 on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations will be honored starting June 22, however group sites will remain closed and reservations will be cancelled and refunded for the month of June and July at group sites:

**Stockfarm Bridge Recreation Area

Group campsites at Boulder Lake Recreation Area and Morgan Lake Recreation Area remain closed until further notice. Reservations will be cancelled and refunded for the month of July. If circumstances change regarding the opening of groups sites prior to July 31, reservable sites may be available on a first-come, first served basis.

All additional campgrounds remain closed until further notice. Reservable sites will be cancelled and refunded through June 30. If circumstances change, and additional campgrounds are opened prior to June 30, reservable sites may be available on a first-come, firstserved basis.

Visitors are reminded that Boot Lake Campground remains closed following the July 2019 storm damage and Chippewa and Namakagon Lake Recreation Areas are closed due to construction.

The Forest Service is making every effort to expand access to recreation on a site-by-site basis within the context of CDC guidance and state and local government orders for residents. As staff and volunteers are being onboarded and COVID-19 prevention mitigations are being implemented, the Chequamegon-Nicolet is continuing to implement its phased plans to provide public access to recreation sites.

"Most of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is open for public use. Some recreation facilities and campgrounds are closed as we continue to balance our work in ways that allow us to adhere to our core value of safety while also following public health recommendations on social distancing," said Paul Strong, Forest Supervisor, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. "We are working on this, and plan to open more recreation sites gradually over the next few weeks as we become accustomed to the additional safety equipment, cleaning supplies and procedures."

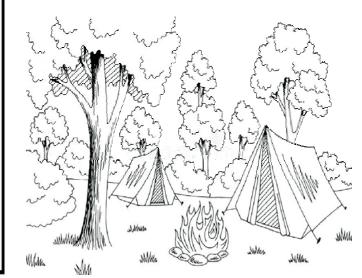
The Forest Supervisor's order limiting the size of groups of 10 people or less per group across the entire Forest remains in place until further notice. In alignment with this, recreation event special use permits, large gatherings and the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center and Forest Lodge will remain closed.

Visitors are asked to stay as local as possible when choosing a site to visit. Visitors are also urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with local health and safety guidance. For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/about/prevention.html. Responsible recreation will help expand access to facilities, services and other opportunities. Certain services may still be unavailable, so visitors are asked to plan accordingly and to remain flexible.

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Senior Spotlight Navada Peterson



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Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191



The Nicolet AARP members worked the brat fry in June at the Super Valu in Lakewood. It was interesting how the COVID 19 pandemic has required limited numbers of workers and strict procedural controls. AARP members had a successful day of sales and appreciate that Super Valu continues to provide this service to the community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there have been no meetings of the Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191 since February, but it is expected that meetings will resume sometime this summer.

All persons 50 and over are invited to join the local AARP Chapter (when meetings are resumed). AARP meetings are social, entertaining, and informative. Meetings are held at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church on the fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. Contact Joyce West, Membership Chairman, at 715-850-0336.

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Submitted by Dick Culver, Public Relations Chairman.



State moratorium on utility disconnections to end July 25

MADISON - On Thursday, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) voted unanimously to lift the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections for nonpayment during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The move comes as the state continues to reopen and nearly a month after the state Supreme Court struck down

Safer at Home. The PSC strongly encourages customers behind on payments to arrange for a payment plan, or apply for assistance.

"As our state's businesses reopen and people return to work by following the steps in the Badger Bounce Back plan, we must calibrate consumer protections with costs to all utility customers. The longer deferral of payments are allowed, the more it will impact utility bills for everyone. Our actions today will ensure that those who are able to pay will continue do so, and those who are struggling can seek a payment plan or apply for energy assistance," said Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Chairperson of the PSC. "When working out payment plans with customers, I strongly encourage utilities to provide extra flexibility for those whose lives and employment continue to be severely impacted by this disease."

To avoid disconnection, customers who have fallen behind on payments are encouraged to first contact their utility to set up a payment plan. Contact information for the largest utilities in Wisconsin is listed below:

Alliant Energy 1-800-255-4268

Madison Gas & Electric 1-800-245-1125

Superior Water, Light & Power 1-800-227-7957

We Energies 1-800-842-4565

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation 1-800-450-7260

Xcel Energy 1-800-895-4999 If customers cannot reach an agreement with their utility, they may contact the PSC by calling 1-800-225-7729, or by filing a complaint on the PSC website.

For more information about utility disconnections and collections, see the PSC's fact sheet on residential

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Wabeno Elementary School's kindergarten class raised Painted Lady Butterflies. It was an exciting learning experience.

The class won a drawing for a Butterfly Hydroponics kit from the Meemic Foundation. The project started in school March 5th. The class grew Zebrina plants in a soil free system.

Mrs. Derozier brought the experiment home during the time of remote learning. Kindergarten teamteachers Mrs. Derozier and Mrs. Seeber sent information about the progress often through a variety of online sources so that students would have access to the photos and current updates.

The class observed the butterfly lifecycle beginning with very small caterpillars. The caterpillars grew and formed chrysalides before metamorphosizing into Painted Lady Butterflies.

The butterflies were released on June 16, 2020. The class is thankful to The Meemic Foundation and the Teri Lewis Agency for providing the grant opportunity!

McCaslin Lions donate to the Christian Food Pantry



McCaslin Lions President John Skvarca recently presented a \$2,000 check to Christian Food Pantry President Scott Wycherley. This donation will help the pantry continue to serve local residents in need.

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The family of the late Beverly Scheueman wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our time of sorrow. We especially wish to thank Lloyd A. Fulcer - Funeral Director, Pastor R. Lee Jennings and Marilyn's Green House for the beautiful flowers. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to all who brought, prepared and served food.

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We want to thank all of those who supported

customer rights.

If a customer is having difficulty paying their energy bill or receives a disconnection notice, they may be eligible for assistance from the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). To determine eligibility or find out where to apply for assistance, go to http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/ or call 1-866-HEATWIS."

If full payment or a payment plan cannot be agreed on, utilities will be allowed to send disconnection notices starting July 15. Customers who have a medical condition or are infected and sick with COVID-19 can still avoid disconnection with a temporary waiver from their utility.

Additionally, the PSC voted to allow utilities to commence charging late payment fees on debts incurred after July 15, refuse service for failure to provide documentation to prove identity and residency after July 25, and allow utilities to require a cash deposit as a condition of new service starting July 31.

On March 23, 2020, Governor Tony Evers and Andrea Palm, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, ordered residents in the state to stay at home except when performing essential activities or accessing essential services.

In response to Governor Evers' initial Safer at Home order, the PSC met on March 24 and ordered that:

--No public utility may disconnect or refuse service to any customer for nonpayment;

--No public utility may refuse service to a new customer for failure to provide documentation to prove identity and residency;

--Every public utility shall offer to any customer a deferred payment agreement:

No public utility may assess upon any customer any fee or charge for late payment; and

--No public utility may require a cash deposit or other guarantee as a condition of new service.

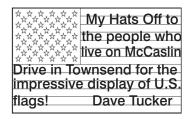
On May 13, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down Safer at Home, ending measures put in place to manage the spread of COVID-19. The utility disconnection moratorium, however, remained in place.



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