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### Wabeno Back to School Plan In-person or virtual

The School District of Wabeno Area will be offering two options for return to school for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. The District Administration, School Leadership Teams, and the Wabeno School Board have been working to develop a plan that we feel we can use to successfully educate our children safely this fall. We will be offering the following:

Students and families wishing to have their children educated in school will be able to send their children four days per week.

They will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays they will have work assigned to do at home that will be a follow-up of the day's prior work. Students will wear masks at school.

They will be given frequent mask breaks and will be personally distanced wherever possible. We will run our buses and students will be personally distanced, if possible.

For students wishing to attend school virtually, it will be a five day per week on-line, educational experience that will be directed by the regular classroom teachers live. We also have the capability to record all lessons so students and parents are able to access them in the evenings or at a later time to clarify what needs to be accomplished through Google Meet and Google Classroom.

Wednesdays will be virtual days and the classroom teachers will be able to meet virtually with individual students to help them with any difficulties they may be experiencing.

As a District, we also have the capability to send Chrome Books home with students in grades 1-12.

We will also provide breakfast and lunch service pick-up for all students schooled virtually. These can be picked up every day or once per week for the entire week.

We will also deliver breakfast and lunch to students enrolled each Wednesday along our bus routes.

Finally, remember that these plans are fluid and could change in a short period of time, due to the spread of the Coronavirus. We will communicate as frequently as we can and will be happy to answer any questions that any household may have.

### **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.

Lately, people have been asking, 'Where are my Orioles or the Redwing Blackbirds? Did you know that even though it's summer, birds have already begun their fall migration? Fall migration starts as early as June and lasts until early January, with peak times running from August to mid-October.

Migratory birds are birds of both game and nongame species who regularly move between summer breeding grounds and non-breeding wintering areas.

There are five groups of migratory birds.

- Landbirds-Forest and grassland songbirds and other perching birds such as: hummingbirds, kingfishers and woodpeckers.
- 2. Raptors- Eagles, hawks and falcons.
- 3. Waterfowl- Swans, geese and ducks.
- **4. Waterbirds-**Traditional colonial nesting species such as gulls, terns, herons and egrets, loons, grebes, along with marsh birds like the rails and cranes.
- 5. Shorebirds- plovers, allies, stilts, and dowitchers.

During their migration, birds must stop to feed and rest at spots known as stopover sites. These stopover sites are critical to a bird's survival during migration.

Stopover sites include:

- Fire Escapes-stopover sites in this category are areas such as city parks or forests that have been fragmented into smaller areas. These are areas of less use because they lack in resources. But, these are important stopping grounds to seek shelter from bad weather or predators.
- Convenience Stores-These sites have plenty of resources for birds and are much larger areas than Fire Escapes. This could be your woodland, prairie, or county park.
- Full-Service Hotels-These sites are not only rich in resources, but a bountiful habitat that can provide food, water and shelter to a large number of birds for a consistent period. These sites include National Parks, National Wildlife Refuge or State Wildlife Areas such as Horicon Marsh (Wisconsin has plenty of those!).

Now is a good time for landowners to keep plenty of water and food out for those birds starting to migrate south, they could be stopping by! **Continued on page 03** 

# Snoop Shop is extending its season



The Senior Snoop Shop will be open through Art in the Square and the Potawatomi Brush Run in late September. The last day of sales will be September 28th. If you haven't had a chance to stop in yet this year, or if you've never been in the shop, you're invited to do so.

There are over 20 consignees who are displaying their specialties with several new items this year. Like us on Facebook under "Crandon Senior Snoop Shop" to see pictures of previously popular and new items that were added this year. Examples of new items include: adult and kids' cloth face masks, handcrafted greeting cards, jewelry, and squishy animal pillows. There are the ever popular scrubbies, kitchen towels, dishcloths, trivets, plastic bag holders, baking potato bags, woodcrafts, baby sweaters, small furniture, stained glass, knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, matted nature photos, purses, totes, table runners, afghans, kids' wooden toys, baby shower gifts, Packer items, a Christmas corner and much, much more.

All items are quality, hand-made and reasonably priced. New this year is the fact that credit/debit cards are accepted. No need to be limited to cash on hand. Plan to stop in Monday-Friday 10:00-4:00; Saturday 10:00-2:00 and occasional Sundays. You'll be glad you did.



## Jodi Resch Brownell receives Fulbright Award

Ms. Jodi Resch Brownell of Crandon School District in Crandon, Wisconsin has been selected for the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms, a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Ms. Resch Brownell is one of approximately 71 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as record of service and demonstrated leadership potential.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S government and was created to increase mutual understanding and build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has given over 390,000 passionate and accomplished students, scholars, teachers, artists, and professionals of all backgrounds and fields the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to important international problems.

Fulbrighters address critical global challenges in all fields, while building relationships, knowledge, and leadership in support of the long-term interests of the United States. Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in many areas and include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 75 MacArthur Foundation Fellows, and 37 who have served as a head of state or government. Eighty-six Fulbright alumni have won in total 91 Pulitzer Prizes.

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# Sixty-one cases of Covid-19 confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed an additional person has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 61 cases in Forest County. The individual is isolating at a residence outside of Forest County. No further information will be released to protect the confidentiality of the individual. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individual who tested positive had close contact with. As of today, Forest County has 1,708 negative test results and 8 pending. There are currently 2 active cases, 55 released from isolation, and 4 deaths.

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 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, 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 daily and local newspapers weekly 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.

# Friends of Wabeno look to next five years

The Friends of Wabeno are meeting at 9 a.m. on August 19th at the Wabeno Town Hall to discuss the Friends' community projects over the next 5-7 years. The Friends draft ideas include; support for Logging Museum renovations; research downtown streetscape design for the 2023-24 upgrades to Hwy 32 i.e., potential vintage streetlights, crosswalks, etc.; pursue feasibility of providing mini grants to downtown businesses for façade improvements; research feasibility and financial options for solar-powered public buildings.

Joining the Friends' meeting on August 19th are community and economic development agencies to discuss our potential strategic plan. They are; Brittany Beyer, Executive Director, Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation; Chris Stark, UW-Extension Forest County, Stacey Jamison, FC Chamber of Commerce; Mark Ferris, FC Economic Development Partnership; Jim Rosenberg, WI Economic Development Corporation and Dennis Lawrence, Executive Director Northcentral Wisconsin Regional Planning agency.

The finishing touches are being done to the Welcome to Wabeno signs including landscaping and adding solar lighting. The 8ft. by 32 ft. Mural was hung on the Christian Thrift Store depicting an overview of Wabeno in 1916. Come and see if you can recognize buildings that are still on main street after 100+ years.

The Friends of Wabeno hold open meetings, no membership required. Please come and lend your voice and ideas! If you can't make the meeting and have suggestions, contact Mary at mfbeck@charter.net , 608-628-0757 or send a message through the website www.friendsofwabeno.org.

We will arrange socially distanced seating for the meeting. Masks required.

# Tickets still available for the Chamber \$10,000 Raffle

The Forest County Chamber of Commerce is very excited to announce the Fall Run Cash Raffle with a Whopping \$10,000 First Prize!

Tickets are \$100 each – and only 300 tickets were printed! That's a 1 in 30 chance of winning... In all, \$16,500 will be awarded. The Drawing takes place at 4 p.m., Saturday 6th in front of the Crandon International Raceway Office. You need not be present to win

Tickets are available for purchase at the following local businesses: Century 21 Northwoods Team, Creative Screen Printing, Hotel Crandon, Smith Sport & Hobby, Jameson's Whiskey Darlin', Johnnies Resort, Laona, Main Street Ed's, Argonne, Pack Em Inn, Crandon, Waters Edge, Crandon.

We are available online at: pioneerexpresscrandon.com

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# **CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S MOLE LAKE ELECTION AD**

**Carmen McGeshick is running for Secretary Elect** 

The date for the primary election is October 3rd, not the 5th



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glasses. Last seen at Josh's

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# Bids & Notices

# CRANDON INTERNATIONAL OFF-ROAD RACEWAY

Fire & Rescue Personnel & key personnel from volunteer organizations!

### PLEASE

Attend the Wednesday night meeting Sept. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brush Run Barn.

THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SPOTTERS, CORNER & TRACK WORKERS!

**Notice of Bids** 

- --Windfall Street LRIP Project
- -- Crandon Av west to 30' west of Rangeline Creek crossing
- --Length of project approximately 950' (ft) Work to be performed:
- --18' (ft) road surface. 2' (ft) shoulders
- --Grind and resurface road with hot mix asphalt paving, 2" overlay.
- --Widen lane on North side 2' (ft)
- --Shoulder and ditch reconditioning
- --Ditch line stabilization
- --Installation of culverts. Estimated 3 culverts

Winning bidder required to provide certificate of liability insurance for \$1000,000.

September 1st, at 2:00 pm bids can be mailed to Town of Wabeno PO Box 447 Wabeno WI

Please mark Windfall Project on outside of envelope.

project call Al Harrison at 1-715-902-9031.

Nancy Schuhart-Wabeno Town Clerk

# **LRIP PROJECT-TOWN OF WABENO**

The Town Board of Wabeno is seeking sealed bids for the following project:

Deadline for submitting bids is

54566.

Any questions regarding Windfall

**Town of Wabeno reserves the right to** accept or reject any and all bids

# 715-850-0054. P21 THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OFF-ROAD RACEWAY

**CALL FOR PARADE FLOATS!!!** It's time for the Annual World Championship Labor Day Weekend Float competition in Downtown Crandon!

Get in on the fun and win, win, win!!!

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will receive two passes to the races!

Floats will be judged by an independent panel and prizes will be awarded by the Raceway within 14 working days of the event.

Parade line up is at 11:00 a.m. at the south end of Lake Ave. on Friday, September 4th.



## NOTICE TOWN OF CRANDON RESIDENTS

The town will be opening the new garbage site, located at the Town Hall at 5474 County Road S on September 2, 2020.

Cards and stickers will be issued to all residents. You may get these when available in person from Rick Huber - Chairman, Ray Statezny -Supervisor, Larry Shunk - Supervisor, Nick Crum - Employee, Ron Cole -Clerk.

By mail or person at **Ron Cole** 5161 Cole Road Crandon, WI 54520

# **FOREST COUNTY DISTRICT'S** #7, #13, #19, AND #21 COUNTY **BOARD SUPERVISOR VACANCIES**

Forest County is looking to fill vacant supervisory positions in district's #7 (Wabeno, Ward 4), #13 (Nashville, Ward 2), #19 (City of Crandon, Ward 2), and #21 (City of Crandon, Ward 4). If interested a map of each district is available for viewing at the County Clerk's office.

Qualified electors wishing to fill a vacancy in their specific district, are asked to please submit a letter of interest to the Forest County Chairwoman: Cindy Gretzinger at 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin, by September 1, 2020. These vacancies will be appointed to fill the remainder of the term which will expire on April 19, 2022.

**Laona-Wabeno Winter/Spring Sports Co-Op Meeting Laona/Wabeno Boards of Education** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:00 P.M.

Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School Library

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director.

Others present: Michelle Boor, Katie Shepard, Jim Bradley, Jim Aschinger, Claire Krawze, Dan Moravec, Melissa McLaughlin, Scott Reeves, Samantha Hoffman

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Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the agenda. Carried 7 to 0. Winter Sports Update --- Michelle Boor

Boys Basketball: Varsity 16-1 in conference; overall 19-7. The boys advanced to the sectional final game against Rib Lake but were unable to complete. All-conference selections include: 1st team: Jesse Pakulski and Connor Taylor; 2nd team: Michael Stamper; Honorable Mention: Reed Christianson: Defensive Player of the Year: Jesse Pakulski. JV also had the best record in the conference. I recommend Bill Taylor and Pete Liptack contracts be renewed.

Girl Basketball: Varsity 5-4 in conference, 13-11 overall. Lost in the 2nd round of regionals to Wausaukee. All-conference selections: 1st team: Kylie Higgins; 2nd team: Emma Harris; Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Krawze; Defensive Player of the Year: Kylie Higgins. JV improved this year under new coach Kendric Allen; I recommend Andrew Harrison and Kendric Allen's contracts be renewed. Wrestling: All conference selections: Ryan Roy, Jackson Smith, Evan Townsend, and Frank Shepard;

Female Wrestler of the Year: Paige Peterson; State Qualifier: Ryan Roy; Wrestler of the Year: Ryan Roy. Roy finished out the tournament in 4th place. I recommend Dan Moravec and John Calhoun's contracts be renewed.

Laona School Board President, Scott Reeves, congratulated all the teams involved. Everyone had a good season.

Approval of coaching contracts:

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve Bill Taylor as Varsity Boys Basketball coach and Pete Liptack as Assistant Boys Basketball coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Andrew Harrison as Varsity Girls Basketball coach and Kendric Allen as Assistant Girls Basketball coach. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Scott Vandehey and Dana Mittelstadt as JH Boys and JH Girls Basketball coaches. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Dan Moravec as Head Varsity Wrestling coach. Motion carried 7 to 0.

-Assistant Varsity Wrestling coach position has been vacated by Tyler Wagner.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve John Calhoun as JH Wrestling coach. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Boys Baseball coaches: Head coach has been vacated by Tyler Wagner; Kendric Allen is currently Assistant coach. No decision at this time.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Danielle Peterson and Scott Tinsman as Girls Co-Head Softball coaches. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve John Twardowski as Head Track and Field coach, Dyllan Mittelstadt as Assistant Track and Field coach, and Richard Sorenson as JH Track and Field coach. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Mike McCann as Head Golf coach and Tyler Anderson as Assistant Golf coach. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Discuss seniors playing down on JV; no action. Moving forward, seniors playing on JV shall be included in varsity functions.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept the proposed changes to the Coaches' Handbook. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to accept the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct Handbook. Carried 7 to 0.

July baseball/softball: Due to legalities, coaching will be on a volunteer basis and funding for umpires must be solicited outside of the District. No action.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Trinity Shepard to accept the Athletic Training Services Contract by Ascension Sports Medicine Wisconsin for the 2020-2021 school year. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to go into closed session at 7:07 P.M.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) the Board will enter into closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:

a. Coaches' evaluations.Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to return to open session at 7:09 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

-Invitation for Bids-

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Forest **County Forestry Department, Courthouse, 200** East Madison Street. Crandon. WI 54520 until 9:00 a.m., August 10, 2020 for eight (8) sales located in Forest County. Sales are located at:

Parts of the SWNW, SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE Sec. 29, T.35N. R.13.E. 123 Acres

Parts of SWSW, Sec.1, NENE, Sec. 11, NW1/4, NE1/4, NESE, NWSE, NESW Sec. 12, T.35N. **R.13.E. 42 Acres** 

Parts of the NWNE, NW 1/4, Sec. 16, T.35N. R.13.E. Parts of the N ½ NE, Sec. 29, T.35N. R.13.E. 56 Acres

Parts of the NESW, SE 1/4, Sec. 20, N 1/2 NE Sec. 29 T.35N. R.13.E. 32 Acres

Parts of SW1/4, SWSE, NWSE Sec. 20, T.35N. **R.13.E. 108 Acres** 

Parts of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 13, W  $\frac{1}{2}$  E  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 24 T.36N. R.13.E. 90 Acres

Parts of NENW, SENW, NWNE, SWNE, NWSE, NESE Sec. 11,T.36N. R.13.E. 26 Acres

Parts of the NW 1/4, Sec. 1, T.35N. R.13.E. **62 Acres** 

A timber prospectus including maps of each tract and bid forms, can be obtained by logging onto www.forestcountywi.com or by contacting:

**Forestry Department** 

Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street Crandon, WI 54520 715-478-3475

Bids must be submitted on Forestry Department "Timber Sale Bid" forms. Appraised minimum stumpage prices will be set by the Forestry Department. The bid must meet or exceed the total timber sale value that was advertised.

**Bids will be opened in the Forestry Department** office, Courthouse, Crandon, at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020. The Forest County Forestry Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept the bid most advantageous to **Forest County.** 

A 25% bid bond, SFI training certificate and certificate of Liability and Worker's **Compensation Insurance coverage are required** prior to signing the contract. Sample timber sale contracts are available upon request.

Notice: All successful bidders must meet and maintain Wisconsin SFI Training Standards prior to harvesting the timber sale. In addition, at least one person working on the timber sale must also be SFI Certified.

# Bids & Notices

### **Invitation for Quotes**

The School Board of the School District of Wabeno Area will receive sealed quotes for propane as noted below. All quotes must be received in the District Office located at 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, no later than 12:00 P.M., Friday, August 28, 2020, either in person or by mail to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, School District of Wabeno Area, P. O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please label the quote envelope accordingly.

2021.

The above must be delivered on a keep full basis (approx. every 3 weeks) to the School District's 1,000 715.473.2603.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes. The quotes will be presented at the regular school board meeting on September 2,

Propane for 2020-2021 school year

Approximately 6,500 gallons needed per year to be delivered between September 1, 2020 and August 30,

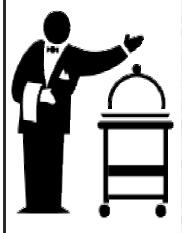
gallon propane tank in Wabeno. If a price adjustment is expected, the vendor should include an adjustment clause in the quote. Please submit the quote on a per gallon basis less federal tax, based on prices on August 7, 2020, and include your price sheets for that date. Please mark envelope "Propane Quote". Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern

2020.

## Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

In Wisconsin, we have unique opportunities around the state to witness different fall bird migrations, you can read about them in Wisconsin's Birding by Season: Fall. Wisconsin is a major corridor for bird migration so your opportunities to see birds migrating are abundant.

If you feed hummingbirds, you know that they are drinking double the amount of nectar that they normally drink at your feeders at this time of year. Around the middle of September they will leave central Wisconsin for Mexico and Central America. In the middle of August (in the north) and late August (in the south), if you happen to be along the Highway 51 corridor at sunset, you will frequently see a "kettle" (or group) of Common Nighthawks migrating south. They are easily identifiable by their boomerang-shaped wings with a wide white bar on the wing. These are just a couple examples of our migratory birds.





# Dining & Entertainment

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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. This institution is an equal

opportunity provider and employer.

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apartments available at the Glenview Senior Apartments. Specifically built for persons 62 years of age or older handicapped/disabled individuals. Rent starts at \$520.00 per month until rental assistance becomes available and includes water, sewer, garbage pickup, HEAT, major appliances, off street parking and laundry facilities. We accept vouchers. Call 1-800-938-3229 for an application or more information. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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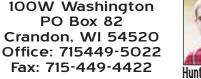
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CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

## Forest Larger **Parish** donates to NewCap

Mission/Evangelism Committee of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church (Laona, Lakewood, and Wabeno) delivered coats and school supplies for the upcoming school year to NEWCAP in Crandon. Behind the masks are Audrey Peterson, Suzanne Bell and Karen Prueter.





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Troy Allen McKee, 34, of England, formerly of Crandon, WI departed his life on Monday July 27, 2020 at his home in England. Troy was born June 7, 1986 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin the son of Tod and Tammy (Walentowski) McKee.

Troy graduated from high school, went on to college, then served in the Air Force for 14 years and became a Master Sergeant. Troy loved

spending his free time with family, friends, listening to music, hunting, fishing and skating.

Surviving Troy are his father, Tod McKee (life partner, Doreen Barri); mother, Tammy McKee (Fiancé-Curt Gerald); wife, Patricia Pangelinan; sons, Parker and Tucker McKee; step-children, Paige and Peter Deleon Guerrero; brother, Travis (Michelle) McKee; grandparents, Lynn and Brenda McKee; grandmother, Ruth Walentowski; god-parents, aunt, Nancy and uncle Ron Sheldon; uncle, Randy (Coleen) McKee; uncle, Tim Zastrow; aunt,, Amy (Jeff) Collins; niece, Hayley McKee; nephew, Keegan and Cullen McKee; cousins, Erin (Matt) Samz; Kaitlyn (Randy) Spencer; Tyler (Kayla) Collins; Chad (Lacey) McKee; Ryan McKee; Jared Sheldon; Megan Sheldon; Michael Zastrow; Jennifer Zastrow. Troy is further survived by many friends and fellow classmates.

He was preceded in death by his Papa Harold Walentowski; great-grandparents, Vernon and Esther McKee; Arletta McCorkel; Tom and Nancy Kegley; Joe and Inez Walentowski; uncle, Brian Walentowski; aunt, Barb Zastrow; great-uncle, Dale McKee. He was loved by many and will be remembered by many as someone who could always make you smile even when you were feeling down. RIP Troy, you are forever in our hearts!

Private services will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon, WI with Pastor Franz Gerber officiating. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com



## David James Rusch

David James Rusch, age 79, of Pickerel died peacefully at his home in Pickerel on Saturday, August 15.

David was born on May 7, 1941 to the late John Julius and Evelyn Ethel (Kuhl) Rusch.

On April 3, 2012 he was united in marriage to Mary L. Nelson after they had been together for many years.

In the winter of 1994-95, David and Mary bought The Break Away Bar in Pickerel.

He worked in logging and hydraulic equipment

David was an avid fisherman and loved cutting wood with his best friend, John.

David was a graduate of Antigo High School and served in the Army National Guard Active Duty.

Survivors, in addition to his wife Mary, include daughter, Pam Olson of Stevens Point and her children Brooke Ferkus and her children Audrey, Riley, Kinzie and son, Peyton; son Steve and Lori Rusch and their sons Eli and Michael, stepdaughter Michelle (Bill) Cable of Pickerel and her children, Keara Stolzman and her son Brehkan, son Jordan and Tiffany Stolzman their children; Brilynn, Reagan and Miles and Brandi Fleischman and her son Parker all of Antigo, stepson Joe and Kathy Nelson of Pearson and their children Ashley and Daniel Wicke of Wittenberg and their children Hunter and Guage, Josh Nelson of Florida, Jenny Meister of Wittenberg, and Holly Van Price of Green Bay a brother Jack (Ardis) Rusch of Post Lake and Alabama. David is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed by his shadows, Bat Kat and Mistv.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his sister Donna Teske and her husband Dwight.

A graveside service will be held on Friday at 1:30 PM at Elmwood Cemetery. Military honors will be performed at the cemetery.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Home is assisting the family. Friends may visit online at strasserrollerfh.com.

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# Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Editor,

It seems I'm getting drawn into expressing my opinions on political subjects more and more. I still stand on my opinions about wearing masks and must say it is a bit overboard. I know some of you are "all in" when it comes to this issue that's fine. I am still very skeptical about what is being promoted out there. Too many differing views from scientists and doctors from all over the world. Not to mention the conflicting reports on the effectiveness of Hydroxychloroquine.

I was intrigued by last week's letter in which Tom Tiffany and Ron Johnson were criticized by the writer for not signing on to the Great American Outdoors Act. This got me to wonder, why? I really didn't have time to call them or write them for their reasons. Instead I researched the policy being put forth by Congress. Quoting from the Congress' website: "This bill establishes the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to support deferred maintenance projects on federal lands." That sounds great, at first glance, until you dig a little deeper. They claim it will be funded by "royalties from energy development on federal lands and waters." (whatever that means) Anyway, it is supposed to supply the funds needed without using tax payer money. So why would anyone vote against it?

Mike Lee, R-Utah, disagrees with the bill and said his state would be "disproportionately harmed" by it. Apparently, this bill opens the door for the Parks Department to purchase more land. Mike Lee says his state is already around 70% federally owned land which means no tax. He calls this bill a "wolf in sheep's clothing." "This bill would irrevocably offer \$900 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund each year." The problem with this is the money is not there "Last month there was an 84% drop in the amount of energy we developed which means there will be a corresponding drop in royalties." Said Rob Bishop, another Utah Republican. So, where will the money come from? And how much land will be bought by the Parks Department? I have no problem with wanting to maintain the National Parks but as Mark Lee pointed out, "At a time when the federal government is running deficits of almost \$1 trillion a month, it is absurd that Congress would pass a bill that would make spending for more land acquisition mandatory. Why should federal land acquisition be made mandatory before benefits for veterans? Or funding for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines?"

So there you have it. This is not a bill without its controversy and I can see why someone would vote against it. I'm not so sure I would want the federal government buying up any land in Forest County because we already have too much non-taxable land. Tom Tiffany and Ron Johnson understand that and I believe they are looking out for our interests. Tammy Baldwin doesn't understand that, therefore she voted the way she voted. I hope this answers some of the questions people might

Sincerely, Bill Farr

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**PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 5, AUGUST 24, 2020** 

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## Nicolet Automotive program adopts highly flexible Nicolet MyWay format

Students interested in the Automotive Technology program at Nicolet College will have significantly more flexibility in how they complete their coursework starting

The program will adopt the Nicolet MyWay competencybased education (CBE) format that allows students to complete their work at the times and at the pace that work best for them.

"Many students juggle jobs and families and they need flexible coursework if they are going to attend college," said Jeff Labs, dean of Trade and Industry/Apprenticeships.

"This new Nicolet My Way CBE format provides exactly that. It combines online classes with flexible open labs where students receive one-on-one and small group instruction. In both cases, instructors are always there to help and support students so they can earn the college credential that will get them ahead in life."

Students complete the online portion of the curriculum at any times that are best for them. The hands-on portion will take place in Nicolet's Automotive Lab. Students will schedule their lab times any time between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Jeff Labs also noted students will be expected to follow the college's guidelines regarding COVID-19. This includes physical distancing and wearing face masks when

Students will also be able to start the program at multiple times throughout the year. Upcoming start dates for this year are Sept. 2, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2. In 2021 students can start Jan. 6, Feb. 1., March 1, May 7, June 7, and July 5.

While the CBE format has been around for decades in other parts of the country, Nicolet was one of the first colleges to bring it to Wisconsin when the Welding program adopted the format in January 2018. Since then numerous other academic programs at the college have adopted the model and more and expected to do so in the future.

With the CBE model, students are not expected to move through the curriculum at the same pace as other students in the course. Instead, the curriculum is broken down into smaller chunks, known as competencies.

Once students have proven that they've mastered one competency, they move on to the next. When they've demonstrated proficiency with all of the required competencies, they are awarded college credits and ultimately a college degree.

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**RUMMAGE SALE:** August 21 & 22 604 N. Crandon Ave. 8am-3pm. clothes, jewelry, kitchen items collectables, new items, baby items, lots of misc. Watch for sizes. Rain or Shine P20

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Multi Family Rummage Sale: Saturday August 29th 8am - 1 pm. 1501 VanCleve Lane. Bedding, furniture, home decor, household items, Vintage Wonder Horse, high chair, books, brand name clothing, winter coats and much more. P21

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"What's beneficial to students is that they progress through the competencies at their own pace," Labs explained. "If they have previous experience with a specific skill, they can progress through that competency fairly quickly. If they come across one that is more challenging, they can work one-on-one with the instructor until they grasp the concept and master the given skill."

Because the structure is so flexible, students who prefer the more traditional classroom approach can set up their schedules to reflect that as well, Labs added.

The Automotive program is structured in a way where students first earn a short-term technical diploma and then use that credential as a stepping stone to the two-year technical diploma.

use that to get a job in their field of study and continue taking classes towards their two-year technical diploma," he said. "That way they're earning money, they're getting valuable professional work experience, and they're learning more advanced skills so they can get an even better job when they graduate. It really is the perfect

For more information about the Automotive program and to register, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the college at (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039: TTY 1-800-947-

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### Nicolet offers online certificate to train in-home providers

With demand for child care higher than ever in the Northwoods, anyone interested in learning what it takes to start an in-home child care center is invited to enroll in the Family Child Care Certificate program at Nicolet College.

The 12-credit certificate, offered all online, will prepare students to be registered with the State of Wisconsin as certified child care providers.

"Earning this credential will demonstrate to parents that graduates have the training they need to provide high quality care and early education opportunities for their children," said Laura Wind-Norton, dean of University Transfer and Liberal Arts, which includes the college's Early Childhood Education program.

Classes for the certificate start Sept. 2 with two classes: Introduction to Family Child Care and Family Child Care Responsive Planning.

Those will be followed with two more classes that start in January: Family Child Care Capstone and Family Child Care Financial Management and Planning.

Each class is three credits.

In earning the certificate students will learn about child development, quality standards, community resources, health and wellness, and family partnerships. They'll also learn how to promote desired outcomes through playbased learning, observation and assessment.

Upon completion, students are prepared for the Family Child Care Credential from The Registry, Wisconsin's Recognition System for the Childhood Care and Education Profession.

"It's really a seal of approval that their children will get the care and educational experience they need to create that solid foundation so they can grow and thrive in the future," Wind-Norton said.

Nicolet also offers a two-year associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. This credential fully transfers to many four-year campuses for students interested in earning a bachelor's degree, which is required to teach in a Wisconsin K-12 school system.

"So what ever your goals are, Nicolet is a great place to start and train for a career in early childhood education," she said.

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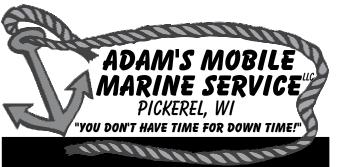
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## Sign up to participate in gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities

Eligible disabled hunters hoping to participate in the 2020 gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities must contact a hunt sponsor to sign up before Sept. 1.

As of the June 1 sponsor application deadline, 76 sponsors have enrolled over 70,000 acres of land across 41 counties for this year's hunt, which will take place Oct. 3-11. For a complete list of 2020 sponsors, please visit dnr.wi.gov.

"We are very grateful to the sponsors that are willing to provide opportunities for hunters with disabilities," said Matthew Gross, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Assistant Big Game Ecologist. "Giving hunters access to over 70,000 acres of land is instrumental in making this unique opportunity a success and continuing Wisconsin's deer hunting tradition."

Eligible hunters may sign up for one property per year and must possess a gun deer license.

Hunters or assistants must contact sponsors directly to sign up for a hunt. Hunters must provide their name, contact information and DNR customer ID number. To be eligible, hunters must possess a valid Class A, C or D disabled permit or Class B permit that is issued for longer than one year, authorizing shooting from a stationary vehicle.

It is important for hunters to note that some properties can accommodate more hunters than others, so hunters are advised to contact potential sponsors as early as possible to determine if space is available.

For more information, interested hunters are encouraged to contact Gross by phone at 608-261-7588 or email at Matthew.Gross@wisconsin.gov.

### Drivers over age 60 have until Nov. 23 to renew their license

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recognizes the continuing health risk to drivers over age 60 during this pandemic and has granted them an additional 60-day extension to renew their driver license. Drivers over age 60 whose license expired after March 12, 2020 now have until November 23, 2020 to visit a DMV to renew their license.

"Further extending the deadline for this at-risk population gives them more opportunity to plan their visit to a DMV Customer Service Center," DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman said. "We do not want people in this higher-risk demographic to feel that they need to renew their license when they may not be comfortable going to a DMV office."

Boardman explained that drivers can renew up to a year before the expiration date on their card. This means drivers with winter expiration dates can visit a DMV before the weather turns cold. An expired driver license is still valid for voting providing it expired after the last General Election (November 6, 2018).

To further support customers, DMV Customer Service Centers have implemented safety protocols. All DMV employees wear face coverings. Customers are encouraged to follow floor decals for social distancing and to stay behind plastic panels at service windows. In addition, services inside DMVs are limited to driver licensing or ID-related needs to promote social distancing. All vehicle related services can be done online. by mail or through a third party.

Using DMV's Driver License Guide (wisconsindmv.gov/DLGuide), drivers can go online to fill in the application, submit it electronically and make an appointment which will further shorten their visit.

## Celebrating the League of Women Voters Centennial

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods began its 2020-21 year, Tuesday, August 11th, in virtual format celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and the birth of the League of Women Voters.

Did you know that the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was Wisconsin? And that the League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt, who was born in Ripon, Wisconsin? These are a few of the fascinating details that Dorothy Skye and Petra Pietrzak shared about the struggle for women's suffrage, the incomplete victory embodied in the 19th Amendment, and the ongoing role of the League of Women Voters at the national, state, and local levels.

The League of Women Voters was founded just six months before American women won the right to vote in 1920. Both represented landmark advancements for our nation's democracy and civil rights. The suffrage movement began as a 'mighty political experiment' designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. On this 100th anniversary of both landmarks, the questions for women voters still are, 'Now what?' and 'How can women make their votes informed and influential?"

This program can be viewed on youtube.com, by searching with the program

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 at information@lwvnow.org. Our website is www.lwvnow.org.

Answers to questions about voter registration and voting can be found at myvote.wi.gov, from your local clerk or local library.



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### WisDOT seeks public feedback on WI 32 project in Forest, Oneida counties

A public involvement meeting was previously planned to discuss proposed improvements to WIS 32, between Crandon and Three Lakes, in Forest and Oneida Counties. An in-person meeting is no longer planned based on public health guidance to limit public gatherings.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is seeking feedback now until Tuesday, September 22, 2020 on the proposed improvements to WIS 32 in alternative formats:

Residents, property and business owners within the project limits have been mailed a handout with a comment form that can be sent back.

The same materials, including a map of culvert work locations and the proposed detour, are available on the project website for review: https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis32culverts/default.aspx

Feedback can also be submitted via online survey: http://2.selectsurvey.net/wisdot/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=92LH4I32

Construction is currently scheduled for 2022. Proposed improvements include:

Replacing five culvert pipes in-kind

Replacing five culvert pipes with larger sizes

Placing one new culvert pipe

New right-of-way or temporary easements will be required to accommodate the larger sized pipes.

Construction is currently scheduled for 2022.

WIS 32 will be detoured for the duration of the project. The detour route will utilize US 8 in Crandon to WIS 45 in Three Lakes. There will be hard closures at four of the culvert locations along WIS 32. Completion dates yet to be determined will be targeted to minimize the impacts to local access at each of the locations.

Adjacent property and business owners are encouraged to provide feedback. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay system (dial 711). For any questions or issues with the above feedback options, please contact WisDOT Project Leader Kimberly Bradley at (920) 492-4174 or Kimberly.Bradley@dot.wi.gov.

### Census takers to follow up with nonresponding households in Forest County

August 13, 2020 - Starting this week, census takers in Forest County will begin to follow up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

The current self-response rate in Forest County is 34.0%. The Census Bureau will need to visit the remaining addresses to collect responses in person.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone at 844-330-2020. Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

### **What Households Can Expect**

The Census Bureau will provide face masks to census takers and requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work. They will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit. Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

### **How to Identify Census Takers**

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

### **About the 2020 Census**

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.



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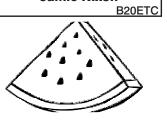
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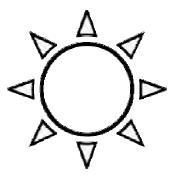
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# **CRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT VACANCY**

## **SUBSTITUTES**

The School District of Crandon is seeking substitute teachers and substitute aides.

Substitute Teachers: If you have a Bachelor's Degree, you can apply to become a licensed substitute teacher. Rate of pay for this position will be \$120.00 per day.

Substitute Paraprofessionals: If you have an Associate Degree, a minimum of 48 college credits, or are willing to take the ACT Work Keys test, you can apply to be a substitute paraprofessional. Rate of pay for this position will be \$13.00 per hour.

All applicants will be required to complete and pass a criminal background check prior to working.

For more information on these positions, please contact the District Office at 715-478-6200. Applications for these positions can be found on the school website:

www.sdofcrandon.com or located in the District Office at 9750 U.S. Highway 8 W. Crandon, WI 54520.

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Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Paraprofessional

The School District of Wabeno Area is seeking a full-time Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Paraprofessional. The workday will tentatively be set from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Duties will include providing academic classroom support, behavior monitoring, some toileting duties, and lunch recess duty with students. Work schedule will be 37.5 hrs per week, Monday thru Friday, with full benefits.

Candidates must obtain Special Education Paraprofessional License from the State of Wisconsin.

Interested persons must turn in an application and three current letters of reference to: Robert E. Tucker Jr., Director of Pupil Services, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Position will remain open until filled.

The School District of Wabeno Area in accordance with Wisconsin Fair Employment Practices Act, Wisconsin Statute 111.31, does not discriminate in hiring practice based on gender, age, race, color, creed, religion, genetic information or testing, physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, arrest record or conviction record. The School District of Wabeno Area is an equal opportunity employer.

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thad@laonamachine.com

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### SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER The School District of Crandon is seeking a substitute bus driver.

This position will be roughly 7-9 hours, split throughout the day with approximately 3 routes a day. Pay for this position will be \$13.00 per hour, with no other benefits offered.

All applicants will be required to complete and pass a criminal background check prior to working.

For more information on this position, please contact the District Office at 715-478-6200. Support Staff applications for this position can be found on the school website:

www.sdofcrandon.com or located in the District Office at 9750 U.S. Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520.

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# Help Wanted School District of Wabeno Area

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The School District of Wabeno Area is hiring substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, substitute teachers shall be paid at the rate of \$120.00 per day.

Applicants with a Department of Public Instruction, Sub-Teacher license, and/or 5 year renewable teaching license will be given preference. DPI Short Term Substitute Permits will be considered. If you are interested in being considered for substitute teaching for the School District of Wabeno Area, you must submit a copy of your current license and must complete a Substitute Information Sheet which can be obtained at the district office or downloaded from our website. All candidates must pass a background check.

### **SUBSTITUTE AIDES**

The School District of Wabeno Area is seeking applicants to substitute for instructional aides at both high school and elementary school levels. Hourly pay is \$11.13 per hour. Duties to include, clerical work, recess duty, study hall monitoring, and working with students in small groups and one on one. Individuals must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must pass a background

Applications for both positions may be picked up at the administrative office or found on our district website. Completed applications may be submitted to the district office or mailed to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, School District of Wabeno Area, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566.

Note: Even if you were a substitute teacher or substitute aide for our district last year, we will need your updated contact information.

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Peer support has been shown to be an important element in any mental health recovery.

For information, call 715-420-1700 or email northernlakescenter@gmail.com

# PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 15, AUGUST 24, 2020 Ruffed Grouse and West Nile Virus in the Lake States

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has received the 2019 test results from the second year of the ruffed grouse West Nile virus (WNV) surveillance project.

Results from the blood samples collected from harvested ruffed grouse in 2019 indicate that 20% of the Wisconsin submitted samples had antibodies consistent with WNV exposure. Of these samples, 9% showed confirmed WNV and 11% showed likely exposure. None of the 188 samples had evidence of the virus present in their hearts.

"These findings indicate that while ruffed grouse are being exposed to WNV, there are birds that are surviving and clearing the virus from their bodies," said Alaina Gerrits, Wisconsin DNR Assistant Upland Game Ecologist.

This collaborative multi-year study aims to provide biologists with more information about WNV exposure and infection in ruffed grouse in the western Great Lakes region. Ruffed grouse harvested in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin during the 2019 hunting season were sent to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study in Athens, Georgia, to be analyzed.

Hunter-submitted samples underwent two types of testing to help determine if the birds were exposed to WNV. First, a test to look for traces of viral genetic material in heart tissue. And second, a blood test to determine if the grouse had developed an immune response from exposure to the virus. Similar to humans, ruffed grouse can develop antibodies as an immune response to viruses they encounter. When the body fights off WNV, these antibodies can be found in the blood.

In fall 2019, Wisconsin hunters assisted in the collection and submission of 188 of the 752 samples submitted by the three participating states. Hunters who submitted samples and provided contact information will be provided test results via email as soon as possible regardless of whether results were negative or positive.

In 2018, 29% of the 235 samples submitted had antibodies to WNV either confirmed or likely, and two had evidence of the virus present in their hearts. Both of these birds had also developed antibodies to the virus and the results do not directly indicate these two birds were sick at the time of harvest.

The study may help identify future research needs in Wisconsin, such as a potential survival study to investigate sources of mortality, with WNV being one of many stressors examined.

Mosquitos spread WNV and its effects on birds can vary. Signs can range from no clinical disease or illness to heart lesions and inflammation of the brain, the lining of the brain and of the spinal cord. Many factors can influence how severely the virus affects an individual bird. There is no evidence that it can be spread by handling dead birds or by consuming properly cooked game.

In Michigan, West Nile virus exposure from 2019 samples was detected in 8% of the 247 ruffed grouse blood samples with exposure to the virus either confirmed (7 or 3%) or likely (13 or 6%). Viral genetic material was found in one heart sample.

In Minnesota, exposure was detected in 12% of the 317 blood samples submitted. Exposure to the virus either confirmed (3 or 1%) or likely (36 or 11%). Viral genetic material was not found in any of the Minnesota heart samples.

West Nile Virus was first detected in Wisconsin in 2002 and identified in the state's ruffed grouse population in 2018. Although no ruffed grouse were submitted for testing prior to 2018, it is likely that they had been previously exposed to the virus.

For fall 2020, the DNR is relying on hunters who currently possess unused sampling kits from previous years to fill them and send them in for processing. The DNR will not be distributing any new kits this fall due to COVID-19 operational changes. Hunters who have an unused kit and are not able to fill it are encouraged to consider giving it to a friend who can.

The continued focus on habitat management for ruffed grouse is the best method to mitigate potential disease impacts on the population. The Great Lakes region contains some of the most extensive early-successional forest habitat and healthiest ruffed grouse populations in the nation. The Wisconsin DNR is currently working with partners to develop a long-term management strategy for ruffed grouse in Wisconsin.



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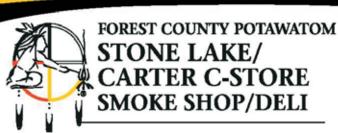


# C-STORE HOURS EXPANDED!

Hours of operation for Carter & Stone Lake C-Store is 5 a.m. - midnight. Curbside pick-up service is still available upon request for all products except cigarettes and tobacco Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers may place and pay for orders over the phone during those hours by calling: Stone Lake at (715) 478-4199 or Carter at (715) 473-5100.

Face masks are required for entry into the store. Practice social distancing, and please, only one family member at a time in the store.

We thank you for your patience and continued support.





- 5326 Firekeeper Rd., Crandon
- 614 State Highway 32, Carter







4 PM & 6 PM DRAWINGS: 9 PM DRAWING:

ONE WINNER OF \$5,000 CASH PLUS A PIECE OF AMETHYST JEWELRY

ONE WINNER OF \$10,000 CASH PLUS A PIECE OF AMETHYST JEWELRY

Earn at least one entry on Aug. 29 to activate all entries and be eligible to win! Limit two wins per person. Must be present to win.

















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