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County broadband build-out moving forward



The long-awaited need for guality broadband service is now seeing a response that will ultimately provide county residents with access to quality service at an affordable price. In early 2019, the county formed a Broadband committee to explore expansion of internet services. That committee eventually became the Forest County Broadband Commission; tasked with coming up with a solution to poor county-wide internet service. The result was a broadband expansion grant application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in late 2019. In April, 2020 the county was awarded one of 72 grants throughout Wisconsin

Forest County was the recipient of a \$939,000 broadband expansion grant. In total with contributions from Forest County and the chosen service provider, Northwoods Connect of Rhinelander, the total cost of the build-out will be completed at a cost of approximately \$2.1 million. The grant required a contribution of \$750,000 from the county. The Forest County grant application was the only one submitted that ultimately would provide internet service to an entire county. The application sited three priorities that have compromised county residents. County Emergency Services do not have full connectivity throughout the county; compromising safety and health of our residents. The other priorities were identified as compromised education for our students and the increasing importance of connection to e-health services for county residents. Many other issues such as economic development/impact and working remotely point to the need for better service..

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Conservation Corner 2021 Forest County Land Conservation Plant Sale

The first annual "Forest County Land Conservation Department Plant Sale" is here! Although

The election in the Northwoods By Mike Monte

It is safe to say that Forest County is now a Republican leaning county, looking at the election results. Trump carried the county with a total of 3,287 to Biden's tally of 1,722 votes. Only one ward, Nashville Ward 2, went for Biden.

There was a time in Forest County when it was not safe to say that you voted for a Republican. If you did, you were subjected to a stern lecture by the senior members of the county. Times do change!

Tom Tiffany won handily in his bid for re-election to Congress in his race with Tricia Zunker in Forest County with a total of 3,238 votes to Zunker's total of 1,781 votes.

Mary Felzkowski easily won in Forest County with a total of 3,144 votes to Ed Vocke's 1,690 in their race for the 12 District Senate seat formerly occupied by Tom Tiffany.

Rob Swearingen won back his seat in the 34th Assembly District with a score of 1,018 votes compared to the 385 votes for challenger Kirk Baugstad.

Jeff Mursau was given a vote of confidence. His total was 2,720 votes with no opponent.

Forest County District Attorney Chuck Simono was also given a vote of confidence with a total of 3,361 votes running unopposed.

In northern Oconto County, Trump was also the winner. Trump carried Townsend by a vote of 483 to 255. In Lakewood, Trump ran up a total of 411 to Biden's 203. The vote in Doty was 159 to 87 in Trump's favor. Mountain went to Trump by a vote of 362 to 203. Riverview had total of 345 to 221 in favor of Trump. For all of Oconto County, Trump carried the election with a vote of 16,226 to Biden's 6,715.

Representative Mursau had another vote of confidence in Oconto County with a vote total of 10,951. In the 12th District Senate race, Felzkowsi won the day with a total of 9,155 votes to Vocke's total of 3,619.

It is obvious to see that the Northwoods is heavily Republican, at least this voting cycle. We are in a democracy. If you don't like the outcome of this election, just wait a few years. It may go your way in that election cycle. (Or not!)

At the time of this writing, Wednesday, the election for the presidential race hasn't been decided. This includes which presidential candidate carried Wisconsin.

516 cases of Covid-19 (68 active) confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed additional persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 516 cases in Forest County. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individuals who tested positive had close contact with. As of today, Forest County has 3,116 negative test results. There are currently 68 active cases in isolation, 434 released from isolation, 3 hospitalized, and 11 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.

Important elections from the past



By Mike Monte

While we are in the middle of what will be and has been a heated and emotional election, there were many heated elections in the past.

The photos top and bottom were taken when a referendum was held to see if Crandon, a town and not a city back then, could issue tavern licenses.

In the top photo, the date is April 7, 1908. The bottom photo isn't dated. In both photos, the election result is listed. In the top photo, "no license" won by a 202 majority. In the bottom photo, the saloons lost out by a 113 majority. The bottom photo, unfortunately, isn't dated.

It was a heated election. The results are a little surprising when you consider the fact that women didn't have the right to vote in these years. It was the men who voted down saloons in town! Women, however, were behind the scenes. Notice the school kids taken out of class to demonstrate at the polling place. One of the signs reads, "Vote For The Home!"

While our presidential election might seem important today, think of the poor guys who had to ride a horse or a horse and buggy, maybe even walk, to outside the city limits just to enjoy a cold glass of beer!

The Shaws were one of the founding families of the community, and did not want saloons in town. They had their way for awhile. I'm not sure when saloons were allowed in Crandon, but eventually, they were established, much to the relief of all those who like to belly up to the bar.





Forest County Ties That Bind Us Memorial Christmas Trees

winter is just around the corner, it is time to start thinking about what colorful additions you can add to your landscaping next spring. This year, our Land and Water Conservation Department has decided to host a plant sale, selling only plants that are native to Wisconsin. Not only are the native plants eye catching, they help the environtment. Wisconsin-native plants help conserve water, reduce your mowing costs, provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, and protect the soil. The June pick up dates were decided based on our average temperatures here in Forest County that time of year. By June the soils should be warm enough to take on these native plants. This time of year has several weeks of warm soil temperatures for the plant roots to establish before the soil temperatures drop.

On our order forms we will have ferns, grasses and wildflowers. You can find the forms on our website, forestcountylandandwater.org under 2021 Plant Sales or pick them up at the Forest County Land Conservation office. This year we are working with a local nursery, and to make sure we have all orders filled, we are doing pre-order only this year.

ORDER DEADLINE: March 1, 2021

Plant Pick up: June 4, 2021-8:00 a.m.-Noon OR June 5, 2021-8:00 a.m.-Noon

Any Questions, please call the Land Conservation Office @ 715-478-1387.

Air quality in WI improving

MADISON, Wis. - Wisconsin's air quality is improving. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 2020 Air Quality Trends Report has been released and confirms decreasing concentrations of most pollutants across the state.

The report, which includes air quality data through 2019, finds that concentrations of most pollutants for which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set national air quality standards have decreased in all regions of the state since monitoring began. Due in part to these significant reductions, 95% of Wisconsin's population lives in areas meeting all federal air quality standards.

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Forest County Ties That Bind Us will be selling Memorial Trees again this year. The \$50 sponsorship fee will be used to purchase gas cards for Forest County patients currently undergoing treatment.

The Memorial Trees also help brighten the courthouse square, besides doing some very good deeds in the holiday season of giving.

If you type in the following website, you can obtain a form for ordering your Memorial Tree, or you can stop by the Pioneer office and pick one off the counter. https://docs.google.com/document/d/117Rcwk82v2hNL

Donating vension to food pantries

MADISON, Wis. - Each year, hunters, meat processors and food pantries help families in need by working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its partners to donate thousands of pounds of venison to Wisconsin food pantries.

Since Wisconsin's Deer Donation Program first began in 2000, more than 92,000 deer have been donated, totaling more than 3.7 million pounds of venison distributed to food pantries across the state.

"There are a couple of ways hunters can help," said

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What is a Veteran? A Veteran is someone who, at one point, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to, and including their life."

There is no way to thank our veterans enough for everything they have sacrificed. However, on Veterans Day we try to show how much we honor and respect service men and women, both past and present.

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County Broadband Cont. from pg. 1

The build-out will result in the construction or use of some existing towers; totaling seventeen towers in Forest County. The first tower is now under construction in the Town of Hiles at the town's south transfer site on County Hwy. S, just off of Hwy. 32. This is a 300' tower which will provide service to parts of Hiles, Town of Crandon, Argonne and Little Rice Lake area. Service is expected to go live in mid to late November. Also, this fall, there will be equipment mounted on an existing tower in Armstrong Creek on the Town Hall property. There has been installation of fiber surrounding Lake Metonga the past several weeks which will provide service in that area.

With the winter months on the horizon, the project will now focus on identifying specific sites throughout the county that will maximize service availability for our residents. Identifying those sites is critical for establishing use in 2021. Tentatively, a tower site has been identified in the Roberts Lake area as well as other potential sites serving the towns in the county. Northwoods and the Commission want to maintain an aggressive approach to have ten additional towers in place during 2021. The requirement to complete all construction and service availability is fall, 2022. Mark Ferris, Commission Chairman stated, "While Northwoods Connect has targeted general locations for towers throughout the county, we really are looking for input from county residents to suggest locations that best serve our towns and residents. We want our residents engaged in the process." Ferris adds that any and all suggestions will be evaluated. Anyone with a potential site is asked to please contact Northwoods Connect at 715.544.8025 or email; carrie@northwoodsconnect.com.

Ferris also noted other initiatives that Forest County Economic Development Partnership is addressing related to improved connectivity throughout the county. "The virus has really brought our inadequate internet service to the attention of everyone. The grant we received is huge, but we cannot stop looking forward. We're fortunate to have many individuals engaged with the goal of making Forest County a leader in developing technology. I look for more exciting things to happen here." Ferris stated that anyone with ideas or questions is welcome to contact him by email at director@forestcountywibusiness.com or 920.858.3193



Pickerel Chain Lake Association aeration system news info

The Pickerel Chain Lake Association urges everyone that uses Pickerel, Smoke, and Little Pickerel Lakes this upcoming winter season to use extreme caution as aeration systems will be in operation on each of the three lakes.

These lakes, located just north of Townsend in northern Oconto County, will use aeration to help prevent past fish kills from reoccurring as the result of low dissolved oxygen levels that tend to develop in these lakes.

An open water warning system consisting of posts and rope surrounding each of the open water areas will be placed by the lake association after ice on the lakes is at least 6 inches thick and considered safe for foot travel. Caution signs warning of the open water areas will also be posted at the Pickerel Lake boat landing and at other locations where fishermen, snowmobilers, and other lake users typically access the lakes.

The Pickerel Lake aerator is located off the north shore and across the lake from the boat landing at Townsend's Oughton Park.

The Little Pickerel Lake aerator is located on the north end of that lake, and the Smoke Lake aerator will be located in the northeast quadrant of that lake.

The aeration systems will operate once ice begins to form on the lakes, and the size of the open water areas will vary depending on wind and temperature. Thin ice conditions can extend out beyond the open water area that the aeration creates, and the lake association reminds all lake users not to assume the ice is safe at the warning rope location and to always check ice conditions prior to travel near the aeration systems or elsewhere on the lakes. Lake users should also use extreme caution if they travel on the ice prior to the post and rope warning systems being erected.

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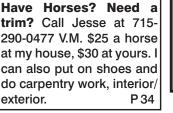


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Death Notices



James A. Manitzki (aka JimBob, Pollack), 78, of Townsend, WI passed away Monday, October 26, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Jim was born to Joseph and Bridget (Halminiak) Manitzki on February 2, 1942, in Wausau, WI. He attended Wausau High where he graduated in 1960. On August 3, 1963, he was united in

marriage to Barbara A. Ostrowski, the love of his life. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Christine.

For 33 years, Jim was a field accountant for Oscar Boldt, retiring in 2001. While working there, he created many lifelong friendships as he collected employees' time reporting from various construction sites.

Jim had many interests and stayed very active. He loved to bowl and remained active in leagues throughout his life. In his younger years, he was a runner and enjoyed playing tennis and racquetball. He also enjoyed fishing and unconventional "sports" like Wii bowling and redneck golf; while Jim was there, these were always an adventure. Going for UTV rides with Barb and their dog, Lacie, and sitting by the campfire with friends and family sharing stories and creating memories were some of the "little things" he treasured most.

Jim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barb, the "prettiest girl in Townsend," his son, Al (Beth) Manitzki, and his daughter, Karen (Randy) Blohm.

He is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren: Kristen Blohm, Paul Blohm and his son Cael, Jenny (Leland) Secard, Tom (Amanda) Albers and their daughter Eloise, Amie (Pat) Van Vreede and their children Harper and Balen, and Jacob Young and his special friend Ashley Krug.

Jim loved his family more than anything. He was such a wonderful husband, Dad and Papa; we are all so lucky to have been able to call him ours.

His family would like to send special thanks to the Townsend EMT, doctors and staff at St. Vincent Hospital, and Unity Hospice Services for their compassion and care during his last days.

Jim had a heart of gold. He was always eager to support and volunteer within his community.

Any monies received will be donated to the following organizations: Community Ambulance Service or Townsend Fire Department. Cards and condolences are welcome by mail; please reach out to the family for addresses, if needed.

Due to current concerns surrounding COVID-19, his family will not be having a funeral service or public gathering at this time. They hope to hold a celebration of his life at a later date when things are safe and they can enjoy everyone's company and share stories of Jim. They all have a lot of great memories and will look forward to hearing yours. His family hopes he (and his antics) will be the topic of conversation at many campfires and gatherings for years to come.

Weber-Hill is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com where his family encourages those that loved Jim to share their memories and pictures.

As Jim would say: PROST !! (This obituary brought to you by JimBob's Anheuser Busch fund.)

Janet L. Roth (Blum) 85, passed away on Friday October 30, 2020.

Janet was born on December 4, 1934 to Llovd and Anna (Koch) Blum in Jordan Township, Green County WI. She was united in marriage to Harley (Bud) Roth on May 31, 1953. Together, they had 5 children: Bradley, Nancy (Bob) Houle, Rebecca Roth, David and Christian(Kathy). Janet had 3 siblings: Donald Blum, Ronald (Marjorie) Blum and Mark Scharder (foster brother), 15 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. In-laws William and Florence(Schwarzlow) Roth, Ned(Sharon) Roth, Delorse Jayo, Caroline Roth, Jim (Janeen) Roth and Jean(Rex) Rechsteiner.



Ken Miljour born November 8, 1946 and passed away on October 15, 2020. He was a graduate of Wabeno High School. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. He was employed for fifty plus years in the airline industry as a mechanic.

He was met at Heaven's gate by his wife Elaine and son Dominic.

Timothy Monte, formerly of Argonne, passed away in Louisiana this past week. He was born on August 7, 1953. He was 67 years of age.

Tim enjoyed motorcycles and working on violins, including making some from scratch. He also enjoyed playing the violin.

He was the son of Richard (Boyd) Monte and Violet Monte of Argonne. Both have passed away. He is the brother of Mike Monte.

Tim has two sons who will be handling the funeral arrangements in LouIsiana. They are Eden Monte and Holden Monte.



Benita M. Walker, 68, of Hiles, WI passed away peacefully Monday, November 2, 2020 at her home. Benita was born April 16, 1952 in Illinois the daughter of Frank and Rose (Layjner) Trobec. She was united in marriage to David Walker.

Surviving are her husband, David

Walker; daughter, Mandy (Jeff) Kalvelage, Rhinelander; son, Jimmy (Amy) Walker, West Olive, MI; grandchildren, Aaron, David, Kylie, Kole, Kaitlyn, Kayla and Pierson; brothers, Roger Trobec, FL; Ron Trobec, IL; Eddie (Kerri) Trobec, Yugoslavia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Darlene Stump and son, David.

Special thank you to Tanisha Reyes for all the love and care of Benita through the years.

Private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Air quality Cont. from pg. 1

The state's air quality improved along the Lake Michigan shoreline, an area historically impacted by elevated ozone concentrations. The lakeshore areas have experienced an average reduction in ground-level ozone concentrations of 25% since 2001.

This notable decrease in ozone concentrations allowed the EPA to recently determine that several lakeshore areas are now meeting federal ozone standards, including parts of Door and Sheboygan counties.

The report also includes updated emissions data, which shows that air pollutant emissions in Wisconsin decreased substantially from 2002 to 2017. Some highlights include:

**A 63% drop in emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and a 58% drop in volatile organic compounds (VOCs), the compounds that form ground-level ozone;

**An 89% drop in sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions;

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.



Senator Johnson statement of Grey Wolf delisting

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said the following upon news that the Trump administration is delisting the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the lower 48 states and returning management and protection of gray wolves to states and tribes following successful recovery efforts:

"I'm pleased the Trump administration is listening to guidance from wildlife experts and scientific data and delisting gray wolves from the Endangered Species Act. I've fought for Wisconsin's farmers, ranchers, hunters, and land owners to delist the gray wolf through multiple pieces of legislation and amendments since 2015, but Congress has repeatedly failed to act. Though the administration's decision is the right one, it will undoubtedly face legal challenges from irrational activists as past attempts at delisting have. To ensure this policy isn't obstructed, Congress must do its job and act to codify it."

Sen. Johnson has worked to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list in the western Great Lakes region since 2015 when he introduced legislation with former Rep. Reid Ribble (WI-8) to address the issue. The gray wolf maintains a stable and growing population with an expanding territory in Wisconsin. A brief explanation of the issue from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service can be found here.

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Janet enjoyed arts and crafts, jigsaw puzzles, word puzzles, flowers and gardening, playing the mirimba, oil painting and fishing. She worked on the farm, as a store clerk, waitress and as a 3-4 grade teacher in Mole Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harley, parents Lloyd and Anna, sons Bradley and David, brothers Donald Blum and Mark Scharder, In-Laws Jean(Rex) Rechstiener, Caroline Roth, Fred Jayo and Father and Mother In-Law William and Florence.

Private services will be held at a later date. Janet was a spunky lady, she will be missed.



**A nearly 60% reduction in carbon monoxide emissions.

The 2020 report also includes updated maps of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) densities in the atmosphere, derived from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) satellite data. From 2006 to 2019, the Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) on NASA's Aura satellite observed reductions of NO2 across the entire state, with the largest reductions found in the Milwaukee area.

The DNR Air Program attributes the decrease in pollutant concentrations to the implementation of a variety of federal and state pollution control programs. The greatest reductions are the result of cleaner burning and more efficient fuel combustion from highway vehicles and electric utilities.

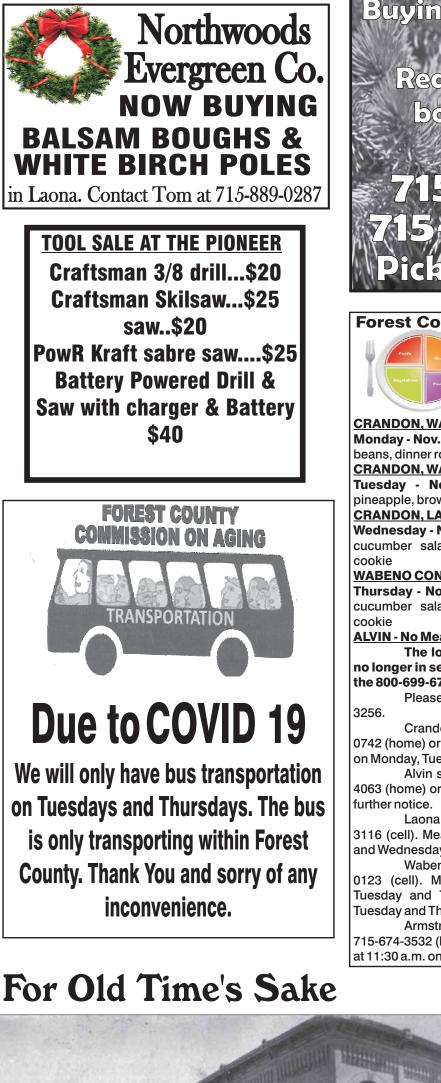
'State and federal air pollution control programs, as well as voluntary actions taken by companies and citizens, are responsible for the improvements in air quality in Wisconsin," said DNR air program director Gail Good. "The Air Management Program will continue to work with our partners to study and resolve remaining air quality concerns."

The 2020 Air Quality Trends Report, along with historic reports are available on DNR's Air Quality webpage. Current Wisconsin air quality conditions can be found on the Wisconsin Air Quality Monitoring data webpage.

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Thursday - Nov. 12 - Pulled turkey sandwich on a bun, cucumber salad, baked beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie

ALVIN - No Meals in the Month of November

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

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). Meals canceled until further notice.

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

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

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.



It's Lake Avenue in Crandon! Nothing has changed, except the paving, concrete sidewalks instead of board, and there are some buildings in this photo that aren't here anymore. One that is missing today is the Opera House. Zooming up on the computer, it appears that it is in the photo, which places the date of the picture between 1908 and 1912. The Opera House burned in February of 1912. Looking to the right, the Shaw building, which was next to where Group Therapy is today. The old first courthouse, barber shop and the site of numerous other businesses is still there, but the Arcade building hasn't been built yet. And, the Park Hotel, which is now gone, was still doing business giving shelter to travelers to the town. Obviously, the second block of the street has changed a bit too. There is no Crandon Hotel! The building that now houses Subway and Rustic Allure and Group Therapy was the company store for the Keith & Hiles Lbr. Co. The drug store was then a Rexall Drug, and today, it still functions as Crandon Pharmacy. The building that has part of Tricia's Treasures, the Hellstrom Hotel, appears to be doing business in this photo. The last building that appears to still be here today and is still functioning as a business is the last one on the right. BC Cakes is now doing business in this building. Obviously, over time, nothing stays the same! And by the way, we don't know who the malingerers are, and we don't know who owned the horse and buggy by the pharmacy. No electric lines either.

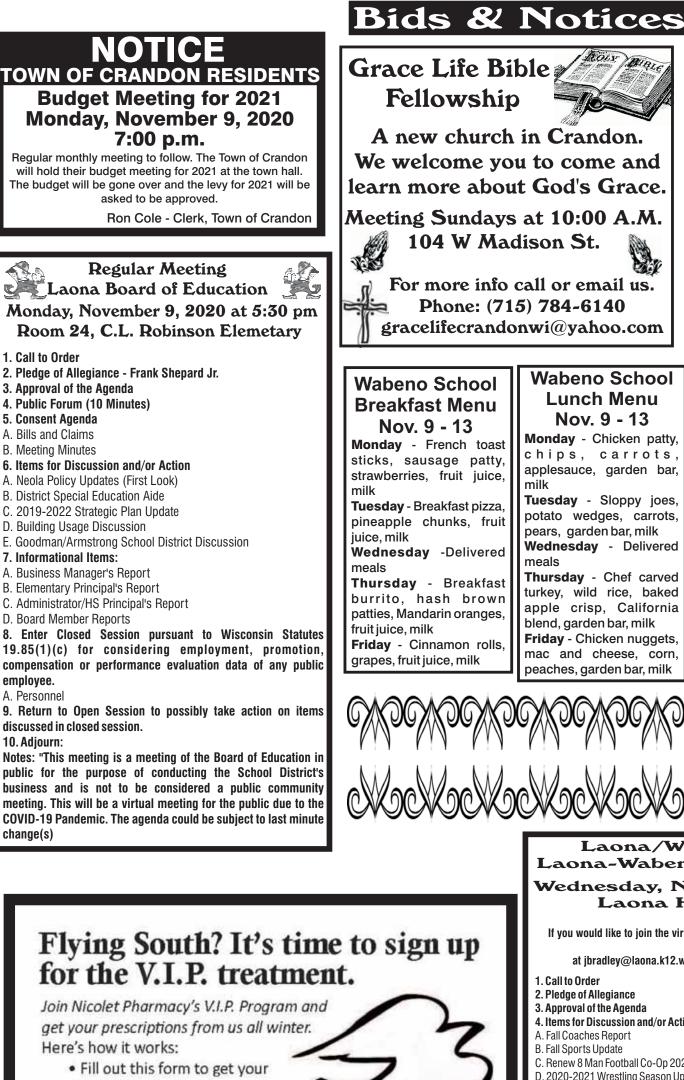






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TOWN OF LINCOLN MEETING NOTICE

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING Town of Lincoln Town Hall 5376 County Road W, Crandon, WI 54520 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

ROLY BIBLE

Lunch Menu

Nov. 9 - 13

Monday - Chicken patty,

chips, carrots,

applesauce, garden bar,

Tuesday - Sloppy joes,

potato wedges, carrots,

Wednesday - Delivered

Thursday - Chef carved

turkey, wild rice, baked

apple crisp, California

Friday - Chicken nuggets,

mac and cheese, corn,

peaches, garden bar, milk

blend, garden bar, milk

pears, garden bar, milk

Public Hearing on Proposed 2021 Budget **Call to Order/ Approve Agenda** 1.

2. **Read and Approve Minutes of the November** 11, 2019 Annual Budget Meeting

3. **Discuss/Finalize Budget for 2021**

4. **Discuss/Approve-Town Board Salaries for** the following 2-year term

4. **Discuss Any Other Information Pertinent to Budget**

5. **Adjournment of Public Hearing Portion of** Meeting

Special Meeting of Town's Electors to Approve 2020 Budget

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Motion from Floor to Approve Highway Expenditures, Followed by a Vote**

3. Motion from Floor to Approve the Tax Levy, **Followed by a Vote**

4. Adjournment

*A full copy of the proposed budget is posted at the Town Hall entrance and on the website at www.townoflincolnwi.com

Notice of Posting October 26, 2020

All items listed above may or may not be acted upon.

Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate persons with special needs. Please contact the Town Clerk, Tressa L. Votis, to address your concern. If closed session is an agenda item, see reverse side of this notice for compliance checklist with the Open Meeting Law.

Laona/Wabeno Board of Education Laona-Wabeno Fall Sports Co-Op Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm Laona High School Gymnasium

Virtual Meeting for the public. If you would like to join the virtual meeting please contact Mr. Bradley before 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11, 2020

at jbradley@laona.k12.wi.us. He will send you the link and information to join the meeting.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Items for Discussion and/or Action
- A. Fall Coaches Report **B. Fall Sports Update**
- C. Renew 8 Man Football Co-Op 2021-2023
- D. 2020-2021 Wrestling Season Update/Discussion
- E. Approval of Coaching Contracts for Winter/Spring Sports
- F. Discussion and Action on Building Use for Winter Sports/Activities
- 5. Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment,
- promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the
- governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
- 6. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.
- 7. Adiourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School

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- Receive your prescriptions via first-class mail for only \$1 shipping per package.
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We'll even call your doctor for refills or to check on your medication profile to save you a long-distance call.

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District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. This will be a virtual meeting for une public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA 2020-2021 PUBLIC NOTICE

LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
FUND 10 - GENERAL FD			
REVENUE			
Property Taxes	211	35,030	
Equalization Aid	621	24,900	
Special Adjustment Aid	623	54	
State Special Projects Grant	630	720	
Per Pupil Aide	695		742
TOTAL REVENUES - FD 10		60,704	742
EXPENSE			
Regular Curriculum	120000	10,600	
Library Media/Improvement of Instruction	220000	720	
District Administration	230000	1,200	
Open Enrollment/General Voucher	430000	24,900	-
TOTAL EXPENSES - FD 10		37,420	-

THIS CHANGE IN BUDGET WAS ADOPTED AT THE OCTOBER 26, 2020 BOARD MEETING AND IS PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SS. 65.90(5)(A).

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6" Drilled Wells

Pump Installation

Parts and Service

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Great job for retirees... or anyone looking to make some extra money!!

Call Pitts Bus Service Inc.: 715-478-2780

HELP WANTED BARTENDERS & SERVERS CALL - 715-649-3810 Main Street Ed's Argonne, WI

Help Wanted

Northwoods Evergreen Co. is seeking people to make wreaths, grave blankets and garland in Laona or at home. Call -715-889-0287 (Tom) For more information

Help Wanted Crandon Water and Sewer Department

The Crandon Water and Sewer Dept has an opening for a part time Receptionist/ Secretary. The normal hours of work will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each weekday. Responsibilities will include but not limited to telephone communications, greeting customers and business associates, billing, book keeping, written communications and recording the monthly meetings with the Water and Sewer commission and performing miscellaneous duties assigned by the Water and Sewer supervisor.

Applicants should be accustomed to typing and be familiar with Microsoft Office programs. Familiarity with the Workhorse program is beneficial but not necessary.

Starting wage rate is \$14.50/ hour, to be reviewed after the 90 day probationary period.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall. All applications (with resumes included) must be submitted to City Hall no later than Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The Bay AT NU ROC HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER 3576A Nu-Roc Ln • Laona, WI 5454I 715-674-4477 NOW HIGHER VAGES KNAS, RNS, LPNS NEW HIGHER WAGES! \$3,500 Full Time Sign-on Bonus! Excellent Benefits Package COOKS/DIETARY AIDS \$1,000 Full Time

HELP WANTED

Sign-on Bonus! For more information, contact HR at 715-674-4477 or e-mail: hr@bay-nuroc.com

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CO-CURRICULAR VACANCIES School District of Crandon

The School District of Crandon is seeking coaches for the following positions: Head Wrestling Coach Wage for this position will be \$3,150.00 per year

> Assistant Wrestling Coach Wage for this position will be \$2,150.00 per year

These positions will be contingent upon participation numbers. The District reserves all rights to not hire the positions posted, should participation numbers not warrant a coach.

Any person interested in these positions should submit a written application to the District Office. Attention: Jacob Adams, Activities Director 9750 US Highway 8 W Crandon, WI 54520 715-478-6124 Deadline: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

The School District of Crandon does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON HELP WANTED 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.

HELP WANTED Crandon School District

<u>Position Title</u>: IMC Aide <u>Position Details</u>:

Reports to: Principal

Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking an IMC Aide to begin immediately. This position will be full time at 40 hours per week, with benefits. Applicant must have technology knowledge and will be required to demonstrate their skillset in a skills test during the interview process. **Key responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:**

Facebook Posting: Ability to communicate the messages of the district in a positive way while using correct grammar and spelling, on a daily basis.

<u>District Website</u>: Ability to generate, maintain and keep the school website updated with the most current information. <u>Technology Assistance</u>: Ability to assist in the use of Chromebooks, Google classroom, Google accounts, and any other technology related phone calls.

<u>Google Account Management</u>: Ability to maintain and assist staff and students with Google accounts, such as password resets and account management.

<u>Library</u>: Ability to understand the organization of the library, accurately keep records, and capable of navigating the Destiny Library system.

Qualifications:

• Must have an Associate Degree, a minimum of 48 college credits, or be willing to take and pass the ACT Work Keys test.

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

<u>How to Apply</u>: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to the District Office, Attention: Larry Palubicki, District Administrator, or on WECAN.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON **HELP WANTED 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.

THE SCHOOL DISTIRCT OF CRANDON HELP WANTED SUBSTITUTES

The School District of Crandon is seeking substitute custodial and kitchen workers. Rate of pay is \$13.00 per hour. Applicants must complete an application and criminal background check prior to working.

Applications can be found on the school website: <u>www.crandon.k12.wi.us</u> or located in the District Office at 9750 U.S. Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520. *The School District of Crandon does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.*

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Three-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline signed into law

Bipartisan legislation designates 9-8-8 as the suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's bipartisan legislation to designate a three-digit phone number (9-8-8) for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline has been signed into law.

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act will help ensure states have the flexibility to strengthen local crisis call centers and save lives. Baldwin introduced this bipartisan reform in October 2019 with Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Jack Reed (D-RI). On May 13, 2020, the Senate unanimously passed Baldwin's bipartisan legislation and in September 2020, the House of Representatives passed Baldwin's National Suicide Hotline Designation Act.

"In America, we lose about 45,000 people every year to suicide, including more than 6,100 veterans, making it one of the leading causes of death in this country," said Senator Baldwin. "We need to do everything we can to prevent suicide and that means improving the tools we have to help people who are suffering from depression or other mental health concerns. I'm very proud our bipartisan legislation has finally been signed into law, so we can make it as quick and easy as possible for Americans in crisis to get the help and support they need through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Veterans Crisis Line. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to move expeditiously to implement this change and get 9-8-8 up and running."

"As the first explicitly LGBTQ-inclusive bill to ever unanimously pass the House and Senate, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 not only makes history, but will also undoubtedly save countless lives," said Sam Brinton (they/them), Vice President of Advocacy and Government Affairs for The Trevor Project. "Our research shows that 40% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered suicide in the past twelve months. This legislation addresses this crisis by requiring - for the first time - specialized services for LGBTQ youth. The Trevor Project is grateful to Senators Gardner and Baldwin and commends their leadership in championing the expansion of vital suicide prevention resources "

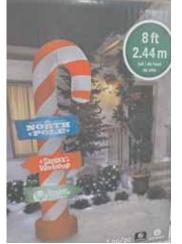
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The current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line are 10-digits, which is a barrier to Americans in crisis seeking support. The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act directs the FCC to designate 9-8-8 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and allows veterans to press "1" after dialing 9-8-8 to be routed automatically to the Veterans Crisis Line for veteranspecific mental health support. Death by suicide is a severe problem in the veteran community with about 17 veterans committing suicide every day, on average. In 2017, in Wisconsin for example, one out of every five people who died by suicide was a veteran.

The bipartisan legislation also recognizes that certain groups, including LGBTQ youth, Native Americans and people in rural areas, are at greater risk of suicide. It requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to report to Congress on its plans to facilitate specific training programs for serving these communities through the hotline, as well as how best to implement a process so that callers from these and other high-risk populations can access specialized services.

Until the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) finalizes the technical implementation of 9-8-8 as the nationwide number, anyone seeking help should still call 1-800-273-8255.



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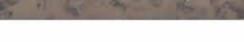
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