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Townsend Holiday Lights Competition



The Town of Townsend is pleased to announce its 3rd annual Holiday Lights Competition for the 2021 holiday season! The contest includes two categories: homes and businesses. Sign-up forms for both will be available in the Clerk's office at the Townsend Town Hall starting November 16th, and participants must return their entries no later than December 10th.

A list of contestants, along with a map of display locations and voting ballots, may be picked up from either the Townsend Town Hall or Karla's Kountry Kitchen beginning December 17th. Contest voters will have until 3:00 P.M. January 2, 2022 to cast their ballots for both the best private residence and the best business displays. Ballots can be returned to the Town Hall office, Mikes Supermarket or Karla's Kitchen.

Details for Townsend's Holiday Competition can be found on the Town's website, www.townsendwisconsin.org, or can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office at 715-276-6856.

1,618 cases of covid-19 (87 active) confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 40 persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in December as of December 3rd, for a total of 1,618 cases in Forest County. There have been 15 probable cases this month for a total of 99 probable cases. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individuals who tested positive had close contact with. There are currently 87 active cases in isolation, 1,512 released from isolation, 7 hospitalized, and 29 deaths related to COVID-19. This is a snapshot of numbers, but they are continuously changing throughout the day.

The Forest County Health Department is also reporting a public health investigation with The Bay at Nu-Roc. The Bay at Nu-Roc is working closely with the Forest County Health Department and other state departments to ensure all safety measures and infection control practices are being followed. There are currently residents and staff that tested positive for COVID-19. Testing of residents and staff will be ongoing. You may call the Forest County Health Department or The Bay at Nu-Roc COVID Hotline at 715-544-3576 with questions.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to practice good hand hygiene, wear a mask or cloth face covering when necessary, 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. If you are interested in a COVID-19 vaccine, please call our office or your primary

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 and local newspapers every two weeks 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.

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.

This week's article is courtesy of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

Reasons to Spend Time in Nature for Your Health

Reduction and relief in symptoms of depression, stress, and anxiety

Spending time in nature has been linked to decreased levels of mental illness, with the strongest link being a reduction in symptoms of depression, stress, and anxiety in addition to increasing self-esteem.

Exposure to natural sunlight enables the body to create and activate Vitamin D which tends to elevate your mood. If limited sun exposure occurs and subsequently deficient levels of Vitamin D, likely in the winter months, receive from our woodlands and natural environments is

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Christmas Tree officially lit in Crandon



The Community Christmas Tree was lit last Friday evening in the Courthouse Square. Santa was also on hand to meet with the kids.



We couldn't help but notice that Santa in Wabeno looked different than Santa in Crandon. It was explained to us that Santa can't be everywhere, and that he often has to fly in surrogate Santas from the North Pole. That explained it to us and we went home a bit smarter about Santa!



The Memorial Trees were also lit, bringing the memories of loved ones to mind.

Santa shows up at Wabeno's Winterfest



Santa came in the door at Winterfest and saw this youngster, who was glad to meet him! The Winterfest was a success, with many vendors in two gyms and plenty of people attending.



Two reindeer and two elves came with Santa to help out.



Five month old Ava Seal had her visit with Santa.

Crandon Friends of the Library **Book Sale**



It is time to stock up your book shelves! The Crandon Friends of the Library is having a book sale this Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. it will be held in the lower level of the Crandon Library.

First Case of the Omicron Variant Identified in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has detected the newest variant of concern, the Omicron variant, in Wisconsin. The Omicron variant, B.1.1.529, was classified as a variant of concern by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on November 30, 2021. Variants are classified as variants of concern if they show evidence of being more contagious, causing more severe illness, or resistance to diagnostics, treatments, or vaccines.

To date, one case of the Omicron variant has been identified in a specimen from a Wisconsin resident with recent travel history to South Africa.

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NLC All-Conference Academic Awards at CHS



Cross-Country pictured left to right:
Abby Adamski, Alexis Schallock, Lilly Williams, and Bradley Franti

Several Crandon High School athletes earned the Northern Lakes Conference All-Conference Academic Award for participating in the 2021 fall sports season. To be eligible to receive this award student-athletes must maintain a 3.5 GPA or greater during the season, have no athletic code violations during the season, and have earned at least their 2nd letter in that sport. Congratulations to all the recipients!



Football pictured left to right: Carer Bissonette, Jacob McIntosh, Caden Palubicki, and Cole Shepherd, Missing: Kaleb Samz



Volleyball pictured left to right: Isabella Toyebo, Holly Palubicki, Abey VanZile, Mara Stamper, Ruby Mishler, and Ava Neilitz, Missing: Karsen May



COVID-19 surge stressing health systems

DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY

WAUSAU, Wis. – Hospitals and health systems across the region are experiencing high patient volumes and capacity challenges during the current COVID-19 surge. Across the Aspirus Health system – which includes 17 hospitals from Portage, Wisconsin to Laurium, Michigan – patient volumes across all care settings are high.

On Friday, 135 COVID-positive patients were occupying 26 percent of Aspirus inpatient beds. The seven-day average of COVID-positive inpatients across Aspirus has risen to 131 from 103 on November 22. The weekly positivity rate among COVID-19 tests processed by Aspirus has also risen to above 22 percent.

This high level of COVID-19 activity in the region is stressing health systems and their ability to also care for the non-COVID needs of communities.

"We have not had to turn patients away; however patients are having to wait," said Jeff Wicklander, Aspirus SVP & Aspirus Wausau Hospital President. "Overall, our capacity is over 95 percent. When we look at our critical care we are near capacity, if not at capacity several days of the week."

Aspirus leverages its system wherever possible to provide the appropriate level of care for each patient. This includes transferring within its system to keep patients local; shifting resources and staffing across departments and facilities; and utilizing its robust home health division to keep people out of the hospital.

"The good news is that we have a very comprehensive system, the tricky part is that we are very, very busy," Wicklander said. "We've been focused on monoclonal antibody therapy which has been very effective. We've treated over 2,000 patients with about 50 lives saved based on that treatment."

There are things everyone can do to help local hospitals throughout the pandemic. Chief among them is to get vaccinated. It is safe and dramatically reduces the risk of infection and serious illness. Community members are also encouraged to choose the appropriate care setting for their health needs and reserve emergency rooms for those that are most critical and emergent.



AREA EVENTS

Forest County Health Department

2021 COVID-19 BOOSTER Community Clinic Schedule

When: December 10, 11:00-2:00

December 14, 11:00-2:00

Where: Crandon Community Building

We will have the Moderna vaccine only.

Please bring your vaccine card with you.

*MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL COMMUNITY **CLINICS***

*Unless you are unable to wear a mask for health or safety reasons.

Sen. Baldwin helped deliver \$9.3 Million pandemic support for WI timber industry

USDA begins disbursing final pandemic assistance payments next week

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin applauded the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) announcement that \$9.3 million in total will be disbursed in relief for Wisconsin's timber harvesting and hauling businesses that have experienced losses due to COVID-19, through the USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers program (PATHH). Senator Baldwin helped secure the critical assistance for the logging industry in last year's bipartisan government funding legislation.

"Wisconsin's timber industry provides goodpaying jobs, supports our rural communities' economies, and provides recreational opportunities that make the Wisconsin way of life a treasure of the nation," said Senator Baldwin. "While COVID-19 continues to force layoffs and slow business for our timber industry, I am proud to have helped get assistance out to our loggers and haulers, who are an essential workforce we will need to restore economic opportunities where they have been disrupted."

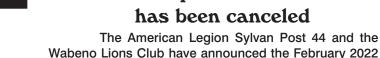
Program Details

The PATHH program is administered by Farm Service Agency (FSA) in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. Timber harvesting and hauling businesses that experienced a gross revenue loss of at least 10% during the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019, were eligible to apply during the application period, which ran from July 22 -October 15, 2021. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 authorized up to \$200 million for PATHH. FSA issued initial payments up to \$2,000 as applications were approved. Now that signup has ended and FSA has evaluated the remaining funds, FSA has started to issue final payments to those applicants whose calculated payment amount was over \$2,000. Payments are based on the applicant's gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 1, 2019, minus gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 1, 2020, multiplied by 80%.

To be eligible for payments, individuals or legal entities must be a timber harvesting or timber hauling business where 50% or more of its gross revenue is

derived from one or more of the following

- Cutting timber.
- Transporting timber.
- Processing of wood on-site on the forest land (chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.).



will be back.

CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 PM



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2022 Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree has been canceled The American Legion Sylvan Post 44 and the

Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree has been canceled. It is fully expected that the 2023 February Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree

CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM

What child is this? On Christmas Eve, an angel answers that question. "A savior has been born to you." It is a stunning statement, for two reasons. First, this child looks nothing like what we would expect in a savior. This child is weak, helpless, and mired in poverty. Second, he has come to bring salvation "to you." It is a salvation we all need desperately. It was God's gift to us, given on that first Christmas Eve.



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town hall)

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Santa will be passing through Laona on Saturday Dec. 11 from the North Pole. Santa, Mrs. Clause & their elves will do a little parade through town with our town cop playing music. The parade starts at the church. Candy & toys will be handed out at 4 pm at Selolihn's Bar. There will be cookies and hot chocolate for the children. Bring the children and enjoy our Christmas to them.

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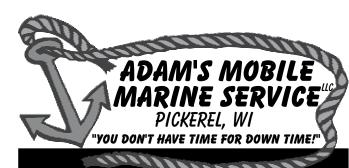
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Virginia Johnson, Myéygishgok [That spirit path from east to west into the heavens], passed away November 30, 2021, in her home in Crandon, Wisconsin. She has profoundly impacted all during her lifetime in many ways.



Whether a mother, friend, cousin, sister, aunt, colleague, godmother, or many other names, Virginia's everlasting impact of kindness, love, and compassion to many will be forever cherished dearly by all.

Virginia was born November 24, 1971, to the late Thelma Johnson and Alfred Winch in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. She had been raised on the Potawatomi Reservation most of her life until moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, later on. She had one brother, Johnathan Johnson, who she would always say was her rock as she thought the world of him. In her tribe and beyond, her selfdeclared siblings were beyond countable. Whether a nonbiological or biological brother or sister, which she had plenty of, she loved them all with her heart.

Virginia had one son, Jacob Johnson, the highlight of her life who she loved and cherished deeply. She also had many nieces and nephews who she treated as her children. Her beliefs of love, kindness, and kindship guided her to treat everyone dignified and lovingly.

Virginia graduated from Crandon High School in 1990. She attended some college but always found her journey in life the best form of education. Throughout her life, she had many professional titles accustomed to her experience in life and her tribe. Whether on the Forest County Potawatomi Housing Committee, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board, or other titles in her tribe, Virginia will always be remembered for her devotion to her work and tribal community.

In her lifetime, living from her reservation to Milwaukee, Virginia, she never found it difficult to make friends. People will never forget her high-cheek bones, unique "aunty" laugh, and funny jokes. From a selfproclaimed "Master Chef" in the kitchen to a devoted cultural learner, she had acquired many titles in her life by her work and dedication or had been given them by her family and friends.

Virginia's hobbies included watching various forms of entertainment, traveling to Las Vegas as one of her most favorite vacation spots, having coffee with friends, talking with elders, and, most importantly, spending time with her family. She loved to attend powwows to see her family dance, listen to music, eat frybread, and collect more beadwork for her collection. She was a proud member of the Native American Church and would love to hear people sing.

She always believed having the family together was essential for life and would always take in anyone who would knock on her door. She will be missed by all those she has crossed paths with during her life. Everyone will always remember her for her heart and kindness.

Virginia joins both her parents, grandparents, and ancestors in heaven. She is survived by her son, brother, nieces, and nephews, as well as her cousins and some aunties and uncles.

Viewing for Virginia's body was on December 2, 2021, at the Forest County Potawatomi Museum and Cultural Center at 3 p.m. Traditional Native American Church funeral services were the following day, with a meal at 11 a.m. and commencement at 1 p.m. The family invites anyone who knew Virginia to come for her services. They knew she would ask anyone she had known in her life to come to her services.

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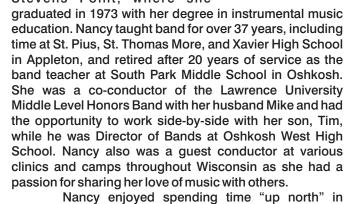
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Death Notices

Nancy Jean Doleysh, 70, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday December 5, 2021, with her family by her side. She was born in Wausau on July 25, 1951, daughter of the late John "Sid" and Betty (Rogers) Krohn. Nancy married Michael Doleysh on July 28, 1973.

Nancy graduated from Wausau High School, class of 1969. She continued her education at UW-Stevens Point, where she



Crandon, with her family. Her ties to the Crandon area are strong as her great grandparents owned and operated the Hellstrom Hotel, and her grandparents owned and operated the Krohn Variety Store. Nancy further enjoyed scrapbooking, quilting, giving her time and talent to support veterans, learning more about her family history, and thrifting with her friends, Bonnie and Maggie. Her greatest enjoyment came from time spent with her friends and family. She enjoyed watching her grandson play sports, helping her granddaughter with arts and crafts, helping both with flute, piano, and trumpet, going for walks and having lunch with Tim, and spending her winters in Florida with Mike.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Mike of Appleton; son, Timothy (Jill) of Appleton; two grandchildren: Abigail and Michael Doleysh of Appleton; brother, Michael Krohn of Rothschild; mother in-law, Eunice Doleysh of Manitowoc; friends at Edgewater Pines, Florida, who were like family; and her many cousins who were like her brothers and sisters. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, John "Sid" and Betty (Rogers) Krohn; sister, Carol Krohn; sister inlaw, Patricia Krohn, and father in-law, Wilfred "Butch" Doleysh.

A memorial service for Nancy will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday December 16, 2021, at EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 740 W College Ave, Appleton, with Rev. Ben Morris officiating. Visitation will be held at the church Thursday morning beginning at 11:00 until the 1:00 PM service. A private family burial will take place at Lakeside Cemetery, Crandon.

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Michael C. Kollaszar, of Crandon, died on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. He was born on July 18, 1938



in Chicago, IL, son of

Michael Sr. and Florence (Vanaman) Kollaszar.

He married Janice Salzwdel on May 4, 1968 in Chicago. Together, he and Janice were blessed with four children Kari, Michael, Martin and Joel. Michael attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crandon.

Michael served in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1966.

He worked as a Field Test Engineer for Bucyrus for many years.

Survivors including his wife, are his daughter, Kari Kollaszar, sons, Michael (Amanda) Kollaszar, Martin Kollaszar and Joel (Rebecca) Kollaszar; grandchildren, Nicolas Kollaszar-Skipper, Michael P. Kollaszar, Sierra Kollaszar, Alexander Kollaszar, LJ Kollaszar and Serena Kollaszar; sister, Evelynn Blada; brothers, David (Mary) Kollaszar, Phillip Kollaszar, and Kenneth (Julie) Kollaszar; sister-in-law, Chris Kollaszar; and brother-in-law, Allen Willkomm.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by son-in-law, John; sisters, Beverly Mire and Elizabeth Willkomm; brothers, Robert Kollaszar, Jim Kollaszar and Larry Kollaszar; sisters-in-law, Carla Kollaszar, Jane Kollaszar and Yvonne Kollaszar; and brothers-in-law, Emil Mire and Ronald Blada.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday. December 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Samuel Pappenfuss officiating.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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Victor R. Burkey, age 63, of Hiles, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Victor was born in on April 22, 1958 in Princeton, IL to Raymond Burkey and Ruby White (Christman). Victor was raised by Melanie (Polson) Burkey. In 1985, he moved to northern Wisconsin with his family to operate the Frontier Bar in Hiles. His family brought him the greatest joy. He worked many years in the home



construction industry operating his own business known as Northland Builders. For decades Victor volunteered countless hours as a volunteer Fire Chief for Hiles Company A. His willingness to volunteer also included being and EMT and first responder. When he wasn't busy working and volunteering he could be found watching old western movies especially those with John

He is survived by daughter, Jessica (Megan) McKay of Appleton, WI; step-daughter, Laurie Chapple of Argonne WI; significant other, Dustlyn Leet of Cadott, WI; granddaughters, Jen Spake and Bailey (lan) Chapple of Laona, WI; grandson, Jacob Chapple of Argonne, WI; great-grandchildren, Brayden McKay and Bentley McKay of Appleton, Marley Daniels and Jaxon Chapple of Laona WI; and siblings, Susan Roulston, Robert Burkey, Terry Burkey, Barb Dickens, Scott Christman, and Dale Burkey.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Judy McKay-Visitation will be on Friday, December 10, 2021

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon. Memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. with Mr. Daniel Childers officiating. Online condolences may be

Pauline Jayce Gryczkowsi Pence, 61, of Pelican Lake, passed away November 30, 2021 at Froedert Hospital. Pauline was born May 31, 1960, the daughter of Lee Gryczkowski and Alice Gryczkowski.

Pauline liked to fish, crochet, motorcycling and kayaking

Surviving are her children, Waylon (Mardane Laurence) Gryczkowski, Amanda Pence, Donald (Candida) Pence, Virginia (Scott) Esserman and Misty Pence; her siblings, Paul Gryczkowski, Phillip (Diane) Gryczkowski, Peggy (Eugene) Feger, Patty Bocek, Jennie (Tony) Moddie and Jim (Shawn) Gryczkowski; her grandkids; great-grandkids; nieces; nephews; aunts and

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 2-7 p.m. at Koni K's Korner Pub in Elcho. Friends and family are welcome.

William J. Bocek, 53, of Crandon, joined his parents in heaven on Friday, December 3, 2021. William was born August 21, 1968 in Laona, the son of Gerald and Mary Nancy Molly (Okrasinski) Bocek.

In 1992 he married the former Carrie Mentz and they had two children together. In 1998 he married the former Holly Kroll and they had

family.



one son together. At a young age Bill chose logging as his professional and never looked back. Having logged for 38 years it was his true calling. He loved nothing more in this life than his kids, grandbabies and

He is survived by his three children, daughter. Savannah of Crandon; sons, Jacob (Tayelor) of Crandon and Blake (Jade) of Crandon; grandchildren, Silas, Elijah, Brayden, Jarik, Domynik and Nevaeh; sisters, Laura (Sid) Gumm of Crandon and Carolyn See of Crandon; brother, Joe (Cindy) Bocek of Antigo and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also, surviving to whom he referred to affectionately and with all the love in his heart little sis. Karla Giemza and momma, Stephanie "Steph" Vanden Plas; his boys, Bubba, Jake, Chev, and Earl; Kassandra, whom he referred to as his second daughter; and the grands, James and Ivy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Norman Houle; and son-in-law, Jacob Ostenson.

Pallbearers are Bubba Ponton, Jake VanEss, Earl Brownell, Chev Milham, Dennis Ponton and Jim VanEss.

Services will be held at 12 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Burial to follow at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family

More obituaries on next page

Death Notices

John H. Bohn, age 82, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Townsend, on Sunday, November 28, 2021. John was born August 16, 1939, the son of Harold and Juanita (Loose) Bohn of Townsend.

After graduation from Wabeno High School, John moved to Milwaukee, WI with a number of his friends. He later moved to West Bend, WI, where he met and married the love of his life, Carol Achterberg.



While working in West Bend, John spent weekends building a home in Townsend.

When the home was livable, John and Carol moved to Townsend. John was first self-employed for a number of years doing auto body repair. He then worked for Hogan Enterprises as a crusher operator. In later years, he was employed by Mountain Stone as a loader operator. John loved to go on occasion to the casino, visit friends and go out to eat. Of course, he had to tell you he liked his cooking much better.

Surviving John are sisters, Joyce (Dean) Huffer of Biloxi, MS and Donna Hogan of Wabeno, WI; and brother, Robert (Jackee) Bohn of Hayward, WI. Further surviving John are sisters-in-law, Sharon Fuller of Waukesha, WI and Janet (Dave) Bronner of Kewaskum, WI. John has numerous nieces and nephews and friends that will miss him.

Preceding John in death was his casino and travel partner, his wife, Carol; parents, Harold and Juanita Bohn; and sisters, Mae Jane Fenn, Helen Passehl and Lois Jean Martin.

John requested that he be cremated and his remains and that of his wife, Carol be buried at his designated site at Forest Home Cemetery in Townsend. A graveside service for the two of them will be held in the summer of 2022.

The family would like to thank his friends and family for all the comforting words and prayers. A special thank you to Sharon Fuller, Ted Statler and Orville Fuller at the time of his passing and friends. Ken Mervyn and John Houle for their assistance with his home.

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

Forest County Commission on Aging



Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

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CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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Thursday - December 16 - Ham, tossed salad, baked beans, dinner roll, mac and cheese, baked cranberry salad

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Will I lose my Wisconsin benefits in January?

The short answer: No.

The long answer: If you were already eligible for or became eligible for Wisconsin benefits (SeniorCare, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Programs, or FoodShare) after March 2020, your benefits have been extended throughout the Federal Public Health Emergency which remains ongoing. This means that even if you became ineligible for any of these programs after March 2020, your benefits have continued.

Many people are concerned that their benefits will be terminated at the end of 2021, or later without warning. This is not the case. Once the PHE has ended, which it has not yet, you will receive notice in the mail and be given time to complete a renewal before there is even a possibility of loss of benefits.

What you can do now:

- 1. Report changes. If there have been any changes to your household status, income, or other changes since March 2020, you should contact your local Income Maintenance Consortium and provide these updates. This will make it easier to complete renewals when the PHE does ultimately end.
- 2. Update your address. Make sure your Income Maintenance Consortium has your updated address. If you have moved residences at all since March 2020, you may miss your notice of renewal or benefits termination if it ends up being sent to a different address.
- 3. Watch your mail. Make sure to open all of your mail and carefully read any notices about Medicaid or other Public benefits. Respond timely if requested.

To locate your local Income Maintenance C o n s o r t i u m , v i s i t : https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm.

First Case Omicron Cont. from pg. 1

"We've been prepared for this news and will continue trusting the science to help keep Wisconsinites and our communities healthy and safe," said Governor Tony Evers. "Now is the time to double down on our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, including the Omicron variant. I urge all eligible Wisconsinites to get vaccinated and receive a booster dose as soon as possible and to follow the latest public health guidance."

The Omicron variant was first discovered in South Africa in November 2021 and has spread to the United States, including Wisconsin. The Omicron variant contains a concerning number of mutations to the spike protein. Certain mutations on the spike protein were already recognized on other variants and have been associated with increased transmissibility and antibody resistance. It will take several weeks to determine Omicron's transmissibility, impact on disease severity, and the effectiveness of vaccines and treatments against it.

"With the detection of Omicron in Wisconsin, Wisconsinites should stay vigilant in their efforts to stay healthy and to help prevent further strain on our heavily burdened hospital system," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "As we learn more about this variant and how easily it spreads, it's crucial that all Wisconsinites continue to practice good public health safety measures like getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, staying home if you're sick, and getting tested."

The person with the Omicron variant is an adult male and is a Milwaukee County resident who recently returned from a trip in South Africa. The person was fully vaccinated and had received a booster dose. The person reported mild symptoms and no hospitalization has been required. Contact tracing efforts have been completed. This case is not related to the COVID-19 outbreak that DHS and the City of Milwaukee Health Department are investigating.

Information on variant case counts is provided by the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene (visit WI SARS-Co-V2 Genomic Report)

Variants are identified through a process called whole genome sequencing. Whole genome sequencing takes a sample of the virus from a positive SARS-CoV-2 test specimen and reads its genetic code to determine the genetic makeup of the virus. DHS, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and other laboratory partners regularly perform whole genome sequencing on a portion of positive tests.

DHS is urging all Wisconsinites to follow these public health practices to protect against COVID-19, including variants like Omicron:

- Get vaccinated.
- Get your booster if you're eligible.
- Wear your mask in public indoor settings.
- Stay home if you're feeling sick.
 Wash your hands frequently.
 - Wash your hands frequently.
- If you're experiencing symptoms or have been identified as a close contact, get tested for COVID-19.

Everyone ages 5 and up can receive a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, the CDC now recommends that everyone 18 and older receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after having received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or two months after their single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Vaccines are free and you do not need an ID or health insurance to get one. To find a vaccine location in Forest County visit Vaccines.gov, or call 715-478-3371, or 211.

Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

supplemental Vitamin D can be beneficial to combat something to be grateful for and take advantage of! Winter Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or what one may refer to as seasonal depression. Vitamin D also helps fight certain conditions such as osteoporosis, cancer, depression, heart attacks, and strokes.

Stimulation of creativity

Spending time in natural surroundings stimulates creativity in children and adults. Kaplan's Attention Restoration Therapy (ART) suggests that spending time in nature can replenish your attention system so that creative thoughts can flow.

Concentration will improve

A study published in 2008 found that children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) scored higher on a test involving concentration after a walk through a park than after a walk through a residential neighborhood or downtown area. Although not extensively studied, we can assume the same results in the case of children that are not diagnosed with ADHD as well as adults, with or without ADHD.

Boosts immune health

Spending time in forested areas have been proven to increase "natural killer" (NK) cell activity. "Natural Killer" cells are a type of white blood cell with antibacterial and antifungal properties that help kill damaging cells in the body.

The immune-boosting effects of NKs are partially attributed to phytoncides, which are the aromatic compounds emitted by plants and trees. Plants and trees emit these compounds to prevent rotting and feeding upon by insects and animals.

Helps us become a better person

Before modern technology has allowed us to see beautiful places on a screen rather than in person, the natural environment was the primary source of awe. Turning your eyes from the modern marvels to the trees above can make one a kinder and less self-involved person. Finding yourself in awe, invoked by the natural world, encourages giving, prosocial behavior, and collective concern aided by a feeling of a smaller self. If one wishes to partake on a journey of self-improvement, the natural world is a great guide and therapist.

Helps in coping with grief

Having a dedicated place in nature where you can escape to remember and be close or speak to those you have lost is beneficial in the process of grieving. Commemorating a special place such as this is beneficial for honoring someone's loss. This place is a location where you can process thoughts and emotions as you need.

There are plenty of other benefits that nature provides! Think about your favorite place or a place of peace you resort to in the outdoors. Is it a big stump you sit on in your woods? Is it the experience or emotions you feel as you walk down the rows of your pine plantation you planted 20, 30, or 40 years ago? Is it sitting along a wildlife pond on your property? The vast amount of benefits we

December Law of the Month: Give snowplows room on the roads

After every snowfall, plow drivers throughout Wisconsin work long hours to clear nearly 115,000 miles of roads across the state.

Wisconsin State Patrol's December Law of the Month reminds every driver of the importance of giving snowplows the space they need to get the job done.

"The tireless work of these highway workers ensures safe driving conditions for all of us in winter," State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell said. "Drivers should stay off the roads as much as possible when snow hasn't been cleared yet and keep a safe distance when traveling near a plow."

There were almost 3,400 crashes involving snowplows in the past 10 years (2010-2020). Four people died and 533 were hurt in those incidents, many which could have been prevented with careful driving.

Many crashes between snowplows and other vehicles happen when a plow is rear-ended, often by a driver traveling too fast for conditions.

State law requires drivers to stay at least 200 feet behind a plow clearing ice or snow, or laying salt or sand on a highway with a speed limit more than 35 miles per hour. Drivers should stay at least 75 feet back from a plow on a road with a slower speed limit.

The State Patrol also encourages the following winter driving tips:

- Snow means slow. Allow extra travel time, following distance, and reduce your speed during winter conditions.
- Road conditions in front of a plow will likely be worse, but if you must pass, be careful. Plows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure vision.

Drivers who get stranded during a winter storm become hazards that interfere with snow removal efforts. If possible, stay off the roads during severe winter weather and wait until conditions improve.

- · If you must travel, check 511 for conditions or incidents along your route. Have a fully charged phone and an emergency kit in your vehicle.
- Buckle up and put your phone down while driving.

 Every trip, every time.

These careful driving practices can help keep every driver and highway worker safe throughout the long winter season in Wisconsin.

PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 11, DECEMBER 13, 2021 Crandon Lions did eye exams for Crandon Elementary kids



Lion helper Tom Braunreiter did eye exams for Crandon Elementary students

The Crandon Lions provided eye screening for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at the Crandon Elementary School.

91% of the students pasted the chart exam.

Letters have been sent to all parents and guardians of the students screened, indicating whether the students passed or failed.

If a student failed the vision screening it is highly recommended that professional examination be

scheduled. Please note that the Lions did an exam for vision only. The exam will not indicated if your child could possibly have a disease of the eye!

Sight is of the utmost importance in life, and if a

Sight is of the utmost importance in life, and if a problem is detected, it should be dealt with early. The Lions Club is available to help in this situation if necessary.

Lion Larry Sommer along with helpers included Tom and Diane Braunreiter, Mike and Lexanne Hitchcock, Janet Spring two high school students conducted the exams.

What is Seasons of Health?

Seasons of Health is a health promotion campaign specific to Forest County. The movement aims to raise awareness of and education to residents on a variety of health concerns, awareness months, and activities related to disease prevention each season. Winter is the first season of the campaign and although it focuses on health as a whole, we are emphasizing mental health, radon and cancer prevention, and heart health.

In December, we are emphasizing the importance of caring for your mental health. Here are some tips to help boost your mental health!!

- 1. Take care of your body. Eat nutritious foods, drink plenty of water, be creative with winter exercise, take personal hygiene measures, and get enough sleep.
 - Change up your routine. Routines can be helpful, but they also become monotonous and boring. Take a different way to school or work, try something new for dinner, or try a new activity.
 - Surround yourself with good people!
 Good people can make you feel better spiritually and a connection makes your mental health better, as well.
 - Practice goal-setting! Set realistic goals
 of what you would like to accomplish
 academically, professionally, and/or
 personally. Don't forget to write them down!
 - 5. Ask for help when you need it. Whether it's completing a task, getting kids to school, or even asking a friend where to find a mental health professional, don't be afraid to ask for help. People are here for you.

If you would like any mental health resources, emergency food or shelter information, and/or any form of financial assistance this winter, please call the Forest County Health Department for additional resources at 715-478-3371.



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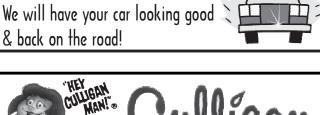
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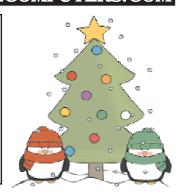
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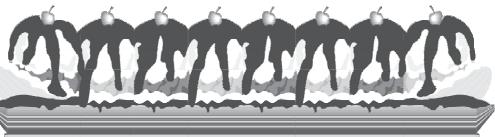
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- · Head Basketball Coach
- · Assistant Baseball Coach
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- Training and/or three years of Accounting experience is required.

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- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
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- Three years verifiable supervisory experience is required. Minimum one year verifiable dept. budgeting is preferred.
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If mailing checks, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will mail the receipt back to you.

If paying in person, below are the dates and times the office will be open for tax collection:

8:30am-11:30am Saturday, December 11th Tuesday, December 21st 6:00pm-8:00pm Monday, December 27th 6:00pm-8:00pm Monday, January 10th, 2022 8:30am-11:30am 8:30am-11:30am Saturday, January 22, 2022,

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Submitted by Christie Schmidt, Town of Argonne Treasurer

School District of Wabeno Area School Report Card Accountability Ratings 2020-21

Priority Area	Score		
	Elem	HS	District
Overall Score	56.4	67.2	62
Achievement	48.2	43.8	45.5
Growth	47	73.6	64.1
Target Group Outcomes	n/a	61.7	57.6
On-Track to Graduation	82	79.8	81.4

Complete school and district reports cards are available on our district website www.wabeno.k12.wi.us

Notice Town of Nashville

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Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Dec. 13 - 17

Monday - Breakfast sandwiches, yogurt, grapes, fruit juice, milk Tuesday -French toast sticks, bacon, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk Wednesday -Granola bar, banana bread, cereal, yogurt, Mandarin orange

cups, fruit juice, milk Thursday - Belgium waffles, strawberries, sausage patty, yogurt, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Muffins, yogurt, cantaloupe/honeydew, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Dec. 13 - 17

Monday - Chicken patty, potato wedges, corn, pears, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Assorted pizza, garlic bread stick, green beans, apple sauce, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Sloppy Joe, potato wedges, peas & carrots, peaches garden bar, milk

Thursday -Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk Friday - Chili dog, waffle fries, cheesy broccoli, mixed berry cup, garden bar, milk

School District of Wabeno Area **Regular School Board Meeting** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

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, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services

Board Members Absent: None

Administration Absent: William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Others Present: Danielle Peterson, Bekkah VanEperen

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2)).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to amend the agenda (corrected October board meeting date to October 6). Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Katryna Van Eperen seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the amended agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2021. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Special School Board Meeting minutes of October 18, 2021, Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the Annual School Board Meeting minutes of October 25, 2021. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 82690 to 82821 for \$352,021.83 and payroll checks 900044119 to 900044439 for \$324,697.14, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$120,055.40. Carried 7 to 0.

Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal previously submitted his report.

The entire board congratulated the volleyball and football teams for making it this far. Best of luck to everyone this weekend!

Janet Opiela thanked Robert Tucker and his special education team for receiving grant funds. The Fab Lab did a great job on the lawn signs. Everyone stepped up and both communities pulled together. Special "thank you" to Tammy Exferd for handling the shirt and ticket sales all week as well as anyone else who helped this week.

Trinity Shepard stated the Trunk or Treat was a great idea. Kids all had a lot of fun and teachers stated the whole day went

Dave Seeber stated Laona did a great job on the pep rally today. It was a lot of fun and they got everyone engaged. Players on both teams had a good time and it was nice to see the players talk as well. The Lena football game was disappointing as no WIAA requirements were performed: no outside fencing, minimal seating, and 25% of what they did have for seating was for the pep band. Shouldn't have been allowed to host. It was frustrating to see as we fought for many years to get a home football game here.

Dawn Jakubiec stated the volleyball girls were very respectful at the football game as they sat down when they were done cheering vs. remaining standing (and others behind not being allowed to see).

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the Class of 2022 Overnight Senior Class Trip to Pigeon

Forge, TN from June 6-10, 2022. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve HUDL agreements for football \$1099, boys basketball

\$900 - unlimited game plus \$450 silver edition, and girls basketball \$900 - unlimited game plus \$450 silver edition. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between School District of Wabeno Area and Family and Child Learning Centers of N.E.W., Inc. (Wabeno Head Start). Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve NEOLA policies: po1422, 1422.02, 1623, 1662,

2260, 2260.01 3122, 3122.02, 3123, 3362, 4122, 4122.02, 4123, 4362, 5517, 4120.04, 5880, and 8510. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Presley Keeble as JV Girls Basketball Coach.

Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve Mike Chrisman as middle school Boys Basketball Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna Van Eperen to approve Jeremy Seiler as Asst. Golf Coach. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Sheila Salzer's resignation as part-time childcare assistant teacher from Little Logroller's Daycare. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the new District Administrative Assistant job description. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to go into closed session at 6:34 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e). 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.

The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:

a. Discuss upcoming Co-op meeting.

b. Discuss staff involvement in political discussions.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dave Seeber to return to open session at 7:06 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.

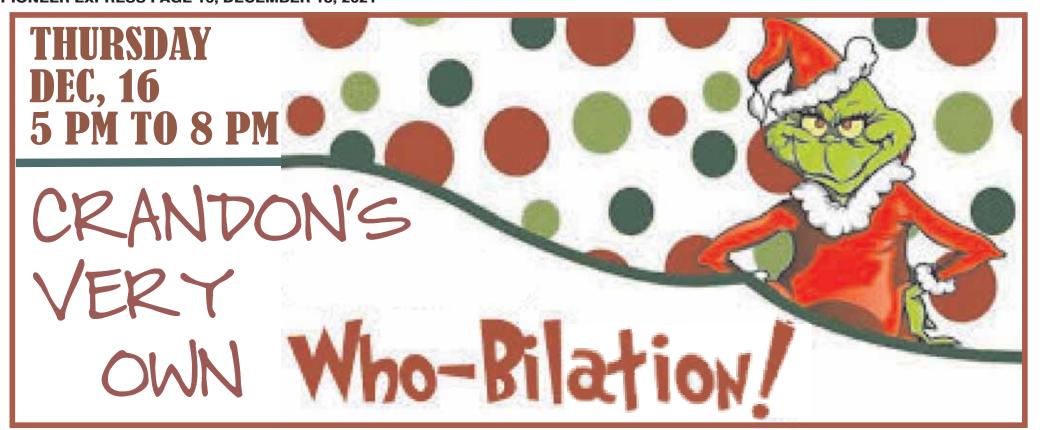
Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items. Next meeting will be December 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to adjourn at 7:08 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

Laona Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, December 13, 2021 • 5:30 p.m. Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Samantha Hoffman 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Public Forum (10 Minutes) 5. Consent Agenda
- A. Bills and Claims B. Meeting Minutes
- 6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
- A. Senior Class Trip update B. Resignation
 - C. Hiring
 D. Christmas Concert E. March 8th Discussion
 - F. COVID update
- G. Approval of Neola policies
- 7. Informational Items: A. Business Manager's Report
 - B. Middle/High School Principal's Report
 - C. Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report
- D. Board Member Reports
- 8. Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
 - A. Personnel
- 9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session. 10. Adjourn:
 Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of
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