

1,684 cases of covid-19 (86 active) confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 106 persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in December as of December 10th, for a total of 1,684 cases in Forest County. There have been 13 probable cases this month for a total of 97 probable cases along with 3 COVID-19-associated deaths. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individuals who tested positive had close contact with. There are currently 86 active cases in isolation, 1,568 released from isolation, 8 hospitalized, and 32 deaths related to COVID-19. This is a snapshot of numbers, but they are continuously changing throughout the day.

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 care provider.

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.

2022 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Poster and Speaking Contest

The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association is hosting another poster and speaking contest and we are inviting all of our students from Crandon, Laona and Wabeno school districts to participate. This year's poster theme is Healthy Soil: Healthy Life and the speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Topics should address soil and water conservation issues.

There are three levels to this contest; local, area (regional) and state. Each student that enters the poster contest or speech contest will have a chance to advance to the regional and then onto state representing Forest County. As far as the first level, the local contest held here in Forest County, students will need to submit their POSTERS by Friday, JANUARY 14th to be judged. We would like all entry forms for the speeches in by JANUARY 14th, this will give us enough time to schedule slots on the 19th.

Due to COVID-19 we would like to be able to space out each speech to make sure we are taking the correct actions for cleaning and social distancing. We will be hosting the speeches in person in the County Board Room or via YouTube. Allowing only the judges, speakers and parents in the room. All posters that are submitted will be hung up in the Forest County court house. We look forward to showcasing our students work to the other counties as well.

The igloos at Whiskey Darlin' in Crandon



A unique dome dining experience is offered on the north end of Lake Avenue in Crandon. Jameson's Whiskey Darlin' has erected two igloo type domes in the parking lot. They look quite nice in the evening with their lighting. Both are heated nicely with electric heaters and there is comfortable seating.

Stacey Jameson is offering charcuterie and dessert boards and drinks. They are also partnered with Lake Avenue for complete meals, and other restaurants will be available.

If you would like to feel like you are outside, but be warm and comfortable with good food and drink on hand, give Stacey a call at 715-784-1257. These are private reservations for up to six people per dome. Highlight your Christmas shopping experience with a stop at the domes!

A side note is that the trolley can be rented for light tours of Crandon.

A February scene in the North



This is usually a scene in February, but it is only mid-December! We had a great snowfall last weekend. It puts a strain on city and county snow removers as well as homeowners and businesses who have to shovel out. But, the snowmobilers will be happy!

This is a City of Crandon worker cleaning up the big piles of snow scattered around town.

Proposed Townsend town hall

Four years ago, the Townsend Board of Directors asked a volunteer group of Townsend citizens to look into the possibility of replacing the current town hall with a new town hall. Many meetings were held to discuss the condition of the current town hall. The current building had been built back in 1969 as it has served the Townsend community well for the last 52 years. It was determined that the cost to upgrade the current town hall was not feasible and still have a building that could safely serve the community for many years to come. It was apparent that remodeling would only put a band-aid on a very old building. Many years of use and weather have worn the building out.

The Townsend town hall is used almost daily by many different groups including craft groups, sport groups, local citizens for weddings, funerals, baby showers, craft fairs and many other events. It goes without being said that the town business is conducted there. Voting in all elections is done in the town hall. With an improved town hall, the new town hall will continue to serve these groups and the township for years to come. All of these uses will provide a venue for growth in the community in a new modern, safe and welcoming building – something all Townsend residents should be proud of.

The next step was to determine what the current needs were and to plan for the future so that the building can serve the community for years to come. Numerous meetings were spent talking about the size of rooms, office needs, heating and cooling systems, lighting, IT needs, kitchen needs, hall needs, bathrooms, fire protection and many other features to include in the building. Committee members traveled to other town halls and buildings to see what design fit their needs and how they could work for Townsend. These visits were very helpful in the planning. The site for the new town hall is the site of the old Townsend school house that was torn down in 1992. The committee worked with an architect to make preliminary plans and determine what was possible to do. At every aspect, the needs of the community and the ability to afford it were taken to account. At this time the planning is mostly complete and plans have been drawn up and are available for viewing. Pictured is an artist's rendition of what the town hall could possibly look like. Lots of time and talent by various volunteer committee members have been put into this project.

The future timeline of this project has not been determined. All Townsend citizens are encouraged to look at the plans and be positive about this chance for Townsend to upgrade the old worn-out building that is being used at the present. This is a long-needed upgrade to the Townsend facilities. Townsend has been growing and will continue to grow. The need for a safe and more usable building will only increase as the town continues to grow.



Please contact the Forest County Land Conservation office for speaking registration forms or your teachers and the poster guidelines and registration form.

Christmas Greeting Issue Next Week

-BARS - PARS

Next week, the Pioneer Express will feature Seasons Greetings ads from area businesses who would like you to know, as customers, you are much appreciated.

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If you have a business that you would like to be included in this issue, please contact the Pioneer using the phone number or email featured at the top of this paper.

Wabeno Christmas Caroling Event!



The Wabeno Lion's Club will be Christmas Caroling through the streets of Wabeno on Saturday December 18 between the hours of 5:30-7:00, with a stop at the Wabeno Heights apartments. Santa is joining us, again! He will be handing out candy bags for the children along our route! Watch and listen for our decorated "people hauler", complete with Christmas lights and blaring Christmas carols. We embark from Main Street near the ambulance building around 5:30 and wind through the downtown streets first, before heading up River Street and, then, Soperton. We will end up where we started. Please be ready with the kids! We can't wait!

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Schedule a visit with

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8201 Mish ko swen Drive Crandon, WI Mon - Fri, 7 am - 5 pm Health.FCPotawatomi.com



DAR awards Curtis Paschen the 2022 DAR Scholarship



On December 3rd, Susan Clark, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Nokomis Good Citizens Chair, awarded Curtis Paschen of Crandon High School with the 2022 DAR Scholarship. His application will now be entered into the state-wide DAR scholarship competition.

Earlier this fall, the Crandon High School staff nominated three seniors who have shown exceptional dependability, patriotism, leadership, and service. The senior class then voted for one of those three seniors to be the DAR Good Citizen Recipient for Crandon High School. Students can then choose to complete for the scholarship

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portion of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Curtis was chosen by his class and accepted the challenge to complete the scholarship portion of the competition.

Congratulations, Curtis!



CHRISTMAS TREES

AREA EVENTS

Balsam & Fraser Christmas Trees For Sale at Flannery Trees

Greg & Linda Flannery

OPENING MONDAY, NOV. 22

7560 State Hwy 32 & 55 Argonne 6 miles north of Crandon on the right across from Argonne Lumber (Formerly at Schaefers Greenhouse) Open Daily 10-6, by Cash or Check Cell: 715-460-1777 Home: 715-649-3558

5<u>66666666666</u>66 **Canaan & Fraser Christmas Trees**, Wreaths, Crosses & Candy Canes,

Packard's Farm 5838 Haney Hill Road 3/4 mile north of the Crandon School

Open Daily 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Our tree & wreath sale will be SELF SERVE and precut in the yard

Trees & Wreaths are priced in increments of Five Dollars

Please try to bring the correct change or write checks payable to Barb Packard. There will be a drop box by the house.

Plan to load and secure your own tree! **Contact us for special orders at** 715-478-2341 or call/text 715-889-4032

THANK YOU & MERRY CHRISTMAS! **ART & BARB**

CHRISTMAS IN POPPLE RIVER SALE IN A NICE HEATED GARAGE Come pick out a gift for yourself or someone else. **Decorative ladders**, Christmas baskets, plenty to choose from. Also a few fall items. Thursday, Dec16 thru Sunday, Dec19 11502 on State Hwy 139 1/2 mile from Haen's Bar Watch for Signs



CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 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.

Birth Announcement Michael Langley Lewis & Megan Lewis of Appleton WI, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Langley R. Lewis, born in July of 2021 in Appleton WI. Langley R. Lewis, is the grandson of Ronald & Terri Lewis, the great grandson of the late Donald & Mildred Lewis and the great, great

grandson of the late Langley & Dorothy Lewis of the Town of Nashville, Forest County WI.

After a spring baptism, a celebration of birth is planned on the original Lewis Family Farm for the summer of 2022 in the Town of Nashville. Lewis family members from many states are planning on attending and to visit the original Langley Lewis farm and homestead. At that time several fruit trees will be planted in honor of Langley, Donald and Langley R. Lewis, the newest member of the **Real Lewis generation.**







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CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM

For more info call 715-784-6140 or email us at gracelifecrandonwi@yahoo.com or visit us online at https://gracelifebiblefellowship.com/need -help-healing-or-hope

Community Closet of Summit Lake Free clothing (baby-kids-adult- small thru plus sizes) bedding, shoes, etc.

Hours: Mon: 10am- 12Pm Wed: 4pm-6pm Sat: 9am-10am N9570 Hwy B, Summit Lake (across from town hall) **Clothing donations accepted Everyone Welcome**

St. John Luthern LCMS, Laona Good Shepherd LCMS, Crandon Service Schedule 12/19 - Joint Service at St. John, 10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

> <u>12/24 - Christmas Eve</u> St. John - 4:30 p.m. Good Shepherd - 6:30 p.m.



EXA EXA EXA EXA EXA Thank You!

X I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits while I was a patient in the Antigo and Wausau hospitals. I would like to thank Rick and Jane Albrecht for all they did for 🞇 me and my family, for setting up my welcome 🔯 home surprise and to all the people who were there. I would also like to thank the Doctors and Nurses at the Aspirus ICU, Doctor Anderson, the Nurses and Therapist at Aspirus Rehab Center 🞇 for getting me up and walking again. Š

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12/25 - Christmas Service Good Shepherd - 10:30 a.m.

12/26 - Regular Sunday Service St. John - 8:30 a.m. Good Shepherd 10:30 a.m.



The Forest County Salvation Army needs your help to raise funds to meet the needs of our neighbors. Call Jackie at 715-478-2683 to schedule a time to ring or sign up at the Laona State Bank-Schaefers. Donations may also be sent to:

Salvation Army, PO Box 251, Crandon, WI 54520

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Ð WANTED **CRANDON SCHOOL** DISTRICT VACANCY

Position Title: Elementary Special Education Teacher

Position Type: Instructional

Position Details:

Reports to: Principal and Director of Pupil Services Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking a Special Education Teacher to begin in the 2022-2023 school year. This position will work with students in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Applicant must have appropriate DPI license or be willing to seek the appropriate certification, at the cost of the applicant.

· 801: Cross Categorical, or

•809: Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-Grade 3)

Qualifications:

 Experience working with or teaching students with special needs at the elementary level ·Ability to build relationships with students,

families, and colleagues

·Willingness to problem solve and collaborate through Professional Learning Communities

 Strong oral, written, and communication skills

A desire to obtain professional

development in content and education-related areas Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
 - Transcripts

 Proof of DPI License or work towards a license

HELP WANTED



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

Help Wanted-Laona Sanitary District Part Time Helper

The Laona Sanitary District is looking for someone who could work flexible/part time hours to fill in as needed. General duties include day to day operations, reading meters, trouble shooting lift station issues, mowing grass, sampling, and so on.

Training would be provided and hours would vary week to week.

Applications can be picked up at the Laona Sanitary Office or at the Town Municipal Building in the front entrance. Applications will be accepted up until January 7, 2022.

If you have questions, please call the Sanitary Office at 715-674-7005. **Laona Sanitary District Board**

Employment Opportunity Forest County Building Maintenance Worker

Forest County is currently accepting applications for one (1) full-time (40 hours per week) **Building Maintenance Worker. Preferred applicants** must have experience in all facets of buildings and grounds maintenance including maintenance of all County owned properties as well as hold a valid driver license and maintain one for this position.

Application and position description may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520. The deadline for applications returned to the County Clerk is Monday, December 27th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

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Position Vacancy-Forest County Office on Aging

The Forest County Office on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Bus/Van driver position that includes two (2) positions; one (1) requiring a CDL and one (1) not requiring a CDL. Applicants must possess a valid Wisconsin's Driver's License, and have a good driving record. Applications and Job Descriptions are available at the County Clerk's office.

Applications should be returned by mail to the County Clerk's office, 200 East Madison St. Courthouse Crandon, WI 54520, or by email at nmatuszewski@co.forest.wi.us by 4:30, Monday, December 27, 2021.

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ELP WANTED CRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT VACANC

Position Title: Middle School and Activities Secretary Position Type: Clerical

Position Details: •Reports to: Building Administrator

Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking a school and activities secretary. This position would be located in the Middle/High School Office and would support students and parents grades 6-12, as well as the Activities Director. The goal for this position is to assure smooth and efficient operations of the Middle/High School Office and Activities Department and to provide a pleasant and positive reception area for the school. Position would begin immediately upon hire and will be approximately a 10 month position, with benefits. Pay range for this position will be from \$15.07 to \$19.00 per hour and will be based upon experience.

Candidate Preferred Qualifications:

• Previous secretarial experience

•Exceptional organizational skills, computer skills, as well as excellent human relations skills

•Ability to operate office machines and software applications

•Ability to assume responsibility, display initiative, and exercise good judgement

•Be professional, personable, and courteous with students, families, and colleagues

•Ability to perform duties of a sensitive and confidential nature

•Willingness to be flexible in daily functions, as needed by the Principal and Activities Director

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter Resume

•Three Current Letters of Recommendation Application Deadline: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 3:00

How to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to the District Office, School District of Crandon, Attention: Larry Palubicki, 9750 US Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520, or on WECAN. The School District of Crandon does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital, or parental status, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

• Three Current Letters of Recommendation Application Deadline: Until Filled. How to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to School District of Crandon, 9750 US Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520. Attention: Larry Palubicki, District Administrator, or on WECAN.

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We Do Job Printing at the **Pioneer Express** 478-3640

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Coaching Positions Available

The Laona and Wabeno School Districts are taking applications for the following coaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Assistant Track Jump Coach
- JH Golf
- Head Basketball Coach
- Assistant Baseball Coach
- Assistant Head Football Coach
- · 6th grade MSGBB Coach -- Please contact me by Dec. 20 if interested.

Candidates should send an email to mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us by January 25, 2022.

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



Position:Registered Nurse (R.N.) Manager

Location:Sokaogon Chippewa

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Community Health Clinic Supervisor:Clinic Director, Medical

Providers

Salary: Commensurate with Education and Experience

Duties:

- Schedule staff.
- Assign tasks and duties
- Ensure nursing operational standards are met.
- Provide reports on productivity, quality and customer service metrics.
- Ensure all nurses follow policies and procedures.
- Train new team members.
- Evaluate nurses' performance
- Complete other duties as needed
- Qualifications:
 - Graduate of an approved RN program
 Ten (10) years nursing supervisory
 - experience
 - Knowledge of medical procedures,
- terminology, and equipment
 - Must have the ability to keep all information confidential – know rules and regulations related to HIPAA.
 - Must be willing to attend offsite trainings and meetings.
 - Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening and background check
 - Wisconsin RN licensure required.
 - CPR Certified
 - Valid Wisconsin driver's license
- Submit completed applications/resumes to:
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- Donna Vodar, HR Director
- 3051 Sand Lake Road
- Crandon WI 54520
- 715-478-7663
- Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov

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SLOT DIRECTOR

Full-Time, Exempt

Purpose Overall administration of all operations & functions of the Slot Dept., in alignment with the objectives & goals of PCCH, & in full accordance with all company operational policies & gaming regulations. The Slot Director manages the Slot Department under the direction of the General Manager.

Major Responsibilities

- Direct, coordinate & analyze placement & utilization of machines based on proforma & ROI. Direct & coordinate machine configurations, modifications, upgrades & installations.
- Formulate & administer dept. policies & activities; develop realistic short and long-term goal/objectives for the dept., in alignment with those of the facility.
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 Implement, design & monitor all Slot training programs & seminars directed at developing & enhancing TM skills.
 Keep current with industry trends & technology to help maintain company's competitive edge.

HELP WANTED

- Position: Registered Nurse (R.N.) Location: Sokaogon Chippewa
- Community Health Clinic
- Supervisor: Clinic Director, FNP and MD
- Salary: Commensurate with Education
- and Experience
- Position Summary:
- Under general direction, develops implements,
- evaluates, and manages the care and education of
- patients; supervises day-to-day activities of patient
- care; performs assessments of patients; attends
- educational in-services; and oversees medical/clinic related grants.

Qualifications:

- Graduate of an approved RN program
- Two (2) years of related clinical nursing
- experience
- Knowledge of medical procedures, terminology, and equipment
- Must have the ability to keep all information confidential – know rules and regulations related to HIPAA.
- Must be willing to attend offsite trainings and meetings.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening and background check
- Wisconsin RN licensure required.
- CPR Certified
- Valid Wisconsin driver's license

Submit completed applications/resumes to:

Sokaogon Chippewa Community

Donna Vodar, HR Director

- 3051 Sand Lake Road
- Crandon WI 54520

715-478-7663

Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov

CAREER CARTER CASINO - HOTEL

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE CLERK Full-Time, Hourly

Purpose Ensure all check requests, invoices & purchase orders have proper authorization. Verify the accuracy of check requests, invoices & purchase orders prior to coding and entering for payment. Process and pay bills in a timely manner to uphold the integrity of PCCH. Maintian vendor files and facilitate vendors are up to date with licensing and insurance requirements.

Qualifications

- Associate degree in Accounting or equivalent is required.
- Training and/or three years of Accounting experience is required.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Advanced computer knowledge is required.
- Must always display professionalism when representing PCCH.
 Must possess strong oral and written communication skills, excellent organizational skills & ability to maintain

accuracy are required. Conditions of Employment

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Job Summary: The Elderly Services Director is responsible for leading, coordinating,

and managing services and programs relevant to the Elders of this community.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide information about access to services Elders.
- Plan for, apply for, receive and administer government funding.
- Provide a visible and accessible point of contact for individuals to obtain information about public/private resources for Elders.
- Direct, manage, and monitor the Elderly Nutrition Program.
- Work to meet the transportation needs of the Elders.
- Assist in representing needs, views and concerns of Elders in local decision making and assist them in expressing their views to elected officials and providers of services.
- Serve as point of contact at Elder Apartments and assist with coordination of maintenance and services as needed.
- Prepare and submit reports to requiring agencies.
- Complete other duties as assigned.
- Qualifications:

and computer skills.

department matters.

License.

Tribal Administration Building)

Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov

Donna Vodar, HR Director

Phone: (715) 478-7663

3051 Sand Lake Road

Crandon WI 54520

- High School Diploma, HSED Diploma or GED certification Required.
- Demonstrate knowledge of tribal culture, problems and needs of Elders, and the ability to work with individuals in group settings.

· Have excellent verbal, written, presentation

· Ability to work cooperatively and effectively

· Ability to maintain confidentiality in all

· Must have a valid Wisconsin Driver's

Native American preference is granted according to PL 93-638

Submit completed applications/resumes to:

(Applications are available at Sokaogon Chippewa

with Elders and fellow employees.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree plus 5 yr. exp. in managing & operating a Slot Dept., or equivalent education/experience is required.
- Three years verifiable supervisory experience is required.
- Minimum one year verifiable dept. budgeting is preferred.
- Advanced computer experience is required.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: December 3, 2021 Closing Date: December 27, 2021

Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Courtney Vaughn, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: courtney.vaughn@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
- Must be able to obtain & maintain a Gaming License issued by the Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: December 1, 2021 Closing Date: December 27, 2021 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/ resumes to: Courtney Vaughn, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: courtney.vaughn@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com





with the **Pioneer Express** Call for more info. 715-478-3640 comment, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation announced today.

transportation in the state is available for review and

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Wisconsin's transportation future

A draft plan that will influence the future of

Connect 2050, Wisconsin's statewide multimodal transportation plan required by federal law, will help guide infrastructure investments through 2050. The draft version of the plan is available at connect2050.wisconsindot.gov. Comments on the plan can be submitted through January 24, 2022.

"Everyone relies on transportation infrastructure, and this is a great opportunity to shape its future in Wisconsin," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "Thank you to all those who support our efforts to plan improvements. The draft Connect 2050 plan relied on more than 2,200 survey responses, 2,400 written comments and participation from every county in Wisconsin. Please continue to make your voice heard."

Connect 2050 establishes goals and objectives that will guide and support development of an integrated, efficient, and safe multimodal transportation system.

Comments on the plan can be submitted online. A mail in form can be requested by calling (608) 266-3581 or emailing opa.exec@dot.wi.gov.



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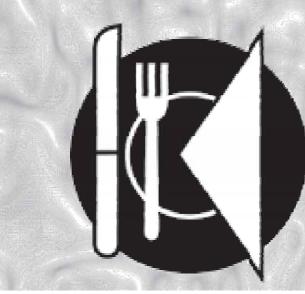


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Will I lose my Wisconsin benefits in January? The short answer: No.

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.

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Dear Editor,

The Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood would like to give credit to our community for their 2021 Christmas support.

Appreciation goes to Lakewood Supervalue, Mikes supermarket, Prospect Lodge, Townsend Long Branch, The Depot gas station, Potawatomi Carter Casino and several anonymous donators.

The gifts and food donations exceeded our expectations. You're an amazing community!!

Merry Christmas and Blessings to you and your families from all of us here at the Christian Food Pantry.

Courtesy of Mary Liner, secretary

CoVantage Cares Foundation pledges \$175,000 in matching funds

CoVantage Cares Foundation has announced the kickoff of their annual two-week fundraising campaign. The event began Tuesday, November 30, which has become known nationally as "Giving Tuesday,' and will end on December 14. Funds generated will be matched with up to \$175,000 in contributions from CoVantage Cares Foundation, a public charity established by CoVantage Credit Union. ocal non-profit organizations to receive funding from this year's campaign were selected by CoVantage staff and are located throughout the communities served by CoVantage Credit Union. In Rhinelander, the selected non-profit organization is Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northwoods. In Crandon, Community Coalition of Forest County is the charity chosen to receive the funds.

CoVantage Cares Foundation was established as a way to provide financial support to organizations that serve individuals, especially those experiencing significant financial challenge, and organizations that work to enhance the quality of life in communities served by CoVantage Credit Union. According to CoVantage CEO Charlie Zanayed, "CoVantage Credit Union has a history of supporting local non-profit organizations and living our mission of helping those in need. We believe the communities we serve have the potential to raise enough money to match the foundation's \$175,000 grant and as a result we anticipate being able to provide resources that will benefit thousands of local people served by the twelve receiving organizations. Please join me by making a Giving Tuesday contribution between November 30 and December 14 at any CoVantage branch or through our mobile app if you are an existing CoVantage Credit Union member. From the bottom of my heart thank you for your support." Individuals and businesses do not have to be CoVantage members to donate. Those interested in giving to the campaign can mail a check made payable to CoVantage Cares Foundation, PO Box 107, Antigo, WI 54409; or drop off a check or cash to any CoVantage location. In addition, CoVantage members can make an online donation through MyCoVantage digital banking or mobile app. Charities selected to receive funding from the sixth annual Giving Tuesday initiative and their sponsoring CoVantage branches include: United Way of Langlade County (Antigo); Elcho Historical Society (Elcho); Community Partners Campus (Wausau, Rib Mountain, Weston, Rothchild); Community Coalition of Forest County (Crandon); Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northwoods (Rhinelander); Shawano Area Food Pantry & Resource Center (Shawano); The Salvation Army (Appleton, Neenah, Menasha): Operation Bootstrap (Stevens Point): The Giving Tree (Suamico); Menominee County Water Rescue (Menominee, MI); Crystal Falls Contemporary Center (Crystal Falls, MI); and Bates Township Hall Preservation Society (Iron River, MI). For more information about CoVantage Cares Foundation or the Giving Tuesday campaign, go to www.covantagecu.org/givingtuesday.

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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%.

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.

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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.).

BIDS AND NOTICES

Laona Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda Monday, December 20, 2021 • 5:30 p.m.

Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School 1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Chad Albrecht

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body and Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (B) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically, to conduct a student expulsion hearing.

5. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.

6. Adjourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

TOWN OF ARGONNE DUMP NOTICE

The Town of Argonne dump will be CLOSED Saturday, December 25, however we will be open Wednesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 29 from 1 to 5.

NOTICE Town of Townsend

The Town of Townsend Landfill & Recycle Center will be CLOSED - Saturday <u>December 25, 2021</u> CLOSED - Saturday <u>January 1, 2022</u>

OPEN - Sunday December 26, 2021 OPEN - Sunday January 2, 2022

> Happy Holidays! Townsend Town Board

Wabeno Residents:

Recycling Center Holiday Hours Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas Day): Closed Sunday, December 26, 2021 Open normal hours Saturday and Sunday, December 31, and January 1: Open as normal. **Timothy Alvin Ninham**, 53, of Crandon, passed away Friday, December 10, 2021 at his home. Timothy was born June 18, 1968 in Brown County, the son of Abraham Ninham Sr. and Edith (LaDrew) Ninham.

Surviving are his mother, Edith Ninham of Crandon; daughter, Raven Ninham of Green Bay; sister, Hope Shawano of Rhinelander; and brothers, Joseph (Shelly) Ninham of Green Bay, James (Lisa) Ninham of Green Bay, Theodore (Lisa) Ninham of Green Bay and Patrick Ninham of Crandon.

He was preceded in death by his father, Abraham Ninham Sr. and brother, Abraham Ninham Jr.

Private family services were from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

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

Guy Allan Belant, 64, of Wabeno passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Aurora Medical Center, Kenosha. Guy was born April 12, 1957 in Libertyville, Illinois, the son of Lowell and Juanita

(Nufer) Belant.

He was united in marriage on October 5, 2011 to Karen Schroeder.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Karen Belant; daughter, Jennifer Belant (Josh) of Wabeno; sons, Justin (Chelsie) Belant of Green Bay and Kevin Belant (Sam) of Wabeno; four grandchildren, Marlee, Alison, Lilian and Ashlyn; and sister, Linda Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna Rodriguez.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Wabeno with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to time of service.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



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Carole Joy Roberts, 83,

of Crandon, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021 surrounded by her family while under the care of Compassus Hospice. Carole was born January 5, 1938 in Ironwood, Michigan, the daughter of Lloyd and Arletta McCorkle.

Death Notices



She was united in

marriage to Larry Roberts on February 23, 1957 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Argonne. Larry preceded her in death on April 9, 2012.

Throughout her life, she worked as a painter, bartender, clerk for many area business, as well as volunteering on the Crandon Area Rescue Squad. Her hands have graced the walls of many homes in Crandon with her painting business. For decades, she sang at weddings and funerals. Her door was always open to everyone and each were greeted with a welcoming smile and a sense of humor. In her free time she loved to crochet, bake and cook- especially pumpkin bars, fluff, milk gravy and venison. She loved to go camping and sit by the fire with family and friends. Carole's family brought her the greatest joy of all.

Surviving are her daughter, Diane Roberts of Rhinelander; and Ron (Marie) Roberts of Argonne; grandchildren, Larry (Michelle) Roberts, Beth (Justin) Gravitter and Melinda (Schneeweis) Fuller; greatgrandchildren, Emily, Jenny, Gavyn, Erika, Olivia, Wyatt and Cash; sister, Brenda McKee of Crandon; special friend Dick Liberski; and sisters-in-law, Rita (Linda) Roberts of Menasha and Peggy (Rusty) Retzlaff of Three Lakes, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry; mother- and father-in-law, Roman and Vera Roberts; son-in-law, Bob Schneeweis; brothers-inlaw, Lynn McKee, Pete Roberts, Dick (Helen) Roberts and Danny (Bobbie) Roberts; and great-nephews, Troy McKee, Adam Roberts and Cody Borsche.

A 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.



Bus Schedule

Pam Blank has decided to resign from her bus driver position and we are in the process of hiring a new bus driver. Until we can fill the position, individuals may use the New Freedom Transportation service to go shopping in Crandon and/or Rhinelander. The cost to use the service for shopping will be \$4 per day. The phone number to call is 715-233-1070. Participants will need to call at least 48 hours ahead of when they want to go shopping. If you have any problems using the service, please call our office at 715-478-3256 to let us know and we can assist with setting up transportation. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will let everyone know when we resume the bus routes. Please be patient during this time. Thank you.

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Wabeno School Lunch Menu Dec. 20 - 24 Monday -Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, cheesy broccoli, pears, garden bar, milk Tuesday - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, green beans, pineapple tidbits, garden bar, milk Wednesday -Cheese burger, chips, potato salad, baked beans, carrots, apple slices, garden bar, milk Thursday - Pizza rolls. bread stick, corn, Mandarin

bread stick, corn, Mandari oranges, garden bar, milk Friday - NO SCHOOL 715-545-3323.

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.

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Second graders present their persuasive letters to Mr. Brauer



Mr. Brauer came to Mrs. Nieft's second grade class and listened to the students share their writing. They were learning about persuasive writing, so each of them wrote a letter to Mr. Brauer trying to persuade him to change something at school. Topics ranged from why they should get more recess time to why toys from home should be allowed at school. They had a lot of fun and loved sharing their ideas with Mr. Brauer!

Crandon High School Wrestling



Crandon High School wrestling is off to a strong start! The team, coached by head coach Paul Cleereman and assistant coaches Isaiah Doane and Eric Shepherd, began their season this past Thursday, December 2nd, with a duel against Rhinelander winning by a score of 57-21.

The Crandon wrestlers showed up to wrestle with seven pins earned by Eian Wilson, Ty Dennee, Renn Marvin, Elias Gliniski, Carsyn Mayer, Brett Palubicki, and Carter Bissonette. Winning by a score of 6-0 was Cole Shepherd, by forfeit was Mason Dewing and by injury default was Rowyn Pagel. In addition to the varsity match, there was one JV match wrestled by Kolten Keao who won by pin. The boys continued their success the following Saturday, December 4th, at the Stratford multi-dual tournament.

The Cardinal wrestling team beat Barron, Southern Door, Phillips, and Wausau East. The team's only loss was to Stratford earning the Cardinals a 2nd place team trophy.

Several of the wrestlers placed individually, as well. First place medalists were Mason Dewing, Eian Wilson, Ty Dennee, Elias Glinski, and Cole Shepherd. Second place medalists were Brett Palubicki and Silas Dennee. The Cardinal wrestlers will be traveling to Wausau East on Thursday, December 9th, and will be participating in the Laona-Wabeno Invitational on Saturday, December 11th at the Potawatomi Community Center.

Pictured Back Row L to R: Connor Lawrence, Ethan Thorbahn, Carter Bissonette, Cole Shepherd, Rowyn Pagel, Brett Palubicki, Carsyn Mayer, Kolten Keao, Silas Dennee and Coach Paul Cleereman

Pictured Bottom Row L to R:

Renn Marvin, Elias Glinski, Richard Pitts, Eian Wilson, Ty Dennee and Mason Dewing





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