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This Saturday! 8th Annual Ties That Bind Us Fundraiser

Forest County Ties That Bind Us and Pack Em Inn are holding their Annual Kentucky Derby Party Fundraiser. Proceeds to benefit Forest County Ties That Bind Us (TTBU). This family-focused festivity will take place under the huge tent behind Pack Em Inn on Saturday, May 7th. Stop by for a chance to win a freezer full of meat or a Paradise water pad just to name a few. There will be basket raffles and meat raffles throughout the day along with food available for purchase.

By supporting the 8th Annual Kentucky Derby Party, you are providing an opportunity to contribute not just financial, but also emotional support to our community members and their families who have been impacted with cancer. The Ties That Bind Us is a local nonprofit organization started in 2013 to support cancer patients in the communities of Forest County and works in partnership with the Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

For more information, please contact: Ties That Bind Us at 715-478-6342 / email fcttbu@gmail.com or D a w n a t 9 2 0 - 5 3 8 - 5 8 1 1 / e m a i I : dawnmvolz74@hotmail.com

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 Icc@co.forest.wi.us.

Every year, the Wisconsin Land and Water organization recognizes Outstanding Conservation People or Organizations. The awards categories cover Outstanding Conservation Employee(s), Outstanding Youth Educator, Special Recognition/Friend of Conservation and the Outstanding Conservation Supervisor.

This year the Outstanding Supervisor Award went to Forest County's own Larry Sommer. This award recognizes a land conservation committee (LCC) member who has provided strong and effective leadership in promoting resource conservation through their own actions and work in their community.

The Outstanding Supervisor Award was presented to Larry by Carolyn Scholl, Wisconsin Land & Water Executive Board Member and Steve Kircher, Forest County Conservation Director.

Come Celebrate!

The Prevention Planning Committee from the Community Coalition of Forest County has been working hard to plan county wide events in honor of National Prevention Week May 8-14.

We will start the week of with Sunday May 8 having a Mother's Day Golf Scramble at Nicolet Golf Course in Laona, at 9:00 A.M., great prizes!

Tuesday May 9th will be movie night at the Sokaogon Chippewa Recreation Center in Mole Lake at 5:00.

Tuesday May 10th will be Family Game Night in Argonne at 5:00 by the Pavilion there will be a Firemen concession stand and corn horn tournament with prizes.

Wednesday May 11th will be a Sobriety Feast 5:00 at the Sokaogon Chippewa Cultural Building in Mole Lake. Please bring dish to share, Mylo Smith Speaking, Drumming, Prizes, and inspirational stories of Prevention and Recovery.

Thursday May 14th is 80's Party Night in Wabeno at 5:00 at the Wabeno Fairgrounds. Music provided by The Breakfast Club and prizes for the best youth and adult 80's attire!

Friday May 13th is the 5th Annual Walk for Recovery starting at Mole Lake Cultural Building at 9:00 A.M. ending at Stone Lake C-Store. Feast, Healing Fire, and shared stories after the walk.

Laona Peer Health Educators from Laona School District are doing Movie Night at Laona School- see school FB page for updates.

Saturday May 14th will be Sports Day at Cardinal Park in Crandon from 10-3 with games, prizes, refreshments. Later that night -Supaman will be performing at the Forest County Potawatomi Community Center at 5:00, free admission.

SAMHSA's theme this year is Strengthen Community, Build Resilience, Create Hope- Action Today: Healthier Tomorrow. The Planning Committee is excited to have included more communities to share in this week activities and grateful to have been able to partner with Argonne and Wabeno Fire Departments. Events are open to everyone and are drug/ alcohol free. Join in Springtime fun for the County! For further information contact Kimberlee Soldier at 715-622-0139 or Mary Thornton 715-889-3617.

Time for a new townhall in Townsend

The Townsend Town Hall has been much more than just a place to hold monthly board meetings since it was built in 1969. This is where our community has gathered for many events, from bridal and baby showers to wedding receptions and graduation parties. We have held local talent shows, fund-raisers, and craft fairs here. On any given day, we can find an activity of some kind going on, including cribbage games on Sundays. A Town Hall in a small rural town isn't just for conducting town business or where voters vote during elections.

Over the years, Townsend Town Boards have maintained and made many necessary repairs to this building. Now, however, our Town Hall needs more than caulk and paint. With legal restrictions and limitations, and some on-going safety issues, it is time to consider building a new Town Hall. The current Town Board, along with a Citizens' Advisory Committee, is looking into constructing a new Town Hall that would accommodate both town administrative offices and community events. As a cost savings to taxpayers, the proposed new Town Hall would be built on property Townsend already owns a block away from the Hall's present location. On May 14th, 2022, residents of Townsend will be able to vote yes or no to the proposed building of a new Town Hall.

History of Lakes Country Public Library: Part III

By Kathleen Marsh

A buzz of excitement is rippling across Northern Oconto County. The source is a kickoff dinner to formally begin a fundraising campaign for renovation and expansion of Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood, something unimaginable just five years ago. Tickets are still available for the May 14 dinner at McCauslin Country Club. (Call 715-276-6515 by May 9).

With no school in Northern Oconto County, Lakewood Library has always been challenged to fill a lot of voids that larger communities take for granted. Parts I and II of this series outlined how local residents have risen to meet that challenge, displaying the tenacity and generosity of time, talent and treasure that small towns in the Northwoods are famous for.

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Positive cases of covid-19 in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 10 individuals have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since April 1, 2022 with either a PCR, antigen, or home test. County health officials and local partners are contacting individuals who test positive as able. There have been 7 deaths this year related to COVID-19. This is a snapshot of the numbers as they are continuously changing throughout the day.

In an effort to keep our community members upto-date on COVID-19, the Forest County Health Department will continue to update our Facebook page and local newspapers every Friday with -19 current COVID case counts as capacity allows. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

Town of Riverview awards grants to local non-profits

Two Lakewood non-profits, the Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum and Lakes Country Public Library, have announced grants from the Town of Riverview. A \$500 grant was made to Lakes Country Public Library in support of its Fundraising Dinner May 14 at McCauslin Country Club in Lakewood. (Tickets still available. \$50/person includes dinner and door prizes. RSVP Kathleen Marsh (715-276-6515) by May 8.

As one of the Four Towns that jointly owns and operates the library with Doty, Lakewood and Townsend, Riverview gave the award in support of a capital campaign currently underway to raise money to renovate and expand Lakewood Library.

The Logging Camp Museum donation of \$200 is the second one awarded to Holt & Balcom. As in 2021, the grant was one of several made from short term rental room tax proceeds earmarked to assist local tourist attractions.

Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club Fundraiser-Vendors welcome!

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club plans their Fundraiser for Sunday, May 29, 2022, at the Schoepke Town Hall, HWY 45, Pelican Lake, from 10-3 p.m. Their will be home-made pies, raffles, crafters/venders, Pel-Cho Mudd Nuts on site with brats, burgers and hot dogs. Come join in the fun. Spaces are still available for the event. Call Lucy at 715 487 5173, if no answer, leave a message. Proceeds go to Scholarships !

Larry grew up on a dairy farm on the shore of Lake Michigan in Sheboygan County and once owned Prangeway stores in Wisconsin, employing over 2400 people. He finished his career with Menards before retiring to Lake Lucerne in Forest County. Larry became involved in local and County Government as a Supervisor and was very involved with Conservation related activities. His award was presented at the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council Meeting in Aurora, Wisconsin. He was recognized for his committee involvement and Conservation Projects he has been involved with.

Larry continues his involvement in Conservation activities and organizations. He currently is a board member with the Wild River Invasive Species Coalition, that is responsible for controlling Invasive species in Forest and Florence counties in Wisconsin and Iron and Dickinson counties in Michigan. Larry had also served as the Secretary of the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council and was elected as the Vice President during the meeting in Aurora.

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Respectfully, Linda Adamczyk

2022 Health Rankings: Forest County at the bottom

By Samantha Hoffman, BSN, RN, Health Officer

We've known for some time that Forest County faces challenges. In the 2022 County Health Rankings, Forest County ranked among the least healthy 71 out of 72 in Health Outcomes compared with other counties in the state. The Rankings offer an opportunity for the community to work together to uncover the root causes for poor health outcomes in Forest County. Rankings data can also shed light on where there are opportunities to improve and

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Lottery Credit still available

The Forest County Treasurer's Office is dedicating the week of May 9th to help all Real Property Owners who were eligible, receive the lottery credit on their 2021 tax bill.

To qualify for the lottery and gaming credit an owner must be a Wisconsin resident, the owner of the dwelling, and use the dwelling as their primary residence as of the certification date January 1, 2021. If temporarily absent no longer than six months (hospital, vacation, incarcerated, etc.) to which the owner returns. Principal dwelling means any dwelling used by the owner of the dwelling as his/her primary residence. Business property, rental units, vacant land, garages, or other property that is not the primary residence of the owner cannot claim a lottery credit. Sec.79.10 (1)(dm), (9)(bm), Wis., Stats.

If you qualify for the credit but did not receive it contact the Treasurer's Office at (715) 478-2412 or email foresttr@co.forest.wi.us

Submitted by: Christy Conley, Forest County Treasurer

Dining & Entertainment





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Dining & Entertainment



MAY SPECIALS

Celebrating Spring with Seasonal Flavors and Fresh Vegetables

<u>STUFFED MUSHROOMS</u> - Fresh baby bella mushroom caps filled with sauteed leek, spring onion, asparagus & Parmesan cheese. Topped with Panko & baked

<u>STRAWBERRY ALMOND SALAD</u> -spring mix tossed in a strawberry vinaigrette & topped with silvered almonds, sliced strawberries, & feta cheese. Can add grilled chicken or grilled shrimp

<u>ITALIAN PICNIC SANDWICH</u>-Thinly shaved prosciuto, ham, & pepperoni with a red pepper aioli & baby arugula on a grilled ciabatta roll. Served with a side of potato chips& pepperoncini.

<u>BIRRIA TACO</u> -Slow stewed beef in a guajillo pepper consomme in a grilled white corn tortilla with white cheddar cheese & topped with diced onion, cilantro. (3) Tacos

LEMON GINGER STIR FRY -Sauteed asparagus, sugar snap peas, water chestnuts, & leeks in lemon ginger sauce with fresh cilantro over basmati rice.

<u>STRAWBERRY LEMON SHORTCAKE</u> -Sweet & sour fresh strawberry compote over fresh shortcake with whipped cream.

PIZZA SPECIALS

<u>GREEK PIZZA</u> -seasoned olive oil base, Kalamata olives, roasted red peppers, spinach, red onion & topped with Feta cheese.

WHISKEY BBQ PINEAPPLE PORK PIZZA -whiskey bbq base, jalapenos, pineapple, pulled pork, & 4 cheese blend, then drizzled with more whiskey BBQ sauce.

<u>CHICKEN ALFREDO PIZZA</u> -Our signature Alfredo sauce, grilled chicken spinach, & tomatoes topped with our 4 cheese blend & fresh grated Parmesan.

TACO PIZZA -salsa base, seasoned beef, black olives, tomatoes, onions & cheddar cheese, topped with fresh shredded lettuce & a side of sour cream & salsa.

LOADED BAKED POTATO PIZZA -mashed potato base, bacon, broccoli, red onions, 4 cheese blend & cheddar cheese topped with fresh scallions,

MAY SIGNATURE DRINKS

PEANUT BUTTER WHISKEY FLOAT -peanut butter whiskey/Point root beer/ vanilla ice cream.

ARIEL -Vodka/blue curacao/grenadine/sprite



Women's Noncompetitive & Fun Golf League gets ready for the season

The Women's 9 hole Wednesday Golf League at McCauslin Brook in Lakewood will have an informational meeting on May 11th at 9 a.m. in the clubhouse.

The league is open to all women interested in a fun, noncompetitive league. Beginners are welcome to join. League play will begin on May 18th but participants need not commit to playing every Wednesday. If you have questions, contact jpomm12@gmail.com.



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Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood Opens May 28

By Kathleen Marsh, Camp Director

The Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood will reopen on Memorial Day weekend. Maintenance and cleaning has been done by volunteer staff to ready the site for welcoming visitors. A recoating of the Camp will be completed this summer by Mountain Log Homes, and Camp Manager Dave Zuleger's to-do list includes repairing two windows. The recoating is an expensive procedure and donations are needed to cover the cost. (See below).

School field trip visits are booked for May 17 (White Lake), May 19 (Wabeno), May 20 (Suring), and May 26 (Crivitz). "We are so happy these schools will be able to join us this year," says Bob Brown, School Tours Coordinator: "The staff always enjoying seeing the excitement build as the children enjoy a unique hands-on interactive experience at the logging camp."

On a sad note, Camp Director Kathleen Marsh has reported that the Museum lost one of its best school tour guides this past winter. "Don Seifert was a loyal volunteer staffer at Holt & Balcom. Each Spring for the past decade, he was part of our team of school tour guides. Don's face would light up as he watched fourth graders from area elementary schools bound off the bus and run across the lawn to enjoy a morning of Living Like a Lumberjack."

"Don's favorite part was patiently teaching the kids how to use a two-man saw, repeating over and over again that the key to success in sawing a log efficiently is to PULL, not PUSH the saw, and to work as a TEAM. To help them remember, Don would lead the kids in chants of PULL! PULL! PULL! When the cut was almost made, he would have the kids yell out "TIMBER!", always aware that he would have to play the referee as the wanna-be lumberjacks fought over who would be able to take home the cut piece as a souvenir."

"One of Don's proudest moments was being named Oconto County Historical Society Volunteer of the Year. That award, which meant so much to him and to his wife Barb, has never been given to a more deserving person. Just a few weeks ago, I saw him at a funeral and asked if he would help us out again this year. Without hesitation and wearing a big smile, he said, 'Of course.' Some people cannot be spared. Don was one of them for us. It will not be the same out at the camp this spring without him."

As in the past, the Logging Museum will be open on Summer Saturdays. If you have never been to Holt & Balcom, or if you haven't been there recently, this is the perfect year to visit. The Museum is open Saturdays (10-3); Memorial Day through Labor Day. If you cannot come on Saturday, special tours can be arranged. Call Bob Brown (715-276-3505) or Kathleen Marsh (715-276-6515).

As always, the Museum is very grateful for donations from those who want to help keep our precious



logging heritage alive at the oldest logging camp in America still sitting where it was built. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to: Kathleen Marsh, Director; Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum; 16965 Nicolet Road, Townsend, WI 54175.

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make Forest County a healthier place for everyone to live, learn, work and play.

The purpose of the County Health Rankings is to help counties understand the many factors that influence health. The Rankings are unique in their ability to measure the current overall health of each county in all 50 states. They also look at a variety of measures that provide opportunities to affect the future health of communities, such as high school completion and child poverty rates, access to healthy foods, teen births and more. Communities use the Rankings to garner support for local health improvement initiatives among government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, business leaders, policymakers, and the public.

Forest County Health Department has recently started our community health needs assessment process. Through this process we will be identifying key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis. Community involvement is essential to this process, so we will be developing a health survey for Forest County Residents. Please take a few minutes to provide this valuable feedback so we can develop a comprehensive plan of improvement. All counties can take action to improve their health, no matter where they rank. It's not a race to the top. It is about progress toward better health. The Forest County Health Department looks forward to working with the community on progressing towards a healthy and thriving place to live. PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 4, MAY 09, 2022

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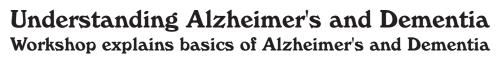
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The Alzheimer's Association® has is offering an education workshop covering the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia. This workshop provides a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be informed.

The free Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia program:

- Explores the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Examines what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's.
- Details the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease.
- Identifies FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms.
- Looks ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research.
- Offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

In the United States alone, more than 6 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. However, no one has to face this disease alone or without information.

The Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at the ADRC of Oneida County (100 Keenan Street) in Rhinelander from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

To learn more about this program, or to register (registration is appreciated but not required), please contact Julie St. Pierre at (715) 352-4091 or jstpierre@alz.org. Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1.800.272.3900.

Letters to the Editor

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



Another message from Mark Gatton... Where is everybody??? Did I mention that 55 years and up can ride? Caregivers can come along at no charge? How about that we shop, sight-see, enjoy lunch at various restaurants and, overall, have a great time? We pick you up at home between 8 and 9 a.m. with most trips returning you home by 2 p.m. We even help with your packages! All for just \$4!

So if you need to do some shopping, need to stop at your pharmacy or bank, want to do lunch, or just want a day trip to socialize and get out of the house, give me a call at 715-889-0859.

Until we develop an established ridership, we will attempt to provide service to anyone who desires to join any trip.

Forest County to Rhinelander: Arrive about 10 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldi's plus any reasonable suggestions. Will stop for lunch. Depart Rhinelander by 2 p.m.

Forest County to Antigo: Arrive about 10 a.m. Walmart and Fleet Farm plus any reasonable suggestions. Will stop for lunch. Depart Antigo by 2 p.m.

Forest County to Iron Mountain: Arrive about 10 a.m. Walmart plus any reasonable suggestions. Will stop for lunch. Depart Iron Mountain by 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10: Rhinelander Thursday, May 12: Rhinelander Tuesday, May 17: Iron Mountain Thursday, May 19: Rhinelander Tuesday, May 24: Rhinelander Thursday, May 26: Rhinelander Tuesday, May 31: Antigo

Destinations may change based on rider's needs or wishes. Call ast least the day before riding



CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday- May 9 - Beef tips, mashed potato, broccoli, dinner roll, raspberry lemon bar

Monday - May 16 - Chicken stir fry, stir fry veggies, brown rice, orange, egg roll, jello with fruit

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - May 10 - Pork chop, roasted potato, carrots, Italian bread, applesauce

Tuesday - May 17 - Beef pot roast, mashed potato, Harvard beets, dinner roll, apple pie square

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Wednesday - May 11 - Bean soup, turkey sandwich on whole wheat, fruit, Oh Henry bar

Wednesday - May 18 - Pulled pork on a bun, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit, banana cake

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

Thursday - May 12 - Bean soup, turkey sandwich on whole wheat, fruit, Oh Henry bar

Hey Oconto/Forest Dems!

You talk a good talk but that's where it ends! Let's look at:

 First class public schools: Monopolies and for our \$ our students rank 14th!

• Safe streets and neighborhoods: just go to Democratic L.A., N.Y., Chicago and Milwaukee!

 Strong economy/stable prices: Inflation @ 8.4%, buy a 2x4 or pound of butter lately?

 Fair & Free Elections we can TRUST: Like the 2020 election? Is Democrat Mark Zuckerberg going to spend another \$400 million to run the polls in the 5 largest cities in WI again?

• Equal justice under the LAW: Just ask Tom Caldwell how that works!

TALK IS CHEAP!

The patriotic AMERICAN - J. Kobylarz

Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club and Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club graduate **31 ATV Safety Course Students.**



Students and instructors pose for a group photo during the ATV Safety Course held at the Town Lakewood Community Center

The Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club and Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club held a DNR ATV Safety Course on April 23rd. The event was held at the Town of Lakewood Community Center, and attracted students of all ages. Lead Instructor was Brian Fitzpatrick. Instructors Diane Fitzpatrick, Jim Wisneski, Larry Westphal, and John Brantmeier led the one day course, and were extremely pleased with the attentiveness and participation of the students. Oconto County Sheriff's Office Recreational Officer Andy Dryja provided insight into relevant information as identified in the Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations.

31 students passed the exam and have successfully the completed the DNR ATV Safety Course. Class participants included: Brady Awe, Susan Bauer, Eden Behnke, Lexi Bell, Tyler Bell, Madison Bloom, Quintin Bohl, Jaxun Brink, Aiden Cahak, Drew Cieciwa, Walker Davis, Parker Haring, Evan Ishmael, Heidi Jorgensen, Jovie Lang, Joey Lang, Corbin Mekash, Cooper Mekash, Jeffrey Mekash, Devin Otto, Gwendolyn Otto, Lana Posik, Kellen Pradarelli, Buckley Proctor-Rowland, Beau Proctor-Rowland, Cody Rupiper, Luke Skala, Emily Skala, Ellayna Skarban, Jesse Telford, and Autumn Warden.

Individuals born after January 1, 1988 must complete the course to drive an ATV legally in Wisconsin. An on-line version is available through the DNR, but students of all ages students are encouraged to take the classroom version for maximum effect. Instructors stressed the requirement that everyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when riding on public trails, including all passengers in a UTV.

Congratulations to all the graduates and their parents who encouraged them to take the course. The Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club is active in the communities of Doty, Riverview, and Lakewood. The Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club has been serving the Townsend area since 1968. You can find out more about Hidden Bear Trail and Red Arrow activities by visiting our websites at: hiddenbear trailatvclub.com and redarrowtownsend.com or visiting us on Facebook.

Death Notices

Kathleen (Kathy) Elizabeth Elbe, 62, of the Town of Lincoln, passed away at her home on Sunday, April 24, 2022, with her family at her side.



She was born in Waukegan, Illinois on April 19, 1960, to Emmett J. and Joyce M. (Perryman) Baer Jr.. Kathy was

raised in Round Lake, Illinois, attending public schools. She met her future husband, Paul in 2002 and the couple were married in Forest County on August 20, 2005, Kathy had been employed at the Crandon Nursing Home as a CNA for many years. She and Paul had owned Swamp Creek Antiques in downtown Crandon.

Kathy loved her flower garden, crafting, taking rides on the Harley, fishing, boating, UTV rides and her four-legged companion, "Gabby".

She is survived by her husband, Paul; daughter, April Velasquez of Minot, North Dakota; five granddaughters, Ellie, Hailey, Abigail, and Mya Star Scarbrough and Brinley Ulberg; and four siblings, Jeff (Cindy) Baer of Crandon, Steve (Mary) Baer of Lake Villa, Illinois, Katie Larsen of Trevor, Wisconsin, and Chris (Mike) Straley of Crandon. Also surviving are nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and other relatives and friends.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, and her beloved puppy, "Gabby."

A Celebration of Kathy's Life and a fund raiser for the Forest County Ties That Bind Us, will be held on August 20, 2022, with the location to be determined.

The Elbe family would like to thank Kathy's caregivers over the past few years and a special thank you to her team of caregivers from Compassus Home Hospice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to sign the guestbook or leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com.

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ALVIN

Thursday - May 12 - Sausage gravy with biscuit, hashbrown casserole, strawberry blueberry fruit cup Thursday - May 19 - Lasagna, green beans, breadstick, pie

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site manager Debbie Brock is at 920-946-3020. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at 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.

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

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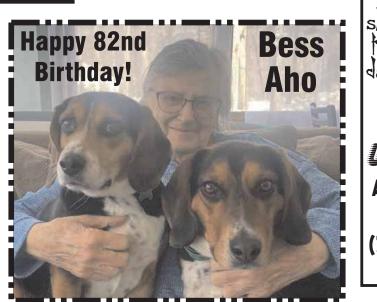


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Crandon PTO and the Post Prom Committee would like to thank Alyson Wagoner, Barbie Marvin, Becky Walentowski, Bonnie Evans, Don Belland, Erica Neilitz, Erin Mayer, Jeff Marvin, Kasey Keao, Katie Kulinski, Mary Cochrane, Mary LeMaster, Melanie Wagoner, Sarah Bradley, Sierra Deer, Tina Littleton and the following businesses and families for providing a safe Post Prom party for our students, free from drugs and alcohol.

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It was the latest and greatest way to move around a lake. The outboard motor! This boat and motor was the pride and joy of Col. Himes. Himes had a sawmill and the large lumberyard still standing on Crandon's north end. From talking to a Himes family member, Himes had a passion for boats and motors. He didn't always have good look with these early outboards, but he kept at it. In fact, he had a boat catch fire on the lake near Three Lakes, where he had a cottage. Himes and his passengers were gathered on one end of the boat watching the other end burn, when someone on the shore saw them in their distress and used his boat to rescue them. That boat is still on the bottom. This early Evinrude pushed a large boat and a number of passengers, but you can bet they couldn't get this big barge to go very fast over the water.



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Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191

The speaker for the April meeting of the Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191 was Beth Hartman from Tri-Fitness, LLC who did a presentation on the benefits of Yoga. AARP members joined Beth in doing the Yoga exercises. A few of the members are already taking advantage of the Yoga program at Tri-Fitness.

The next meeting on May 24 will be a potluck dinner and ticket raffle starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church. The monthly board meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. The Spring outing will be on May 17 at the Red Maple Golf Course in Suring starting at 4:30 p.m. for cocktails. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Contact Carol Butrymowicz at 715-276-3468.

AARP meetings are social and informative. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church starting at 7:00 PM. Contact Janice Tetzlaff-, membership Chairman, at 920-323-6734 for information.

Submitted by Richard J. Culver, Public Relations Chairman

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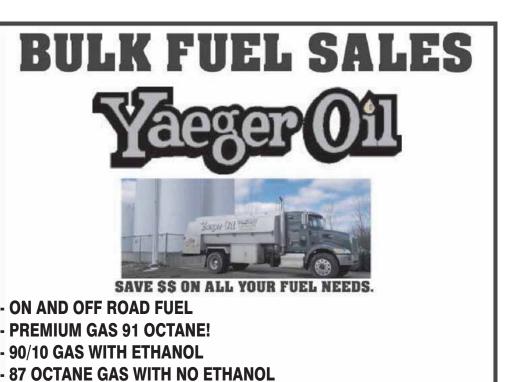




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A v a N e I I I t z , daughter of Jason and Erica



daughter of Sam Holm, said her best accomplishments are making honor roll every semester of high school and being on National Honor Society. Some of her best memories are laughing with her friends and teachers about jokes they made in class and getting student of the year every year so far.



Neilitz, said her best high school memories are getting to grow up with her cousins and be in high school together has been one of her favorite school memories. Other memories she loves are spending a year in high school with her big sister, Alexa. She'd always get to be her dress

up partner, dance partner and she was her best friend.

In the past twelve years, she's learned that high school goes fast and she's learned to beat to her own drum. She does what makes her happy because she's finally realized that she needs to give her energy and focus on those she loves most and not about the people who don't want to see her succeed. Her parents helped her realize that and she is so thankful for them.

She plans on going to Nicolet for a minor in art.

She would like to thank her grandparents. They have helped her grow up with the best family and kept everyone so close. She'd also like to thank her siblings, Cassidy and Alexa Neilitz, for being the best role models and letting her hang out with them and their friends. Also, her parents for always showing and giving her their support, always taking care of her and most of all for pushing her to be her best and be herself. Thank you for guiding her. Also, thank you to her grandpa Dick for not missing a home game and showing her his support. In the past twelve years, she's learned to respect everyone unless they disrespect her. She's also learned that it's okay to not know what you're doing

and ask for help. Not everyone is going to like you, but that doesn't mean you have to try to make them or change yourself so they will. The biggest thing is to be yourself and do what you want with your life.

She plans on going to college to get her basic education done and then moving up from there. She's not sure what exactly she want to do for a career but she trusts that she'll make the right choice when she decides.

She would like to give a big thank you to her family for supporting her through all of this, without their encouragement, she would've been lost. Another big thank you to her sports coaches over the years for helping her learn everything she knows about basketball and softball within the few years she played. Thank you to her teachers for helping her learn everything she needs to know for college. Sometimes she struggled in classes but they all helped her get through it. So thank you to everyone who has supported her in this journey.

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School District of Wabeno Area **Regular School Board Meeting** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson.

Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal (arrived 7:05), and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services.

Administration absent: Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal

Others Present: Teresa Romprey

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2022. Carried 6-0-1. Trinity Shepard abstained.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 83149 to 83262 for \$349,286.24 and payroll checks 900045068 to 900045272 for

\$223,937.29, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$120,029.75. Carried 7 to 0.

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

The board congratulated the girls basketball team for making it to sectionals, the boys basketball team for making it to regionals, Ryan Roy for his 5th place finish and Pierrson Czaplinski (Three

Lakes) for his 4th place finish at the state wrestling tournament. They also congratulated the Elementary Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser effort held in February. They raised \$11,786.78 and

registered 120 students. Great job everyone!

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to accept Sasha Shepard's resignation from part-time childcare assistant teacher in Little Logroller's Daycare with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to approve hiring John Markowski as Assistant Football Coach. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve

hiring Craig Kochenderfer as Junior High Golf Coach. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve hiring Frank Shepard, Jr. as Head Baseball Coach (volunteer). Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Lori Mattern to accept Lakewood Outdoor Services' bid for lawn care for 2022. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Martin Systems' bid to upgrade our security systems. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve NEOLA policies: po 0100, 0142.1, 142.5, 144.5, 0152, 0165.1, 1421, 1460, 2210, 2266, 2414, 3121, 3122.01, 3160, 3340, 4121, 4122.01, 4160, 4340, 5113, 5200, 5215, 5410, 5461, 5772, 6108, 6114, 6146, 6152, 6152.01, 8310, and 8450. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Janet Opiela to leave late starts (vs. early releases) for the 2022-2023 school year. Carried 6 to 1.

BIDS AND NOTICES

Bids to be Accepted for Trailer & Pressure Washer

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NOTICE TOWN OF CRANDON RESIDENTS ONLY CLEAN UP DA

The Town will be having their Clean Up Day on SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO TIRES, OIL, PAINT, UNLESS CANS ARE OPEN AND DRIED. WILL ACCEPT: SCRAPE IRON OF ANY KIND Any questions please call 715-889-0752 Ron Cole Clerk, Town of Crandon

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CITY OF CRANDON

City Residents Only Brush Pick Up and Leaf Pick Up Monday, May 23, 2022



Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** May 9 - 13

Monday -Assorted cereal, yogurt, orange slices, fruit juice, milk Tuesday -Pancakes, sausage links, yogurt, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Cereal bar, muffins, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk Thursday -Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, biscuits & gravy, yogurt, banana, fruit juice, milk Friday - Breakfast pizza, yogurt, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Mav 9 - 13

Monday - Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, peaches, Scooby snacks, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Corn dogs, potato wedges, corn, pineapple tidbits, garden bar, milk

Wednesday -Pizza bake, California blend, garlic bread stick, mixed fruit, garden bar, milk

Thursday - Salisbury steak, mashed potato w/ gravy, baby carrots, apple slices, garden bar, milk Friday -Grilled chicken croissant, curly fries, peas & pearl onions, strawberries, ice cream sandwiches, garden bar, milk

Notice **Crandon Lakeside Cemetery**

VISITORS TO LAKESIDE CEMETERY: PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES POSTED AT THE CEMETERY.

April 1st to November 1st

Decorations many be placed on the monument and monument foundation only. All decorations placed in the grass during this time period will be removed.

No Glass Allowed at all time!

Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. You are responsible for your pets waste removal.

No decorations may be placed on flush mount monuments, which are not located in the row of headstones.

No trees, shrubs or flowers should be planted without prior permission from the cemetery committee.

For any other information, you may call City Hall at 715-478-2400 during regular business hours.

Thank you, Crandon Cemetery Committee

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA **BID REQUEST**

The School District of Laona is looking for bids to revamp our playground areas. There will be two separate playground projects to bid on. Playground project #1 will consist of removing the old woodchips, adding any necessary fill, and adding new wood chips that need to be 8" deep. A 45' x 10' area along the fence line will need to be concreted for drainage purposes. Also, (7) 10" x 4' deep concrete sono tubes need to be installed to anchor some new playground equipment. Playground project #2 will consist of either a concrete or 8 x 8 green treated perimeter boarder filled with wood chips 8" deep. The other half of the playground area will need to have sod laid. Please bid on the playground projects separately. For further details regarding the specifications and scope of the project, please contact John "Gus" Klementz at 715-674-2143 ext. 207. You can set up an appointment with him to review the project. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the May 9, 2022 board meeting. The project needs to be completed when school is out of session in between June 6, 2022 to August 29, 2022. A certificate of insurance must be provided before the start of the project. Please send sealed bids to: School District of Laona Attn: Playground Projects 5216 Forest Ave Suite A Laona, WI 54541

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Skills USA State Conference overnight trip April 4-6, 2022. 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 Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
- Strategic Planning update meeting to be held in April at the high school cafeteria for community and staff - date TBD.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christanson to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

- Bush pick up and leaf pick up one day only. Must be put out by the curb.
- Brush and leaves must be separated.
- Leaves must be in compostable bags (regular black trash bags are not acceptable) or cardboard boxes.
- Brush is going to one site and leaves are going to another

Compostable bags are available at City Hall for \$1 a piece from 9 a.m. - noon M-F. (No large bills, please.)

Compostable bags are also available at Conway True Value.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Natural Resources Board, will hold an in-person public hearing on June 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at 3051 Sand Lake Road, Crandon, WI. We are seeking input regarding the 401 certification request for the US EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Wastewater Treatment System, WI-0071501-3.

Interested tribal members, public officials and private citizens are welcome to attend. The meeting documents can be obtained by contacting Tina L. Van Zile, Sokaogon Environmental Director at (715) 478-7605 or email tina.vanzile@scc-nsn.gov.

MORE BIDS ON 15

Bids & Notices

Laona Board of Education **Regular Meeting** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 • 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. School Board Reorganization B. CESA 8 2022-2023 Contract C. OT Contract 2022-2023 D. School Psychologist Contract 2022-2023 E. Administrative Contracts F. Resignation G. New Hires H. Victory Janitorial 2022-2023 Contract I. Playground Project #1 - Bids J. Playground Project #2 - Bids K. Health and Dental Insurance Quotes 2022-2023 L. Administrator Evaluation M. Sub Shortage N. Open Enrollment Caps 7. Informational Items: A. Business Manager's Report B. Middle/High School Principal's Report C. District 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 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).

NOTICE BRUSH RUN VOLUNTEERS

For the last 53 years our volunteers have continued to aid in making Crandon International Raceway what it is today –facing many challenges together, they have truly helped bring Crandon to the next level. Although under new ownership, Crandon Motorsports owner Cliff Flannery knows what it takes to keep making this business a success. We are committed to keeping traditions alive in our community and will continue to make our charitable donations annually to various volunteer groups across our county and beyond.

To celebrate this exciting year and our incredible group of volunteers, we will be doing a giveaway for a 2022 Polaris RZR SXS. In order to be eligible to win, you must volunteer for both, the 29th Annual Forest County Brush Run (June 24-26, 2022) and the 53rd Polaris World Championship Off-Road Races® | September 1-4, 2022). Bartels Jr. (Oconto County Supervisor); Joanne Roy (Town of Lakewood Chair); Ann Hogan (Town of Riverview Chair); Linda McKenna (Lakewood Library Board of Trustees Chair); Kathleen Marsh (Town of Townsend Representative); and Nicole Lowery (Library Director). Also attending some meetings was Dick Kendall (former Town of Doty Chairman).

The Task Force met monthly for the next two years to draft a Joint Library Agreement that would meet DPI and State Statute requirements. It was signed by the Four Towns and took effect on January 1, 2020. Later that month, a Joint Library Board was named to take over the facility which would continue to operate as Lakes Country Public Library. Not only did this historic agreement take the burden of running the library off Lakewood's shoulders, it saved the other Towns tens of thousands of dollars annually which otherwise would have been directed to the Brown County and Langlade Counties library systems.

Per Wisconsin State Statutes, a Joint Library Board is determined by population. Therefore, it is composed of two Trustees from Lakewood, Riverview, Townsend, and one from Doty. In addition, there must be a Trustee representing the Wabeno Area School District. Trustees are unpaid volunteers appointed by Town Chairs of each participating municipality. Library boards have no power to levy taxes, but they must act independent of municipal control to ensure that the public is protected against elected officials inappropriately interfering in library matters.

Lakes Country Public Library began operations as a joint library in January 2020 with the following Board of Trustees: Richard Kendall, Doty; (Deb Markusen replaced Kendall later that year and was elected Treasurer in 2022). Linda McKenna (Chair) and Janet Strobusch represented Lakewood. (Paul Schumacher replaced Strobusch in 2020). Jeanine Albers (Vice-Chair) and Joy Nelson (Secretary) represented Riverview (Albers replaced McKenna as Chair in 2020; Marlene Carey replaced Nelson as Secretary in 2021). Kathleen Marsh (Treasurer 2020-2022) and James Adamczyk are the Townsend representatives. Coming full circle from serving on the original board in 1988-89 is Joan Sackett who replaced Kathy DeBoth as WASD's representative in 2021.

With staggered terms chosen by lot to ensure continuity, the new Board agreed to meet monthly on the fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Meetings, which are open to the public, are held at the Lakewood Library. Notice of meetings is posted in the library and on its website.

Due to the Covid Pandemic, the Board voted to temporarily close the library in March 2020. Through the daunting challenges presented by the Pandemic, the Library continued to provide essential services. Curbside pickup was efficient and brisk. Reliable broadband enabled patrons to access the web safely from the parking lot. As case counts declined, full service was gradually restored to protect public health. Despite all the difficulties the library faced, its circulation of materials in 2020 and 2021 was the highest in Oconto County, surpassing much larger libraries in Oconto, Oconto Falls, and Suring.

In October 2021, the Board was faced with a formidable challenge: the building had again outgrown its space. A thorough study was conducted; something had to be done. A Building Expansion Committee (BEC) was named with representatives of each of the Four Towns: Chair Tom Thielke (Riverview); Co-chair Kathleen Marsh (Townsend); Ted Bartels, Linda McKenna (Lakewood); Linda Denz (Doty); and Library Director Nicole Lowery. Like Joan Sackett, Ted Bartels had been part of the original library building project.

Keeping in mind the financial constraints that rural townships face, the Board carefully considered its options. In late 2021, they hired architect Jeff Musson of Rhinelander to assess the situation. Musson found the library structurally sound but said reconfiguration would not solve the critical problem of needing more space. He recommended renovation and expansion. The Library Board unanimously agreed and tasked Kathleen Marsh with leading fundraising efforts. Three donors quickly stepped up to donate \$9500 to purchase an adjacent lot for parking and snow removal. Northeast Survey's Harry Smith donated his fee while helping the Board combine the three land parcels owned by the library into one. That parcel was rezoned Community Service in April 2022. A donation by Paul Schumacher covered the rest of the cost of the Survey. It is readily apparent that thousands of hours have been already spent in the quest to sustain the "Little Lakewood Library." Today's volunteers are determined that the Library will be there far into the future. They know that libraries are no longer book depositories. They are Community Information and Learning Centers. To fulfill that 21st Century mission, renovation and expansion is needed to meet the ever-increasing need for Children's Programs and an enlarged computer area with updated technology. A larger community room will accommodate group gatherings and adult education classes. Smaller conference rooms will facilitate tutoring, online courses, genealogy research, veterans assistance, telemedicine, and so much more. This may be the end of the series on the history of Lakewood Library, but the story is not over. In fact, it's just the beginning of Part III. A lot of people are working hard to make sure this next chapter is written in stone.

PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 15, MAY 9, 2022 Share your turkey hunting experience



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages hunters to share their turkey hunting experience with friends and family members this season by bringing someone new along for the hunt.

Hunting is a life skill that provides a unique and meaningful connection to Wisconsin's wildlife and the outdoors. For those who don't plan to hunt, consider tagging along with someone who is. Spending a day in the woods this spring during turkey hunting season provides an excellent opportunity to view Wisconsin's wildlife and understand and appreciate the hunters' passion for pursuing the elusive wild turkey.

Knowing turkey hunting techniques, season dates, regulations and safety standards can help foster safe practices while enjoying Wisconsin's wild places this spring. You may decide to give turkey hunting a try next year.

The DNR offers a variety of pathways to help introduce people to turkey hunting. Prospective hunters can participate in a Learn to Hunt program led by a qualified mentor. Additionally, the DNR's Mentored Hunting program allows novices of any age to hunt within an arm's reach of a licensed hunter over 18.

Before taking someone hunting, help them prepare by providing the following resources and tips:

• Read the Wisconsin Turkey Hunter's Guide

 Read about turkey hunting season dates, regulations and more at the DNR's Turkey Hunting and Management webpage

Take a Hunter Education class

• Check out the Turkey Hunting Access program and other lands open to public hunting

See what licenses are required for turkey hunting

• Mark your calendar for Dec. 10 to apply for a spring 2023 early spring turkey season

•Learn what remaining turkey harvest authorizations may be available for the late 2022 spring turkey seasons.

Understanding and appreciating turkey hunting can come at any time or place – always remember to reflect a positive image of the hunting community and include those interested in learning more.

George's Word Ladder By Mark Szorady HALF

WORD INTO THE LAST WORD BY CHANGING JUST ONE LETTER AT A TIME. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON EACH

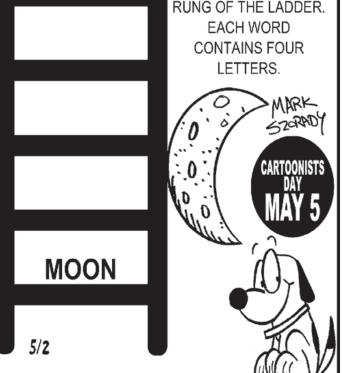
Please join us if you are an existing or new volunteer for an informational meeting held at race track on May 11 at 7pm, where we will discuss the 2022 race events! Respectfully,

Cliff Flannery Owner, Crandon Motorsports

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This last part of the story contains a lot of names because a lot of people pitched in to script the history of Lakewood Library. With all that is recorded here already accomplished, the most formidable task lies ahead: raising enough money to fund the building project. Donations of any size will be gratefully accepted at the library or send a check to Lakes Country Public Library; 15235 State H i g h w a y 32; L a k e w o o d, W I 54138.

Such an undertaking was certainly not on anybody's radar in late 2017 when an effort to establish a joint library task force among the four northernmost Oconto County townships began. One Oconto County official scoffed at the idea: "You people up there couldn't agree on what kind of beer to serve at a church picnic," he quipped. Really? A year later, a Joint Library Task Force had been formed. Official members of the group were Don



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Butterflies at Wabeno Elementary





The Third Annual Butterfly Hydroponics Experiment is underway at Wabeno Elementary School. The kindergarteners are raising Painted Lady Butterflies and watching the life cycle as caterpillars metamorphosize before their eyes. We currently have 19 chrysalides out of 20 caterpillars. They are now placed into the butterfly environment. We hope the butterflies will soon emerge and lay eggs before we release them

Laona High Environmental



Caitlyn accepts the check offered by Denise Lornson, of the Forest County Tavern League.

The Forest County Tavern League donated \$500.00 this past Saturday, April 30th, to Caitlyn Ziegelbauer. The donation will be equaled by the State Tavern League.







Education at Wabeno **Elementary**



Physical Education teacher, Ms. Ganser, picks one student out of all the K-5th classes to be the Star of the Week in Phy. Ed. She selected Bailey Bruce to be the Star of the week from April 19th- April 29th. Bailey is a hardworking and dedicated student in physical education. She sets high goals for herself and always follows all expectations. She demonstrates being a great role model to others and always has a smile in physical education! Way to go, Bailey!!

2021 WHS Graduate Wins Literary Award at UWGB



Science Class visits N. Lake Service



Laona High School Environmental Science class visited Northern Lake Service, Inc. R.T. Krueger gave the students a tour of facilities and the various types of equipment that is utilized for water testing. Students also learned about the different types of services provided by Northern Lake Service and how they work to preserve public health and environmental protection. In the photo, Left to right: R.T. Krueger (owner/manager), Jakota Milan, Gavin Connor, Brady Shepard, Zoie Cayan, Kyle Chitko, Mrs. Karen Biedermann

Caitlyn was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

Bell Tower Memorial Nominations School District of Crandon

The School District of Crandon is seeking nominations for the 2021-2022 Bell Tower Memorial. This memorial sits in a place of honor in front of the school. It contains two plaques and chosen honorees will have name plates installed on these plaques. Nomination forms are available now in the district office. If you would like to nominate someone for this honor, contact Tami Sprenger for a form at 715-478-6200. The nomination forms must be completed and turned in to the District Office by May 14, 2022 The Selection Committee will consider the following when choosing the honorees:

The type and length of school service given The number of nominations an individual received The type of significant contribution to education made Did he/she end his/her career in Crandon?

Total number of years of district service

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Has the person been retired for two (2) years prior to nomination?

What extraordinary gift(s) has this person made to the school?

The Committee will meet and discuss any and all nominations from the forms submitted to the District Office.



The University of Wisconsin Green Bay has recognized 2021 Wabeno High School Graduate Conor Lowerv with the 2022 Rising Phoenix Award for Best Fiction. Conor's short story "Horizon" captured the award after it was submitted to "The Sheepshead Review," UWGB's literary magazine. Conor describes the story as "a dystopian flash-fiction piece inspired by Plato's 'Allegory of the Cave' and focusing on a teenage girl attempting to escape her repressive society."

Conor is grateful for the help and guidance provided to him by his teachers at WHS. He would especially like to thank Mrs. Janet de Jean Newton and Ms. Melissa Sparks for helping polish his writing talent and "inspiring me to keep practicing my craft."

Only a freshman at UWGB, Conor has already become active on campus. He is president of the UWGB Anime Club and an officer in the Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society. He is the son of Nick and Nicole Lowery of Lakewood.

The story will be available in both the print and online versions of the Spring 2022 edition of "The Sheepshead Review" scheduled to be released on May **4**th.