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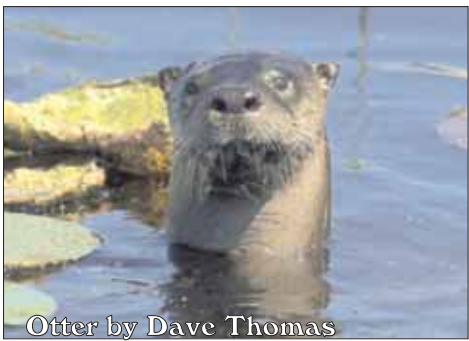
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## Northwoods Firearms in Crandon



Bobby Connor has just opened a new gun shop in Crandon, which handles guns, ammo, targets, optics and all the accessories you need for your time afield. He also has a good supply of AR-15 components.

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There is a wall full of rifles and shotguns plus a case full of pistols on display in the new shop. He added that he can take your special orders online at [northwoodsfirearms.com](http://northwoodsfirearms.com) or by phone at 715-478-0404.

Northwoods Firearms is located on Hwy 8 in Crandon, just west of Pioneer Plaza.

Good luck in your new venture!

## Kentuck Day in Crandon Saturday July 3rd



Back in the early 1900's, there was a migration of people from Kentucky to Forest County, especially to Crandon. They were seeking work and land that they could afford and a better life.

The Kentucks left their mark on the area. They are especially known for their ability to make moonshine whiskey, which was a profitable business when the federal government outlawed alcoholic beverages in the years following World War I. Of course, most Kentucky immigrants weren't in the whiskey business. They worked as loggers, mill workers, started farms that are still producing crops today. It is an important part of the area legacy.

To celebrate the Kentuck heritage, the Forest County Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Annual Kentuck Day event in Crandon, on the courthouse square, on Saturday, July 23rd from 10 to 4 p.m.

There will be vendors selling arts & crafts, a flea market on the south side of the courthouse, food booths, and downtown businesses will have special promotions. It will be a good time, a celebration of the area's heritage, and you won't want to miss it!

## Kentuck Klassic Car Show July 23rd



If you are going to Kentuck Day, you can't miss the Kentuck Klassic Car show, held on the grounds of the Weber-Hill Funeral Home and across the street from the Kentuck Day doins.

There will be a variety of cars from the old classics to the more modern hot rods and sport models, all on display on a beautiful grounds between the shade trees.

## Wabeno Area Players reschedule "Nunsense Jamboree"

Staying away from the stage is a hard habit to break, so the Wabeno Area Players and the nuns of Hoboken are thrilled to announce that they have rescheduled their postponed show, "Nunsense Jamboree". According to director Mary Ellen Keller, the cast, crew and musicians are back to tip-top shape and can't wait to bring their comedy and tunes to audiences of all ages.

The new dates for the production are August 26 and 27, at 7:00 p.m. and August 28 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available now online at [www.Showtix4U.com](http://www.Showtix4U.com). Once there, enter Wabeno Area Players into the search box and find Nunsense Jamboree, click on buy tickets.

Tickets will also be available at the door, beginning one hour before each show. The price of tickets is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. All performances will be at the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno.

Please spread the word! The nuns and the rest of the crew will greatly appreciate your support and attendance at a show. They have worked hard and promise it's a great show like NUN other!

## Community Picnic & Family Fun Event in Townsend

The Pickerel Chain Lake Association will holding their annual Community Picnic and Family Fun Event this Saturday, July 23rd at Oughton Park (Pickerel Boat Landing) in Townsend. The event runs from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

You can enjoy music, food, beverages and lots of raffles at this get together, and help restore area lakes as well.

## Polish Heritage Day July 30

Armstrong Creek will be celebrating their 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Polish Heritage Day, Saturday July 30th.

The day starts at 11a.m. with a Polish Mass at the St Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Armstrong Creek.

Visitors will see ornate polish costumes and hear beautiful polish hymns while in attendance.

After the mass, at noon, a parade proceeds from the church to the town park where one can enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Polka music will fill the park all day, starting at 12:30 p.m. The New Generation and Nu Tymes sharing the stage with non-stop polkas until 6:30 p.m.

You can still dance the night away to The Natural Talent Polka Band from 6:30 p.m till 11 p.m.

Throughout the day the park will bustle with activities for the young and old alike, bounce house, obstacle course and a petting zoo for the kids. You can browse through the Craft booths or enjoy a Polish beer!

Special appearances by the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers from the Twin Cities, performing at 1pm, 2:30pm and 4p.m.

The smell of polish foods will fill the air, making it irresistible for you to sample the foods which will include pierogi, polska kielbasa, kraut, golabki, dumplings and cabbage and mouth watering bakery. Saturday park admission is \$5.00.

If Saturday hasn't tired you out and you want to enjoy the countryside of Armstrong Creek on foot, the committee will hold a 4k Walk/Run at 8am on Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration is at 7:30a.m., with a \$10 entry fee. Participants will enjoy a "Breakfast of Champions" after the event.

If you have questions or wish to have a craft booth (\$20), participate in the parade or walk/run please email [karamillan@icloud.com](mailto:karamillan@icloud.com)

Our appreciation to the many volunteers who, over the years, have made this festival a success, without you it would not be possible!

Polish Heritage Days is sponsored by Citizens for Armstrong Creek, Inc., a nonprofit organization, proceeds go to the betterment of the community as voted on by its members. Donation requests/ideas can be sent by email. If you are interested in becoming a member or a volunteer please contact Kara or message us through our Face Book page "Armstrong Creek WI, Polish Heritage Days".

## Positive cases of covid-19 in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 49 individuals have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since July 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. Additionally, there are currently 2 hospitalizations. This is a snapshot of the numbers as they are continuously changing throughout the day.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to get vaccinated, 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 positive, please isolate yourself away from others for 5 days since symptom onset and wear a mask for the 5 days following your release from isolation.

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 Friday with current COVID-19 case counts as capacity allows. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

You can see us online at [plonexp@newnorth.net](mailto:plonexp@newnorth.net)

## 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](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

Last week, Forest County Land & Water met up with the Strike Team from the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) to treat the Wild Parsnip near Armstrong Creek. Several landowners had contacted WRISC and asked them to come and treat their property to slow down the spread of this very prolific invasive species.

Wild parsnip is a non-native plant that was first discovered in Wisconsin before 1900. This plant has been present for over 100 years and populations continue to spread into unmanaged areas throughout Wisconsin. The largest concern from this invading species is its ability to inflict burns to skin of people that come into contact with the sap from the plant.



WRISC Strike Team with Kayla Littleton, Forest County Land & Water

This reaction is called phytophotodermatitis as the sap will burn the skin when exposed to sunlight.

Wild Parsnip can invade a wide range of habitats and is most commonly found in grassland areas near or alongside roadsides. In these habitats this plant is well adapted and can easily flower and produce viable seed that can be transported to nearby areas. Spread has been amplified by plants proximity to roadsides as they are often mowed after viable seed are produced and move seed long-distances. This and other factors have likely allowed for the enhanced spread of this plant.

This plant is regulated in Wisconsin by DNR invasive species rule (NR-40) as a restricted species. This means that it is required that plants and reproductive propagules cannot knowingly be spread into un-infested

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## WAM Fest was a hit!



By Mike Monte

If you like a variety of music and dancing, you should have been at Wabeno's WAM Fest last Saturday. There was a variety of music for everyone. OK, maybe not hard rock fans! The O.W. Exalters are pictured above, and they did gospel music that was nice for the ears.

Pictured below is Neal Schlachter, who performed Willie Nelson songs quite well and was like by the crowd.

This is just a sampling of the talent. Music started at 11 a.m. and lasted until 10 a.m.



Yes, they had belly dancers in Wabeno! The Navah Mirage Belly Dancers did some very exotic moves at WAM Fest, and they also had audience participation as can be seen below. Some of these novices did quite well.



The Piper Road String Band ended the event, playing 8-10 p.m. with a couple of encores to finish off. This is a great group to sit back and listen to, and for many, it brought on an urge to dance. They played bluegrass, country, some big band music and even classic rock.

This was a great event with good food and some events and activities for young people as well. We are looking forward to next summer's event.

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## AREA EVENTS

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### Polish Heritage Day Armstrong Creek Saturday, July 30!

- 11am Polish Mass- Stanislaus Kostka
- Noon, a parade from the church to the park
- Polka music at the park all day, starting at 12:30pm The New Generation & Nu Tymes with non-stop polkas until 6:30pm.
- The Natural Talent Polka Band 6:30-11pm.

- Dolina Polish Folk Dancers performing at 1pm, 2:30pm and 4pm.
- Pierogi, polska kielbasa, kraut, Golabki, Dumplings and Cabbage & great bakery

- 4k Walk/Run at 8am Sunday July 31st.
- Registration at 7:30am, with a \$10 entry fee

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### Langlade County identifies first case of Monkeypox

On July 13, 2022, orthopoxvirus, presumed to be monkeypox, was identified in Langlade County. Langlade County is working with Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) and other partners on the investigation follow up.

While risk to the public remains very low at this time, individuals should be aware of the symptoms of monkeypox. Symptoms include: fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes, muscle aches, headache, exhaustion, new unexplained rash that develops into hard round, fluid or pus-filled skin lesions.

Monkeypox is not typically spread during short periods of close contact. Monkeypox can spread through direct skin contact with someone with a rash, contact with objects or surfaces used by someone with monkeypox (i.e. bedding, clothing, or a toothbrush), or respiratory droplets. Most people recover in two to four weeks without treatment.

To prevent the spread of monkeypox, individuals should follow the following recommendations: Know the symptoms and risk factors of monkeypox.

Avoid close, skin to skin contact with the monkeypox rash, or those who are showing a rash or skin sores.

If you were recently exposed to the virus, contact a doctor or nurse to talk about whether you need a vaccine to prevent disease. Monitor your health symptoms and if you become ill, avoid contact with others until you receive health care.

If sick with monkeypox, isolate at home until rash has fully resolved, the scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of intact skin has formed.

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There will be a special program Friday for parents and grandparents to attend, with lunch, beginning at 11:30 and concluding at 12 noon. VBS is for all children ages 4-12. Registration will be offered each day of VBS, beginning at 8:30.

Bethel Baptist is located at 1761 East Ave Wabeno WI. (715) 610-1420.

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## AREA EVENTS

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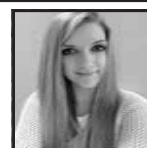
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## CNNF in year three of recovery efforts

### Making progress after 2019 wind storm

Rhineland, WI – July 19, 2022— The July 2019 devastating storm was the largest wind event to impact the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest since its establishment in 1933. Widespread storms July 19 and 20, resulted in an estimated 286,000 acres of damage across Wisconsin and about 131,000 of these acres were on national forest lands. The magnitude of the storm also impacted private landowners, county forests, state lands, municipal properties, and tribal properties.

Immediately after the storm, public safety and the protection of lives and property were the top priority. Once these concerns were addressed, the restoration of infrastructure, road and trail access, and the reduction of fuel hazards adjacent to private properties became the priority.

Nearby communities with heavy conifer blowdown were the focus because these were the most flammable areas and posed the greatest threats to lives and property. At the same time, because time was of the essence, Forest Service staff immediately began to prepare and administer contracts to remove hazardous fuels within 200-foot-wide strips along 17 miles of property lines.

Forest Service and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources personnel prepared salvage timber sales on national forest lands to reduce hazardous fuels and capture merchantable timber volume. Salvage timber sales were the primary method of hazardous fuels abatement within the storm area. Working together, the Forest Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, through the Great Neighbor Authority, managed 145 salvage sales to reduce hazardous fuels on over 28,000 acres of the most heavily impacted areas.

The volume of salvage timber that has been sold in the three years since the storm is approximately 298 million board feet. This is the equivalent of 59,600 loaded log trucks if the trucks were parked bumper to bumper, they would extend for a distance of 847 miles.

As salvage operations continue throughout the storm area, the focus is now shifting to reforestation. In most cases, the forest is naturally regenerating the land through seeding and sprouting using species such as aspen, oak, and maple. In some cases, planting is necessary. Most of these sites are former pine plantations and will be planted with mixes of red pine, white pine, and tamarack. The first 425 acres were planted in the spring of 2022. An additional 425 acres are scheduled for planting in 2023 and 2024. Reforestation work, tree surveys, timber stand improvement, and area improvements will continue for at least another seven years. The Forest Service continues to coordinate with the state, county, townships, and local communities.

For more information about the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest please visit our website at [www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF) and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CNNF002> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CNNF002>.

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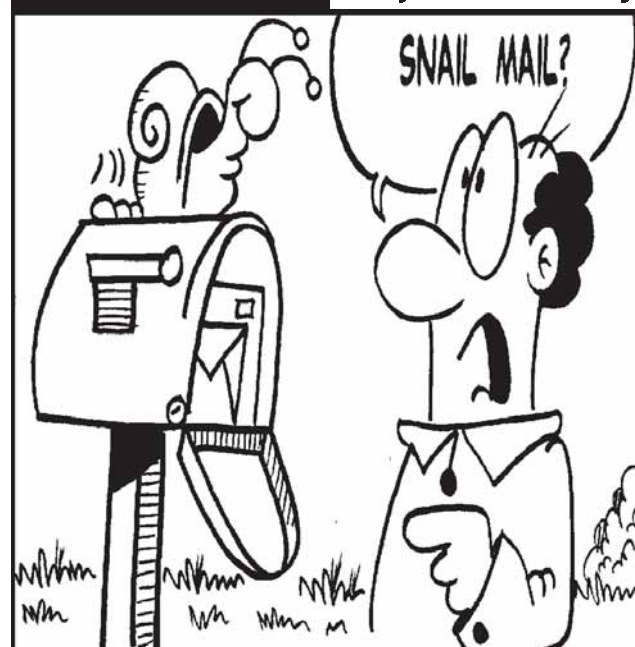
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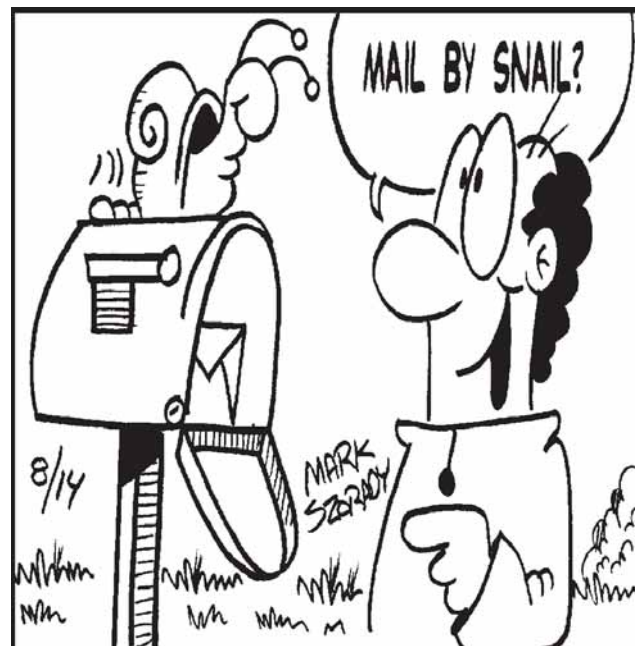
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By Mark Szorady



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# Death Notices

**Otto A. Thomaschefskey**

died peacefully on July 11, 2022, surrounded by his three children at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Otto was born June 21, 1931. He served in the Armed Forces from 1951 to 1954 in the Korean Conflict. During his service, he completed Ranger training with the Raider platoon. He earned a combat badge, V-medal for valor, and was awarded the bronze star. Upon his return, Otto served as a military police officer in Chicago. In 2012, he flew to Washington D.C. with the honor flight program and saw the Korean War Memorial.



He married Linda Sue Yeskis of Argonne and together they had three children, Nathan Thomaschefskey, Lindsay Thomaschefskey, and Loni (Jason Peters) Thomaschefskey. He has three grandchildren, August Earl Peters, Avery Eileen Peters, and Jezebel Jason Peters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda; his parents, Otto senior and Inez Clara (Mosher) Thomaschefskey; brothers, Leonard “Rusty” Thomaschefskey; Bobby Thomaschefskey who died as a toddler; three sisters, Ramona Schultz, Betty Jean “Sister” Kevilus, and Joan “Dolly” Thomaschefskey. Surviving siblings are Bill (Sherri) Thomaschefskey, Daniel (Linda) Thomaschefskey and Vicki (James) Elam all of Argonne.

Mr. Thomaschefskey was active in church with his family and became a member at Praise Chapel in Crandon, Wisconsin. Nieces and nephews enjoyed going to basketball games with “Uncle Mike”, getting treats at the drive-in, and creating good memories of his sense of humor. Otto kept busy delivering the medicine carts from the pharmacy at Schaeffer’s building to the Crandon Nursing Home, working at the Crandon Recycling Center, and volunteering with the Forest County Historical Society, the Veterans groups, and others. He took pride in making a red Soo Line train Caboose birdhouse. His nephew, George Schultz helped Otto make crosses from railroad spikes.

In his younger years, Otto worked construction and logging. He decided at the age of twenty-two not to consume any form of alcohol after seeing the downfall of those who drank in the service and on skid row in Chicago. He was a lifelong fan of heavyweight boxing. He saw many sporting events in person including boxing legend, Muhammed Ali. Otto would arrange his eating and sleeping schedule so he could watch boxing on television. Even through his upper 80’s, he would stay up into the wee hours to watch his favorite fighters. “Next to eating, the fights were the most important thing”.

The television show “Sanford and Son” captured a lot of Otto’s dry humor and interest in the junk business. He could identify, sort, and take apart intricate pieces of junk. He enjoyed spending time in Chicago with his cousin Albert Ronkowski. They both shared a fondness for collecting and selling junk metal.

His perfect attendance record in high school was not wasted. He wrote letters back and forth to many friends and family. He loved to show off his wit and humor with “one liner’s”. He enjoyed entering flowering purple thistles in the Crandon Women’s Flower Show, for the thorny humor in thistles, indeed having blossoms that most were unappreciative of seeing or picking. From his days as a woodsman and avid tree planter, he had a keen eye for birds and all things nature.

His favorite singer was Hank Williams. Often quoting the singer/songwriter, Otto loved the blues, gospel, and heartfelt songs of the country music icon. He saw him in person when Hank played a live show. Otto attended many of Forest County’s local events as well as traveling to the Car Show in Iola, Wisconsin and the Mackinac Labor Day bridge walk at St. Ignace, Michigan. He enjoyed riding on trains from his younger days, catching a train ride between Argonne and Crandon to traveling as a tourist on various locomotives.

The visitation for Otto was held on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Praise Chapel. The visitation was from 1:00 p.m. until the 4:30 p.m. Celebration of his Life. Pastor Franz Gerber officiated. At the conclusion of the services, military honors were conducted by the Crandon American Legion Post #94 and by two representatives from the United States Army. A dinner followed in the church hall.

In memory of Otto, sympathy cards may be sent to the Thomaschefskey family at 8102 State Hwy. 55, Argonne, Wisconsin 54511.

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](http://www.hildebrandrussfh.com)



**Louis Allen White,** age 84, passed away peacefully, on July 9, 2022, at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, with his daughters by his side.

Louis, also known as Louie or Al, was born on October 14, 1937, in Monico, WI, to Martin William White and Magarette Marie (Hoffman) White. He married Judith Ann DeMars in June 1964. They later divorced but remained friends.

Louis is survived by his daughters, Jodi (Edward) Space, and Leah (Craig) Lau, grandchildren Nick (Tara) Alden, Rebekah (Dan) Imig, Lizabeth (Dylan) McCorkle, Celia (Nate Anderson) Space, and Ian White-Charbarneau, as well as his great grandchildren Kalli, Emme, Averie, Cullen, Owen, and Jack. Additionally, he is survived by a sister, Lillian Kulaf, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Judy, son-in-law, Bud Charbarneau, brother, Martin White, sisters, Belva Houle and Vivian Littleton, nephews, Gary and David Littleton, and niece, Josie Littleton. Louis proudly served his country in the United States Army on two occasions; from 1954-1957, and again from 1959-1962. During one of his stints, he was a parachutist, an activity that he continued well after his service, having logged nearly 1,000 jumps at various exhibitions and events. He lived an active and vibrant life, never sitting still for long. He loved hunting, especially deer hunting, and preparations consumed the majority of his time all fall, while awaiting the hunt. He was a gun enthusiast, collector, and dealer. All of his family members, down to his youngest great-grandchildren, have been gifted at least one gun. Louis farmed on and off over the years, primarily raising beef cattle. He worked in a variety of roles including in the trucking industry, in construction where he worked for a variety of companies, as well as in many businesses he started on his own. He could BS with the best of them. He loved shooting the breeze, having lunch with friends or his nephews, or just taking a drive and looking for the next deal. Louis had a willingness to help anyone in need, never expecting anything in return. We loved him not only for his larger-than-life personality but also for the unconditional love for his family.

Louis will be laid to rest on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 11:00 am, at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery located at 1276 North Railroad Avenue, where a graveside service with military honors will be held. Services will be officiated by Rev. Mark Gass from Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, WI. and military honors will be conducted by the Crandon American Legion Post #94 and two representatives from the United States Army. There will be a Celebration of Life to follow at the Monico Town Hall, 2333 Forrest Street, Monico, WI 54501.

Our family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital for the exceptional care he received. You were all so caring and attentive and we appreciate the kindness in making sure Dad was comfortable in his final days.

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**Bruce R. Sturzl Sr.,** of Laona, died Sunday, July 17, 2022, at The Bay at Nu Roc. He was 94 years old. He was born on July 8, 1928 in Laona, a son of Joseph and Imogene “Babe” (Brown) Sturzl.

He was a graduate of Laona High School.

Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he was a Military Policeman and was awarded a World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal-Japan and a Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars. Bruce also served as an Army Reservist for two years.

Upon his honorable discharge, he lived in Milwaukee where he met and married his first wife. Together, they raised six children. The couple later divorced.

While in Milwaukee, he worked as a farm hand at Lad Lake Farm and Boys’ School before going to work with his father in law, Howard doing carpentry. He also attended technical college where he learned about construction.

In June of 1973 Bruce married Alice Beyerl in Laona. The couple built their forever home on East Silver Lake Road in Laona.

Bruce was known by many as “Father Time.” He enjoyed hunting, fishing, vegetable gardening and working in his shop. He also enjoyed spending time at the cabin in Blackwell, better known as “Peshtigo Joe’s Hunting Club.” Bruce loved to play cards, especially smear, sheepshead and pinochle. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He also had the gift of gab as he could talk with anyone about anything. Bruce admired his many dogs over the years and had a special love for beagles.

In addition to his wife, Bruce is survived by a daughter, Ann Sturzl of Seymour; sons, Bruce Sturzl Jr. of San Francisco, Scott (George Geraci) Sturzl of Phoenix, Arizona, Dan (Peg) Sturzl of Laona and Tim (Donna) Sturzl of Caribou, Maine; and a sister, Gladys Ann (Al) Bluhm of Laona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Todd Sturzl; and brother, Bernard “Sarge” Sturzl.

Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, July 25, 2022 at 12 p.m. at St. Leonard Catholic Church in Laona with Father Anil Polumari and Father John Cerkas officiating.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).



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**Aspirus providing COVID-19 vaccines to all age groups**

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Aspirus Health offers COVID vaccinations for all eligible ages at multiple locations throughout its service area. Vaccinations for the newest pediatric age group are available at five Aspirus locations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and six locations in Wisconsin. A full summary of vaccine types and availability by Aspirus location is available here.

Appointments can be scheduled through Aspirus for all types of COVID-19 vaccinations. This includes first and second doses, booster doses and the newly approved doses for children as young as 6 months old.

The best way for adults to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments is via the MyAspirus app or patient portal at [myaspirus.org](http://myaspirus.org). You do not need to be an existing Aspirus patient to use MyAspirus and creating a new account is easy through the portal.

Appointments are also available by calling the Aspirus COVID-19 Call Center at 844-568-0701 or 715-843-1454. This is the recommended option for scheduling child vaccinations, as parent/guardian consent is required.

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  - 17 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
  - 3 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drugs/K9 Deployment)
  - 1 - Assist Other Agency
  - 3 - ATV/UTV Incident(s)
  - 1 - Civil Matter/Dispute(s)
  - 1 - Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
  - 3 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para. And/or Poss. (1 ARREST)
  - 4 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (2 ARRESTS)
  - 1 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
  - 2 - Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
  - 6 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
  - 15 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
  - 1 - Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)
  - 3 - Liquor Law Violation(s) (1 CITATION)
  - 1 - Loitering Complaint(s)
  - 3 - Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
  - 2 - Lost/Missing/Runaway Person(s)
  - 2 - Ordinance Violation
  - 2 - O.A.R. (2 ARRESTS / 2 CITATIONS)
  - 5 - Probation/Parole Violation(s) (3 ARRESTS)
  - 2 - Property Dispute Incident(s)
  - 2 - Public Nuisance Complaint(s)
  - 14 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
  - 5 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
  - 3 - Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
  - 2 - Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
  - 1 - Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
  - 1 - Trespassing Complaint(s)
  - 2 - Unsecured Door/Window Incident(s)
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**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**  
**Tuesday - July 26** - Seasoned baked chicken, twice baked mashed potatoes, cold pickled beets, whole wheat bread, peaches and vanilla pudding

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**  
**Wednesday - July 27** - Ham and scalloped potato casserole, Pacific blend veggies, whole wheat roll, banana

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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.

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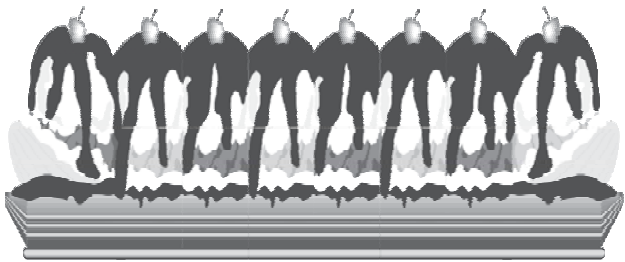
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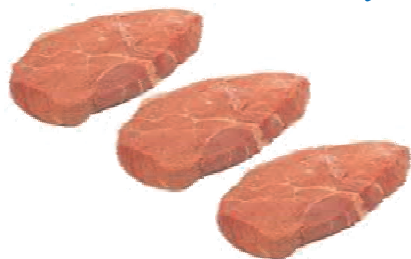
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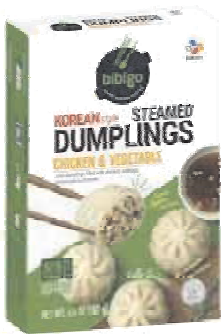
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## THANKS SO MUCH !



The Town of Blackwell would like to thank everyone who attended their 100th birthday celebration on July 9th, 2022

Kudos to J.D. and his family for the spectacular fireworks display. It was beyond all expectations!

The Centennial Committee of Sue Banie, Chair, Laura Bethke Secretary, and members, Jeff & Mary Schadrie,

Jerry Graves and Jenny Henkel put in many volunteer hours to make the event such a success. The Laona Lions did an outstanding job providing food and refreshments, and the Laona Presbyterian Women's root beer floats were the best. Peggy Alderton's centennial cake disappeared quickly! Behind the scenes, hard at work, were Mike Carter, Jim Carter, Jake Starkowski, Brian Piasini, and Chris Kuntz.

The students from the Blackwell Job Corp. were on hand to direct traffic, welcome people, and generally make themselves useful. Especially putting the legs on the 100 donut - hole centipede.

Kathy McLaughlin organized the help and also borrowed us the history board of the Blackwell CCC, and the clean-up afterwards. Many THANKS for their help!

Our official "photographer", Blaine Henkel from Menasha, has memorialized the party for us. Hope everyone got the chance to visit with him! Thanks to Senolihn's Bar and Erick Henkel for managing the corn hole tournament, and the

Town of Townsend (cribbage boards ) and Jerry Banie for organizing the cribbage tournament.

Krystal Statezny did an outstanding job on our brochures, and Precision Vinyl provided us with the Centennial Banner and street signs.

Thanks to our vendors who spent the day providing an occasion for shopping.

We appreciate the Wabeno Fire Department standing by in case they were needed.

Our music venues were fantastic. Gregg Tallier, Mike Wojnowski and Kasy Cottrell / Train Wreck provided great entertainment ! Singing along and dancing were wonderful ways to enjoy the day.

The Trolley rides on the Rat River Recreational Trail gave us an opportunity to showcase our non-motorized trail that follows the river. Thank you Stacey Jameson for allowing us to rent it for the day.

And a special thanks to everyone who sent photos and stories, especially George Flanner IV, Colleen (Gentz ) Vernon, and Wayne Kroll.

All in All....It was a grand birthday party.

Watch for more events this year.

## THANK YOU!

The Laona Fire Dept. would like to thank everyone who came out and made their 2022 4th of July celebration another great success. We would also like to thank the following businesses and people for their great donations that make the day possible:

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## Aging vs. Alzheimer's: Spotting the difference

More than six million Americans aged 65 and older are estimated to have Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association. June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and Aspirus is using this opportunity to bring awareness to the brain disorder affecting one in nine people in this age group.

The main signs of Alzheimer's disease are memory loss and a decrease in intellectual function.

"We can expect to be a little forgetful as we get older due to normal age-related changes in the brain, but when individuals are having severe memory problems and trouble carrying out simple activities, these are signs that something more serious may be going on and shouldn't be ignored," says Aspirus Geriatric Medicine Physician Dr. Joelle Millikin.

The National Institute on Aging says that normal forgetfulness may include things like occasionally overlooking a bill, misplacing things from time to time, forgetting what day it is but remembering later or sometimes struggling to remember a word.

Possible signs of Alzheimer's disease include trouble with basic tasks like paying for a purchase or counting change, putting things away in an odd place, like keys in the freezer, losing track of the date or time of year or trouble having a conversation.

### Tips for prevention

Growing evidence indicates that people can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by adopting key lifestyle habits.

Courtesy of the Alzheimer's Association, here are 10 Ways to Love Your Brain:

1. Break a Sweat. Engage in regular cardiovascular exercise that elevates your heart rate and increases blood flow to the brain and body. Several studies have found an association between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline.
2. Hit the Books. Formal education in any stage of life will help reduce your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. For example, take a class at a local college, community center or online.
3. Butt Out. Evidence shows that smoking increases risk of cognitive decline. Quitting smoking can reduce that risk to levels comparable to those who have not smoked.
4. Follow Your Heart. Evidence shows that risk factors for cardiovascular disease and stroke — obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes — negatively impact your cognitive health. Take care of your heart, and your brain just might follow.
5. Heads Up! Brain injury can raise your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Wear a seat belt, use a helmet when playing contact sports or riding a bike, and take steps to prevent falls.
6. Fuel Up Right. Eat a healthy and balanced diet that is lower in fat and higher in vegetables and fruit to help reduce the risk of cognitive decline.
7. Catch some Zzz's. Not getting enough sleep due to conditions like insomnia or sleep apnea may result in problems with memory and thinking.
8. Take Care of Your Mental Health. Some studies link a history of depression with increased risk of cognitive decline, so seek medical treatment if you have symptoms of depression, anxiety, or other mental health concerns. Also, try to manage stress.
9. Buddy Up. Staying socially engaged may support brain health. Pursue social activities that are meaningful to you. Find ways to be part of your local community — if you love animals, consider volunteering at a local shelter. If you enjoy singing, join a local choir or help at an after-school program. Or just share activities with friends and family.
10. Stump Yourself. challenge and activate your mind. Build a piece of furniture. Complete a jigsaw puzzle. Do something artistic. Play games, such as bridge, that make you think strategically. Challenging your mind may have short and long-term benefits for your brain.

When possible, combine these habits to achieve maximum benefit for the brain and body. Start now. It's never too late or too early to incorporate healthy habits.

### Get help

If you or a loved one is experiencing memory problems, or you're concerned about changes in memory and behavior, your first step is to talk to your provider.

"Early detection and initiation of treatment can make a difference in how both the person with the illness and all of those around them cope with this very difficult diagnosis," says Dr. Millikin. "There currently is no cure for Alzheimer's, but there are medications and other therapies that can help manage some of the symptoms."

Do not be afraid to ask for help and do not wait to reach out if you have concerns about a loved one. Working together and working early is the key to the best possible outcome for all those involved.

Dr. Millikin sees patients at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. To find a provider in your area, visit [www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider](http://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider).

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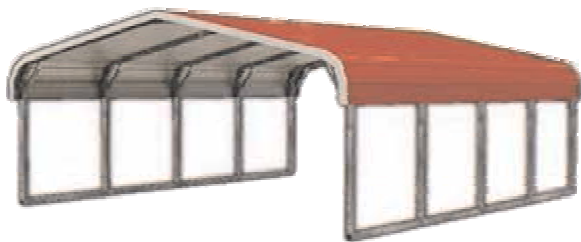
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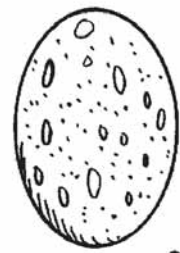
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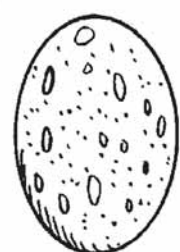
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Mental Health Investments

By Rep. Jeff Mursau (R Crivitz)

Raising awareness of mental illness and providing support for those struggling with a mental health condition has been a priority of mine, especially as we continue to navigate life post-Covid. I'd like to share the important investments our state has made to ensure mental health care is accessible to Wisconsinites who need it. Our investments include targeted support for populations that have seen an uptick in mental health conditions, such as farmers and our youth.

As many farmers have reported rising stress in their careers, it has highlighted the importance of helping farmers navigate financial challenges, access healthcare and improve work-life balance. Republicans have responded by funding the Farmer Wellness Program that supports counseling for immediate and long-term mental health needs, encourages peer-support, and offers business resources and training to farmers. Our investments in this program are designed to provide farmers with the resources they need to thrive.

Mental health conditions are also on the rise among students, as school closures and isolation have accelerated the increase in anxiety and depression our youth are experiencing. That's why we made substantial investments in mental health services for our students. Republicans doubled funding for the mental health categorical aids at our K12 schools, which provide social work services directly to students at school.

We also invested seven million dollars for mental health collaboration grants, which help schools partner with community organizations to provide mental health services to students. Previous grants in this program have helped hundreds of schools arrange services for students throughout the state. Now more than ever, our kids are in need of the critical services being facilitated through these sources of funding.

But the growth of mental health conditions go beyond these two populations, so our budget added nearly \$24 million in mental health spending over the biennium through increased reimbursement rates to healthcare providers. These funds ensure all Wisconsinites can access critical mental health care.

The Republican budget is committed to ensuring those who are struggling can receive the support they need year-round to enjoy life to their fullest potential.

Baldwin's 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline launches nationwide

U.S. Senator Baldwin joined a press conference at TDS Telecom in Wisconsin to highlight the upcoming launch of the new 988 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline on Saturday, July 16, 2022. The 988 Lifeline is made possible by U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, bipartisan legislation that passed Congress and became law in 2020.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. The new calling code of 988 will allow people of all ages who are experiencing a crisis—whether that is thoughts of suicide, a mental health concern or substance use issue, or any other kind of emotional distress—to get help for themselves or a loved one by connecting them with a trained crisis counselor.

"We need to do everything we can to help those in mental health crises and prevent suicide, and that means improving the tools and resources they have when they are suffering," said Senator Baldwin. "After working to get my bipartisan legislation signed into law and ensure funding for the implementation, I am so proud to see this quick and easy three-digit phone number launch so Americans in crisis can get the timely help and support they need. This will save lives."

"People in crisis need help right away. That's why we need resources like 988 to ensure a universal entry point to crisis services, similar to access to other emergency medical services through 911. We would like to thank Senator Baldwin for her leadership and thank all of our partners who have worked with us to ensure that Wisconsin is ready to provide this critical service for residents," said Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake.

"From veterans across the state of different backgrounds and generations, I hear a similar sentiment shared again and again—'Of the men and women who served with me, I've lost more to suicide than to combat,'" said Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Mary Kolar. "For veterans, you can now call 988 and press 1 to access the Veterans Crisis Line and be connected to a real person qualified to support veterans. Accessibility to effective resources is vital, especially for veterans experiencing a mental health crisis. I'm so grateful for the support and partnerships that made this possible, and I truly believe lives will be saved."

As part of the Baldwin-supported Bipartisan Safer Communities Act that was signed into law this week, \$150 million is being invested to support implementation of the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Senator Baldwin also helped pass the 2022 fiscal year appropriations bill in March of this year that included over \$101 million for the transition to 988 hotline and \$5 million for the new Behavioral Health Crisis and 988 Coordinating Office at the Department of Health and Human Services. In late 2021, the Biden administration committed more than \$280 million to fund both the Lifeline and 24/7 staff increases for states.

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Crandon Water & Sewer Utility  
Will Be Flushing Hydrants

On Monday, July 25, 2022, the Crandon Water & Sewer Utility will begin flushing fire hydrants. Flushing will continued through Friday, July 29, 2022, and will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE A DROP IN WATER PRESSURE AS WELL AS SOME DISCOLORATION OF THE WATER DURING THIS PROCESS**

The discoloration of water is only temporary and does not indicate a problem with the water. If your water does become discolored, turn on an outside faucet to clear the water line before doing any laundry or cleaning. The Crandon Water & SewerUtility will continue to monitor the water quality during this period to ensure that the water remains safe to drink. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but flushing is an important part of our system maintenance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Town of Lincoln Plan Commission  
Thursday, August 11, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
Town of Lincoln Town Hall  
5376 County Rd. W  
Crandon, WI

The purpose of the Public hearing will be to receive public comment regarding a Conditional Use Application from Musson Brothers Inc., Bart Sexton, Agent, for a non-metallic mine (aka sand and gravel pit operation) in the SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Section 22, T36N-R13E, Parcel #020-01472-0000, fronting on Bug Lake Rd. Such use is allowed in the Town of Lincoln in General Rural Zoning but requires a Conditional Use Permit.

There will be a Plan Commission Meeting following the Public Hearing for discussion and possible action on the application. For further information contact Town of Lincoln Zoning Administrator Kyle Black at 715-889-2820

Invitation for Bids  
School District of Laona

The School District of Laona is accepting sealed bids for the services listed below. All bids must be received in the District Office, located at 5216 Forest Avenue, Laona, no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022 either in person or by mail to: Melissa Chrisman, District Administrator, 5216 Forest Avenue, Suite A, Laona, WI 54541. Please label the bid envelopes accordingly.

Dairy products for the 2022-2023 school year:

- 14,500 - ½ Pint Grade A - 1% White Milk
- 30,000 - ½ Pint Grade A - 1% Fat Free Chocolate Milk
- 150 Gallons Grade A - 1% White Milk
- 50 Gallons Whole Milk

These are approximate amounts for one year. Delivery will be two times per week by 1 p.m. All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked “Dairy Bid.”

Snow removal for the 2022-2023 school year:

The School District of Laona is requesting sealed bids on snow removal for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be salting involved. Specifications must be obtained from and discussed with John (Gus) Klementz, Maintenance Supervisor. Bids shall include:

- Type of equipment used
- Rate per plow and/or per inch basis including rate for salting
- Proof of insurance
- Agreement to adhere to snowplowing specifications upon acceptance of bid

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked “Snow Removal Bid.”

*\* The School District of Laona reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The School District of Laona is an equal opportunity employer.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Forest County, in conjunction with Wisconsin Emergency Management, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a culvert upsize project. The objective of HMA programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. The proposed activity under this application is to replace two undersized culverts along Lily River near Nashville, WI with a single span, road-stream crossing that will improve stream flow under the road mitigating flood risk at and around the crossing.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, EO 11988 and EO 11990, public notice is required of any federal actions that may affect floodplains or wetlands. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project. Public participation is encouraged.

Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to [fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov) or by mail to: Duane Castaldi, Regional Environmental Officer FEMA Region V 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor Chicago, IL 60605

TAP hearing aid assistance

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced an increase in hearing aid assistance (HAA) funding through the Telecommunications Assistance Program (TAP). TAP HAA provides funding toward the purchase of new and refurbished hearing aids and cochlear implant external processors to increase the efficiency and use of telecommunications devices for distance communications. HAA can provide up to \$1,500 towards the cost of a telecoil or Bluetooth-enabled hearing aid or cochlear implant external processor. HAA is available to eligible applicants with an out-of-pocket expense and can be combined with additional benefits or discounts available through applicant insurance or supplemental plans.

Funding is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis. Applicants must meet the TAP program eligibility requirements. Specifically, applicants must:

- Be a Wisconsin resident;
- Meet income eligibility guidelines;
- Not be applying for TEPA, Copay, or TAP+;
- Purchase equipment through a certified audiologist or licensed hearing aid provider;
- Submit a quote for a hearing aid or cochlear implant external processor (must have a telecoil or Bluetooth program enabled and specified on quote);
- Submit a current completed hearing loss certification form, F-22554, signed by a certified audiologist or licensed hearing aid provider within the past six months (available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/f-22554.htm>); and
- Not be receiving Medical Assistance, like BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid.

The online application is available here: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/6068207/e39f48a4ce15>. Applicants may also use the printable application form, F-02743, available here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/f02743.pdf>. As noted above, applicants must also submit a completed current hearing loss certification form, F-22554, and a quote noting that a T-coil or Bluetooth program is included and enabled.

HAA vouchers will be mailed to the applicant or the applicant's legal representative to be redeemed with an approved vendor. These vouchers will serve as a credit towards the total purchase price.

HAA funding is not intended to cover costs associated with hearing exams, other clinical or office expenses, medical expenses, or past purchase amounts. In addition, the following items are not covered: over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, mail-order hearing aids, personal sound amplification products (PSAP) like pocket talkers, online testing documentation, battery replacements, hearing aid or external processor repairs, non-certified or uncensored providers, and providers not approved or active as a vendor in DHS's accounts payable system.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact the TAP Program Coordinator via email at [dhstap@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhstap@dhs.wisconsin.gov) or call 608-267-7195.

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areas. Fortunately, this plant is easy to manage with a range of tools. Implementation of the appropriate management practice at the correct timing is critical.

Wild Parsnip Management

•Removal: Pulling or cutting the root from the stem is an effective individual plant control technique and works best when infestations are small and isolated. Plants can be pulled if soil conditions allow for the removal of the taproot, but the best success has been observed when cutting the taproot with a sharp shovel 1–2” below the soil surface. If the entire taproot is severed it will not re-root and produce viable seeds. If seed is present make sure to properly dispose of so they do not spread into un-infested areas.

•Mowing: Mowing can be effective if timed after the emergence of flower heads, but before seeds enlarge. The best timing in Wisconsin is when the plant begins to flower. This has traditionally been around the middle of July in northern Wisconsin. If using this methods plants will resprout and likely flower. In Wisconsin’s climate these resprouting plants rarely produce viable seeds. When implementing mowing as a control method, results have been very successful if implemented at the correct stage for three consecutive years.

•Grazing/Biological Control: Wild parsnip is readily grazed by a variety of animals. While effective in suppressing aboveground growth, if parsnip constitutes too great a percentage of animals’ diets, they can also develop toxicity to the plant. Light skinned livestock are particularly sensitive to wild parsnip, while dark skinned animals can tolerate ingesting this plant. If grazing animals on parsnip, ensure that other forages are included in sufficient amounts to prevent injury. While no studies have been conducted on long-term effectiveness of grazing, it is expected that 3-5 years of grazing at an intensity that would prevent seed production would be required to substantially reduce populations.

•Prescribed Fire: Spring burns can kill germinating seedlings and can suppress above-ground growth of established plants depending on fire intensity. While seedlings are often killed as a result of fire many rosette plants will resprout and flower if not managed. This management method is not recommended unless integrated with other techniques such as mowing or herbicides.

•Herbicides: A range of herbicides are effective at controlling wild parsnip. While research has shown that these products can control wild parsnip at any stage of development, the best results with the lowest rates applied have been obtained in the fall (September – October) to rosettes. Applications of herbicides that include metsulfuron, 2,4-D, or dicamba have provided greater than 90% reduction in flowering plants the following year. Spring applications to rosettes (April-May) can alleviate this issue if timed after seedling emergence as they will control seedlings and rosettes. This can result in two years of prevention of seed production with one application. Applications to plants that are about to or are flowering (June) can be effective, but higher rates of herbicides are required to prevent seed production.

The herbicide we used last week contains metsulfuron and has been used by WRISC for several years to treat wild parsnip and other invasive species. The area we treated yesterday has been treated in the past and the herbicide is effective with little damage to other plants.

Forest County Land & Water plans on treating the Right of Ways along the County roads this fall. If you’ve been ‘burned’ by wild parsnip or have noticed other invasive species on your property, please contact our office and we’ll try to arrange for treatment either by us or with the WRISC Strike Team.

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A High school diploma or equivalent preferred, at least one (1) year of experience serving the elderly in the private or public sector preferred. First aid training and certification preferred.

Applications and job description for this position are available at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov) or from the County Clerk's office. Applications should be returned to the Forest County Clerk's office, 200 East Madison Street, Courthouse, Crandon, WI 54520 by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022.

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# HELP WANTED

# HELP WANTED: FOREST COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**DUTIES:** This position is responsible for county-wide public health programs and serves as Forest County Health Officer, as designated by the Forest County Board of Supervisors. The Health Department Director organizes and guides the delivery of public rules and regulations. Responsibilities include a range of public health programs (Maternal and Child Health; Women, Infants, and Children; Public Health Preparedness; Environmental Health; Chronic Disease Prevention; and Communicable Disease Prevention Surveillance and Control) with an emphasis toward community and system-based delivery.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from a college or university accredited by the National League of Nursing with preparation in public health nursing sciences or a similar field. Three (3) years of experience in a full-time position with a public health agency, including responsibility for a communicable disease prevention and control program. Experience in a supervisory/management position preferred. Application, position description, wage and benefit information may be obtained at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov) or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520

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# HELP WANTED

**Employment Opportunity**  
**Forest County Director of Social Services**  
The Forest County Social Services Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time (40 hours per week) Director position. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in a field related to the provision of human services. Applicants must have experience in the provision of services for all Children and Family Services, Economic support, and Fiscal.

Application and position description may be obtained at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov) or in the County Clerk’s Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Main Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520. Applications will be accepted until Friday, July 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.  
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The proud parents of eight start swimming away from that human who is pointing a camera at them! These parents have their hands full trying to keep all of their offspring healthy until it is time to fly south. Good luck! This is a Dave Thomas photo.

## Crandon Water Shows



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## Job Posting-Town of Laona

The Town of Laona has a part-time position opening for a cemetery attendant. The position will be estimated at 40 hours per week during the spring/summer and on call during winter. The attendant is responsible for the overall presentation and appearance of the cemetery which includes: mowing of grass using riding and hand mowing equipment, trimming vegetation and trees, planting of new grass, and plotting of cemetery plots. Additional responsibilities may occur.

Any questions please call the town office at 715-674-4071. Applications can be picked up at the Laona Town Hall and must be received by August 1st.

Jessica Thornton, Clerk

## Forest County ATV Club kicks into high Gear



The Forest County ATV Association has been busy the last few months getting new updated ATV maps and Poker Run books out to several of the county businesses. This year the club has organized a Poker Run, which includes business sponsors to the club. Poker Run books can be purchased from several of the forest county businesses. Visit the businesses in the Poker Run book to get it stamped and turn the book in at the end on the year party Sept 17th at Holly Wood Hills-Crandon Saloon & Event Center. Public is invited to attend the end of the year party which will include raffles, silent auction, promo booths and live music.

Recently, the club gathered along the trail by JARS in Laona to showcase some of its equipment used to maintain the trails. The club is looking for volunteers to assist with grooming and brushing trails. Visit FCATVA on Facebook or online @ForestCountyATV to join, or if interested trail maintenance. The Club is excited to partner with other groups forming rides in efforts to keep people safe and promote the beautiful Northwoods of Forest County.



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