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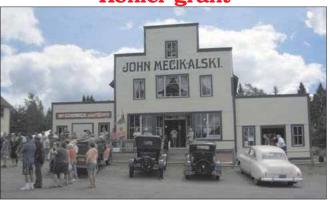
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Stovewood Building receives a Kohler grant



The Mecikalski Stovewood Building Foundation Museumm located in the little town of Jennings, is listed as getting a grant from the Ruth D. Kohler Foundation. This is an annual grant of \$10,000.

Those who attend Stovewood Daze usually return the next year. It is a step back in time to enter the old stovewood constructed store and living quarters for the Mecikalski family, and to see the business as it probably looked back in the early 1900's. I should add that the food and music is very good as well.

With help from the Kohler Foundation, this bit of history will show generations to come what life was like for the early loggers and farmers in the Northwoods.

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.

As you read this week's submission, we will probably be in the midst of Wisconsin's gun deer season. Last week the DNR reported that our waterways and landscape may be treacherous because of all the late freeze up. I reposted some of their safety tips if you didn't get their newsletter.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Chief Conservation Warden Todd Schaller said hunters are known to like a bit of snowfall to help with seeing and tracking deer. "However, the ground is saturated statewide, leaving wet conditions and ice forming on ponds, lakes, streams," Schaller said.

The result is a possibility of walking into a marsh or a swamp that has an ice cover concealed by the snow. "The hunter will not know until that first step and the ice breaks, possibly causing a fall into the water with the firearm," Schaller said. "The marsh or swamp that the hunter believes is usually a certain depth may be quite a bit deeper due to the saturated conditions. If a hunter falls into deeper water, the next danger is the onset of hypothermia." Schaller urges hunters to check the hunting area this week before the gun deer starts. "No one needs the surprise of a sudden fall into deep water or a slip on icy mud. What you thought is normal is not normal this year," he said.

Here are more easy-to-followice safety tips:

- In all likelihood, the ice looks thicker and safer than it is. •The best advice to follow is no matter what the month, consider all ice unpredictable.
- There can be cracks and changes in the thickness you may not be able to see. This is especially true after the first cold nights, and the early ice is spotted.
- Always remember that ice is never completely safe under any conditions.
- Go with a friend. It is safer and more fun.
- Contact local sport shops to ask about ice conditions.
- ·Carry a cellphone and let people know where you are going and when you will return home.
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss. · Carry a couple of spikes and a length of light rope in an
- easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself or others out of the ice. • Do not travel in unfamiliar areas - or at night. Know if the
- lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents, which can thin the ice. • Take extra mittens or gloves, so you always have a dry
- •The DNR wants you to be safe enjoying the outdoors.
- Common sense is the greatest ally in preventing icerelated accidents.

See the Pioneer online at: pioneerexpresscrandon.com

Wabeno Area Players donate to The Old Schoolhouse



In August, the Wabeno Area Players took audiences back to the early 1900s for a glimpse at the one-room schoolhouse, where eight grades of students, shared one teacher, in only one classroom. The play, "A Day at the Old Schoolhouse," was a collection of historical and comedic skits that explored the system of education that served rural Wisconsin for 150 years.

The two performances were well attended and they proved to be fun, educational, and eye-opening events for all ages. In addition to an enjoyable show, the audience members helped the Wabeno Area Players raise money for the upkeep of Wabeno's schoolhouse. The Players donated \$500 to the Wabeno Park Board to repaint the schoolhouse. The Board was both appreciative and surprised at the donation.

The Wabeno Area Players will soon be releasing their 2023 season schedule of plays and concerts. Mark your calendars now. On June 24, 2023, two performances of "A Day at the Schoolhouse" will return to the stage. Hopefully, 2023 brings great weather so the Players can perform in front of the one-room schoolhouse in downtown Wabeno. Again, it will be a great show, and proceeds will be donated to the Wabeno Park Board for maintenance of the schoolhouse of which Wabeno is so proud!

Below, the cast of "A Day at the Old Schoolhouse" Front row (L-R): Maddy Holtz, Danica Bartlein, Jamie Haak and Laure Haak; Seated: Clare Huisman; Standing (L-R): Carol Bartlein, Linda Zuleger, Jolene Derfus, Tim Derfus, Wendy Richards, Daniel Boatright, Rhonda Roberts, Sunshine Nelson, Tim Bahr, Betsy Fleischer, Susan Ferguson, Lori Mattern, and Vicki



Crandon Public Library events
CPL Author Series with Jeffery Frye will feature "The Gifts of Recovery" on Thursday, December 15, 6-7 p.m., in the lower level. It is a story of trauma, resilience, and hope! Share his recovery story from drug addiction, to becoming an author, to community advocacy for those in recovery.

CPL Storytime for ages: 0-Pre-school is on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level.

CPL-Clover Connection for Toddlers and Preschoolers is held on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the lower level.

McCaslin Lions Annual Children's Christmas party on December 3

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Santa is anxiously awaiting the annual event Saturday, December 3, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Townsend Town Hall. Children 10 and under are invited to attend. Enjoy lunch, games and fun while waiting for Santa. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

2nd Annual Christmas on Main Street Scavenger Hunt

Forest County 4-H is inviting area youth and families to participate in Crandon Mainstreet's Santa Scavenger Hunt and Trivia Game as part of Christmas on Main Street scheduled for Friday, December 2. The scavenger hunt highlights various businesses and organizations that are participating in this annual holiday event.

Access to a smart phone and the GooseChase app are required to participate in the Scavenger Hunt. Families interested in a technology-free Christmas on Main Street event can pick up a Santa Passport at the Forest County Chamber office the day of the event.

Scavenger hunt participants should visit the Extension website at https://forest.extension.wisc.edu for instructions on downloading the scavenger hunt game. Teams may consist of up to 5 people. All ages are welcome to participate, but each team must have at least one youth under 18 and an adult age 21 or over. The scavenger hunt will start at 5 p.m. and end at 5:45 p.m. You may download the app and create your teams prior to the starting time.

Teams will be asked to submit pictures and/or videos, as well as answer Christmas Trivia questions at various businesses with points available for each submission. Teams that earn 500 or more points in the game will be eligible to win \$25 in Forest County Chamber

Winners will be announced shortly after the game has ended. For more information, please contact Michelle at 715-889-1097 before or during the game.



Shopping local for the holidays

Area shops are open for the Christmas holidays, and it is good for the area to use them as much as possible for your Christmas shopping.

Crandon's main street has some very interesting places to buy gifts, and if you can get it locally, it is not only good for the shop owner, but good for the community and people who live in it.

Wherever you live in our reading area, look locally for as much as you can.

This issue has a number of local businesses advertising. Look in the specialty section of this issue to see what can be purchased from your local merchants and check the color pages as well.

DNR opening weekend numbers

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the preliminary deer harvest and license sale totals for the opening weekend of the 2022 aun deer season.

The regular gun deer season continues through Nov. 27, followed by the statewide muzzleloader season (Nov. 28 - Dec. 7), the statewide antlerless-only four-day season (Dec. 8-11) and antierless holiday hunts in select farmland zone counties later in December.

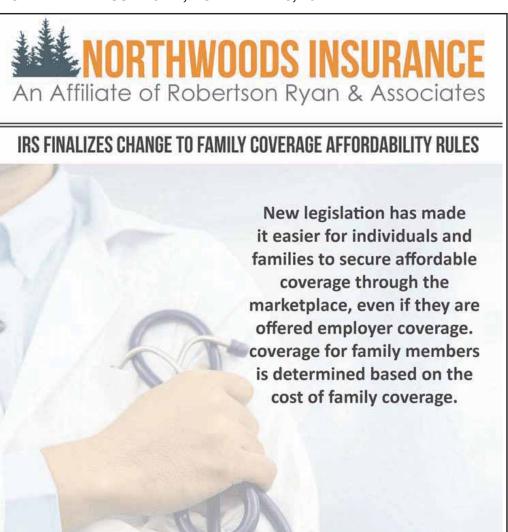
Preliminary License Sales Data

Preliminary figures indicate that the number of deer hunters in Wisconsin decreased compared to 2021. As of midnight Sunday, Nov. 20, sales for gun, bow, crossbow, sports and patron licenses reached 779,123. Of that total, 421,474 were for gun privileges only. The year-to-date sales for all deer licenses are down 2% from the same time last year.

Preliminary Registration Totals And Future Outlook

In total, 102,347 deer were registered statewide during the opening weekend of the 2022 gun deer hunt, compared to the 85,860 registered for the same period in 2021. This is a 15% increase over 2021 and is on par with the average opening weekend harvest.

A total of 55,503 bucks were registered on opening weekend, compared to 47,529 in 2021. This is a 14% increase over 2021 and is 2% above the 5-year average.



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Wabeno parent and family appreciation breakfast



On Thursday, November 17, the parents and family members of Wabeno Elementary School celebrated National Parent and Family Engagement Day. Family members were invited to join their children for a "thank you" breakfast, gift bag drawings, a Title I informational meeting, and time spent in the classroom learning about our math and reading programs.

Parents and children

support.

learned together in the classrooms by participating in reading activities and math games. Some parents were able to observe and participate in classroom instruction, learning about their

child's daily routines.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION (Wis. Stat. 120.06 [6] [B])

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that a School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for the School Board Members is three (3) years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2022.

> Frank Shepard Jr. - Clerk Hope Gilligan - Deputy Clerk

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Declaration of Candidacy and a Campaign Registration Statement must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the district office at C. L. Robinson Elementary School; 5216 Forest Avenue, Ste A; Laona, WI 54541.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. District boundary information can be found in the district office of Laona School District at the address above. Electors will vote in their regular polling places.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2022.

Frank Shepard Jr. **District Clerk**

Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Nov. 28 - 30

Monday - Assorted cereal, peaches, fruit juice, milk Tuesday -Pancakes, sausage patty, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk Wednesday - Breakfast tacos, apple churros, tropical fruit, fruit juice,

Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Dec. 1-2

Thursday - Breakfast sandwich, yogurt, oranges fruit juice, milk

Friday - French toast sticks, sausage links. banana, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Nov. 28 - 30

Monday -Mini corn dogs, mac & cheese, carrots, pears,,garden bar, milk Tuesday - Cheese burgers, chips, baked beans peaches, garden bar, milk Wednesday -Chicken patties, garden vegetable pasta, apple sauce, garden bar, milk

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Dec. 1-2

Thursday - Chicken sandwich, chips, mixed vegetable, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk

Friday - Lasagna, garlic breadstick, peas & pearl onions, strawberries, garden bar, milk

AREA EVENTS

Argonne Volunteer Fire Department Gun Raffle

Friday, November 25th Argonne Town Hall, Argonne Doors open at noon for early sales FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

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Volunteers needed to research veteran stories

Volunteers interested in helping to research and document veteran stories for the Forest County Courthouse Veterans Memorial Building revitalization project are invited to attend a training session on Tuesday, Nov. 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library.

Participants will learn how to access online databases, including obituary and burial information for local veterans, and how-to access free family history resources available through the state of Wisconsin's library

The goal of the program is to engage as many people as possible in the research and documentation of Forest County's veteran stories. The revitalization of the Forest County Veteran Memorial Building on the Courthouse square is a county-wide initiative tasked with creating story boards and exhibits that educate visitors young and old about the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served our county and have called Forest County home.

The class will also be held virtually via zoom to allow for researchers outside of the Crandon area to attend. Please email Michelle Gobert at michelle.gobert@wisc.edu to request a link to the zoom meeting. For questions or more information about the overall project, please contact Michelle at 715-478-7797.

Bazaar & Bake Sale St. John Lutheran Church 5502 Beech Street, Laona Friday, December 2nd and

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9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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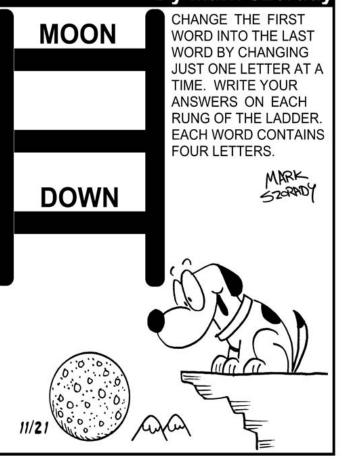


Volunteers needed for Breakfast with Santa in Laona & Crandon

The School Districts of Crandon and Laona are both hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. Crandon's from 8-11 and Laona's from 9-11.

They are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast, help with various activities and clean up. If you are interested in helping either School District our with this event please reach out to Mary Belland at the Forest County Chamber of Commerce to get yourself on the list.

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If you had to crawl over a snowbank to get into the Subway, in Crandon, you might just skip that sandwich. Back when this was taken in the late teens or early twenties, that building was Page Mercantile. It was the company store for the Page and Landeck Lumber Company on Clear Lake. It was later renamed Keith & Hiles.

It would be nice to know what equipment made these big snow banks back then. It may have been a horse drawn grader or maybe the city had a crawler tractor with a blade. One thing is for sure, there weren't any front-end loaders or dump trucks to haul away the snow. Spring weather was the only thing that reduced the size of the snowbanks.

The building joining the Mercantile is the Night Owl today, and the next building was the Shaw building, that was lost to fire in the early days of the last century. The Park Hotel is just visible to the right. It survived for a long time, but after sitting empty for years, was turned into the vacant lot it is today.

HELP WANTED Forest County Broadband Committee Digital Navigator

The Digital Navigator provides individualized or small group assistance to community members who need affordable home internet service, affordable internet-capable devices, and/or coaching in introductory digital skills in order to become effective home internet users. This assistance may be provided in-person or by voice telephone, email, text, video chat, and other communication methods that work for the learner.

The Digital Navigator's work is part of the Forest County Broadband Committee's efforts to promote digital skills, training and equitable internet access for residents of Forest County, Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi communities.

Digital Navigator is a time-limited, full-time position for 30 months. The Digital Navigator will receive training, mentorship, and support as part of the National Digital Inclusion Alliance's National Digital Navigator Corps. The Digital Navigator will report to the UWExtension Director.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Receive, return or initiate request from clients seeking assistance or identified for assistance
- Discuss with each client their current or need for home internet access, technology experiences and their devices
- Assess their access to technology, current digital skills, connectivity needs, and internet use priorities. Set agreed goals for digital navigator services. Confirm the details with the client
- If necessary, advise clients about free or affordable home internet service options for which they may qualify, assist clients to apply for services they choose, and support their efforts to secure
- If necessary, advise clients about sources of affordable computers or other internet connected devices for which they may qualify, and support their efforts to acquire appropriate devices and where they can get help for repair
- Coach clients as necessary to use their home internet services in order to meet their internet use priorities. This may include both in-person, phone, and online interactions, as well as referral to sources of additional digital literacy skill training
- Track each client's progress and types of requests, keep accurate and timely records, and report outcomes as required
- Plan and manage assistance to each client with the goal of fulfilling the agreed goals
- Participate in regular virtual meetings with the National Digital Navigator Corps
- Travel to attend in-person meetings with the National Digital Navigator Corps twice annually
 - Other tasks as necessary

Critical Skills and Aptitudes

- · Ability to embrace the challenge of learning and teaching basic technological concepts related to internet services, computer and device characteristics, and common online services and applications
- Excellent self-organization, language capacity and cultural competency
- Excellent communication skills in-person, over the phone, and online, including the ability to establish trust with clients of varied educational and cultural backgrounds
- · Ability to demonstrate positive attitude, excellent interpersonal skills, cultural sensitivity, empathy and a sense of humor in working with diverse customers, co-workers, and community
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HELP WANTED

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOREST COUNTY Social Services/ **Commission on Aging Fiscal Agent**

Forest County is currently accepting applications for the position of Fiscal Agent. This position is full-time, thirty-five (35) hours per week. The Fiscal Agent will work under the direction of the Department of **Social Services Director and Commission on Aging Director.**

Applicants must have experience in excel, preparing payroll, maintaining ledgers, general clerical duties, tracking and preparing reports to assist the Social Services and Commission on Aging offices, as well as paying bills and maintaining all ledger journals for auditing purposes, and budgetary needs.

Application materials, including the position description and summary of benefits may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County **Courthouse, 200 E Madison Street, Crandon,** Wisconsin 54520 or by calling (715) 478-2422. The deadline for applications and resumes returned to the County Clerk is Monday, November 28, 2022 by 4:30 p.m.

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Joyce Mae (Mullins) Straka, 81, of Stephenson, Mich. passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on November 16, 2022 due to a brief battle with cancer. Joyce was born March 4, 1941 in Crandon, WI, the daughter of Earl and Grace (Statezny) Mullins. She married Martin Straka on May 14, 1960. They resided in Antigo, WI of 24 years before moving to Stephenson, MI in June of 1984.



Joyce was very artistic and loved doing all sorts of crafts. She also loved watching and feeding the birds along with tending to her flowers. Mostly she lived for her family and loved family gatherings.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Martin "Marty" of 62 years; son, Wayne (Margie) Straka of Florida; daughter, Michelle (Robert) Urbanc of Michigan; daughter-in-law, Kim Straka of Alabama; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Joanne); and sister, Sherry; along with six nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and oldest son, John.

Visitation for Joyce was on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Anderson-Diehm Funeral Home beginning at 1 p.m. until time of the funeral service at 3 p.m. with pastor Paul Hueter officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.andersondiehm.com.

Joyces family would like to thank Hospice for their wonderful care and compassion. Also the neighbors for all their help.

Donald John Meister, 75, moved to his heavenly home October 30, 2022 after a long hospital stay.

He was a charter member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Don was born August 16, 1947 to Helen (King) Meister and Otto (John) Meister of Crandon. He graduated from Crandon High School in 1965. He



then attended culinary school in Milwaukee, WI graduating and specializing in meat preparation. He worked in Sayner, WI, at The Cedars in Crandon and owned and operated The Log Cabin Restaurant. Don loved cooking, hunting, fishing and collecting antiques.

He moved to Orlando, Florida and worked in several restaurants before moving back home where he became a logger.

He met Lenora Gillum, a Kentucky girl, who was the art teacher for the schools. They both believed it was God's plan for them to meet. They married on August 11, 1973. They built a home near Mole Lake, close to his parents. Later, they moved to York, South Carolina, where Lenora taught art and Don worked for five years as custodial supervisor for York School District 1. He then opened his own business, The Miracle Shoppe, where he stripped, repaired and refinished old furniture.

After their retirement, while visiting Crandon, they saw that the house they built was for sale. They bought the house and spent their summers in beautiful Wisconsin.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Lenora of 49 years; his mother, Helen; two brothers, Glen and Mike Meister; one sister, Janeen Licatovich; three nephews, John Meister, Nic Meister and Michael Meister; and one niece, Andrea Meister.

He was proceeded in death by his father, Otto Meister; and sister, Dena Meister.

Don will be interned in the Gillum Family Cemetery in Kentucky.

> He Only Takes The Best God saw he was getting tired and a cure was not to be so He put His arms around him and whispered,"Come with me." With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.



DEATH NOTICES

Samantha Jean Albright, née Barker, born July 22, 1977, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2022, surrounded by her loving husband, Dean; her children, Brent and Abbigal; also Joe and Lynn Barker, her parents. She was preceded in death by her sister, Riki Lyn; her mother, Linda



Pennings Barker; and niece, Amanda Horb.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Amanda (Jeff) Kelly and children Emily, Joe and Steven; niece, Brianne (Terry) Files and son, Kieryn; and step-siblings, Connie Edwards, Bill (Kammy) Edwards, Ally and Tanner, Carrie Horb, Patrick (Paula) Edwards, Austin and Marissa. On October 24, 1998, she married Dean Albright

her soul mate. Samantha was a loving wife and mother. She was a talented cake decorator and ran a home daycare when her children were young. She enjoyed her garden and

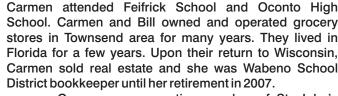
shared her raspberries with family. Her irises made beautiful bouquets for the house.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Per her request no funeral will be held at this time.

Celebration of life will be held in 2023.

Carmen Lois Ehlers, 80, of Townsend, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2022 at Unity Meng Residence in DePere. Carmen was born February 8, 1942 in Marinette to the late Kenneth and Irna (Schoenfeld) Retrum.

She married William Ehlers on November 10, 1962 at Trinity Lutheran in Oconto.



Carmen was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, serving on Alter Guild and Christmas decorating committee. She volunteered at Christian Thrift Store in Wabeno. Carmen was a talented artist, featuring watercolors of favorite northwoods spots, grandchildren and family dogs. Her greatest joy were her sons and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Earlier years of snowmobiling and taking their sons snow and water skiing filled their weekends.

Carmen is survived by her husband, William Ehlers; two sons, Chip (Julie) of Little Chute and Dan (Dana) of DePere; her grandchildren, Aimee Larson, Ashlee Larson, Nathan (Lizzy) Ehlers, Kristen (Sam) Santkuyl, Adam Ehlers; and six great-grandchildren with one on the way. She will be missed by her five siblings, Donna Limberg, Nancy (Leon) Mocco, Judith (Greg) Staponkus, Darryl (Rose) and Scott (Vicki) Retrum who treasure her gentle ways and great sense of humor, and her special high school friends who continue to meet few times a year.

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Tuesday - December 6 - Beef vegetable stew, biscuit, whole kernel corn, tossed romaine/spinach salad, dressing, cookie

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - November 30 - Chili w/ macaroni, crackers, cheddar cheese, mixed greens with dressing, apple slices

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DNR celebrates Wisconsin Recycling Excellence Award winners on America **Recycles Day**

MADISON, Wis. - In honor of America Recycles Day, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announces the winners of the 2022 Wisconsin Recycling Excellence Awards.

The winning businesses, non-profits, schools and local governments demonstrate Wisconsin's strong commitment to waste reduction and recycling through their projects and initiatives, overall program, innovation or special events.

The award recipients shared several reasons why waste reduction and diversion are important to them, including saving landfill space and resources, reducing pollution and promoting sustainability. But the resounding motivation was strengthening their community. Many of the winners conduct outreach, work closely with partners and provide valuable services for residents and local businesses. Box-Me! (Innovation) - Box-Me! LLC is a minority-owned cardboard recycling business operating in the Milwaukee area. Started in 2021, Box-Me! specifically targets cardboard for collection and diverts 60 tons from landfills each month. The company brings a container to businesses, free of charge, for employees to dispose of broken-down, clean cardboard. Box-Me! estimates businesses could save 75% of their recycling and trash bills.

Bucket Ruckus (Overall Program) - Started with an idea from a group of UW-Stevens Point students and an advisor, Bucket Ruckus diverts organic waste from landfills using a curbside collection system. It partners with several local businesses to reduce environmental impact, including working with Curbwise to collect the five-gallon buckets from the curb and to deliver clean buckets to customers. Curbwise is bicycle-powered and operates year-round. Materials are aggregated and shipped in bulk to composters, including an urban mushroom farm.

City of Platteville (Special Events) - In 2021, the city of Platteville revamped its Spring Cleanup into a Spring Swap. Previously held in May around the end of the UW-Platteville school year, the event was moved to April and promoted as a free, city-wide yard sale. This allowed people to reuse items instead of discarding them. Volunteers were on-site to inspect items, help unload donations and load them into vehicles for new owners. Unclaimed clothing items were also donated to the local thrift shop.

Compost Crusader (Overall Program) - Compost Crusader has been active in southeastern Wisconsin since 2014 diverting food scraps from landfill disposal. It has

focused on helping corporations, schools, special events, restaurants and residents create healthy composting habits. By providing curbside compost service and utilizing three different compost sites, Compost Crusader diverts over 200,000 pounds of food scraps and yard material from landfills per month.

Green Bay Packaging (Overall Program) - In 2021, Green Bay Packaging began the operation of a new Green Bay Mill, which is taking water, energy, greenhouse gas reduction and fiber recovery to the next level. The new operation is capable of accepting more types of recyclable paper and expanding market opportunities. The facility has achieved 98% landfill diversion through technology and investment and has reduced production waste by 30%.

Greener Bay Compost (Overall Program) Greener Bay Compost is a two-person, family-run composting business with the goal to "make Green Bay a little greener every day." Debuting in August 2021, its residential compost pick-up service has grown from 16 to 120 residential subscribers. The service also works with small businesses. Waste such as fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and eggshells are collected in fivegallon buckets and paper bags. At their compost site, these materials are converted into a nutrient-rich soil amendment, which they then reward to their subscribers, donate to worthy organizations and sell to the general public.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) (Innovation) Lakeshore Recycling Systems' new materials recovery facility in DeForest began operation in 2021 and utilizes circular design processing equipment. The revolving table recirculates recyclables and enables multiple chances at sorting compared to a traditional linear conveyor belt. The design also results in lower energy demand and increases teamwork, quality of baled materials and flexibility to adapt to changing recyclable material streams. The facility also offers DeForest and Windsor residents a new recycling drop-off site.

LaPointe Materials Recovery Facility (Overall Program) - Located on Madeline Island, the LaPointe Recycling Materials Recovery Facility developed a new vision for operations and customer service. Improvements include new signage and barrel design to reduce crosscontamination and make recycling easier, providing music onsite (such as Polka Saturdays) and sorting assistance for residents who need it. Through a partnership with a local church, the facility opened a secondhand store to divert usable household items and generate revenue for a local food pantry. Summertime tours, after-school programs utilizing recycled paint and

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customer appreciation days are all used to educate residents and visitors that "if it arrives on the island, it has to be taken off the island."

Milwaukee Area Technical College of Culinary Arts (Projects or Initiatives) - Utilizing an industrial composter, the Culinary Arts Program at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) has reduced the program's landfill output by 70%. Finished compost is used in raised bed gardens and at the Mequon campus in the horticulture class. The compost also was used to grow heirloom garlic cooked by culinary students.

Nestlé USA (Overall Program) - Nestlé's chocolate manufacturing facility in Burlington aims to send zero waste to landfills, and it utilizes circular economy concepts and partnerships to do so. Personal protective equipment from daily operations (including ear plugs, hair nets and face masks) is sent to create fireplace pellets. Cocoa bean sacks are reused, cocoa bean waste is sent offsite for composting and bean shells are used for garden mulch. Additionally, the facility sends salvageable food waste to a local farm for animal feed and liquid waste for composting.

Town of Vinland (Projects or Initiatives) - Vinland took on a six-month challenge to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags and plastic film from its residents. Information was provided to residents via the town website and mailings to encourage involvement. In total, 545 pounds were collected and sent to Trex, a company that awarded the town with a resin bench made from the plastic. The program successfully made residents aware of the benefit of recycling, and another six-month challenge is underway.

Village of Bayside Public Works Department (Overall Program) -Bayside, a Green Tier Legacy Community, is consistently working to become more environmentally friendly. Residents can drop off items at the village hall to be recycled or reused, such as eyeglasses, ink cartridges, cell phones and plastic bags. Bayside partners with Dream Bikes and Habitat for Humanity to repurpose items and collect logs after tree removal to be repurposed into building lumber, paper pulp or firewood. The village educates residents through a comprehensive collection guide, special events and online videos.

Congratulations to the 2022 Recycling Excellence Awards winners. View their full profiles and learn more about why waste reduction and diversion are important to them on the Wisconsin Recycling Excellence Awards webpage.

For more information on recycling in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's What to Recycle in Wisconsin webpage.

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55 years a Lion

It all started back in 1967 in a small village called Cleveland, WI. Cleveland is located along the shore of Lake Michigan between Sheboygan and Manitowoc. Cleveland had a small Lions Club back then, when a Lion member named Stanley Dhein asked Larry Sommer, a local resident, to attend a local Lion meeting. Larry attended and was shown how Lions serve their communities and meet humanitarian needs around Larry Sommer honored for 55 the world. He joined.



years as a Lion.

Lions Club International was founded in 1917 and has 1.4 million members and 50,000 clubs in more than 200 countries.

Lion Larry recalls the fundraising back then consisted of outdoor donkey baseball, played by the Lions members. Hundred attended and proceeds went back to the community needs. Wheelchairs, crutches, canes, beds and more were made available to those in need without charge.

In 1974, Larry moved to another small village named Denmark, WI. Denmark is located 12 miles south of Green Bay. Demark Lions Club at one time was one of the largest in Wisconsin, with more than 100 members.

Fundraisers in Denmark consisted of horse pull contests and later truck and tractor pulls. At least 1,000 attended. Larry recalls the club bringing the Budweiser clydsedales to the Denmark parade. Thousands from the Green Bay area attended. Funds from these events were used to plan and improve the village park. Larry and the park committee designed a shelter with restrooms, developed a park plan to include new road access, excavation of a large hill for spectator seating and a track with stage and lighting, plus landscaping.

In 1990 Lion Larry transferred to this current club in Crandon, WI. Larry is president of the Crandon club as well as the former clubs. Crandon Lions have been very successful running fundraisers as Summerfest and Winterfest, and participating in local Art in the Square and Kentuck Day events. Funds here have been used to build a large pavilion and kitchen at the city public beach for community use. Providing many scholarships to local students has been a success and the club has a goal to increase the number of them in the future.

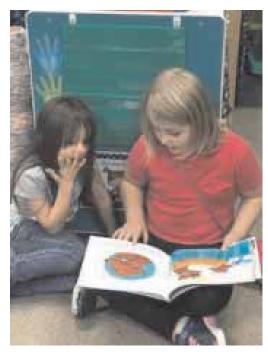
The most memorable and heart-warming event Larry recalls was spear-headed by past Crandon president Frank Bocek in 2007. It was brought to the attention of the club that a six-year-old girl from Baghdad, Iraq needed cornea transplants in both eyes. Her name was Zahraa Alaa Abdul Zahra. The club went to work. Donation from many local Wisconsin clubs were raised to bring Sahraa and her grandmother to Wausau, WI. The surgery was done successfully in Wausau and after a sixweek stay, they returned home.

The Lion's number one goal is to help individuals with sight problems. Crandon Lions have held vision screenings at the local school for many years to identify problems early.

To celebrate Lion Larry's 55 years as a Lion, his club held an appreciation meeting, at which he was honored and presented with a large cake decorated with the iconic lion, a symbol that is recognized worldwide indicating that "the Lions serve."

Lion Larry appreciates the honor of serving hi s club and community and intends to do so for many more

Wabeno reading



Wabeno Elementary 2nd grade students help the 4K children to learn their alphabet through the Reading Buddies Program. This activity is part of being "SUPER CITIZENS" of the school and community.

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