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Wabeno Lions donate mittens to Wabeno Elementary School



Pictured are Lion Gregg Tallier, Lion Barb Tallier, and Lion Carie Morvec, the Wabeno Lions' Club liaison to the Wabeno Elementary School. The tote full of mittens is the Wabeno Lions pledge to provide warm hands to students who have no mittens, or who have forgotten them at home.

The mittens were all painted with the initials W.E.S., and are now the property of the Wabeno Elementary School. They will be collected after each recess, dried, and ready for students the next day. Building snow people, forts, and playing in the snow will be more fun with warm mittens for warm hands. The Wabeno Lions members remember what it's like to be young in cold Wisconsin winters.

Submitted by Lion Clare Huisman and Lion Norma Johnson

On Thursday, December 15th From 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. it will be

Who-Bilation!

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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.

Let's Talk Turkey

The wild turkey is one of wildlife conservation's greatest success stories in the United States, including Wisconsin. In the early 19th Century, the wild turkey was reduced to a population of just 30,000. Today, the population numbers about 7 million in North America. The domesticated turkey of today bears little resemblance to their wild ancestors. Turkeys are a native North American bird that was a food source for the Native Americans who introduced turkeys to the recently-arrived Pilgrims and Spanish Conquistadors in the 15th Century. The Aztec Indians of Mexico domesticated the Mexican subspecies of the wild turkey (called guajolotes) and the Spanish explorers took some of these back to Europe in the mid-16th Century where they became common farmyard animals.

These domestic turkeys eventually completed the circuit and came back to North American turkey farms from Europe. In fact, the domesticated versions are so much larger and with so much more breast meat that they are unable to fly and have lost the instincts their wild cousins depend upon for their survival. The Mexican subspecies is now endangered in the wild, but the other subspecies in North America are thriving.

Wild turkeys can fly and run at incredible speeds. They reach up to 55 mph flying and 25 mph running. They are also far more beautiful than the white domestic version that becomes the supermarket's butterball. The wild

work, but all who worked there. He did his homework.

Sinclair didn't want to see the plant close. With research, he found out it could be employee owned. He also learned about cooperatives, and he talked with people in Madison from the U.W. Madison Center For Cooperatives. He found out that it is an 18-month process.

He worked with a lady named Courtney, and the Center helped out. They were able to make a deal with the owner, Dick Ryan, who helped out by coming up with a payment plan. Sinclair gives the Center a great deal of credit for helping them to form the coop and making the business plans that were needed. A number of people were instrumental in getting this business going, including: Casey Whitten-Amadon-union attorney, Ester West-UWCC, Smantha Bailey-Shared Capital, David Sparer-attorney and a coop expert, Kevin Edberg-Cooperative Development Services, Emil Stewart-CDS, and Dick Ryan-owner of Columbian Home Products. They still, however, needed operating capitol.

loan. They were now able to have the funds for their operating expenses and purchase of inventory. Sinclair explained that it isn't a state give-away program, but the

That was then. These days, the Snow River Cooperative produces about 200,000 cutting boards a year, with eight employees. The company is not interested in the large chain store market. They tried that, waited forever for payment, and decided to work the market with custom made products, and have a larger margin of profits they could survive with.

few as 24 boards for an order. There is less management

Santa comes to Crandon & the tree is lit





The community Christmas Tree was lit and Santa visited with the kids at the Masonic Lodge and by the Christmas tree last Friday, in Crandon. The tree has been downsized, making it much easier to light up, and it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of those attending. All the trees look great. Santa was also at the school on Saturday morning for Breakfast With Santa.

Snow River Cooperative-Cutting Boards of All Shapes & Sizes -previously printed in TPA magazine-



BSnow River Cooperative-Cutting Boards of All Shapes &

What is a cooperative? This is what happened when the owner of Snow River Products decided to shut down in Crandon, putting people out of work. Brian Sinclair, the President of the current cooperative didn't want to see the plant shut down, putting not only him out of

But, he only had 10 weeks!

Shared Capitol was the company that made the agency is more like a credit union.

It is truly a custom market. In fact, they will do as

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Hunter Cronauer wins WisSports **Defensive Player** of the Year!



Each year WisSports (WSN) evaluates all of the 8man football players across Wisconsin. The player's stats and performance are evaluated throughout the season. Inperson evaluation is done as the season progresses and the watch list is narrowed down to a 5 person finalist list. After coach evaluation is considered, the staff of WSN votes on both an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year.

Hunter Cronauer of the Laona/Wabeno Rebels was named the Defensive Player of the Year for 2022.

Hunter holds 11 State records including 184 tackles for the season, 462 career tackles, and 53 career sacks. Hunter has been an integral part of the Rebel football team during his four years of high school and looks to continue his football career in college.

Wabeno Lions Club is Caroling with Santa!



You better watch out, you better not cry! You better not pout, I'm telling you why......"Santa Claus is coming through town with the Wabeno Lion's Club!"

It's the annual Wabeno Caroling event, with Santa and the Wabeno Lion's Club on Saturday December 17, between the hours of 5 to 7 through the streets of Wabeno and a swing through Wabeno Heights.

Santa will be handing out candy bags for the kids along the way, accompanied by blaring Christmas caroling from Lion's-in-tow on Santa's "people hauler" sleigh! Watch and listen for all this commotion after dark on Saturday, December 17! We will be decorated for Christmas and amplified as we carol and spread Christmas cheer. We will start on the west streets of town, take-in Wabeno Heights, continue through "Frogtown" (Folkman St) and the central part of town, before we head up River Street to Soperton and finish up north on 32 all the way through town. For more info: Call Lion Gregg, (715) 889-

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The 2022-23 Wrestling Season has begun!



Back Row L to R: Carsyn Mayer, Coach Eric Shepherd, Cole Shepherd, Ethan Thorbahn, Silas Dennee, Kolton Keao, Conner Lawrence, Geronimo Shepard, Cruz Palubicki, Caden Palubicki, and Coach Isaiah Doane

Front Row L to R: Ty Dennee, Elias Glinski, Riley Johnson, Aiden Mueller, Tyler Lawrence, Mason Dewing, Brexden Kane, Brayden Madl, Manager Macie Madl, Manager JessiLee Dewing, and Coach Paul Cleereman (Not pictured: Rowyn Pagel)

The Crandon Cardinal wrestling team started their season last week on Thursday, December 1st, at a multi-duel meet in Oconto Falls. The boys wrestled Oconto Falls, Shiocton, and Wrightstown with the only team win against Oconto Falls. Then the team turned things around when they traveled to Stratford on Saturday, December 3rd, to compete in another multi-duel meet where they placed 2nd overall beating Brillion, Stratford, Southern Door, and Wausau East losing only to Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Several Cardinal wrestlers placed within the top two for their weight class. Pictured are the first-place finishers. The wrestlers finishing the day in second place were as follows: Brayden Madl

(126#), Ty Dennee (145#), and Connor Lawrence (285#).

You can support Cardinal Wrestling this week on Thursday, December 8th, at 5 P.M. for a home quad against Marathon, Peshtigo, and Rhinelander. The team will also be participating in the Rebel Invitational this Saturday, December 10th, beginning at 9:30 A.M. located at the Forest County Potawatomi Community Center.



First-place finishers are as follows: Kolton Keao (285#-JV), Elias Glinski (132#), Mason Dewing (106#), Cruz Palubicki (170#), and



Associated Bank

Giving Tree

Associated Bank will be collecting Christmas gifts for local children. Donations accepted through Dec. 16.

> Distribution will be held at Associated Bank on

Saturday, Dec. 17th from 9 to 11 a.m.





Donations to benefit American Legion Post 94

Black bear harvest authorization applications due dec. 10

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds black bear hunters that applications for the 2023 season are due by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2022.

Hunters can apply for harvest authorizations or purchase preference points toward future drawings at GoWild.wi.gov or through an authorized license agent.

Preliminary estimates show hunters harvested approximately 4,100 bears during the 2022 black bear season. Final harvest totals will be available at a later date. In the meantime, DNR staff and the Bear Advisory Committee are currently determining the 2023 harvest quotas.

The drawing for 2023 harvest authorizations will take place in early February.

With growing interest in bear hunting in Wisconsin and a limited number of licenses, the DNR encourages the public to review management zone boundaries and license wait times while making hunting plans.

Last year's bear drawing results and zonespecific wait times are available on the DNR's website.

Bear permit applicants must apply at least once during any period of three consecutive years to retain their accumulated preference points otherwise all accumulated preference points will be lost.

If an applicant is selected in the drawing, their preference points will be reset to zero, even if they do not purchase the harvest permit. Applicants must remain aware of drawing status.

Applicants selected in the drawing are notified by mail shortly after the drawing and may purchase their 2023 Class A bear license beginning in March 2023. Applicants may also check their status online through their Go Wild customer account.

The current zones are part of the Wisconsin Black Bear Management Plan, 2019-2029, developed by the DNR Bear Advisory Committee and approved by the Natural Resources Board in May 2019. The new bear management zones are designed to address bear conflicts and manage desired population levels effectively.

The season structure for the 2023 bear season is as follows:

Zone A Band

Sept. 6 to Sept. 12 - with the aid of dogs only

Sept. 13 to Oct. 3 - with the aid of dogs, aid of bait, and all other legal methods

Oct. 4 to Oct. 10 – with the aid of bait and all legal methods not using dogs

Zone C, E, and F:

Sept. 6 to Oct. 10 - with the aid of bait and all other legal methods not using dogs

For more information on bear hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR bear hunting webpage.

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By Mark Szorady

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turkey's dark feathers are iridescent with shades of red, green and copper that shine when hit by the sun. The male bird (called a gobbler, or Tom) is the most colorful with a bright red head and neck wattle with a beautiful fan of tail feathers that it spreads out to impress the lady turkeys

Turkeys are the largest member of the grouse family and they are the second largest wild bird in North America (after Trumpeter swans). Males weigh 11-24 lbs. and females 5-12 lbs.

Like many sexually dimorphic species, males are selected for maximum sex appeal while females are more sensibly selected to be the right size to glean food from their environment and escape predators. Males can get away with being larger than females as they leave all the rearing of the chicks (poults) to the hens and are not a part of family flocks.

Although wild turkeys were once nearly exterminated, the four American subspecies have been restored to most of their former distribution, and to some areas where wild turkeys didn't originally occur. Turkey hunters were a major force behind the recovery of this bird through their support of the National Wild Turkey Federation and pressure on state wildlife departments. Wild turkeys are among the most difficult animals to hunt as they have extremely keen eyesight and are very smart. Hunters usually try to attract gobblers during the spring breeding season by imitating the calls of females or other males and it takes a lot of practice to be to fool a wary

Benjamin Franklin praised the wild turkey and dissed our national bird, the bald eagle, as being "a Bird of bad moral character.... [who] does not get his living honestly." Franklin contrasted the bald eagle with the turkey, "...a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America.... Though a little vain and silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

No doubt Franklin's perception of turkey's as "vain" reflects the male bird's strutting behavior during breeding season. Courtship displays like this, however, are common in many birds and other animals and serve a vital purpose in allowing females to choose the best available mate to father their offspring.

Today, the term "turkey" has come to mean different things including "a stupid, foolish, or inept person." However, this definition must refer to domestic turkeys and not the canny wild turkey.

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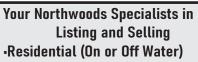
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Governor Evers, PSC Open Next State Broadband Expansion Grant Round \$14.1 million in funding available to expand broadband to underserved areas

MADISON - Governor Tony Evers and Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), today announced the next round of funding opportunities through the Broadband Expansion Grant Program. The application period runs from December 7, 2022 and will end on February 22, 2023.

The broadband expansion grant program connects people and businesses to broadband and the economic, health, and educational opportunities that highspeed internet access unlocks. State and federal investments directed by Gov. Evers toward this program since 2019 have connected or are in the process of connecting over 387,000 homes and businesses to highspeed broadband internet service.

"High-speed internet access is critical for Wisconsin families, businesses, and communities to thrive," said Gov. Evers. "The historic investments we've made since 2019 in the state broadband expansion grant program have helped connect unserved and underserved areas of our state with high-speed internet. This new round will build upon our past success and deliver improved access for more Wisconsinites."

"Governor Evers and the PSC are committed to the continued equitable expansion of broadband services in Wisconsin," said Chairperson Valcq. "This new grant round will equip our partners with the necessary support and resources to improve internet access in underserved areas of the state.'

In this grant round, \$14.1 million is available to applicants to help expand high-speed broadband Internet in the state through funding from the Universal Service Fund. These are the remaining state funds available for broadband expansion during the 2021-23 biennial budget period.

In October, Gov. Evers announced that the U.S. Department of the Treasury approved the governor's plans to allocate \$40 million in federal ARPA funds through the Capital Projects Fund to expedite Wisconsin's efforts to expand access to high-speed internet across the state. Application information related to the Capital Projects Fund will be announced at a later date.

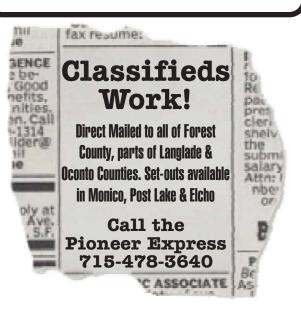
More information about the Broadband Expansion Grant Program can be found on the PSC website at psc.wi.gov.

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THANK YOU

The family of Dennis Larson, wish to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who showed us sympathy during the recent passing of Dennis. Our thanks to all our extended families, relatives, neighbors and friends, who showed, helped and supported us, prior to and after the funeral. In so many different ways, for which we are really appreciative.

Thank you to the medical staff at Langlade Memorial Hospital, Funeral Director Lloyd Fulcer, Pastor Ben Larson and Pastor Scott VanLaanen, to all who attended the funeral and brought food and for everyone that has sent cards and/or given their condolences. We are truly thankful.





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Jingle Shopping



Pictured above are Home and School Members and volunteers Kim Stealer and Jenna Yingling helping out in a kindergarten classroom.

Thank you to the Wabeno Home and School Organization for sponsoring and supporting the students of the Wabeno Elementary School during the Jingle Shopping Event. Volunteers help students wrap the treasures for Christmas for their family and friends. None of this could be possible without the support of the Christian Thrift store and its volunteers. Thank you everyone for supporting the students and making this holiday event a huge success!

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION TOWN OF NASHVILLE TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Nashville, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Office **Incumbent**

Wesley Ginter is not seeking re-election Town Board Chairperson

Town Board Supervisor Mary Torgerson

Town Board Supervisor Barbara Szopinski is not seeking re-election

Town Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is Tuesday December 1, 2022 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the office of the town clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Done in the Town of

on November 28, 2022

Sandra Frank, Clerk/Treasurer

Wabeno School

Breakfast Menu

Dec. 12 - 17

Monday - Breakfast

sandwiches, apple sauce,

Tuesday -Scrambled

eggs, sausage links, tator

tots, peaches, fruit juice,

Wednesday - Belgium

waffles, sausage patty,

yogurt, strawberries, fruit

Thursday - Muffins, Apple

sauce cups, fruit juice, milk Friday - Cereal bars.

pears, fruit juice, milk

fruit juice, milk

milk

juice, milk

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of

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If mailing checks and you want a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If paying in person, below are the dates and times the office (located at town hall) will be open for tax collection:

> Monday, December 12th 4:30pm-6:30pm

8:30am-11:30am Saturday, December 17th

Wednesday, December 21st 5:00pm-7:00pm

Friday, January 13, 2023 8:30am-11:30am

Friday, January 27, 2023 3:00pm-5:00pm

Please pay with check, or money order payable to the Town of Argonne, 8050 Schmidt Ln, Argonne WI 54511. If you pay in cash, it must be the exact amount. We are not able to accept credit card/debit

If you have any questions, please call 715-649-3222 or leave a message on the Town hall answering machine at 715-649-3550.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Submitted by Christie Schmidt, Town of Argonne Treasurer Dated November 28, 2022

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION APRIL 4TH, 2023

Nomination Papers can be taken for the following election of offices:

> Chairman - Richard Huber Supervisor - Raymond Statezny Supervisor - Larry Schunk Clerk - Ron Cole

Treasurer - William Quesinberry

Ron Cole Clerk, Town of Crandon

Wabeno School

mashed potato, carrots. pears, garden bar, milk

Spanish rice, corn, apple sauce, garden bar, milk Wednesday - Sloppy Joe,

grapes, garden bar, milk Thursday -Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, berry cups,

Lunch Menu Dec. 12 - 16 Monday - Salisbury steak,

Tuesday - Taco bar, fries, mixed vegetables,

garden bar, milk

Friday - Cheeseburgers, chips, green beans tropical fruit, garden bar,

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> **Done in the Town of Argonne** on November 28, 2022 **Amy Collins, Clerk**



MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF LINCOLN PLAN COMMISSION TOWN OF LINCOLN TOWN HALL 5376 COUNTY ROAD W CRANDON, WI 54520 DECEMBER 12TH, 5:00PM

John Lester • William Lester • Julie Janguardt • Gary Mueller • Larry Sommer **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, August 11, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on appointing a new plan commission member as secretary.
- 6. Discussion in regards to existing Conditional use permits if zoning authority is relinquished to Forest County.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on making a motion to recommend a repeal of Town Zoning Authority to Forest County Zoning to Administer to the Lincoln Town Board.
- 8. Set future meeting date.
- 9. Adjourn

Notice of Posting: <u>December 5, 2022</u> Town of Lincoln Town Hall Entrance Town of Lincoln Trash Site www.town.of.lincolnwi.com

Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate persons with special needs. Please Contact Plan Commission member Bill Lester with any requests.

NOTICE CITY OF CRANDON **JOB POSITION**

The City of Crandon Personnel Committee will be reviewing resumes to fill the retiring Clerk/Treasurer position. This is an elected position and the selected applicant will be appointed by the Mayor to fulfill the remaining 2 years of the Clerk/Treasurer's current 4 year term. Anyone interested in the position should drop off a resume at City Hall, 601 W Washington St, PO Box 335, Crandon, WI, 54520.

This position requires that you reside in the City of Crandon. The appointment will take place in May 2023.

George Stamper Mayor

Veteran's Memorial Park 2023 **Campground Reservations**

The online reservation site for Veteran's Memorial Campground will be open for 2023 reservations starting at 9:00am on January 3rd, 2023. You can visit the Forest County website or the Forestry and Recreation website for the link.

> www.co.forest.wi.gov www.forestcountywi.com

Please call the Forestry and Recreation office with any questions. 715-478-3475

Warm for Winter giveaway set for December 17th

Recent snow is a reminder that there's still plenty of winter ahead. Warm clothes of all sizes, bedding, footwear, toys and books are available free of charge at the next Warm for Winter event on December 17, from 10 a.m. until noon at Friendly Village, across from Covantage Credit Union at 900 Boyce Drive in Rhinelander.

Everyone is welcome. No income limits are required and no questions will be asked. Anyone who is in need of items is welcome. Volunteers work during the month to sort and organize donations. Future giveaways will be held on the last Saturday of each month through March.

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"Regardless of how you celebrate the holidays, it's important to protect yourself and loved ones from possible dangers," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. "Be aware of those risks as you get ready for the holidays and consider what to do in the event a fire does start."

Candles are a popular decoration to use during the winter holiday season to give a gentle glow, but they are also a popular reason firefighters may come to your home. U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 7,400 home fires that were started by candles between 2015-2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Candle fires peak in December, followed by

Never leave a burning candle unattended and make sure they are kept at least 12 inches away from flammable materials. Never place candles where children or pets could accidentally knock them over. Instead of lighting real candles, consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

Fresh trees are often used in the home to create a festive atmosphere, but could be a major fire hazard if they are not properly placed or maintained. Live trees should be watered daily. It only takes a matter of seconds for a fire involving a dry, live tree to grow into a large blaze. Trees should also be displayed at least three feet away from heat sources, such as a heater or fireplace. Heat will dry out a tree and make it more combustible when exposed to open flames, heat or sparks.

Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in almost half of home holiday tree fires. U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 160 home fires started by holiday trees each year between 2015-2019, according to the NFPA. Nearly one in five of those fires were started by decorative lights.

Inspect holiday lights before decorating your tree and replace strands that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Never link more than three light strands together, unless the directions indicate it is safe to do so. If the wires are warm to the touch, unplug and remove them. Be sure to turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the house and unplug extension cords when they are not in use.

Cooking during the holiday season can also bring fire concerns into your home, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day among the top days of the year for cooking fires. If you're preparing a holiday meal or treats, avoid distractions in the kitchen, keep cooking areas clear of decorations or other items that could catch fire, and have a fire extinguisher available nearby.

Check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly. Alarms should be located on every level of your home and be tested monthly. Create an escape plan with your family and practice it so everyone knows two ways to get out of the house in the event of a fire.



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Thursday - December 15 - Ham, tossed salad, baked beans, hashbrown casserole, dinner roll, pie, milk

Thursday - December 22 - No meal

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Crandon site is at 715-478-3040. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at

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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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DEATH NOTICES

James "Jim" Thunder Sr., "Bemwédêk", "Sound of Thunder Going Along", 86, of Pickerel, WI passed away Friday, December 2, 2022 at his home unexpectedly. James was born May 25, 1936 in Soperton (Wabeno), the son of Frank and Jenny (Mike) Thunder.



He was raised and

attended school in Wabeno. As a young man, he enlisted in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany. Following his honorable discharge, he married Alberta Shawano, whom he shared three children with, the couple later divorced. He then married Joanne Pruitt, together the couple were blessed with three children. After their divorce, Jim spent many great years with his partner, Virginia Jacobson, before his death.

For several years he worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a forester and later as a Potawatomi Language Consultant for the many different Potawatomi Bands in the U.S. and Canada. He also served as Tribal Chairman for the Forest County Potawatomi. Jim was an author of several language books as well as cultural storytelling and was currently working on publishing his 10th publication. He was a major contributor to the Tribal dictionary. He loved to travel, especially road trips in the woods where he would show is family and friends "short cuts." Jim liked to play guitar... especially Johnny Cash songs, hunt, fish and occasional visits to the casino as he got older. He was also quite technology savvy.

Survivors include daughters, Alyce Daniels, Leigh Jennifer Thunder and Jessica Thunder; longtime companion, Virginia Jacobson; sister, Mary Jane Thunder; 14 grandchildren as well as many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; children, Joni Thunder, Ken Thunder and James Thunder Jr.; sisters, Martha Thunder and Carol Thunder; and brothers, Frank Thunder Jr., Anderson Thunder, Ben Thunder, Hoover Thunder, George Thunder and Tom Thunder.

Visitation began on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center. Native American Services were held Monday, December 5, 2022 at the Cultural Center beginning at 10 a.m. with Mr. Richard Oshkeshequoam presiding. Burial will take place at the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Crandon.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking family and friends to consider a donation to Bodwéwadmimwen Ethë Ték by following the link provided. https://www.bodwe.org/copy-of-support-us

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Loretta M. (Brengle) Kroening, 88, formerly of Green Bay Wisconsin passed away on December 2, 2022 with her law, Rick by her side.

daughter, Doreen and son-in-Loretta was born to the late Paul Willis and Loretta Azalea (DeSotell) Brengle on

November 3, 1934 in Aurora, IL.



Loretta graduated West High School in Rockford, IL in 1953. While on vacation with her friend Barb, in Newport Road Island, she met Larry Kroening and in January of 1956 they were married at St. Peters Catholic Church in Rockford, IL.

Loretta was a homemaker for most of her life up until 1977 when Loretta started working for Avon as a Sales Representative. During her 40 years' time with Avon, she made the Presidents Club every year until she retired in October of 2017. Loretta also worked for American Greeting Cards for 15 years as a merchandiser

Throughout her life, Loretta enjoyed spending time at the cottage on Boot Lake, listening to country music and spending time with family and friends. Many people knew her love, as well as Larry's love, of Green Bay Packers. They became Packer season ticket holders and attended as many games as they could together in their younger years.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, Larry of 49 years; and her daughter, Debra Ann. She is survived by her daughter, Doreen (Rick) Williams; son, Dwayne (Shawnee) Kroening; her grandchildren, Shawn (Carrie) and Jennifer Lynn; and great-grandchildren, Ciara and Corra; and step-great-grandchildren, Carson and Carter.

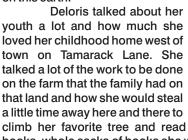
The family would like to extend a special thank you to Compassus and the staff at the Cottage Memory Care in Marinette.

Funeral services will be held at Lyndahl Funeral Home, 1350 Lombardi Ave., on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 1 p.m.. Relatives and friends may greet the family at the funeral home on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 12 p.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to the family by visiting www.lyndahl.com.

The Lyndahl Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Deloris Carmen Kincaid, "Grandma Dee," passed away December 5, 2022, 9 months into her 91 years of life on this earth.



books, whole sacks of books she would take with her and a "poke lunch" as she called them. She would hide in the tree and read and not be bothered by the younger kids but could still keep an eye on them. That was her: always keeping an eye on those around her.

She talked of how she loved to run in her youth and how she would run all the way to town to watch a show. She said she felt like she could run like the wind and loved to do it. As she got a little older her Father had gotten her a horse, she would tell of riding that horse and how fast it could run and how far they would go. She said once she had that horse, it was never very far from her and she stopped running to town on foot and started running her horse.

Her husband, Curt, would reminisce and say that she was the prettiest red haired girl he had ever seen. It did not take long for him to be out at the farm helping her dad and brothers put up firewood and hay after seeing Deloris running that horse and he never denied it.

Curt and Deloris were married and lived a long and full life as a couple of 66 years together. This life included Curt fighting in two wars, WWII and the Korean War. Deloris stuck by him in these times and had to take care of their first born, Mike, when he was in Korea, living in a little gray house on the west side of the overpass headed towards Argonne. She said it was tough times but her mother-in-law and family helped a lot.

Once Curt was home from the wars, they traveled the country from Wisconsin, Indiana and all the way to Washington state. After settling in Washington State for some years, her and Curt moved to Indiana where they settled to grow their family. They worked there for many years but always wanted to move back north to the Crandon area, where they spent every vacation and hunting season they could. In 1967 they took early retirements from their jobs, traveled to Argonne and bought their farm there.

To say she retired is almost laughable because she worked at Bemis in Crandon for many, many years after that and retired from there, then she worked at various other jobs around town. She also delivered meals and took care of her "old people" (as she called them) for many, many years, actually being older than some of them by 30 years! She was good at many things but sitting still was sure not one of them. The last week of her life her doctor said that she was the busiest little lady he had ever seen laying in a bed. Many people would stop to visit and she loved to cook and make bread for them and could feed an army with only 30 minutes of warning.

On the days she cooked bread it was like a factory, never measuring anything, just putting it together and filling ovens and counters with dough and fresh baked bread. In between taking care of her family, cooking, baking bread, and working, she loved to make quilts that she would give away or give to the Church of God to sell to raise money. She did these things right up until she got the injury that ultimately took her health. If any woman ever deserved rest and needed rest it was Grandma Dee..rest in peace and may God give you the best bed in Heaven.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aaron Bowen and Marion Bowen, née Lowry; her husband, Curtis Kincaid; and her brothers, Don Bowen, Aaron Clifford Bowen, Gordon Bowen, and Eugene Bowen. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley and Gloria; also, her children, Susan Kincaid, Mike Kincaid, and Colin Kincaid; one grandchild, Kenneth Johnson; as well as her daughter-in-law, Eunis Kincaid.

She is survived by one son, Jesse Kincaid; and her grandchildren, Taylor Johnson, Chris Kincaid, Colin Kincaid, Charles Kincaid, Kevin Kincaid, Kirk Kincaid, Clint Kincaid, Jamie Kincaid, Levi Kincaid, Jessica Kincaid, Terrica McConnell; and one daughter-in-law, Yvonne Kincaid. She also had many, many great-grandchildren, and a few great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday, December 12, 2022 at Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon. Funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. with Pastor John Johnson presiding. Burial will take place at the Town of Argonne Cemetery.

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MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds wild turkey hunters that applications for the 2023 season are due by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2022.

Hunters can apply for harvest authorizations or purchase preference points toward future drawings at GoWild.wi.gov or through an authorized license agent.

Turkey harvest authorizations are issued through a preference-based drawing system. More information on the turkey preference drawing is available in the Turkey Frequently Asked Questions.

Applicants may choose up to two time period and zone combinations that they would like to hunt. As a third choice, applicants may choose one zone in which they will accept a harvest authorization for any period. This third choice can be the same zone as the first and/or second choice. The second and third choices are optional, but applicants are encouraged to submit additional choices to maximize their likelihood of drawing a harvest authorization.

Successful applicants are notified by mail after the drawing results are finalized. Applicants not selected will receive a preference point that will increase their chances of drawing a harvest authorization the following spring season. Hunters can check their application status online through Go Wild.

Any harvest authorizations not awarded in the drawing will be available for purchase as bonus harvest authorizations. Bonus harvest authorizations will cost \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

All turkey hunters must possess a valid spring turkey license and wild turkey stamp when they acquire their spring turkey harvest authorization. A 2023 spring turkey license is \$15 for Wisconsin residents and \$60 for non-residents. The 2023 wild turkey stamp is \$5.25. Licenses will go on sale March 1, 2023.

The 2023 spring turkey season is as follows:

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There is still time to protect against the flu

The holidays are here, and while that means more opportunity for spreading cheer, it also means more opportunity for spreading flu and other respiratory viruses as people resume traveling and gathering with family and friends.

National Influenza Vaccination Week (Dec. 5-11) is an important reminder to those eligible to check one crucial element off their list this holiday season: a flu vaccine.

The flu virus, along with other respiratory viruses, are circulating at high levels nationwide.

It's crucial people remain proactive in protecting themselves and loved ones from getting sick by staying up-to-date on vaccinations.

"Receiving the flu vaccination every year is one of the best things a person can do to prevent the flu," says Tristan O'Driscoll, Aspirus Infectious Disease Pharmacist.

Peak flu season is typically in the fall and winter, from December to March. However, this year hospitals from all over the country have seen a rise in flu cases much earlier than normal.

While the flu is a widespread and common virus, it can still lead to serious complications resulting in hospitalization and sometimes even death.

When individuals receive their flu vaccine, they're not just protecting themselves from the flu, but also protecting the people around them who may be more vulnerable.

Those most at risk and encouraged to get the flu vaccines are people with certain chronic health conditions such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes, along with pregnant women, and those over the age of 65.

The flu vaccination is one that is needed annually and everyone six months and older is eligible.

Flu viruses are constantly changing, and multiple



flu viruses can circulate at the same time during any given flu season. To keep up with the flu virus, every year new vaccines are made to combat the new strains.

"The flu shot is needed every year because the virus is constantly changing and in order to keep up with it, we need to have new vaccines that target those changes." (O'Driscoll)

For those that do get sick, flu vaccination also may make the illness milder and reduce the symptoms in less time than it might take otherwise.

While it is ideal to get a flu vaccine before the flu starts spreading in your community, getting vaccinated later is still beneficial and can prevent you from getting the flu and spreading it." (O'Driscoll)

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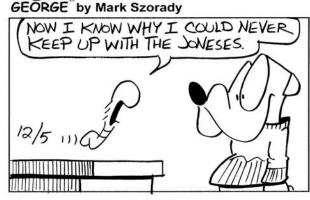
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Snow River Coop Cont. from pg. 1



Wooden bowls made at the Snow River Cooperative in Crandon

costs and less overhead than a large corporate entity. When a check comes to Snow River, it stays at Snow River. As Sinclair points out, they are adaptable. The customer can order the 24 board minimum or order 124,00 boards. He said Snow River can cover it, and can do so without the corporate costs. All of the employees own a piece of the pie, and with profit sharing, everybody gets an equal piece of that pie, no matter what their job.

The type, size or customization of the boards is as unlimited as the imagination of the customer or the employees. They do custom laser engraving, giving any order of boards a look that matches what the customer wants. This also applies to the shape of the boards. The product line is truly varied and it is easy on the eyes. The laser engraving gives the boards a unique look, and a customer has boards that aren't duplicated by another company.

This method works, with the worker/owners being paid a fair living wage and some nice profit sharing checks as well. The eight people at Snow River have a medical plan, paid holidays, and paid vacations.

The lumber used for the Snow River cutting boards is mostly supplied from the Lake States, but some if bought from Canada. In fact, some beech is imported from Europe. Maple and beech are the two species used the most for boards, but there are boards ordered that are cherry and walnut. It is up to the customer. Sinclair added that even with the cost of freight, they are able to keep their cutting boards affordable.

Snow River operates out of a large building with a unique and interesting past. The original structure was built back in the late 20's or early 30's as a distillery. One of the area's major moonshiners and bootlegger went legit and started in the whiskey business legitimately. From local

storytellers, most of the whiskey was sold to a bottling company called Three Roses. From all accounts, the business was a success. The whiskey was distilled and aged in special aging rooms that were sealed by the federal government until the booze was properly aged and colored by the oak barrels it was stored in. It was successful. Local farmers came to pick up the mash to feed their cows and pigs, and while it made them a bit tipsy, it was good feed. Then WWII came along. The federal government put the distillery in the business of making alcohol to help the war effort, and whiskey making was put on hold.

When the war ended, it was back to distilling whiskey and aging it in oak barrels, but when whiskey has to age 5 years before being bottled, paydays can become thin. It is likely that the company that bottled it and labeled it did put up some cash to keep the distillery going, it didn't work out. Sometime in the years after the war, the distillery closed its doors.

The next use for the structure was making plywood. In the late 1950's and early 60's, Streckert Plywood used the building to turn out plywood and doors. It did create a market for popple bolts for the interior of the plywood panels and presumably some other species of wood. Unfortunately, this business failed, and the structure sat empty for a number of years.

In about the late 1960's, Bemis Corporation, from Sheboygan Falls, opened the plant back up. They made toilet seats and bowling pins in the old whisky/plywood plant. They operated for a number of years, but for some reason moved the operation out of the building.

Snow River took their place, and the business has morphed into what it is now.

If that old building could talk! The distillery building is still there and is in use. The aging sheds are long gone, and two, now dormant, lumber kilns stand in that area. Most of the manufacturing today is done in the additions that were added by previous owners. Unlike many small manufacturing facilities, Snow River doesn't have to fight for space to build their products. They have plenty of room, and in fact, another small manufacturing company could fit in the building.

Snow River doesn't hurt for storage either. There are two warehouses. One is 10,000 square feet, and the other is 15,000 square feet. According to Sinclair, at a peak time, they may use about 20 to 25% of the available warehouse space. It is open for renters, if warehouse space would be needed by another company.

In addition, there is a very nice brick office building across the parking lot that is not being used by Snow River

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and could be available for another company in the area that needs a modern headquarters.

Snow River is a good example of how a small manufacturing concern can be successful in the Northwoods. Using much, but not all, of the raw material needed for the cutting boards and bowls from the region, it is a good example of finding a niche and efficiently filling it.

Those businesses that are seeking a gift item for their customers can look to a Lake States manufacturer to fill that need. Company logos can be laser engraved on the boards, and there is an unlimited amount of design options open for their products. The company is in Crandon, Wisconsin, just 26 miles east of Rhinelander on U.S. Hwy 8. They would welcome your inquiries, and will design and build cutting boards to your specifications.

Author's Note: Local organizations that are looking for a fundraiser might consider a cutting board sale that is custom designed and for your group or special occasion. Local gift shops can also order custom cutting boards for sale in their shops, as well as some very nice wooden bowls.



Mark Keepers is shown shaping cutting boards



Dany Jean Cornell shapes cutting boards several at a time.





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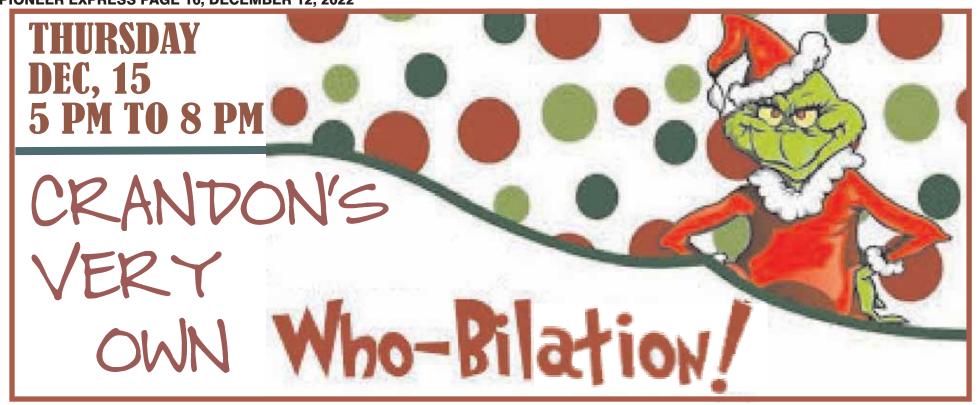
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