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Wabeno Lions donate to area food pantries



The Wabeno Lions Club recently presented a total of \$2,000 to two area food pantries. Lion Carla VanCamp presented a \$1,000 check to the Christian Food Pantry; and Lion Chuck Enders presented a \$1,000 check to the Newcap Food Pantry. The Wabeno Lions, in their community support efforts, continue to honor the Lions motto, "We Serve".

Submitted by Lion Clare Huisman and Lion Norma Johnson



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 we head into the holiday season, I'd like to highlight the Twelve Gifts of Conservation that we get when we conserve natural resources. Each breath of air, sip of water and bite of food you will ever take exists because of natural resources and how we protect them.

1. Food Conservation secures our food supply by providing nutrient-rich soils to nourish the foods we eat. Landowners across the nation also implement conservation practices to reduce pollutants in an effort to keep our water clean. Innovative growing systems, such as high tunnels, can extend growing seasons providing healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the year.

2. Soil Healthy soil is the foundation of agriculture. Farmers across the nation see improvement to their soil's physical and biological properties through the use of cover crops. In addition to supplying nutrients, suppressing weeds, preventing erosion and improving the availability of water in the soil, utilizing cover crops can have an impact on your bottom line. Healthy soils are also resilient after natural disasters.

3. Wildlife Agricultural working lands can provide great habitat for wildlife. Partnering with landowners is critical to protecting wildlife, while also keeping working lands working for the millions of people in the United States and around the world that depend on U.S. agriculture.

4. Plants Plants offer a natural solution for addressing many conservation challenges. From wildfire restoration and invasive species control to forage production, wildlife habitat, erosion prevention, nutrient filtering, stream bank protection, and sources of biofuels, plants are a sustainable resource that help protect and heal our landscapes. Well-managed grazing systems improve the health and vigor of plants.

5. People - Conservation rewards the people who practice it. The USDA offers voluntary programs to landowners and agricultural producers to provide financial and technical assistance to help manage natural resources in a sustainable manner and improve their operations while also impacting their profitability.

6. Health - Conservation is not only beneficial to your financial health,

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Happy 100th Birthday to Emma Hoffman!



By Mike Monte

Back on December 9, 1922, the fourth child was born to Otto Lange and his wife Susanna Rode Lange. She was born in a pioneer log cabin on the end of what is now called Airport Road, in Laona. She would be one of nine children raised in the cabin. There were three boys and six girls in the family.

Her father, Otto, farmed in the summer and logged in the winter or worked in the Connor sawmill.

The family was of German descent, and spoke German at home. When Emma started school in Laona, she only spoke German, but was able to master the English language by 2nd grade. She credits a great 2nd grade teacher to her mastering of English.

Emma told her story at her 100th birthday party at the Karl Appliance store, just down the road from where she grew up and where she still lives. A lot happened in her life between her birth in the log cabin and her 100th birthday party.



Emma's birthplace on the Lange homestead

Emma graduated from Laona High School in 1941. She found a job at West Bend Aluminum. From there Emma attended nursing school at the Milwaukee County Hospital for three years. From the age of eight, she knew she wanted to be a nurse. She became a member of the Nurse Cadet Corp and worked in Battle Creek, Michigan caring for injured U.S. servicemen as well as German prisoners who were working there. She says she never let on to the German prisoners that she understood everything they said in the German language. She earned a spot on the Women's Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

Moving to other nursing jobs, she was in southern Illinois when she met her husband, Ernest Hoffman. His nickname was "Jim" and Emma doesn't know how that happened. She raised three children: Bill, Gayle, and Jean. This led to four grandchildren, and she added that for 42 years, there was only one girl. She now has five great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.



Emma, on the left, is a new graduate from nursing school, and on the right is a veteran nurse.



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Lakes Country Library Update



Wabeno High School teacher Brian VanEperen (L) stands beside the Lakes County Public Library Fund-o-Meter made in the WHS Fab Lab by student Brian Sears (R). The meter tracks the progress of the library's fundraising toward its goal of \$1.5 million.

Lakes Country Public Library's initiative to renovate and expand Lakewood Library is entering a new phase. "To qualify for two large grants, we need a more solid estimate on the cost," said Kathleen Marsh, Building Expansion Committee Fundraising Chair. "Therefore, at its December 9 meeting, the Joint Library Board authorized architect Jeff Musson to begin the process of procuring a General Contractor."

In regard to fundraising, Marsh told the Board that the library has received several RMD contributions, a method of donating that can lower income tax due. "For those who must take the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA, the IRS has what is called a qualified charitable contribution (QCD). Your contribution will be excluded from your taxable income if you follow IRS rules that require you to direct your IRA custodian to make the check directly to Lakes Country Public Library. (If it's made out to you, it will be counted as taxable income even if you turn around and donate the money)."

"According to AARP, accountants and tax preparers handle QCDs routinely, but for those who self-prepare their 1040s, the correct way to get the deduction is to enter total IRA distributions on line 4a of Form 1040. Subtract the amount sent directly to a qualifying charity and enter the remainder on line b. Write QCD in the space next to 4b."

Marsh also reported that after quickly meeting its October \$10,000 donor match, the Library needs a little over \$3000 to meet a subsequent \$20,000 match. "Donations have ranged in size from \$10 to \$1000. We appreciate every donation, no matter its size and are encouraging people to include us on their Christmas donations list." Contributions may be made in person at the library, online at www.lakescountrylibrary.org, or by sending a check to LCPL Building Fund, 15235 State Hwy 32, Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138. Please write "Donor Match" in memo line.

Sokaogon Chippewa Community, WisDOT unveil dual-language highway signs



The Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) last Friday unveiled new dual-language signs for placement on state highways. The new signs indicate the Sokaogon Chippewa Community's Tribal boundaries and other locations in both English and the Ojibwemoin language.

"This was something a long time coming and it's an honor and pleasure to see this change take place," Sokaogon Chippewa Community Chairman Robert VanZile, Jr. said. "I am a former teacher and this is a teaching moment about our language. It's a win-win situation for the Tribe and state to build a relationship of understanding of one another."

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Mole Lake signs Cont. from pg. 1

The sign unveiling took place Friday at the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Cultural Building in Mole Lake. The dual-language signs for the Sokaogon Chippewa Community increases a statewide WisDOT initiative launched in 2021 and the Sokaogon Chippewa Community is the fourth Tribe in Wisconsin to install dual-language signs.

“We are honored to help preserve native languages through our dual-language sign program and offer these signs to the Sokaogon Chippewa Community,” WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. “These signs identify Tribal lands in Indigenous languages and provide visual reminders of Tribal heritage with travelers. The dual-language sign program widens our perspectives and properly recognizes Tribal nations across Wisconsin.”

The new Tribal boundary signs feature the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Tribal seal next to the Tribe’s name in its native language – “Zaaga’inganiin” – (Zaa-ga’in-gan-neen) the traditional name for the reservation, which means “place of a light in the water.” The English language version of the highway sign is located beneath the Sokaogon Chippewa Community version.

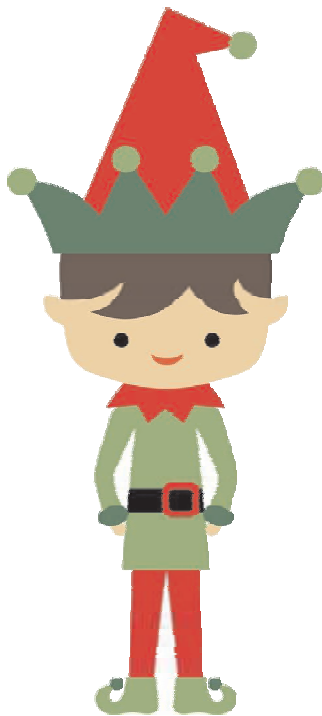
“It is great to see more Tribes across Wisconsin participate in the dual-language sign program,” Federal Highway Administration Wisconsin Division Administrator Glenn Fulkerson said. “We appreciate the opportunity to participate in these important efforts, and help Tribes preserve their native language and to share a little of their culture and language with those traveling throughout Wisconsin.”

WisDOT offers dual-language road signs placed along state highways on Tribal lands. These signs welcome travelers to Tribal communities in English and native languages. Dual-language signs join a long tradition of Native American language shaping our state. The names of many Wisconsin cities, lakes and landmarks are derived from Tribal languages. Wisconsin’s federally recognized Tribal communities can learn more and apply for the dual-language sign program here.



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Nicolet Emergency Response, Nursing students enhance skills in real-world simulation training



“911. What’s your emergency?”

Everyday those few words set off a chain of events that bring together professionals from a number of professions who then have to work together efficiently and effectively in order to have a successful outcome for all involved.

All too often, however, those new to any given emergency response or health care profession don’t have much opportunity to work with others outside of their profession and understand their duties and roles when seconds and lives matter.

That changed recently at Nicolet College when dozens of students and staff took part in an educational exercise dubbed the Burn Simulation.

“What many people don’t realize is the high level of communication and coordination that takes place between all of the players who respond to a high-risk emergency,” said Dilya St. Louis, Nicolet College Nursing instructor and simulation exercise coordinator.

“After these students graduate and start their careers, it will be common for them to work with others from different professions. We wanted to give them that experience, to interact with each other and for all of them to practice the specialized skills they’ve learned in Nicolet labs and classrooms.”

The multi-faceted exercise started with a 911 call to report two individuals trapped inside a burning building, prompting a response by Firefighters, who then entered the college’s smoke-filled Burning Building to extract the victims.

Once outside, Paramedic and Emergency Medical Services students assessed the extent of patients’ injuries, initiated care, and transported the patients by ambulance to the Nicolet Emergency Room, otherwise known as the college’s Nursing Lab.

While enroute students in the ambulance had to radio ahead to pass on as much medical information as possible to the waiting Nursing students who then prepped the ER for the patients.

Fourth-semester Nursing student Cody Volm said the experience was invaluable, giving him and his classmates the opportunity to practice the many skills they’ve learned leading up to this day.

“Being part of a real-world training scenario like this is fantastic,” Volm said. “This may be the only time we get to do something like this before entering the workforce. It’s a fantastic collaborative experience that really gives you added insight into how all the pieces fit together.”

The last phase of the scenario entailed professional staff from Aspirus MedEvac arriving in the Nicolet Emergency Room to transport the critically injured patients to a burn unit. This gave the Nursing students the opportunity to practice their communication skills, relaying the treatment they provided and the medical status of each patient.

Nicolet Nursing Instructor Dilya St. Louis noted after the scenario was finished that she was quite pleased with how the training played out.

“We refer to scenarios like this as low-frequency and high-risk. We don’t see them very often in a rural area like Northern Wisconsin,” St. Louis explained. “But they do happen, and we feel it’s important to train for situations like this. Peoples’ lives are literally on the line. It’s high stress, and I’m just glad we could provide the training everybody can draw on when the need arises.”

Nicolet Associate Dean of Public Safety Jason Goeldner also participated in the simulation, directing the firefighters who launched the scenario.

“Firefighters may not always have a good sense of what paramedics do and what nurses do,” Goeldner explained. “This was an excellent opportunity to expand the knowledge base of all involved and to stress how they have to communicate with each other and work together efficiently and effectively to have a successful outcome.”

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but to your mental and spiritual health as well. Conservation restores balance to natural systems. By using soil health principles and systems that include no-till, cover cropping and diverse rotations, more farmers are increasing their soil’s organic matter and improving microbial activity. As a result, farmers are sequestering more carbon, increasing water infiltration, improving wildlife and pollinator habitat while harvesting better profits and often better yields.

7. Protection

Overgrown forests pose a wildfire risk. Through timber stand improvement, trees are thinned out allowing forests to thrive and protect the public from the risk of fire. Conservation practices protect our landscapes while also providing valuable protection to our homes and communities with flood protection. This includes maintaining aging infrastructure including dams and levees. USDA works with local partners to safeguard those who depend upon these structures.

8. Recreation Conservation also creates unique opportunities for recreation. From introducing plants that attract pollinators like butterflies and bees, to creating wildlife habitat for woodland creatures, conservation provides benefits to those who cherish the outdoors. Additionally, healthy landscapes need healthy wetlands. While providing habitat, they also filter the air and water. Wetlands clean and recharge our groundwater.

9. Air

Conservation cleans and renews our air. Conservation programs give landowners the tools and resources to protect environmentally sensitive land and restore grasslands and forests, which leads to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and enhanced wildlife habitat.

10. Water

One of our precious resources is water. Soil quality is a key water quality determinant because soils regulate and partition water flow and buffer against human use and environmental changes. NRCS provides targeted funding for financial and technical assistance in small watersheds most in need and where farmers can use conservation practices to make a difference.

11. Technology

Technology helps farmers who irrigate to use a smaller pump while controlling the frequency and voltage and allowing multiple systems to run off a single pump. This innovation decreases both energy and water use.

12. Future

When properly tended, nature is the ultimate renewable resource. Were the world not continuously renewed, it would soon be consumed and barren. Conservation is the gift that keeps giving.

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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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Winter Solstice Celebration Dec. 21 at Northwoods Community Garden at Nicolet College



All area residents are invited to celebrate the upcoming Winter Solstice at a community celebration from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Northwoods Community Garden located in the Field at Nicolet College.

In classic folk tradition, the event will welcome the return of light on the darkest day of the year and feature hot beverages including cocoa and cider, tasty treats, and a roaring warming fire to take the edge off the winter cold.

"In the solstice tradition of letting go of the things that weigh us down, Rhinelander artist Ken Juon has created a site-specific artwork to burn at our annual solstice fire, offering a light to the diminishing darkness and growing length of daylight," said Melinda Childs, Community and Cultural development director with ArtStart and Nicolet College.

The event is free and open to the public. It's organized in partnership between Nicolet College and the Northwoods Community Garden.

To get to the garden, turn on Nicolet Way, which is about 100 yards before the main entrance to the college.

Attendees are advised to monitor the weather and dress accordingly for this outdoor evening event.



Antigo photographer A.J. Kingsbury took this photo early in the 1900's. It is thought to be a Potawatomi lady dressed in winter attire, but it could also be a Chippewa. The photos weren't marked.

It is a good look at fancy winter dress that the Native Americans were so good at making. This pretty young girl likely has descendants around today.



BIDS AND NOTICES

School District of Wabeno Area
Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services. Others Present: Katie Pintsch
Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2))).
Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion made by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2022. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Annual School Board Meeting minutes of October 24, 2022.Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks **84058** to **84199** for **\$416,306.37** and payroll checks **900046729** to **900046947** for **\$306,613.01**, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for **\$149,553.36**. Carried 7 to 0.
Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, shared updates and upcoming events with the Board.
The Board commended/thanked the following:
• Fall sports teams and coaches for a great season. Congratulations to Adisun Romprey for making it to State for cross country.
• Fire and rescue squads for their escorts; fan support was amazing!
• Staff members for timely Facebook information regarding events.
• Home & School for sponsoring Trunk or Treat; it was another success! Thank you to everyone who participated!
• Mrs. Betters' 4th grade class for "adopting a cow." It is nice to see all of the wonderful things being done in the classroom on all the media sources.
Motion by Janet Opiela, seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Junior Prom at the Springs April 22, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen, seconded by Dan Christianson to approve up to \$50,000 for the purchase of a van. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Janet Opiela, seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Ashley Seiler for Middle School Girls Basketball Coach pending background check. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Lori Mattern, seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Jordan Schuhart for Middle School Boys Basketball Coach pending background check. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec, seconded by Janet Opiela to approve Charles Peck's resignation from 5th Grade (no liquidation damages) with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Janet Opiela, seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Jenni Wettstein's resignation from Food Service with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Trinity Shepard, seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the girls basketball overnight tournament to Stevens Point November 25, 2022. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Lori Mattern, seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to go into closed session at 6:23 p.m. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e). Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.
The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:
a. Personnel.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen, seconded by Dan Christianson to return to open session at 6:58 p.m. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec, seconded by Trinity Shepard to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Carried 7 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

Wabeno School
Breakfast Menu
Dec, 19 - 23

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, milk
Thursday - Breakfast pizza, pears, fruit juice, milk
Friday - No School

Wabeno School
Lunch Menu
Dec. 19 - 23

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
Thursday -Spaghetti meat sauce/Marinara breadstick, California blend, garden bar, milk
Friday - NO School



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Crandon, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The following office(s) are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three (3) years beginning on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Jeff Ackley, Jr.
Michelle Gobert

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the District Office of the School District of Crandon.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Electors will vote in their regular polling places.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Jamie Thomaschefsky
School District of Crandon
Board Clerk

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.

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www.forestcountywi.com

Please call the Forestry and Recreation office with any questions.
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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

Notice: Town of Ainsworth
Bids Wanted For
Furnace and Central Air

The Town of Ainsworth is accepting bids for furnishing and installation of a new furnace and central air system at the Ainsworth Town Hall at County T & County TT.

For information, contact Supervisor Greg Kizirian at 715-216-2825. Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 and will be opened on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the Town Board Meeting to be held at the Ainsworth Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to choose the bid most advantageous to the Town.

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N11146 East Shore Road
Pearson, WI 54462

Kathleen A. Koller
Ainsworth Town Clerk

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Tips for enjoying a safe and healthy holiday season

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"Planning ahead is an important part to enjoying the holidays and staying healthy with diabetes," says Jessika Jamgochian, an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner specializing in endocrinology at Aspirus. "Once you know what your schedule looks like, you can create a plan for keeping your diabetes in check."

Here are some ways to keep the holidays healthy, courtesy of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES):

Time your medication. Holiday meals are often eaten at odd times. You may need to have a snack at your normal mealtime or have another plan in place.

Cook with care. You don't need to completely rework your menu, but you might want to make some minor changes. There are ways to make traditional holiday foods healthier by cutting back on sugar or using fat-free, low-fat ingredients when cooking.

Watch portion sizes. Take small tastes of high-calorie foods. Use a smaller plate at a buffet-style gathering. Keep your overall carbohydrate and calorie intake the same as at a normal meal.

Eat a healthy snack. Before parties have a healthy snack first so you aren't hungry when you arrive.

Keep focus off food. When you're at a party, look for activities other than eating. Talk to family and friends and keep your distance from high-calorie snack bowls and food tables. And remember to watch what your drink, beverages contain calories too.

Circumvent stress. It's also a good idea to avoid stressful situations during the holidays. Stress can have a negative effect on your blood sugar level. Be careful not to take on too much.

Remember to exercise. The best way to compensate for eating is to be active and include time for physical activity—a natural stress reliever.

If you have questions or concerns about the holidays, talk to your health care provider. Ask for suggestions about how to modify your diet and get the most out of your diabetes medication during the holiday season. To find a provider near you, visit www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider.



Another message from Mark Gatton....

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Thursday, Dec. 15: Rhinelander

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Rhinelander

Thursday, Dec. 22: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, Dec. 27: Rhinelander

Thursday, Dec. 29: Antigo



Forest County Commission on Aging

Nutrition Program

SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - December 19 - Southwest chicken rice casserole, corn and black bean salad, sliced pears, fresh grapes

Monday - December 26 - Tuna noodle casserole, carrots, rye bread, diced fruit mix, raisin cookie

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - December 20 - Pulled pork on a bun, scalloped potatoes, creamy coleslaw, honey bee fruit salad

Tuesday - December 27 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, multi-grain bread, vanilla yogurt and berries

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - December 21 - Beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, biscuit, carrot cake - **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Wednesday - December 28 - Chicken breast, mushroom and bacon sauce, brown rice, brussel sprouts, apple slices, mint chocolate cake - **NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION**

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

Wabeno Meal Site now serves Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday - December 22 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed greens, dressing, garlic breadstick, mandarin oranges, banana cake

Friday - December 23 - Sliced turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, mayo, romaine leaf, tomato slice, cream of broccoli soup and crackers, peach slices, cookie

Thursday - December 29 - Kielbasa w/ sauerkraut, German potato salad, peas, whole wheat bread, pineapple

Friday - December 30 - Sloppy joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, grape salad

ALVIN

Thursday - December 22 - No meal

Thursday - December 29 - No meal

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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 715-545-3323.

Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

Nicolet selected as site to display The Wall That Heals honoring Vietnam veterans



The exhibit honoring Vietnam War veterans will be on campus May 18 to 21.

Nicolet College was recently selected by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) as one of only 31 sites from across the country to host the traveling The Wall That Heals exhibit in 2023.

The three-quarter scale replica exhibit of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., along with a mobile Education Center, will be on campus May 18 to 21. It will be open 24 hours a day and free for the public to visit. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

"Nicolet College is honored to have been selected to host The Wall That Heals," said Casey Lehmann, Nicolet Financial Aid advisor and site coordinator. "We are excited to share this wonderful event with the entire Nicolet College community and all Northwoods residents."

Lehmann also submitted Nicolet's application to host the exhibit. Nationally, more than 100 other entities also submitted applications, with 31 selected.

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. Visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to Rhinelander to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to experience The Wall," said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. "Hosting The Wall That Heals provides an opportunity to honor and remember all those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War and educate visitors on the continuing impact of the Vietnam War on America."

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer. When parked, the trailer opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center telling the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the divisive era in American history.

The mobile Education Center exhibit includes: digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes" - service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit; digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's In Memory program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died; video displays that teach about the history and impact of The Wall; educational exhibits told through items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C.; a replica of the In Memory plaque; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War.

The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

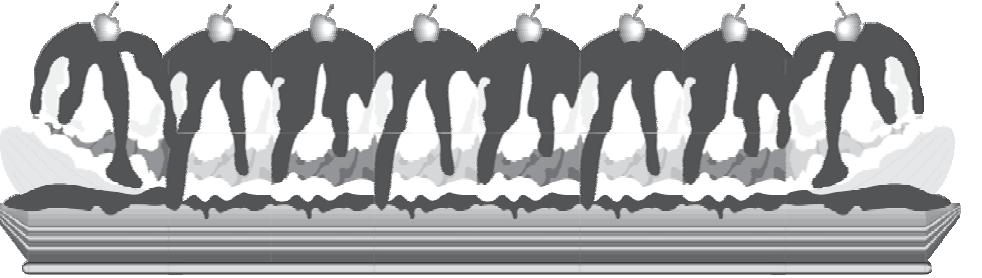
The 2023 national The Wall That Heals tour is generously sponsored by USAA. Through a partnership with the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), the trucking industry, and Blue Beacon, the exhibit is able to travel across the country.

Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in more than 700 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the four provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. The Wall That Heals is a program of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982. The Wall That Heals is the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C. and includes the largest Wall replica that travels the country.

Two VVMF staff members lead volunteers on site, educate visitors and students, and ensure the reflective atmosphere of The Wall.

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DEATH NOTICES

Margie Frances DeMars, of Conover, passed away peacefully Thursday, December 8, 2022, at home. She was 100 years old. She was born on July 1, 1922, in Argonne, a daughter of the late Henry and Alline (Eggleston) Geske.

Following school, she married Vernon DeMars. The couple were married July 29, 1941 in Crandon. Together they were blessed with two children.

Margie worked many years for Dr. Moffet in Crandon helping deliver many babies, administering vaccinations, and clerical work. She also worked at Job Corp. in Blackwell for a number of years.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading, crossword puzzles, flower and vegetable gardening, cooking, baking, picking greens, ice fishing and knitting baby hats that she would donate to area hospitals.

Survivors include her daughter Susan (Patrick) Phalen; 5 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Dayna Piontek; sisters, Ruth Capuano and Juanita (Juel) Johnson; brothers, Louis (Delores) Geske and Harry Geske; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Kurt (Fern) DeMars, Dee (Joan) DeMars, Ray (Pearl) DeMars, Alice (Clarence) Marzini, and Kenneth DeMars.

Per Margie's wishes, no services will be held.

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



Kathryn Louise Reimann, 92, of Wabeno, WI passed away Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. Kathryn was born Feb. 20, 1930 in Barton, WI, the daughter of Walter and Marcella (Wagner) Gadow. She was united in marriage on September 4, 1948 in Barton, WI to Fred Reimann and he preceded her in death on April 22, 2013.



Surviving are her daughters, Lisa (Roy) Myles of Milwaukee, Susan (Thomas) Zwickel of Chippewa Falls, Rhea (Richard) Teteak of Florida and Kathryn (Robert) Lind of Albuquerque, New Mexico; sons, Karl (Kathy) Reimann of Janesville, Kirk (Lori) Reimann of Rothschild and William (Joyce) Reimann of Batavia, Illinois; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Rhea Dricken of West Bend; and brother, John Gadow of Madison.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Fred Reimann; son, Fred Reimann; and brother, Arnold Godow.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Services was at 11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church with Father Praveen Pamiseti officiating. Burial followed at St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery.

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

Francis Donald Bocek, 79, of Crandon, WI went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 9, 2022 at his home with his loving wife, Patricia by his side. Francis, also known as Frank, Don or Butch, was born January 10, 1943 in Milwaukee, WI the son of Francis and Govie (Bellamy) Bocek.



Frank was a produce manager for Target Foods in Missouri for 8 years and then moved to Crandon and worked in produce for Tupper's in Crandon and Laona. He was a maintenance man at the Crandon Nursing Home, and a contracted truck driver for the U.S. Postal Service, until he retired due to health.

Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia (Rowell) Bocek; sons, Timothy (Jerilyn), Michael (Mary Jo) and Kevin (Janice); daughter, Karin (Richie) Bocek; grandchildren, Rose, Michael, Jr., Jordan, Sierrah, Kollin, Alex, Tamara, Sophia, Kendra, Karra, Kertis, Kristin, Kassidie, and Kilie; along with 15 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Kathleen (Loyd) Rowell; and nephew, Josh (Sheri) Rowell.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean Palmer; brother-in-law, William Palmer; brother, Cyril (Ike) Held; and sister, Lorna Rae; father- and mother-in-law, Clifford and Dolores Rowell; and brother-in-law, Clifford (Corky) Rowell.

Frank enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and grandkids. He had a love for wolves, enjoyed Elvis songs, watching western movies, and he was good at pulling pranks and jokes on family and friends. His specialty was cooking and feeding any and every one that was around.

Special thanks to Inclusa and Hospice care. An extra special thank you to Becky Ingram, MaKenna Murray, Sandy with Hattie, the therapy dog, and Jennifer LaPorte. Your gentle, loving care was appreciated.

Services will be held on December 15, 2022 at 12 p.m. at the Lakeland Baptist Church, 106 S. Hazeldell, with Pastor Ezra Billings officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Burial to follow services at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

For Old Times Sake



This load of logs, according to the writing on the picture, was hauled by Fred Kramer, in Wabeno. The logs were likely on their way to the Jones Lumber Co. sawmill, where the Wabeno Grade School now sits. It was probably about 1910 or so, and nobody minded a bit if logs were sleighed on the town streets. Without the sawmills, there wouldn't be much of a town!

A letter from the Chairman of Lincoln,

It has been a few months since I have checked in with you all. The leaves have fallen and a light blanket of snow covers the ground. Just the reminder I need to send an update out. The weather man is predicting heavy snow over the next few days and by the time you read this the storm will be long gone and hopefully we are shoveled out. What a perfect segway to the first topic...

We are running a crew of great part-time helpers for this winter, our full-time guy took a different position and moved on. With the changeover you may see some familiar faces in the plow trucks and possibly some new ones. We plan to run this way throughout winter and hire a new full-time employee late winter/early spring time. As always, please have patience as they learn the routes, the equipment, and the timing of the storms. We plan to be out as the storms wind down and we do a specific early route for the buses. The guys work hard at getting the roads as clean as they can but there will always be slippery spots no matter what they do. As always slow down and use caution while driving in winter.

Enough of the snow talk, the Board has been working hard on many projects and broadband is always at the top of our list. Bug Tussel was just at the last town board meeting and shared that there is a good chance of a tower going up next summer in the township. The location would be more towards the southern edge of the township with hopefully more towers to follow. Fiber is coming to parts of the township also over the next few years as well. Starlink is still limited but mine continues to operate and exceed my expectations.

All road projects were completed this season and next year we budgeted to get more mileage completed! The pavilion project is on tract and should be completed next summer as long as everything works out to plan. As always, I and the rest of the Board have an open-door policy and are available by cell, email, or if you see us in public, to chat about any issues you see or just a friendly hello. Our contact information can be found on the towns web site and don't forget to like us on Facebook. We do use Facebook to give dump, road, or any other last-minute updates when needed.

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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 Tuesday, January 3, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.

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City of Crandon Public Works Committee

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Application and position description may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520. The deadline for applications and resumes returned to the County Clerk is Tuesday, January 3, 2023, by 4:30 p.m.

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Part-time Elementary School Teacher Aide

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Applications can be obtained from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us, District/Employment Opportunities/Employment Applications. Send the application along with 3 current reference letters to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane/ P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

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

Position Vacancy
Nutrition Program Dietician

The Forest County Commission on Aging is now accepting applications for a part-time (2-3 hours per month) Nutrition Program Dietician.

The Dietician is responsible for overseeing the senior nutrition program with the Office on Aging Coordinator, which includes developing the nutritionally balanced menu for the congregate and homebound meals on a monthly basis; maintaining monthly menus and providing them to the Office on Aging Coordinator; conducts site assessment annually and maintains regular contact with nutrition site staff.

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Emma's Birthday Cont. from pg. 1

A return to Laona came in 1960. Her husband wanted a country life and wanted to farm the old homestead. He did so until he retired and son Bill took over the farm He passed away in 1995.

When Emma returned to Laona, she worked at the Ovitz Hospital in Laona with Doctor Castaldo. She remained on this job until 1969, when Ovitz closed the doors.

Her next nursing job was in the Crandon Nursing Home. Emma put in 23 years as an RN and in charge of the many assistants that worked there. She was considered a stern task master, but was well-liked and respected by those who worked under her supervision. That was made apparent by the former assistants who came to her 100th Birthday Party to show their affection.

Emma worked until she was almost 70 years old at the Crandon Nursing Home before deciding to retire. It was certainly a successful career, both as a nurse and a wife and mother. Her party reflected the affection that friends, family and former co-workers held for her.

We all must give her credit for a life well-lived, and for being successful in the times she lived through.

Emma was born in the roaring twenties, although, things probably weren't very "roaring" on a homestead in Forest County! She would have been just starting school when the stock market crashed in 1929. Her teen years would have been during the Great Depression, and then World War II came along. She was able to help out in that conflict. The Korean War followed in the early 1950's, and then the Viet Nam conflict. She would have lived and worked through numerous recessions and all the bad and good things that have happened in the last 100 years. She survived and did good works through it all.

Good job Emma and Happy Birthday!

The family gathered for a photo: Bryce Karl,Pat Hoffman and Lynn Karl are in the back row. Gayle Webster, Emma Hoffman and Bill Hoffman are in the front row.

Emma visited the memorial that bears her name in Arlington, Virginia.

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