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(RET) First Sergeant Donald L. Laurence Commencement Speaker at Laona Graduation

(RET) First Sergeant Donald L. Laurence was born September 14, 1969, in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. After graduating high school from Laona in 1987, he joined the U.S. Army as a Combat Heavy Engineer at the age of 17 years old. (RET) First Sergeant Laurence completed both Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He spent 27 years as an Active Duty Soldier with deployments to Southwest Asia as well as overseas assignments to Korea and Germany.

Leadership positions include Platoon Sergeant (Fort Stewart GA), HQs Platoon Sergeant (Fort Stewart, GA), Station Commander for two stations in (Virginia and Tennessee), First Sergeant for the Minneapolis Recruiting Company (Minneapolis,- MN), Operations Sergeant Major Position (Nashville, TN) and Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) at the United States Army Recruiting Command "Recruiting Operations Center" (ROC) covering all 50 states to include overseas Military Entrance Processing Stations "MEPS" (Fort Knox Kentucky). He is presently working for the Army as a DOD Civilian as the S2 Security Officer (Battalion Background Investigations) and the Mission and Market Intelligence Analyst.

His civilian education consists of a Bachelor of Science (Cum Laude) University of Columbia Southern in Alabama. His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Advanced Leader Development Course, Army Recruiter Course, Army Guidance Counselor Course, Senior Leader Course (Exceeded Course Standards), Station Commander Course (Exceeded Course Standards), and the Recruiting Company Commander First Sergeant Course.

(RET) First Sergeant Laurence's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation medal with 8 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 7 oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal 9<sup>th</sup> Award, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Southwest Asia with Bronze Star Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Liberation of Kuwait Medal. 1SG (RET) Laurence also received the Prestigious Recruiter Ring and the Glen E. Morrell Award. (12)

(RET) First Sergeant Laurence presently has two sons, Brad Lee (31) and Cody Allen (29). Brad works as an Officer at the Federal Bureau of Prison in Talladega, Alabama and Cody works in the Information Technology (IT) department at SCAD University in Savannah, GA. (RET) First Sergeant Laurence is also the uncle to Kaylyn Laurence who is graduating as the Valedictorian!

#### Conservation Corner Invasive Species Trade-Up Day Event Coming to Crandon

The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC), in partnership with Forest County Land and Water Conservation Division, is hosting an Invasive Species Trade-Up Day event in Crandon, WI on June 2 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Forest County Courthouse (by the Tank).

Trade-Up Days are an opportunity for landowners to remove an invasive shrub from their property, such as Japanese Barberry, Buckthorn, Exotic Honeysuckles, or Burning Bush, and exchange the plant for a native one from the Forest County Conservation Native Plant Sale. Landowners can also receive a monetary voucher to buy a native plant replacement at next year's plant sale. Each voucher is worth \$5, and you are able to receive up to \$50 if you bring in 10 or more invasive species! Likewise, you can receive up to 10 plants!

## Laona High School announces Valedictorians & Salutatorian of the Class of 2023





Grace Krawze

Kaylyn Laurence

Hunter Cronauer, son

of Jodi and Dave

Cronauer, is the

Salutatorian of the

Laona High School

Class of 2023. During

high school, Hunter

competed in football,

basketball, track, and

baseball. Hunter has

earned a variety of

awards and currently

Grace Krawze, daughter of Rick and Claire Krawze, and Kaylyn Laurence, daughter of Mandi and Scott Stamper, are co-valedictorians of the Laona High School Class of 2023. During high school, Grace competed in softball, basketball, and volleyball. Grace is a member of the National Honor Society and the current President of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Grace has spent many hours during the past four years volunteering for events such as the American Red Cross Blood Drive, as well as being a member of the Peer Health Educators. Grace also dedicates much of her time altar serving at St. Leonard's Parish. Grace has taken a magnitude of Nicolet Start College Now courses, earning more than 24 college credits throughout her high school career. This fall, Grace will be attending the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire to pursue a nursing degree.

During high school, Kaylyn competed in cross country, basketball, and softball. Kaylyn is a member of the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Kaylyn has spent many hours during the past four years volunteering for events such as the American Red Cross Blood Drive, as well as being a member of the Peer Health Educators. Kaylyn has taken more than 36 college credits to earn her medical assistant degree through Nicolet College during her high school career. At Nicolet College, Kaylyn was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Kaylyn is currently undecided on which university to attend, but will be pursuing a prephysician assistant degree.



Salutatorian Hunter Cronauer

holds eleven state records. Hunter is a member of the National Honor Society and has spent many hours volunteering for events such as the American Red Cross Blood Drive and events for his church. During high school, Hunter completed his welding degree through Nicolet College and accumulated more than 48 college credits through Nicolet Start College Now. This fall, Hunter will be attending Ripon College to pursue a psychology degree and has committed to compete on Ripon's football team. Candidates for Graduation: Zoie Cayan, Mya Chrisman, Hunter Cronauer, Abbey Gryboski, Molly Gryboski, Daniel Harris, Aryanna Keepers, Grace Krawze, Kara Lane, Kaylyn Laurence, Talyn Nystrom, Isabella Retzlaff, Eyan Skorczewski and Thomas Warren.



## Governor Evers visits Forest County

Governor Evers visited Forest County on Wednesday May 10, for a quick 2 hour visit, flying into the Crandon Airport from Madison. He started his tour at the Crandon International Raceway where he was greeted by the Forest County Chair Cindy Gretzinger, and Chris Shafer and Mary Belland from the Forest County Chamber of Commerce. They presented him with a Welcome to Forest County sign made by Alderton Metal Fabrication out of Laona. From there Governor Evers toured the Raceway with Cliff and Jason Flannery, who gave the Governor a little history of the track, the amount of people who attend from all over the US and other parts of the world and the positive impact their establishment has on Forest County. They were also able to give him a tour of the grounds via side by side.

The next stop on the tour was Northern Lakes Service, where they were greeted by Ron (RT) Krueger and his team. RT gave an overview of all of the things that they do at this testing facility and how their business makes an impact in Forest County, the State of Wisconsin and other parts of the United States; explaining that they are one of only a handful of private water testing facilities in Wisconsin and the ONLY one in Wisconsin to provide PFAS Testing. **Continued on page 13** 

## Wabeno Area Players



In August of 2022, the Wabeno Area Players had such great fun and success presenting the original play, "A Day at the Schoolhouse," that they decided to do the show again this summer. Audiences loved the readers' theater historical comedy, commemorating the bygone era of the one-room schoolhouse in rural Wisconsin. "A Day at the Schoolhouse," will be performed Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 2:00 and 6:00 on a stage in front of the schoolhouse, next to the library, in the Wabeno Park.

The Wabeno Area Players are seeking a few new participants, male and female, ages 15 - 90, to fill this summer's cast. No memorization is needed for a Readers' Theater, just the ability to read expressively and react to other readers. Those who are good readers, love to act and have an interest in the history of one-room schoolhouses in Wisconsin should join the Players' cast.

There will be four rehearsals (time to be

For specific details, visit our event's page at www.wrisc.org/events. We encourage you to pre-register, but it is not required! Thank you for doing your part to stop the spread of invasive species!

The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC), a multi-partner organization representing five counties in two states, is dedicated to managing invasive species on our lands and waters through cooperation, education, prevention, and control.

For more information, contact Katherine Mentel, WRISC Project Manager, at wrisc.pm@gmail.com or 906-774-1550 ext.104 or Forest County Land & Water at lcc@co.forest.wi.us or 715-478-1387.

## Wabeno Lions Mega Meat Raffle Fundraiser

Great news! Due to the huge success of the first two Mega Meat Raffles, we are announcing that the event will be held again this year. The event will be at the Wabeno Firefighter's Grounds on Saturday, June 24, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. It is a great chance to restock your freezer!

There will be plenty of meat prizes, raffles, food and refreshment. You are urged to join in the fun and help finance the services that the Lions Club provides for the Wabeno area. Come early for the drink specials from 11 a.m. until noon. **Continued on page 14**  determined), to prepare for the show. If interested, please call Carol Bartlein, at 715-473-5466 or email her at carolbartlein@gmail.com.

## Book Sale to support Lakes Country Public Library

The Friends of Lakes Country Public Library located on Hwy 32 in Lakewood will host a book sale on Friday, May 26 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items for sale include paperback and hardcover books, movie DVDs, music CDs, and puzzles. Proceeds from this sale will provide funding for the summer youth internship program, the summer reading program including new books and activities, gardening classes, landscaping, and the building expansion fund.

Donations of gently used items for the sale are needed and can be dropped off at the circulation desk.

If you are interested in joining or helping the Friends please contact the library at 715-276-9020. All local residents and seasonal visitors are welcome to join. Please support this valuable resource.



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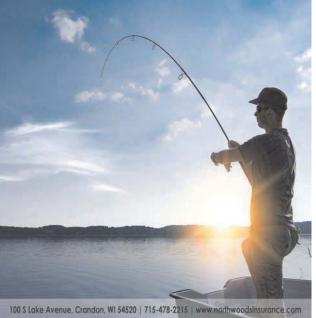


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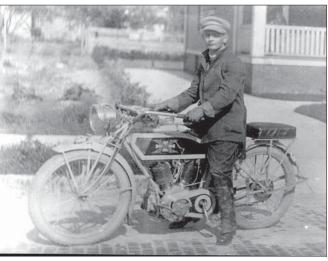




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## For Old Times Sake



This old postcard, dated 1910, was brought in by Audrey Popp Westlie. This rakish motorcyclist was living in Manitowoc and sent the post card to Richard Popp, in Milwaukee.

The motorcycle is an Excelsior. Walter Popp sent the card, and he wrote that the roads were muddy. He said that after attending a dance, he rode home on the cycle and had three spills before he arrived. He was happy with the new motorcycle and noted that he couldn't do any speeding in town, it cost too much, but could get home after work in only a half hour!



## **Crandon Public** Library Storytime

The Crandon Public Library Storytime. Storytime is for ages 0 to pre-school, and is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the library.

RUMMAGE SALE: TOWNSEND - 18741 Valley View Rd. May 27 and 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Household items, furniture and more. P8

RUMMAGE SALE: Memorial Weekend May 26th, 27th& 28th 9am - 4 pm: Hand tools, power tools, Men's clothes, Women's clothing, Women's plus size, many new, Scentsy items, Baby items, lots more, something for everyone. 349 Kus Road, Armstrong Creek. **P**8

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(E.Shore Lake Metonga.)

**P8** 

YARD SALE: May 20th · 29th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Hwy 139 Popple River. Big Variety, too much to mention **P**8

# The House of Oddities: 8782 VanZile Ave, Argonne

Is having the first sale of the year, Friday, May 26th for Noon thru 6:00 pm and Saturday, May 27th from 10:00 am thru

2:00 pm. You don't want to miss it! Antique 19th century victorian EASTLAKE arm chair, Samuel Eastman violin, Retro Coke items, Packers, Harley Davidson, Vintage Dolls: 1950 Revlon Ideal, Cabbage Patch, Fisher Price, Strawberry Shortcake, men & womens clothing, size XS-3X, and childrens clothes.

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# AUCTIONS

## **ONLINE AUCTION** ANOTHER AUCTION WITH COL. RENÉ BRASS www.colrene.net

## (Online Bidding Opens: May 27- June 1st ) (Open House May 27 (9AM - 11AM) 6728 Whitefish Lake Rd. Three Lakes, WI

77+ Firearms: Winchester, Tikka, Savage, Remington, Marlin, S&W, Taurus, CVA, Tri Star, Stoeger, Henry, CZ, Rock Island, H&K, Ruger, Browning (see auction catalog) ammo, gun safes & more! <u>2 Ski Nautique Boats</u>: both are 2003 model 196, (3) boat lifts <u>Tanker Truck:</u> 1983 C6000 3000gal tank, pto pump (super clean truck) <u>14 Kayaks</u>: (5) singles, (9) doubles, Paddles <u>Antique</u> Wooden Boat: Old Town Trailers: Big Tex dump trailer, skid-steer 14k trailer, utility trailer, Tools: Miller mig welder, Makita miter saw, Honda generator, grinders, hand tools, bolt cutters, circular saw, floor jacks, nail guns, Roto Zip, Delta mortiser, tool cabinets, tile saw, planer, new trailer tires, carts & more! Antique/Collectables: Winchester hatchets, fish net, wagon wheels, magazine/newspapers, lamp & more! Lawn Tractor/Outdoors: Husqvarna w/bagger, power washer, swisher DR style mower, hose cart, chipper/shredder, Mercury outboard, concrete bird baths, wishing well, yard tools, large amount of Musky gear, trolling rods, tackle & more!

PICKUP & PAYMENT: Friday, June 2 (3PM-6PM) Terms: Cash or good check, credit cards. Sales tax charged. 10 % buyers fee. Not responsible for loss or accidents. Settlement made before removing items. Conditions: Sold as is, where is. Announcements made on auction day take precedence over printed material. R.W.A. Col. Rene' Brass #424, Col. Robert St. Louis #450, 6728 Whitefish Lk. Rd., Three Lakes, WI 54562. PH: 715-367-1668

#### **Nurse Practitioner Holly Spletzer Joins** NorthLakes Community Clinic



Nurse Practitioner Holly Spletzer has joined NorthLakes Community Clinic, providing care at the White Lake Clinic and Lakewood Clinic. She sees patients of all ages.

Holly earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bellin College of Nursing in Green Bay,

Wisconsin. Prior to joining the team at NorthLakes Holly provided care at Green Bay Oncology. When asked about her approach to care she shared, "It's patient centered, working with patients and support systems to help cause change that is long lasting and healing for generations."

Some of Holly's personal interests include music, scuba diving, travel, her family and her faith.

NorthLakes is now accepting new patients. Please call to schedule an appointment. We accept Medicaid, Medicare, most commercial insurance, and offer a Sliding Fee Scale for those that qualify.



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Beautiful home with a country setting. If you are looking for a home with the country feel, yet located minutes from town, this is it.

Setting on a 2.4 acre, wooded lot, this home has it all. There is a total of 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and an open concept main living area. Nice big deck off the rear of the home. There is a beautiful fireplace in the living room, a finished basement, and an attached garage with access to basement. Wait! There is more. A large detached garage that is insulated and can be heated with it's own drilled well. Perfect for workshop, hobby shop, extra storage, or whatever you may need. Still not sold? There is also another building for even more storage for toys, lawn mower, snow blower, or whatever you need. This is one of those homes that will not last long and can be yours. Just make the call and set up a showing! \$299,000

#### VACANT LAND!! Recreational Land Hwy 32/55 outside of Argonne

You can have the best of both worlds with this unique 28 plus acre --property, that consists of two separate parcels. The 10+ mostly wooded parcel is higher and may be used to build your new home or cabin. The 17+ acre lot is lower and can be used as hunting land. It also comes with it's own little frog pond. This property is listed at \$54,500. That is \$6,400 lower than the Fair Market Value on the 2021 Tax Bill! Feel free to park your camper on the property; as a home away from home or just as temporary housing, while you build your cabin in the woods! Call today for a personal showing!

Wescott Ave Across from Lake Metonga

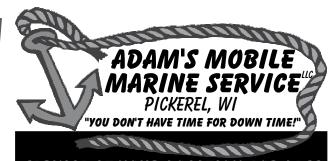
This is a rare wooded .38 acre lot located across the street from Lake Metonga. It is located on a private dead end road. The tall pines give the property the feel of being in the country, yet it is located within the city limits. You could build a cabin and have the perks of city sewer & water & natural gas. This property won't last long! \$36,900











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## **NOTICE - CITY OF CRANDON** LARGE ITEM PICK UP

Republic Services will be picking up "large items" (furniture, boxes of clothes, random toys) placed at curbside on Monday May 22, 2023. Please have items out at curb by 5:00 AM. NOT INCLUDED in the pick up: Demolition Waste, yard waste, hazardous waste, liquid waste, tires, boats, batteries, appliances containing freon, microwaves, any metal and/or electronics.

If you have any questions regarding items that are allowed for pick up please call Republic Services at 715-477-0077. This does not include businesses and apartment buildings, your landlord or business owner is responsible to get rid of your large items. Thank you.

# **TOWN OF AINSWORTH Furnace For Sale Bids Wanted**

The Town of Answorth is looking to sell the furnace that was used at the Ainsworth Town Hall at County T & County TT. This was purchased new 2/20/2017. Description: Rheem R96V 100,000 BTU 2-Stage 96% with EMC Blower. Gas Fired Forced Air Furnace with main aluminized and secondary stainless steel heat exchangers. For information contact Clerk Kay Koller at 715-484-8949. Sealed bids must be received by 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 and will be opened on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the Town Board Meeting to be held at the Ainsworth Town Hall at 6:30 p.n. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to choose the bid most advantageous to the Town.

Send bids marked "Furnace" to: Kathleen Koller, Ainsworth Town Clerk N11146 East Shore Road Pearson, WI 54462 Kathleen A. Koller Ainsworth Town Clerk

## GAC Lions cleanup Hwy 8



## **BIDS AND NOTICES**

#### <u>NOTICE</u> **CITY OF CRANDON** YARD WASTE AND BRUSH PICK UP

The City of Crandon Public Works crew will be picking up yard debris and brush in the City on Monday, May 22nd, 2023. Please be sure that your leaves are in biodegradable bags and any brush or branches are no longer than 6 feet. YARD DEBRIS MUST BE CURBSIDE ON MAY 22, 2023 BY 5:00 A.M. IN ORDER TO BE PICKED UP & placed where it is easily seen and convenient to load onto the City trucks. Thank you.

> Meagan Kevilus City Clerk/Treasurer

#### Laona Board of Education **Special Meeting Agenda**

Monday, My 22, 2023 • 5:30 p.m. Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School 1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

A. District Administrator/Elementary Principal Search - Interview and Consider Applicants for the Position of District Administrator/K-5 Principal

4. Return to Open Session

5. Adjourn:

Notes: This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

#### Rebel bird busters Crandon Cardinal Eddie Christianson-Senior Varsity 19 Ian Niggeling-Senior Varsity

20 Kassidee Linssen-Senior Varsitv Nathen Mihalko-Senior/Junior Varsity 19 Bobbie Janczewski-Intermediate/Advanced 18

Cameron Tilton-Intermediate/Advanced

18 Kevin DeMars-Intermediate/Advanced 20 Michael Yaeger-

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Intermediate/Advanced Rvder Harnois-

Intermediate/Advanced 24 Sawyer Christianson-

Intermediate/Advanced 21 Brody Brockway-

Intermediate/Entry Level 18

Everleigh Shepard-Intermediate/Entry Level 14

#### Trap scores Week 5 **Intermediate Entry**

Mason Retzlaff - 22 Kaeleb VanCleve - 21 Sawyer Brokmeier - 16 Johnathan Kevilus - 16 Bryar Chaney - 15

**Intermediate Advanced** Zach Cochrane - 18

**Reece Paradies - 18** Loyal Asler - 14 Brant Wagoner - 14 Melanie Fraley - 12 Jesse Sears - 12

Junior Varsity Lindsey Mihalko - 24 Tyler Lawrence - 20 Riley Johnson - 20 Evan Plummer - 19 Mickey Hobbs - 16

Varsity Harley Bukovic - 24 Conner Lawrence - 24 Noah Gunderson - 23 Matthew Jahnke - 22

Ryan Schunk - 21

Kadin Wilson - 21

#### Wabeno School Breakfast Menu May 22-26 Monday - Hot dog, mac &

Monday - Biscuits/gravy, hash brown patty. oranges, fruit juice, milk Tuesday - Scrambled eggs, sausage links, tator tots, peaches, fruit juice, milk Wednesday - Breakfast

tacos, apple churros, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - French toast sticks, yogurt, bacon, banana, fruit juice, milk Friday - Cinnamon roll, banana, fruit juice, milk



pears, garden bar, milk **Tuesday** - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes gravy, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk Wednesday - Smoked pork loin, oven roasted potato, carrots, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk Thursday - Chicken patties, garden vegetable pasta, mixed vegetable, apple sauce, garden bar,

Wabeno School

Lunch Menu

May 22 - 26

cheese, green beans,

milk Friday - Assorted pizza. garlic breadstick broccoli, applesauce, garden bar, milk

#### NOTICE

#### WABENO SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1 **CUSTOMERS HYDRANT FLUSHING** MAY 23-24, 2023

We will be flushing the fire hydrants on May 23rd through 24th, 2023. You may wish to draw water prior to our flushing dates and refrigerate it for drinking purposes. During the flushing period your tap water can become discolored. Should you experience discoloration, please flush your water tap until the water runs clear. Hydrant flushing improves water quality. Should you be interested, we invite you to observe the change in the initial, intermediate and final water quality from the hydrant during flushing. Hydrant flushing can increase water pressure, remove discolored water from the system and increase fire-fighting ability in various parts of our system. This exercise flushes pockets of stagnated water out of the water supply system and improves water quality not only in color, odor and taste. It can also remove harmful constituents before they are able to develop. Thank you in advance for your patience during this time period. Should you have any concerns, we ask that you feel free to contract our office at 715-473-2905.

## **Camp Scholarship Award**



Congratulations to Haylee Halvorson for earning the YMCA of The Fox Cities Campership.

As part of WisDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program, the Goodman-Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions tidied up their 2.2 miles along Highway 8 on May 9, 2023. Wisconsin's Adopt-A-Highway program coordinates volunteer efforts to remove trash, recyclables and litter from Wisconsin's roadsides. There are roughly 11,800 miles of state, federal and interstate highways in Wisconsin, and a large portion of the roadside areas are kept beautiful by Adopt-a-Highway volunteers, like the GAC Lions.

Pictured (left to right) are GAC Lion President Wayne Brehmer and two future Lions Easton James and Brayden Lewis.

Jaxson Cleereman Intermediate/Entry Level 19

Nanman Stanley-Intermediate/Entry Level 15 Ryan DeMars-Intermediate/Entry Level

15 Helen Janczewski-Rookie 7 Jordy Shepard-Rookie 16 Landon Connor-Rookie 19 Tyler Yaeger-Rookie 6 Waylon Frank-Rookie 10



Haylee has earned a week at Camp Nan A Bo Sho in Lakewood. The criteria for this award was based on the characteristics of integrity, character, determination, and citizenship.

Great job, Haylee! We are very proud of your accomplishment and know you will represent the Wabeno School District very well at camp.



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# SPECIALTY





# Thank Yous and Personals

Thank you to the **Christian Food Pantry** for supplying the students of the School District of Wabeno. The pantry and the volunteers have been sponsoring our students for the last several years. Thank you for your commitment to and support of our students. Pictured above is Scott Wycherly of the food pantry and Joanne Sisler, Elementary Administrative Assistant



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the great reception for our Mom on her passing. To Pastor Franz Gerber of Praise Chapel for such a heart warming service. To all the Church members who so graciously made dishes and served, to all her loved Grandchildren who prepared food and helped out. To those who spoke in remembrance of our Mon, and all of you who offered condolences, flowers, cards, food and memorial gifts. She was truly loved.





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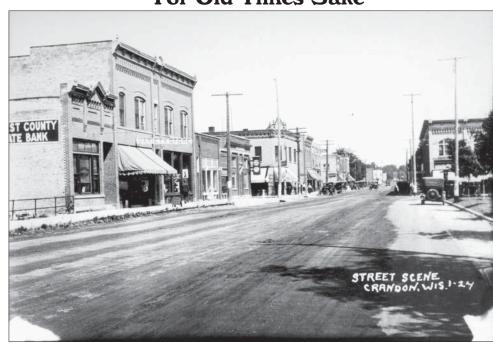
## LAONA/WABENO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

The conference match was held at McCauslin Brook Golf Course in Lakewood. The Rebels were led today by Gage Liptack 80, Gavin Connor 89, Lawton Webb 93, Carter Janesch 94, and Carter Champine 94. Three straight conference championships! Next week is regionals and we are looking to make a 3 peat of that as well!









The photo of Lake Avenue, the main street, was taken in January of 1924, as can be seen from the date placed by the photographer. It is interesting to note how many of the buildings look the same today, even if the businesses have changed. An exception is the drug store on the corner. It is still a drug store today. The drug store on the next corner is a print shop and publishing business. That would be the *Pioneer Express*!

It was obviously a low snow month back in January of 1924. The dirt road isn't

L-R: Coach Tyler Anderson, Gavin Connor, Carter Janesch, Gage Liptack, Lawton Webb, Carter Champine, Owen Seeber, and Coach Tim Warner

covered, just the edges. It would have been hard and frozen, and would change to mud when spring came. That is when those who were still using horses had the edge on the drivers of automobiles.

By the way, this photo was scanned from an original 5x7 inch negative. Unlike other old photos and postcards, it had no rough use and was still pristine.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Delores Sally Goodrich**, of Rhinelander, formerly of Crandon died on May 6, 2023, at Milestone Senior Living in Rhinelander. She was 79 years old. She was born on July 20, 1943, in Watertown, WI, a daughter of the late Otto and Theresa (Behselich) Niemeier. She married Kenneth Goodrich in Hartford on December 31, 1965.

She and Ken moved to Crandon in 1965. She was blessed

with four children. For many years Delores worked in the kitchen at Copper Country Restaurant just west of Crandon. Later she was employed at the Mole Lake Casino in the kitchen.

Delores enjoyed deer hunting, riding 4-wheeler, farming, and spending time with her animals. She was very close to her family and devoted to her husband. She will be fondly remembered by many as a kindhearted and hardworking individual. She was quite notably one of Elvis' biggest fans.

Survivors include daughters, Barbi (Steve) Hause and Terrie (Larry) Rook; sons, Keath Goodrich and Doug Goodrich; sister, Rose Morell; and brothers, Bob Niemeier, Jim (Anne) Niemeier and LaVern Niemeier.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; sister, Betty Neimei; brothers, Dick (Sandra) Niemeier, Al Niemeier and John Niemeier; and brother-in-law, Jessie Morell.

Visitation was held at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Crandon on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Memorial services followed at 12 p.m. with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Martin Edward Rummel

was a farmer all his life. He worked on the family dairy farm until he was able to start his own. He loved hunting. He loved every fur baby that came into his life and always had one or more fur companions at his side.

Martin married Gail (Bazille) Webb on March 11, 1994. They spent many happy years together on the dairy farm and then moved on from dairy to beef farming.

Martin was previously married to Carol (Wolf) St.

Peter.

Surviving is his wife of 29 years, Gail; and

daughters, Tami (David) Hazen of Spring Hill, FL and Tina (Dale) Webb of Wabeno. He is further survived by stepdaughters, Romelle (Rob) Zeratsky of Green Bay, Deanna "Dee" Budd of Wausau and Glenda (Cory) Ziolkowski of Davenport, IA; stepsons; Donald (Julie) Webb of White Lake, Roy (Nancy) St. Peter of Appleton, Jerry (Laurie) St. Peter of Rhinelander and Will St. Peter (Al Snyder) of Rehobolth Beach, DE; grandchildren; Zachariah, Jordan, Alexandra Hazen, Cassandra (Gabriel) Benitez, and Alex Webb; sisters-in-law, Kathy (Phil) Rummel and Kathy (Clifford) Rummel; many step-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; a niece and six nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Phillip, Bruce, Cecil and Clifford; half-brother, Louis; grandson, Jacob; and step-granddaughter, Christine.

Thank you to the staff at Compassus Hospice Care and Pastor Willitz for all you did to make Martin comfortable in his final days.

Please honor Martin by giving to a cause that is close to your heart. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences for Martin may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

# WEBER-HILL & PACKARD



#### Happy Mother's Day from the Four Busmen (Mike, Mark, Christ & Bob).

Okay, so we're tired of waiting! I've made an executive decision to begin a special route. I'm calling it the "Crandon Express." It will run every other Tuesday and will stop at ANY CRANDON BUSINESS OR OFFICE. If you need to get around Crandon, give me a call.

Also, give your mom four bucks so she can hop on the bus... Have her give me a call or send a text to Mark at 715-889-0859.

Crandon Express: Tuesday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 23. For the first Crandon Express run, call me ahead of time if possible for planning. Please remember, if we get no riders, we will have to discontinue this service.

#### **Monday and Thursday Trips**

Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain. We pick you up at your home sometime between 8 and 9 a.m. and typically arrive at the destination town around 9:45. We'll shop at Walmart for an hour or so then off to wherever the riders wish Then...lunch! (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1 and 2 p.m. most days.

\*\*\*NEW MONDAY TRIPS\*\*\* Thursday, May 18: Iron Mountain Monday, May 22: Rhinelander Thursday, May 25: Antigo Monday, May 29: MEMORIAL DAY



#### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - May 22 - Ham, twice baked mashed potatoes. Wisconsin blend vegetables, whole wheat dinner roll, raspberry sherbet jell-o

Monday - May 29 - Closed for Memorial Day holiday CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - May 23 - Brat on a bun, grilled onions, ketchup, German potato salad, baked beans, mixed fruit Tuesday - May 30 - Crab pasta salad over mixed greens, tomato wedges, dinner roll, peaches, lemon bar

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - May 24 - Meat lasagna, green beans, mixed greens salad, dressing, garlic breadstick, jell-o with fruit

Wednesday - May 31 - Italian caprese, chicken casserole, California blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce, black bean brownie

#### CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED, ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - May 25 - Hamburger on bun, watermelon, garden salad, baked beans, potato salad, brownie dessert, milk

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.

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#### To the Editor

I recently attended the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Finance Committee hearing in Minocqua. Although I had planned to present my own comments to the committee, I listened to the other numerous comments presented by citizens from all over the Northwoods with interest and eventually with concern.

It was interesting to listen to so many individuals who represented so many different levels of government, school districts and including representatives from several UW campuses across the Northwoods present their funding needs. I noticed their requests were very similar. They were all stretched to the limit trying to meet the needs of their communities.

There were also many individual citizens who were presenting the funding needs of various organizations. A group of Veterans presented an impassioned plea for funding to build an additional building for a Veteran's home. They explained that the current facility is no longer adequate to accommodate the numerous veterans who have applied for beds.

As a retired teacher and strong supporter of public education, I focused my comments on requesting support for Governor Evers budget proposal for increased funding for public education and special education. I expressed my support for the increased funding to provide quality and affordable childcare.

As a society we have an obligation to educate all children to provide for their economic future, and to provide well educated adults who add to the economic development of Wisconsin. Public education brings communities together in a common effort to reach those goals.

Substantial financial support and widespread availability for childcare is the foundation we need to meet the goals of a well -educated society and a foundation for the economic development of local communities because it allows more citizens to participate in the workforce.

Children and families need these tax dollars to support a thriving society in the Northwoods.

**Cheryl Tertinger-Minocqua** 

#### **Baldwin Votes to Support American Manufacturers** and Stop Chinese Companies from Cheating Trade Laws

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) voted to support American solar manufacturers and overturn the Biden administration's rule that suspended trade tariffs on Chinese solar companies. These Chinese companies were found to be circumventing U.S. trade laws meant to protect American businesses and workers by routing their products through Southeast Asian countries, namely Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

"American workers and American businesses should be building our clean energy economy, but Chinese companies are working overtime to cheat the rules, our economy, and our workers out of the job," said Senator Baldwin. "Climate change is a real and pressing threat, and addressing it is an incredible opportunity to create good paying jobs in our Made in Wisconsin manufacturing economy. Developing our solar manufacturing industry is crucial to combating climate change, but we can't do it if we don't enforce the trade laws on the books and hold Chinese companies accountable. I am proud to take a stand for our Made in America manufacturing economy and workers."

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# Letters to the Editor

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

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.



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Governor Evers Cont. from pg. 1

Last, we headed to Yeti's Drive-in for a quick sweet before heading out, departing from the Crandon Airport back to Madison! Governor Evers made a point to connect with the workers and owners of Yeti's and the community members treat where the Governor and his team had a bit of ice cream that were enjoying their lunch.

This was a short trip that was made by Governor Evers to see some of what Forest County had to offer, there set the definition for a short-term rental as a residential were no other engagements for him in this area, just a special dwelling that is offered for rent for fee and for fewer than 29 visits to Forest County for Tourism Week! The Chamber consecutive days. hopes that he will be back soon to spend some time and tour other parts of Forest County, giving him and his team a bigger picture of all the communities that make Forest County one of the best around!



Cliff and Jason Flannery welcome the Governor





Townships that have room tax ordinances are as follows: City of Crandon, Hiles, Laona, Lincoln, Nashville, Wabeno.

If your property is in any of the above municipalities, you will need to get set up with them to collect and pay this tax.

Act 59 requires anyone who maintains, manages or operates a short-term rental for more than 10 nights each year to obtain a tourist rooming house license from the Wisconsin DATCP (Dept. of Administration, Trade and Consumer Protection).

In the past, Forest County required a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for this use. We have since written ordinance sections to cover this with a regular land use permit. Prior to issuance of this permit a property owner has to agree to abide by the conditions in the ordinance.

One of those conditions is a limit on occupants. We limit the occupancy to how many occupants the sanitary system is designed to handle. You can plan on 2 people per bedroom, depending on the size of your sanitary system. Other conditions in the ordinance are as follows:

**Obtain a DATCP License** Α.

Collect and pay all rooming house taxes if required Β. by township

1. Ultimately, breaks have to end. You'll have to start swimming again.

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the current of life is significantly more difficult than normal. As hard as it is, we all need a break...a time to gather ourselves...to take a

Sometimes though, when we take a break, we have a hard time getting back into the stream of life. I tell my kids "life is like swimming in a river." Floating (taking a break) is much easier. But if you don't swim upstream, you'll likely end up going over the falls.

Our clinic deals exclusively with helping clients become "better swimmers" in the stream of life. Every client is struggling somehow in life. The current is overpowering them. They need help.

Here's the hope...it's encouraging that no matter how long it's been or how poor a swimmer, we can all become better swimmers in the stream of life. But without the right help, it can become pretty discouraging...sometimes leading to taking breaks when you should be swimming.

There are principles to consider when taking that break...

Steve Hefter, Governor Evers and R.T. Krueger at NLS



The girls at Yeti's Drive-in and the Governor

C. No parking on any streets

E.

D. Garbage must be kept in container away from animals

Quiet time shall be from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

F. Follow the Forest County Assoc. of Lakes Courtesy Code (if on a lake)

G. Any signs shall be on the structure and not on the street or in the yard

- Η. Pets must be kept on a leash and not left unattended Ι. No fireworks
- No outstanding property taxes J.
- Κ. Compliance with all other County Ordinances

Obtain a Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue Sellers Permit L. We also require a person residing in or within a 50mile radius of the rental property be authorized to act as an agent for the property owner.

The permit is renewable every two years.

For further information please contact the Forest County Zoning office at 715-478-3893 with any questions. We are happy to guide you through this process.

Jeannie Fannin Forest County Zoning Administrator 2. If you haven't gotten far enough upstream, it's not the right time to take a break.

3. When you're swimming, make sure you're going the right direction and making progress.

4. If the current is overpowering, look for help.

Life's best when lived.Swimming upstream isn't easy, but the results are much better. Be a swimmer! If the current is too fast, look for help. If you see someone struggling, be a help.

Can we help you be a better swimmer in the stream of life? You wouldn't be the first. We'd love to help. That's what families do.

# Stop in and see us at Health in

Motion

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# **Help Wanted**

Full time Corrections Officer positions at the Forest County Sheriff's Office. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or G.E.D. as well as a valid drivers license. No law inforcement experience required. \$20.51 per hour and 80 hours of vacation at 1 y e a r o f e m p l o y m e n t. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.



Wanted **Clean Boats Clean Waters** Watercraft Inspector Make a Difference! Join the Lake Lucerne Association **Clean Boats Clean Waters** Team. Applications are being accepted for two positions. Applicants will be required to attend a Training Workshop. Pay Starts at \$13 an hour Memorial Day through Labor Day Fri, Sat and Sun. For a job description and /or an application contact: Jim at 414.587.2764 or via email at jwienser@outlook.com

#### HELP WANTED FOREST COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.

The Forest County Highway Department is accepting applications for a full-time position. This position would be involved with all road maintenance functions of the Highway Department.

Applicants must have a valid drivers license, a clean driving record, with a CDL endorsement, and be able to pass a physical, audiogram, and D.O.T. drug screen. Applications may be obtained at the Highway offices located at 5350 County Road W, Crandon, Wisconsin.

Starting wage is \$21.34 per hour and after 6 months is \$22.46 per hour. Excellent Benefit Package.

All interested parties must file a new job application to be given consideration.

Applications will be accepted until **3:00 P.M., June 13, 2023.** 



values. Zoning Ordinances control impervious surface, structure placement and vegetation removal on our shorelines. These all play a part in keeping our lakes and rivers healthy.

fish, more fish = great fishing and again higher property

Impervious surface regulations control hard surfaces on a property. A study of 47 warm water streams in Wisconsin showed impervious surfaces that cover greater than 12% of a lot caused a decrease in many fish species. Some were even gone from these waters. Less fish=less property value. The buffer zone on a shoreline is the area 35 feet upland from the high- water mark. The removal of the vegetative buffer zone is prohibited in NR115 and Forest County's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Often when someone invests in a shoreland property they have the idea that it looks better with a wellmanicured lawn, striving for that golf course or beach. Although this makes a great area for sitting and swimming it is very harmful to the lakes. A mowed lawn sends rain runoff carrying debris such as lawn clippings or pet waste to the water. This fuels the algae growth. These manicured lawns also attract geese, which are grazers. In one week, an adult goose can produce 15 pounds of slippery, smelly droppings.The runoff that is deposited in the lake can cover spawning beds of walleye, cutting off oxygen to their eggs. A study of 8 shoreline properties in Vilas and Forest Counties showed that a manicured lawn yielded



Overtime available, no overnights or weekends, benefits (no insurance), will train.

Applicants can request application via email: flannery\_contracting@yahoo.com or stop into the office at 607 E Pioneer



## Elementary Teaching Position School District of Wabeno Area

The School District of Wabeno Area has an opening for an elementary teaching Position for the 2023-2024 school year. Full time, regular position. Wisconsin DPI certification in elementary education is required, K-6 preferred. We are seeking a qualified teacher who possesses skills in the current initiatives in the State of Wisconsin, including successful completion of student teaching experience, knowledge of current reading and math practices, Rtl as well as PBIS. A strong technology background in the usage of Google is preferred. There are also many coaching and extra-curricular opportunities available for additional experience and compensation.

**Qualifications:** We are looking for an energetic individual with a passion for teaching to join our team and warm inviting environment. We are seeking a

professional who is a team player and dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children. Organizational and communication skills, creativity, a sense of humor, and a love of children are a must.

**Requirements:** Wisconsin DPI certification in elementary education is required, K-6 preferred.

**How to Apply:** Interested and licensed candidates may apply through WECAN or may submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license(s), three (3) current letters of reference to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, PO Box 460 Wabeno, WI 54566. This position will remain open until filled.

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more nitrogen and phosphorus than a natural shoreline. Did you know one (1) pound of phosphorus can result in five-hundred (500) pounds of algae?

Another benefit of a buffer zone is that it provides habitat for insects such as grasshoppers and ants. These insects sometimes end up in the lake providing food for bluegills and other fish. Trees on the shoreline provide shade, with no shade the water warms up, this also affects certain fish species.

Structure setbacks are not only so you can't see the structure from the lake. This also helps the health of the lake. Structures that are set further back allow more room towards the lake for vegetation like shrubs and trees and help to stabilize the shoreline. The setback of a structure also will dictate the placement of a sanitary system. It is better to have all of this further back.

Many waterfront land owners wonder how the removal of natural vegetation on a single lot could harm the lake. The issue is not the one person on a single lot, the issue is when a majority of the owners do the same

By Order of the Forest County Highway Committee:

Bill Anderson, Highway Commissioner

## Meat Raffle cont. from pg. 1

This is the major fundraiser for the year. All the money earned is returned to the community. A partial list of functions and groups funded by the Wabeno Lions are:

- Two Wabeno scholarships
- St. John's and NEWCAP food pantries
- Wabeno Elementary Book Fair
- Rebel Youth Football and Rebel Youth Basketball Camp
- Wabeno Museum Fund
- High School Awards Banquet and Senior Banquet
- Eye Glass Early Screening program
- Padus Gun Club Youth Trap Shoot
- Annual Veterans Golf Outing

Although the club will not be visiting the local businesses to solicit prizes for the raffles, any donations you wish to make are certainly appreciated. You can contact any Wabeno Lions member or email President Paul Newton at pmnewt@plbb.us.

thing. It all adds up to poor lake quality.

You don't have to give up your lawn to create a natural wildlife friendly shoreline. Consider reverting 65-70% of your frontage back to natural. This still leaves an area big enough to enjoy with family for swimming and sunbathing. The County Lands Conservation office may be able to help with a cost share grant to rehabilitate your shoreline. Some of the native plants are beautiful and can make your yard look like a park (a healthy, lake friendly park).

Taking care of your property helps to take care of the lake and will provide many years of successful fishing and enjoyable swimming. This all protects the value of your lakefront property.

You may watch a short video about how shoreland zoning helps fish, wildlife and water quality at bit.ly/ShorelandZoningVideo. This link is case sensitive so make sure to pay attention when typing in the address.

Reference: WI DNR, UW Extension

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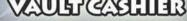
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