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The Kentuck Day Festival

## The Crandon Car Show



It is always nice to see a vintage car or truck that has either survived the ravages of time and use or put back in great shape through hard work and investment. The Crandon Car Show, on the grounds of the Packard, Weber Hill Funeral Home, is a large and lovely yard with shade trees and full visibility from the main street.

You will see vehicles of all descriptions and ages and you will likely have memories of the '57 Chevy you once owned or wished you had owned.

Just walk in. There is no cover charge. Food and drink will be available on the grounds.

To register a car is a \$15 fee, and you get a T-shirt, a dash plaque and a goodie bag. So, if you have a car you are proud of and would like to enter, please do so!

The show begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. There is a chance to win some money if you are an exhibitor. With your registration fee you receive a ticket for the drawing and you can win the 1st place of \$250, 2nd place is \$150, and third place is \$100.

So polish off that nice car and show up. There isn't judging of the cars, it is just a great chance to admire the beauty of the vehicles on display.

#### Come celebrate the 102nd year of the Laona Community Soup

It is Laona's 102nd Annual Community Soup! The Laona Lions Club has kept this tradition going for many years at Silver Lake Beach. The Lions Club partnered with the Laona Beautification Committee to name it "Souper Reunion" Weekend. All Laona High School students have been asked to come home for the special event.

The festivities will start Friday, August 4th, 2023; with classes gathering at different locations, then joining together at Laona's Centennial Park for Music at 4:00 by Dan Flannery followed by Jordan Blanchard & Band to take the stage at 6:30-11:45. Food vendors, refreshments and raffles will be part of the activities.

Saturday morning, August 5th at 9:00 a.m., lace up your shoes for the Annual Souper Run. The Laona EMS services put on this fundraiser for many age groups. Don't forget to register and join in the race or come to cheer!

Saturday at noon kicks off the main event: The 102nd year of the Community Soup. The Laona Lions Club will be serving soup, food, refreshments, and treats. They will also have raffles, kids games, music, reunion stories, special class recognition to share.

Please join the Laona Lions Club and Laona Beautification Committee in this fun filled "Souper" weekend.

#### **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 <u>lcc@co.forest.wi.us</u>.

# in Crandon



Sometimes a good moonshine business was cut short by the feds. Presumably, the gentleman posing with the confiscated still and barrels is a federal agent. As one old moonshiner said; "If you got caught, you just found another place to make your whiskey." It did provide jobs in the area when the big sawmill had burned down, and money was needed for daily living.

And, Crandon whiskey had a good reputation for quality.

By Mike Monte

The Kentuck Day Festival will be held in Crandon on the courthouse square this Saturday, July 29th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. At the same time, the Crandon Car Show will be held on the grounds of the Packard Funeral Home right near the square.

There will be vendors, live music, plenty of great food and drink, and lots of conversation. It is a celebration of the Kentucky immigrants who traveled north to make a new home in the forests of Forest County. It was the beginning of the last century, and there were jobs to be had in the new Page & Landeck sawmill on Clear Lake, and more jobs keeping the mill supplied with logs. On top of that, there was land available to start homesteads and farms.

Why come here from Kentucky? Northeast Kentucky, where most of the Kentucks came from, was struggling economically. As one old Kentuck told me, "We only had work part of the year, and the pay wasn't good. Land wasn't readily available." The ground was up and down, with prime farm land down in the valleys not available. The average farmer, as the old joke goes, had one leg longer than the other from walking on the sidehills putting in a crop. The timber, except on the steepest parts, was long ago harvested.

The Kentucks had their southern accent when they spoke, and it was certainly different than the New Englanders and even Canadians who were here chasing the timber as well. Many of the "upper class" business people looked down their noses at the Kentucks who invaded the area and also provided much of the muscle needed to keep the logging camps and sawmill running. The Kentucks also started farms and began to provide food products to the area. It should be noted that not all Kentucks came from a one-room school in the hills. Others, like Doctor Ison, showed up and provided medical treatment to the area. In fact, he built the building the Pioneer is located in. His brother, Luther, started a dental practice in Crandon.

Everybody in a new and growing community added something to the economy and well-being. In fact, when the big sawmill went out in 1921, prohibition started and the Kentucks showed they had skill in making whiskey that brought money into the area and jobs in running the illegal stills. It could be said it was a cottage industry that kept food on many tables. Some of the non-Kentucks who had followed the sawmill money moved on, but the Kentucks stayed and kept the economy, shakey as it was, running. It should be noted that other Kentucks made a mark on the area. The Crandon Hotel was built by a Kentuck named Art McMillion. The original Jim Sparks in the area had grocery stores in Crandon, Argonne, Nashville and Wabeno. There are still farms running that were started by a Kentuck, and it is safe to say that they were very important in building the community we enjoy today.

#### Armstrong Creek Polish Heritage Days this Saturday



Armstrong Creek will be celebrating it 32nd Annual Polish Heritage Day this Saturday, July 29th.

A Polish mass will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka. The parade will follow at noon.

From 12:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. The Nu Tymes Polka Band will share the pavilion with performances by the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers.

At 6 p.m. the Natural Talent Polka Band will perform until 10 p.m.

The event will have food, drinks, bounce houses, a corn hole tourney, petting zoo, craft vendors, chainsaw carving and plenty of good times!



#### Lake Lucerne Advancement Assoc. 5Kish Run & Walk

Okay! Time to get in shape! You can start your fitness program with the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association 5Kish Run & Walk. The event begins at the Lake Lucerne Advancement grounds on County W on Saturday, July 29th.

There will be shuttle bus to get you back to the grounds, and you will be in fine spirits to attend the Kentuck Day Festival at the courthouse square in Crandon.

The event begins at 9 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes, bring along some conversation so you can walk and talk, and be prepared to have a good time!

All proceeds will go towards Crandon Rescue's new ambulance.

#### Lake Lucerne Advancement Annual Family Fun Day Saturday August 5!

Mark your calendar for August  $5^{th}$  to attend the Annual Family Fun Day at LLAA Clubhouse located on Hwy W. Festivities begin at 10 am with the Auction inspection, start time will be at 10:30.

Great food and beverages will be offered 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join in on chances to win meat, gift cards, booze, etc. at the Fun Day Raffle. The Lucerne Raffle will feature outdoor furniture, tools, and PACKER TICKETS!

The Bouncy House, Corn Hole, Jenga, Golf Putting Ramp and an activity table will be there for the kids to enjoy! Hope to see everyone there!

#### Lucas Oil & Crandon International: A Long Partnership Continues

#### Swimmer's Itch Outbreak Plagues Wisconsin Lakes in 2023

Last weekend, I sent my grandbabies on a mission to catch some crayfish for my office aquarium. My youngest grandson came out of the lake and a few hours later said he was itchy. My daughter checked him out and I concluded that he has 'the itch.'

Swimmer's itch, also known as cercarial dermatitis, is a common skin condition caused by an allergic reaction to certain parasites found in freshwater bodies. This summer, Wisconsin is experiencing a significant outbreak of swimmer's itch.

#### Causes and Factors Contributing to the Outbreak

Swimmer's itch is primarily caused by parasitic flatworms, known as cercariae, which are naturally found in freshwater lakes and ponds. These microscopic parasites typically infect waterfowl, such as ducks and geese, as part of their life cycle. The cercariae are released into the water through the feces of infected birds and then seek out specific hosts, including humans, for a brief period. **Continued on page 08**  It is fitting that there is an event that celebrates those early Kentucks, who had the courage to migrate to a better economic place and start a new life.

The late Alton Ison used to say that there were two types of people in the world; "Kentucks and those that wish they were." Can't say we agree with that, but Alton got a lot of laughs out of dropping that line.

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For decades Crandon International Raceway and Lucas Oil have represented the patriotic spirit of the American Midwest. After joining forces in 2021 to help promote short-course racing and a growing off-road lifestyle, Crandon International Raceway and Lucas Oil continue sharing a powerful partnership that spans the iconic facility, its massive race events, and a collective contribution to the sport.

With June's historic 30th anniversary Forest

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**Argonne Fire Department** 

Saturday, August 12th

(see Fire Department Facebook page for more info)

• 7:00 a.m. - 5K Walk/Run registration

8:00 a.m. - 5K Walk/Run start

10:00 a.m. - Parade Lineup

## **AREA EVENTS**





GARAGE SALE -Saturday, July 29 at 703 N. Metonga Ave in Crandon, 8:30 am -4:30 pm. Bedding & quilts, dishes, Corning Ware, complete set of pots & pans like new, Bakeware, mens & womens clothing, shoes, waterfall fountain, bird houses, pictures, stain glass hangings, home and Christmas decor, seal & meal & much more. P17

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

\$5 A Bag. All clothing, Lots of

boys clothes. 5459 Cole

Road. Crandon July 28 &

July 29th from 9 am - 4 pm.

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CRAFTER VENDORS **NEEDED:** For Newald Craft Fair. August 19. 2023.NewaldCraftFair@g mail.com P18

GARAGE SALE - Friday, July 28th & Saturday, July 29th from 8am-2pm. Krause Residence, 1535 VanCleve Lane, Crandon. Tons of name brand teenage boys, mens and womens clothing, queen size mattress, desk, stools, golf clubs, bird houses, home decor, household items etc. P17

RUMMAGE SALE Hambone & Ranae Hobbs **RUMMAGE SALE:** CRANDON - 9407 Schalk Ln. (Pole barn), off Keith Siding Rd. July 29, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Reduce price. 50% off anything more than dollar on most items. Vintage table set, kitchen items, holiday items, Packer, clothes 2X sizes, craft items, added new things, Welder heaters and much more. P17

**GARAGE SALE: LAONA -**Schulz residence, 5218 Airport Lane. Friday, August 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, August 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Too much to list everything, but some of the items are: Pine twin size handcrafted headboard, Worx 40V cordless lawn mower with batteries, microwave cad, snow shovel, hanging light, bath vanity with sink, new luggage set, 18 qt. Electric roaster, wedding dress, vintage hats, bedding, towels, lots of home decor and jewelry, men's, women's and some boy clothes, shoes, jackets, shorts and jeans, and some BKE-Rock Revival. P18





## Music in the Park

The series starts on Wednesday, May 31 at the Elcho Community Pavilion. Food will be available to purchase as long as the supply lasts. Bring lawn chairs for seating. The event starts at 6:00 PM.

AUG 2, Red Higgins & Freedom Train Aug. 16, Bear Creek

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> Annual 5K-ish Run & Walk Sponsored by Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA)

Saturday, July 29, 2023 Race Day Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

At LLAA Clubhouse (4031 County W, Crandon WI)

All proceeds will be donated to help fund Crandon Area Rescue's new ambulance! **Pre-Registration Encouraged:** 

Visit our Facebook page for links to details, registration, payment info: https://fb.me/e/4ynSHXpnf

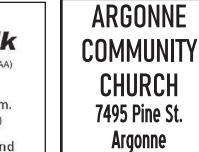
Parking available at the LLAA Clubhouse Transportation will be provided to the starting line of the race, with the last ride leaving at 8:40 a.m. Race will begin at 9:00 a.m.

#### For Old Times Sake





43rd Annual	
Souper Run	
Sponsored by Laona Rescue Squad & Laona Lions Club	
Saturday, August 5, 2023	
Race Day Registration starts at 7 a.m.	
At the Silver Lake Beach	
Pre-Registration is encouraged: http://runsignup.com/Race/Wi/Laona/LaonacommunitySouperRun	
Chip Timing by T & H	Awards to the TOP 3
Kids' Race begin at 9 a.m.	Classes: 20 to 29
1/4 mile (6 yrs and under)	6 & Under 30 to 29 7 to 11 40 to 49
$\frac{1}{2}$ mile (7 yrs to 11 yrs)	11 to 15 50 to 59
5K Run/Walk to Follow	16 to 19 60 & older



CHURCH 7495 Pine St. Argonne Argonne Community Church@gmail.com Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M. All Welcome

## **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.



Home, 9441 Hwy 32 Argonne, WI. August 4th & 5th from 8am-5 pm. Rain or shine. Household items, sporting goods, lots of boy brand name clothes, tools, plows for UTV, tires & etc. P18

**Multi-Family Rummage** Sale: 4472 Airport Lane, Laona. Friday July 28th 10am to 6pm, Saturday July 29th and Sunday July 30th 8am to 3pm. Household items and decor, women's clothing, boys clothing, kayaks, toys, kids games and much more. P17

This is a photo we have run in the past, but it is a good reminder of the ambition and business oriented thinking that the Crandon Kentucks had. Making whiskey was an art that came north from Kentucky, and many of the local Kentucks used it to make a living, both when prohibition passed and after 1933, when prohibition was lifted. It was still profitable, as our local moonshiners were cost competitive with licensed whiskey makers, and you can be sure there were no taxes added to the cost of this whiskey!



Pheasant hunting & lodging available! Call KJ at 715-889-9893

possible through the generous support of our landowner sponsors. Their willingness to partner with hunters and open their land is why this hunt continues to thrive."

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For more information, visit the DNR's Deer Hunting for Hunters with Disabilities webpage or contact Ally Magnin at ally.magnin@wisconsin.gov. Will buy Reloading equipment & supplies for rifle or shotgun. Will also buy antique guns -Shotguns, Rifles or Pistols Give me a call, we might make a deal! 715-478-3660 or 715-889-0811

WE BUY GUNS! We also sell & trade them. Stop in to see Jamie at CONWAY TRUE VALUE, Pioneer Plaza, Crandon or call 715-478-3617 FOR SALE: Quick attach 6 foot rock bucket. \$950.00 Call 715-487-5268 P18 Northwoods

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NEW SUMMER HOURS Thursday 4-8 pm • Friday 4-9 pm Saturday 4-9 pm • Sunday 4-8 pm



## Dining & Entertainment

Lake Avenue RESTAURANT & LOUNGE New American Food Scratch Made Pizza 3 Dining / Banquet Rooms - Seats 250 715-478-1010 www.LakeAvenueUSA.com 200 S. Lake Ave. Crandon, WI 54520 August Specials!

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<u>Caprese Flat Bread</u>- Roasted garlic tomatoes, fresh basil on a flatbread with a light olive oil base, drizzled with balsamic glaze

Asian Peanut Salad Fresh Romaine lettuce, shredded carrots, shredded red cabbage, Mandarine oranges, teriyaki grilled chicken, wontons with a peanut butter drizzle <u>Bloody Mary Burger</u>- hand pattied 1/3 lb fresh Angus burger seasoned & topped with a Bloody Mary aloe, bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, dill pickles and green olives on a grilled bun, served with chips

#### Bam Bam Chicken Sandwich-

Marinated Bam Bam chicken tenders with fresh sliced avocado, pepper jack cheese, with Bam Bam mayo, fresh tomato on a grilled pretzel bun served with chips & a pickle <u>Deep Fried Homemade Oreos</u> -Four homemade breaded (non dairy) deep fried Oreos

## **FAMILY NIGHTS**

Tuesday Nights - 4pm - 8pm Buy one- Get one 16" pizza ½ Off Wednesday - Thursday FAMILY NIGHT 4pm - 8pm 2 (two) one topping 16" pizzas - \$25 bucks!

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT



#### SMOKING THURSDay's BBQ BUFFET



Chef carved smoked Brisket, smoked Ribs, Pulled Pork and Smoked Sausage. Along with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Red Potatoes, Sweet Corn, BBQ Baked Beans, Smoked Chicken, White Mac and Cheese, and Seasoned Rice. Plus Salad Bar, corn Muffins, Potato Salad, Coleslaw and Dessert all for \$22.95

Serving 4:30 to 8:00 Every Thursday on the Patio Please call 715-649-3810 for reservations.

Main Street Ed's Sunday Brunch On the Patio

Started Sunday June 25 10:00 am-1:00 pm Broasted Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Sausage Links, Sliced Pit Ham, biscuits and Sausage Gravy, tashbrowns, Combeet Hash, Scrambled Eggs

Hashbrowns, Cornbeef Hash, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, and Syrup, Cubed Fruit, Yogurt, Salad Bar, Cinnamon Rolls, and Danish and other Desserts. \$12.95





**GEORGE**<sup>®</sup> by Mark Szorady



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#### Mandatory Fall Parent/Athlete **Meeting For Laona/Wabeno**

Mandatory Fall Parent/Athlete meeting is set for August 2, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at Wabeno High School. Laona/Wabeno parents and students are expected to attend in order to receive schedules, participation forms, handbooks, and all other pertinent information. Your attendance at these meetings is required so paperwork can be turned in before the season starts. Please contact the coach in advance if you have a conflict with this date.

A link will be provided on the Laona and Wabeno school Facebook pages for the Code of Conduct. Please be sure to check it out and submit the paperwork on-line.

> -Volleyball grades 9-12 will meet in the auditorium-grades 6-8 will meet in the small gym

> -Cross Country grades 6-12 will meet in the Library.

-Football grades 6-12 will meet in the big gym.

-Football practice starts August 8

-JHFB begins August 9

-Cross Country practices start August 14 -Volleyball grades 9-12 will start in

Wabeno and MS will start in Laona on August 14

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Boor at mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us



#### NOTICE **TOWN OF LINCOLN OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW**

**OPEN BOOK** The assessment roll will be open for public inspection at the Lincoln Town Hall, 5376 County Road W, Crandon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

BOARD OF REVIEW Will be held at the Town Hall, 5376 County Road W, Crandon on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

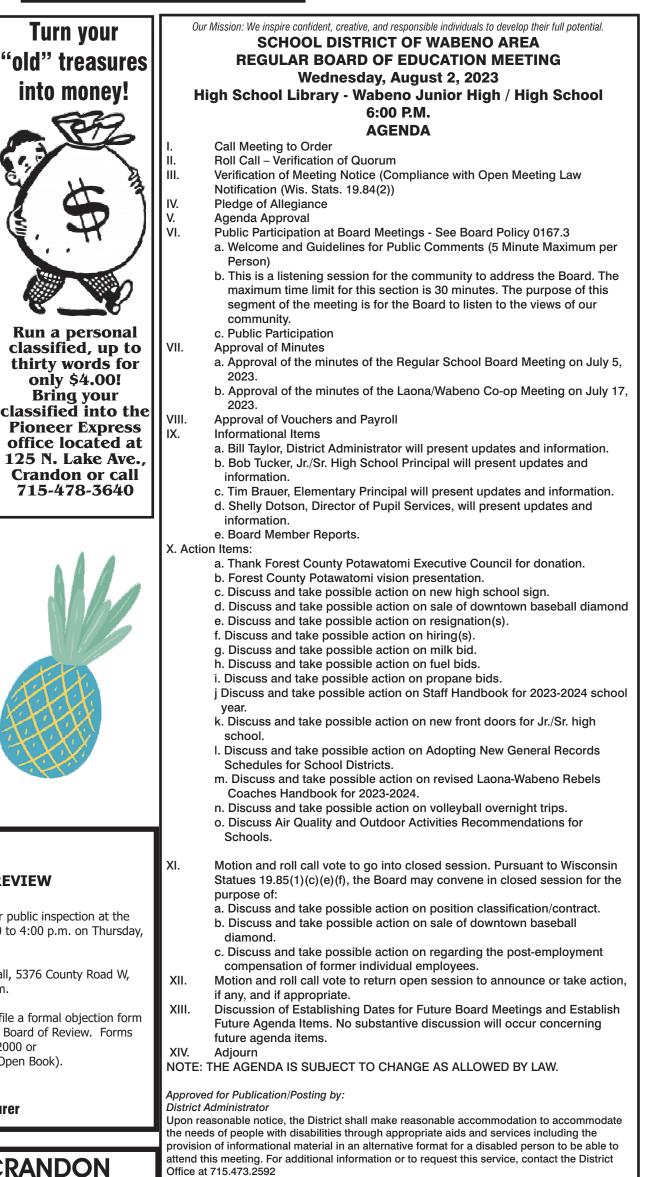
All persons wishing to appear at the Board of Review must file a formal objection form with the town clerk at least 48 hours prior to the day of the Board of Review. Forms will be available by contacting the Town Clerk at (715)889-2000 or townoflikncolnwi@gmail.com (or the Town Assessor at the Open Book).

Town of Lincoln,

**Tressa L. Votis, Clerk/Treasurer** 

## WATER LINE FLUSHING-CRANDON

#### **BIDS AND NOTICES**



On Monday August 14th, 2023 the Crandon Water & Sewer Utility will begin flushing fire hydrants. Flushing will continue thru Friday August 18th, 2023 and will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE A DROP IN WATER PRESSURE AS WELL AS SOME **DISCOLORATION OF THE WATER DURING THIS PROCESS.** 

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

PLEASE CONTACT THE CRANDON WATER & SEWER UTILITY AT (715)478-2836

WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, YOU MAY HAVE.

Sent to: Board of Education Administrative Team

Pioneer and Lake/Forest Beacon Newspapers

The agenda as noted above was sent more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on District Website: https://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/#



## **Bids & Notices**

## **TOWN OF WABENO**

#### Changes to prices at the Recycling Center Starting

#### August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

#### **Garbage Bags-**

#### \$ 2.00 - 13 gallon and below

\$ 4.00 14-32 gallon

#### \$ 6.00 33 gallon and above

The Town of Wabeno will not be doing Dump Days/Clean Up Days this year. You are still able to dump/recycle most of your items for a small fee. Fees are posted at the Recycling Center.

Tire prices are listed at the RC.

#### Anyone can drown, regardless of age or swimming level

As summer temperatures rise, swimming pools, lakes, and beaches become popular destinations for individuals seeking relief from the heat. While swimming is an enjoyable and refreshing activity, it is important to be aware of the potential risk of drowning.

Drowning is a silent epidemic that claims thousands of lives each year worldwide, with children and young adults being the most vulnerable.

In the United States alone, drowning remains the leading cause of unintentional death for children aged one to four years, and the second leading cause for those aged five to 14 years.

Adult drowning incidents often occur due to the failure to use life jackets during water activities, especially while boating, in addition to alcohol consumption and swimming in hazardous areas.

"Anyone can drown, regardless of age or swimming level," says Amanda Tabin, Safe Kids and Injury Prevention Coordinator at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. "People often overestimate their swimming ability and find themselves in risky situations. No matter the age or skill level, everyone should practice safety measures in and around water."

Here are some essential preventive measures to keep in mind while enjoying summer water activities:

**Supervision:** The presence of a responsible adult is nonnegotiable whenever children or inexperienced swimmers are near water. Drowning incidents can occur in mere seconds, making constant vigilance the primary safeguard against tragedies.

"Parents and guardians must not only be present but also physically and mentally alert when a child is in or around a body of water," says Amanda. "Drowning is silent and can happen very quickly. There can be very little splashing, waving or screaming. Once someone begins to struggle, you may have less than a minute to react."

**Swimming Education:** Enrolling children and adults in swimming lessons is an investment in safety. Basic swimming skills can provide individuals with the confidence to handle themselves in water and increase their chances of survival during unexpected circumstances.

Life Jackets and Floatation Devices: Whenever engaging in water activities such as boating, kayaking, or waterboarding, always wear approved life jackets or floatation devices. These simple pieces of equipment can make all the difference in a critical situation.

**Educating about Water Hazards:** It's essential to educate individuals about the dangers associated with specific water bodies, such as strong currents, undertows, and sudden drop-offs. Knowing how to identify and avoid hazardous areas can prevent accidents.

#### Crandon Raceway Cont. from pg. 1

County Potawatomi Crandon Brush Run and July 4th holiday now in the rear-view mirror, Lucas Oil and the Lucas Oil-owned MAVTV Motorsports Network continue their special relationship with the "Big House" as part of an ever-expanding family of Crandon corporate partners. For 2023 this partnership once again features high visibility onsite branding, lucrative purses at Lucas Oil-supported races and extensive coverage of Labor Day weekend's 54th Polaris Crandon World Championships.

Crandon International's iconic roadside barn, the only original building left on the former dairy farm property, will continue to be known as the "Lucas Oil VIP Barn." The historic roadside structure features illuminated signage on the barn's massive roof and wood-clad frontage. The most recent addition to Crandon is the newly erected "Lucas Oil Tech Building." Completed in August of 2022, the impressive four lane structure was built to expedite pre- and post-race vehicle inspections.

Lucas Oil is the official lubricant of the 400-acre Crandon International Raceway facility, with its products used exclusively throughout the fleet of vehicles needed to keep operations running smoothly. That includes street vehicles, a large group of Polaris Ranger, General and RZR side-by-sides and heavy-duty construction equipment from John Deere and Volvo.

"Crandon and Lucas Oil have been linked in the off-road world for decades, and we are proud to carry-on that tradition at the track and the upcoming Polaris Crandon World Championships," shared Lucas Oil Director of Partnership Marketing Brandon Bernstein. "I visited the event last year and was so impressed with the track, its history, the racing and the crowd. It's called the 'Big House' for a reason, and Lucas is honored to be part of it all in such a big way."

Crandon International Raceway is preparing to host the largest event in its storied history this Labor Day weekend. The 54th Polaris Crandon World Championship Off-Road Races®, featuring the Red Bull Crandon World Cup, will be held August 31 - September 3, 2023. An expected crowd of 65,000 fans is expected for this year -an event record. This year's Polaris World Championship will also witness the return of the Crandon Rocks concert. After successfully hosting Kid Rock in 2019, Crandon Rocks 2023 will welcome an additional projected crowd of 20,000 fans on Friday, September 1st for iconic rock band KISS as part of their "End of the Road" tour.

The massive gathering is the biggest, oldest, and most prestigious short-course off-road race event in the world. An expected field of over 400 teams includes Pro and Sportsman AMSOIL Champ Off-Road series racing as well as Ultra4 USA unlimited rock racing and even stock Class 11 VW sedans. The 8th annual Red Bull World Cup for Pro category racers will take place on Sunday, September 3 with the sport's best pro category drivers earning coveted Crandon World Championship titles before the most prestigious race of all -- the annual Red Bull Cup finale.

The packed schedule for the 54th Polaris Crandon World Championships is expected to feature 45 races over four days, with a wide variety of competitors and old competing in a wide range of truck, buggy and UTV categories.

#### Wabeno Lions presents Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Jan Volk



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A note from the three busmen (Mike, Christ & Bob) and Kristi...

We have decided to do a special trip twice a month to new places! This month will be a Monday trip to the St. Germain flea market and a Tuesday trip to Eagle River. Please let us know if you have anywhere else you'd like to take a trip for future bus schedules.

With Mark's retirement comes a few changes to the bus schedule. For the time being, we will be switching Monday's bus trips to Tuesdays. We ask that you call 715-784-1497 one day in advance if you would like to ride the bus.

The office on Aging is looking for responsible bus drivers. If you would like to apply, the application is on our website! Our meal sites are also looking for volunteer drivers to deliver to our homebound seniors. Our seniors rely on this service and any help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact 715-784-1497 if you have any questions or if you feel this would be an opportunity you would like to explore.

TUESDAY 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.

Walmart is a popular stop but we will attempt to take you wherever you wish. Then...LUNCH!!! (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1:00 and 2:00 most days.

> Thursday, July 27: Iron Mountain Tuesday, August 1: Rhinelander Thursday, August 3: Antigo Monday, August 7: St. Germain Thursday, August 10: Iron Mountain Tuesday, August 15: Eagle River Thursday, August 17: Rhinelander Tuesday, August 22: Antigo Thursday, August 24: Iron Mountain Tuesday, August 29: Rhinelander Thursday, August 31: Antigo

#### **Forest County Commission on Aging**



#### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - August 7 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, oat bread, fresh fruit

Monday - August 14 - Lemon pepper fish, baked potato, sour cream, peas, rye bread, creamy fruit salad

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - August 1** - Chicken salad on a croissant, romaine leaf and tomato, veggie chicken noodle soup,

crackers, pineapple, cookie **Tuesday - August 8 -** Chicken alfredo over linguini, broccoli, coleslaw, garlic breadstick, grapes

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - August 2** - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, whole wheat bread, applesauce cake

**Wednesday - August 9 -** Swiss steak, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, pineapple upside down cake

ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - July 27 - Meatloaf, green peas, cucumber salad, mashed potatoes, bread, cobbler Thursday - August 3 - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread, pie

**CPR Training:** Learn CPR to aid in life threatening drowning incidents. Having people trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) within the vicinity of aquatic facilities or activities can significantly increase the chances of survival.

"If you see someone drowning, immediately call for help or alert someone nearby to call 911. Do not enter the water if you are not trained in water rescue. Try to reach or throw a floating object to the person to help them stay afloat until professional help arrives," says Amanda.

It is vital for individuals, families, and communities to understand the risks associated with water activities and the necessity of adopting preventive measures.

By prioritizing water safety and promoting awareness, we can strive to reduce drowning incidents and ensure a safer and more enjoyable summer for everyone.



On June 12, the Wabeno Lions Club presented the Melvin Jones Fellow Award to one of its most respected and highly regarded members, Lion Jan Volk. This award was initiated by Lions International in 1973 to honor exemplary service and named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions International.

The foundation's highest award, this fellowship represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate. Lion Jan Volk truly represents these qualities.

Lion Jan has been a Wabeno Lions Club member since October 1, 1985. He has served 19 years as club treasurer and handled the funds for the Fish O Ree for many years. Beyond his dedication to handling club finances, Lion Jan has attended and worked on almost every Lion service project. Where there is a need, there is a Lion, and that Lion is consistently Lion Jan Volk. He's an example of "We Serve" to the entire Wabeno Lions Club. 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.







#### Spring surveys show mixed results for ruffed grouse, pheasant & waterfowl

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that data is now available from annual spring surveys of Wisconsin ruffed grouse, pheasant and waterfowl.

The spring waterfowl breeding survey indicated stable population numbers and habitat conditions for migratory birds. In contrast, the spring surveys showed ruffed grouse and pheasant counts below the 5-year average, including an 11% decrease statewide in ruffed grouse drumming activity from 2022.

The decreases observed in the ruffed grouse and pheasant populations in this year's surveys were not unexpected.

"We are entering the down phase of the 10-year abundance cycle," said Brian Dhuey, DNR Wildlife Surveys Specialist. "It is likely we will continue to see some declines in abundance in the coming years before we start to see increases, with the peak of the next cycle likely coming around 2029, 2030 or 2031. While the number of birds detected is down overall, there will still be pockets of good ruffed grouse abundance, although these areas will be fewer and harder to find this fall."

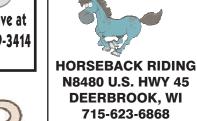
Pheasant populations are also down relative to historic averages. The department reported the 2023 average pheasant observations at 0.46 pheasants per stop, similar to 2022's average of 0.47 pheasants per stop. The count remains below the most recent 5-year average of 0.55 pheasants per stop. While pheasant numbers are down statewide, abundance was markedly higher in the northwestern part of Wisconsin's pheasant range than in the central or southeastern portions.

Similarly, wood duck populations decreased from 2022, although populations remain above the long-term average. The survey team also reported average to aboveaverage wetland conditions across the state during the survey period.

Surveyors estimated the state's breeding duck population at 545,065 birds, a 3.5% decrease from the 2022 estimate, yet 23.4% over the long-term average. Canada goose numbers are also slightly lower than 2022 yet remain 58.4% higher than the long-term average.

Conversely, The DNR's annual breeding waterfowl survey showed stable numbers for mallards and blue-winged teal, two of the state's primary breeding waterfowl. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has not shown any measurable impacts this year on waterfowl populations at a statewide or continental scale, and we had excellent nesting conditions immediately after the survey.





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#### For Old Times Sake



I know we have used this photo on other occasions, but it is a great shot and deserves more looks.

Wilcox was a guide with a lodge to house hunters and fishermen way back in the early 1900's, if not before. This cabin sat in a clearing on the north end of Stone Lake. Things change. Stone Lake became Lake Lucerne and this opening in the woods is now regrown with trees and brush. According to at least one old timer, Wilcox was the first in Forest County to run a tourist oriented business.



This photo of one of the Wilcox hunting parties is interesting. The well-dressed guy is no doubt the client, and is likely from the Uihlein family that owned the Schlitz brewery. This family ended up with a lodge and steam boat on the north end of the lake. The question is whether they decided to buy most of the land around Stone Lake after hunting with Wilcox?





#### DNR announces grant to build hunting community

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting applications for this year's round of funding for the Hunting Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) grant program. Funding from the grant program is used to help grow the number of hunters in Wisconsin and expand hunter activities.

The Hunter R3 grant funds projects that teach people the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to be responsible and safe hunters; provide instruction in safe firearm operations, ethics, game laws, outdoor survival, and first aid; and focus on hunter and recreational shooter recruitment.

A total grant pool of \$75,000 is available. Individual grant awards are normally limited to \$25,000. Cost-sharing funds can be awarded to individuals or community-based organizations, Wisconsin tribes, universities and schools.

#### Past grant recipient projects include:

 Archery range upgrades for urban after-school clubs Support for hunting-related expos focused on new audiences

•Learn-To-Hunt programs

• The purchase of outdoor wheelchairs for public use

The deadline to submit grant applications is 11:59 p.m. CST on Sept. 15, 2023.

You can find more information about applying, eligible items and resources on the DNR's Hunter R3 Grant Program webpage.

#### Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

The outbreak of swimmer's itch this summer can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, favorable environmental conditions, including warm water temperatures and stagnant or slow-flowing water, provided an ideal breeding ground for the parasites Additionally, increased populations of infected waterfowl, along with heightened human activity in the lakes, contributed to the higher prevalence of swimmer's itch cases.

#### **Symptoms and Impact on Public Health**

Swimmer's itch manifests as a skin rash or itchiness, which usually appears within hours of exposure to the parasites. The symptoms typically include small, itchy red bumps or blisters on the skin, accompanied by a tingling or burning sensation. Although the condition is not considered a severe health threat, it can cause considerable discomfort and inconvenience to those affected. My grandson felt better after a couple hours.

The dry conditions during the brood rearing period have not seemed to negatively impact brood success based on staff feedback.

Find these and other wildlife survey reports on the DNR's Wisconsin Wildlife Reports webpage. Unique Event For Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters

For those interested in waterfowl, the DNR is once again partnering to host the Waterfowl Hunters Expo on Aug. 26, 2023, at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.

The Waterfowl Expo's one-of-a-kind experience is open to waterfowl hunting enthusiasts of any age. The expo will feature hands-on exhibits for attendees to try and buy the latest in outdoor products and presentations from industry experts, habitat managers and waterfowl scientists. The event is family and dog-friendly, setting the stage for hunters to come together and experience everything waterfowl.

The Waterfowl Expo is also the new home of the state Waterfowl, Turkey and Pheasant stamp competition, as well as the state duck and goose calling contests.

More event and ticket information is available on the Waterfowl Hunters Expo website.

Gun nuts will appreciate the Winchester 73 in the dude's lap. Notice the barrel length. Winchester put on whatever length barrel the buyer wanted, and this guy obviously wanted to reach out and touch the deer before firing.

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Local health departments received a surge in reports of swimmer's itch cases, with both residents and tourists experiencing the discomfort associated with the condition.

The affected individuals often sought medical advice to alleviate symptoms and ensure proper treatment, resulting in increased strain on healthcare facilities

#### **Prevention and Management Strategies**

Preventing swimmer's itch requires a combination of personal precautions and environmental management. Swimmers and beachgoers are advised to avoid swimming in areas with high concentrations of waterfowl, where the risk of exposure to cercariae is greater. There have been a few ducks at the Lake Metonga Beach every morning. Additionally, promptly drying the skin with a towel and rinsing off with fresh water after leaving the lake can help minimize the likelihood of infection.

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.



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Josephine "JoJo" Rose

Alloway of Crandon passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 24, 2023, at home. She was born May 25, 1977, to Edward Sr. and Gloria (Llanas) Alloway in Milwaukee.

JoJo was very artistic, expressing herself through her Native American regalia and



beadwork. She was once offered a job as an instructor for beadwork, of which she was immensely proud. She enjoyed attending Pow Wows', camping; following the Pow Wow trail, cooking especially fry bread and chili (but she couldn't make biscuits, jokingly stated by her family). Later in life, she became a talented seamstress. She liked to take an occasional trip to the casino to play Keno. Her laugh was infectious, and personality was large. More than anything else, her family was of utmost importance to her.

Surviving JoJo is her mother, Gloria Alloway; daughters, Grace Alloway, Juanita Alloway, Sophrona Malone, Autumn Malone and Yolonda Alloway; sons, William (Tricia) Alloway, Joseph Alloway and Santos Alloway; sisters, Consquela Alloway and Dina (Ronald) Lemieux; brother, Edward Alloway Jr.; ten grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Alloway Sr.; sister, Tanya Alloway; and nephew, Howard Lemieux.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Services will be held Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Cultural Center with Mr. Joe Daniels presiding.

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

**Devonte William Harris** Lasher Jr. (aka ugabugga baby) passed away at home in Wabeno, WI on Monday, July 17, 2023. He was 4 months 3 days old. He was born March 13, 2023.

Devonte Jr. was and is a handsome baby. He brought so many people closer together. He was always so happy, his smile alone could light a whole house up.

His voice and giggles made everyone's day. He lived a full little life, he has drove to Florida with his parents, Starz Tomlin and Devonte Lasher Sr; has gone to the beach and seen a shark swim on shore. He does not like cold water. His family misses his kisses and cuddles. You can feel the love from Devonte Jr.

His family misses waking up and seeing his beautiful face. He loved when people laughed and smiled at him. He loved monkey noises from his father. He loved trying new baby Gerber foods. He loved being with his mother. His father loved seeing the mother and baby smiling together. He loved his nookies. He loved chicken baby food too (no one does, lol). He loved when dad let him try cool foods and drinks. He loved smiling when he pooped or peed on his parents. He loves the teddy his dad got him. He loved to call his grandma in Florida everyday! He loved car rides and car noises and dirt bike rides. He loved cuddles with the grandparents and watching movies with grandmas' and grandpas'. Loved walks with pma.

Devonte William Harris Lasher Jr. is survived by his parents, Starz Lea Tomlin and Devonte William-Harris Lasher Sr.; grandparents, Samuel Tomlin II, Nicole Tomlin, Jazmin Sacia, Darrick Sacia, Herb Daniels Jr., Sonya Daniels and Dennie Sheperd; aunties and uncles, Ramon Tomlin, Samuel Tomlin III, Asia Tomlin, Mya Sacia, Mekhia Terry, Dominic Sacia and Titi Ebony; his god father, Bambi Shepard; and his great-grandparents, Pamela (pma) Kissner, Samuel Tomlin I and Annie Tomlin.

He was preceded in death by great-grandmas, Georgia Harris, Cassie Thunder, Mac Harris and Donna Craubaugh; great-grandpas, Melvin Harris; and greataunties and uncles, Gail Howland and George Bailey.

A Celebration of Life will be held August 5, 2023 at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural building, 8130 Mish Ko Swen Drive, Crandon, Wisconsin from 10 a.m.- 6

A Celebration of life for Harold "Rocky" Ison will be held

#### **DEATH NOTICES**

Kevin H. Stewart, September 3, 1965 — July 19, 2023

**Kevin Harold Stewart** peacefully left this Earth in the early morning hours of July 19, 2023, to join His loved ones in Heaven. Kevin was welcomed into this world on September 3rd 1965 by Richard and Carol {Wood} Stewart and sisters Donna, Cheryl and Barbara. Baby sister Lisa would join the family two years later.



Being the only boy and the first grandson on the Wood side needless to say he was spoiled. He handled it well having all those sisters. He was a typical boy and encouraged Mom {not by choice} to learn how to do butterfly stitches. Kevin had an amazing sense of humor and made friends easily. This lead him to a job he loved as an auto parts manager at Auto Zone. His health started to cause some issues and due to diabetes he had to take an early retirement. In 2012, he was the recipient of a new kidney and was blessed with a perfect match. He fought many health battles and won most of them but diabetes won the war.

Kevin is survived by His Earth Angel Rhonda Hackstock, Sisters Donna Stewart, Cheryl Stewart, Barbara {David} Wolff, and Lisa {Jaime} Phillips, his son Skyler Stewart and nephews Kyle Stewart, Justin Wolff, Bruce Moore and Richard Webb.Niece Kelsey Wolff. Great nieces and nephews Kaliyah, Aspen, Kordell, Salena, Preston, Jordan and Natalie. He is further survived by Aunts and Uncles, Kathy {Charlie} Cross, Virginia {Gary} Lee, Richard Wood, Betty Faust and Louise {Robert} Kumbera.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Carol, grandparents Harold and Bertha Wood and Arthur and Florence Stewart. Aunts Lois Wickham, Regina Gumm and Elsie Murray.

The Family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses at UW Madison, Aurora Oshkosh and Theda Clark Appleton Hospitals for all the years of exceptional care for Kevin. Thank you also to the staff at Oakridge Gardens Nursing Center in Menasha for your care the past few months. Thank you to Carmen at Heart of the Valley Cremation Services for making this difficult time so much easier.

Steven Allen Hauser, 71, from Laona passed away on Monday, July 17, 2023, at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau after a brief illness. Steve was born on May 18, 1952, only son of Floyd & Roseal (Dresang) Hauser. He graduated from Shiocton High School in 1970, and entered the Army in 1972, with an honorable discharge in 1974, serving in Mannheim, Germany.



Steve married Lucy Buelow on April 28, 1979. They farmed in the Town of Maine, milking cows & later raising beef cattle. Steve helped the kids with their 4-H projects for many years, as they showed pigs, steers, turkeys, ducks and geese at the Outagamie County Fair. He attended all his kids' sporting events and was the loudest fan in the stands. Steve also worked at Shiocton Kraut Factory, RiverRail, Avis Rent-a-Car, & Huettl Bus Lines. They owned a cottage on Fay Lake for many years before moving to Laona. Steve liked collector Cadillacs and proudly drove his three cars as often as he could. He was an avid Packers fan, attending many games with his friend, Ronnie, going to the Shawano Stock car races with his friend, Tom Spoehr, and watching the Brewers on TV. Steve enjoyed playing Sheepshead, and was well known for picking on a really weak hand because he did

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John Joseph Larson was a faithful husband, loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He departed this world for his heavenly home on July 22, 2023 at the age of 83. As a true servant of the Lord, he put others before himself. This was exemplified by his giving nature and steadfast commitment. He valued hard work, honesty, and



was unwavering during trials.

While serving in the National Guard, John Larson also worked at Patz Sales Corporation and owned and operated Camp Lake Resort (The Gingerbread Cottages) in Mountain, WI with his wife, Esther. Much of his time was spent cutting the endless amounts of firewood needed for the cottages, as well as his own home. Each year he eagerly anticipated the annual fishing trip to Canada and hunting with his family in Carter, WI.

He is survived by his wife Esther, his four children and their families; Tim (Becky) Larson, Paula (Jason) Zuelke, Steve (Wendy) Larson and Sarah (Jimmy) Sarratt; two sisters, Patsy Shepard and Bonnie Schultz, as well as 19 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Maple Valley Community Church, 8992 County Hwy Z, Suring. Funeral at 11 A.M. Potluck meal to follow. Please bring a dish to pass.

Sent from Fulcer Funeral Services.

#### **Darlene Ann (Peil) LaBombard** May 11, 1937 - June 4, 2023

Darlene Ann LaBombard passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 4th with family and a friend by her side. She was the eighth of twelve children born to Carl and Elsie Peil of Baileys Harbor, WI.

She married Roger LaBombard on December 28, 1957 and they had two children; Jack Lee and Cindy Ann. They divorced in 1975 and she and her children moved back to Wisconsin to Sturgeon Bay.

She worked many jobs over her lifetime, most of her time working as a bookkeeper. She was a jack-of-all trades: writing poetry, researching family history, painting, carving, knitting and crocheting. She especially loved to sew quilts and pillowcase dresses for children around the world, delivered by the Orphan Grain Train for 15 years. She also loved making lap blankets for the "elderly."

Darlene's love lives on in the hearts of her son and daughter, Jack (Michelle Ritz) LaBombard, Cindy (Bruce) Burton, two grandchildren Brent (Heather) Burton and Kristen (Alex) Boettcher, two great-grandchildren Sadie Burton and Henry Boettcher; two brothers, Ervin and Jerry Peil and one sister, Esther Gauger, and many other dear relatives and friends. Her greatest gift in her life were her family and friends.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers and four sisters, Ralph, Harold, Donald and Carl Peil, Helen Seiler, Deloris Heling, Margaret Sawyer and Judy Peil.

A celebration of life will be held graveside on Saturday, August 5 at 1 p.m. at Baileys Harbor Cemetery with Pastor Gary Scharrig, Immanuel Lutheran Church, officiating

Loving mother and dog mom, Agnes M. Jakubiec, 1948-2023, passed away May 27, 2023 under hospice care in Brookfield, IL with her daughter by her side.

She grew up in Goodman and graduated from Goodman High in 1967. She soon left for Chicago to stay with relatives and explore the big city. She worked for many years in family practice and administration at the



University of Illinois at Chicago and retired in 2001.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy, who lives in Chicago; and her beloved sister, Linda Stebbins-Trey of



at Jameson's 1930 Inn on Saturday, July 29 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A Memorial Service for Ray Hamilton will be held on Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Crandon.



not like leasters.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Lucy; children: Brian (Ashley) Hauser and their daughter, Lorraine, Plymouth; Aaron (Ana) and their sons, Caius & Henric, Appleton: Julie (Shaka) McPhov, Floral Park, New York. Sisters: Jean (Mike) Birling, Black Creek; Jan (Rob) Pankow, Hortonville; Ann (Rich) Ruppel, Hortonville; Bonnie (John) Peterson, Shiocton; brothers-in-law: Ray (Marge) Buelow, Hortonville; Paul Buelow, Hemet, California; numerous nieces and nephews, Hauser cousins & Dresang cousins, cardplaying friends, Up North buddies, McDonalds group, Meet & Eat classmates, and his favorite farmer friend, Ronnie Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Ruth Buelow; sister, Shirley Wendt; nephew Cody Ruppel & niece Courtney Ruppel.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Cardiac ICU at Aspirus Hospital for their compassionate care of Steve.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Armstrong Creek.

## 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.



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Duties include core academic grade monitoring, homework completion monitoring, homework completion monitoring and assistance in English, math, science, and social studies related courses, and test prep as needed/appropriate. Starting hourly wage will be \$16.00 to \$18.00 per hour depending on experience and education. Life insurance, paid holidays, and retirement are available. Health insurance is not available with this position.

The ideal candidate will have an associate degree in any area or can demonstrate ability to assist students with English, science, math and social studies subject area coursework. In addition, the applicant should enjoy working with adolescents in grades 6 through 12. Native American preference applies as required by Title VI grant requirements. Questions regarding this position may be directed to Deb Kruger 715.276.7404.

Applications are available from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/EmploymentOpportun ities/Employment Applications. Send an application along with 3 current letters of reference to William Taylor, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, Wi 54566. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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#### Help Wanted – Laona School District

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If you are interested in being added to any of our substitute lists, please call Larry Palubicki/District Administrator at 715-674-2143 ext. 202.

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#### Middle School Teacher Vacancy School District of Laona

The School District of Laona is seeking a fulltime Middle School Science and Social Studies teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. This position will be responsible for science and social studies instruction and curriculum for students in grades 6-8. Candidates must have a valid and appropriate Wisconsin DPI license. The candidate must exhibit a desire and ability to work with and relate to middle school students. The candidate must also be able to communicate effectively with students, parents, colleagues and the community as well as be able to utilize building technology for instructional purposes.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license and 3 current letters of recommendation on WECAN or submit to:

School District of Laona Larry Palubicki - District Administrator 5216 Forest Ave Suite A Laona, WI 54541 The posting will remain open until filled. This

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#### Wabeno Area Players hold auditions for comedy, "Four Old Broads"

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The Wabeno Area Players would like you to join them for their production of the uproarious comedy, "Four Old Broads," by Leslie Kimball. Open auditions are set for August 7 and 8 at 6 p.m. in Nancy Volk Auditorium.

As the play opens, retired burlesque queen Beatrice desperately needs a vacation - and not another trip to "that precious little German village for the umpteenth time!" A sassy Senior Cruise is just the ticket if she can convince her best friend, Eaddy Mae, to stop praying and go with her. Unfortunately, things have not been very pleasant at Magnolia Place Assisted Living since Nurse Pat began working there. The newest resident, Imogene, is suddenly losing her memory. Maude is obsessed with her favorite soap opera and planning her own funeral. Sam, a retired Elvis impersonator, keeps trying to seduce every woman in the building. A mystery unfolds at Magnolia Place; with laughter and hilarity the Four Old Broads try to solve it. If they can, they may make it to the cruise! The characters needed for the cast are 1-2 males and 5-6 females including: Beatrice, a former burlesque star with an attitude and is a senior citizen; Eaddy Mae, a former nurse and "religious" lady and is a senior citizen; Imogene, the newest resident of Magnolia Place and is a senior citizen; Pat, a rude and pushy nurse in her forties; Maude, a funeral and soap opera obsessed frump and a senior citizen; Sam, a retired Elvis impersonator and Casanova senior citizen. Mary Sue, a quiet romancenovel-loving nurse in her thirties. The dates of the show are October 6, 7, and 8. There will be three rehearsals a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Fridays. Audition materials are available at area libraries. The play is under the direction of Carol Bartlein. Call 715-473-5466 with questions.

## For Old Times Sake



This is an early Armstrong Creek homestead. The land was likely purchased from the Armstrong Creek Lbr. Co., who had no use for it after the timber was cut. These rugged people dug stumps and hauled rocks until there was a farm that is likely a very pretty farm today. Grit and determination were there best traits. They also didn't want to go back to Pittsburgh and work in a smokey steel mill!

This picture doesn't look much different than the Kentuck homesteaders of the same period. A short talk with them, and you would notice the different speech accents, however!







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This was the hub of Armstrong Creek at one time. If you were going anywhere or just arriving, this is the first building you entered in Armstrong Creek. The Soo Line put Armstrong Creek on the map in 1887, along with Argonne and all the other towns along the new rail line. It was the door to the outside world. There was no Hwy 8, and nobody had a car anyway.

This railroad and depot was actually the gateway to the rest of the world. As can be seen, the train is loaded with logs headed to the sawmill. And, if you wanted to take in a Broadway play in New York, the train is how you got there. This likely didn't happen too often.

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There were three arts categories: Painting/Drawing, Digital Art and Photography.) Also, students were judged at two levels: High School and Middle School. There were no entries for Digital Art and Photography in the Middle School.) In the High School Drawing/Painting Category:



First place: Kendall Tichenor, Crandon

Second place: Grace Krawze, Laona

Third place: Destiny Gilligan,

art contest

Honorable mentions: Lizzie Bruders, Goodman-Armstrong Creek; Layla Vang, Goodman-Armstrong Creek; Danny Harris, Laona

#### In the High School Digital Art Category:

First place: Kelsey Beaber, Wabeno Second place: Alex Jenkins, Laona

Third place: Cameron Sorenson, Laona

#### In the High School Photography Category:

First place: Xavier Fox. Laona

#### In the Middle School Drawing/Painting Category:

First place: Izzy Popp, Wabeno

Second place: Kyla Barea, Wabeno

Third place: Luke Lampereur, Wabeno

Honorable Mention: Rya Shampo, Wabeno

Artist John Graff supplied some nice gifts for the participating students. Graff is an artist who specializes in fish paintings. Due to health issues, he could not attend, but his lovely paintings of fish native to the Northwoods will be a keepsake for each of the students for many years to come.



The High School student artwork



The Middle School student art work

John Graff fish painting that was one of the prizes for the artists

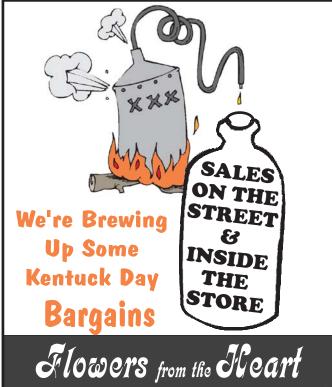
## And a Fine Time Was Had By All!



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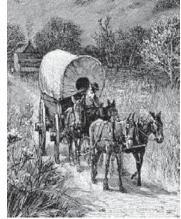




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