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#### **Conservation Corner**

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Department. For more information, contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director, at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

#### **Private Well Testing for PFAS Contamination in Northern** Wisconsin

Recent concerns about the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the region's private wells have raised alarm among communities. PFAS, a group of man-made chemicals known for their water- and grease-resistant properties, have been linked to potential health risks.

PFAS contamination has gained attention due to its adverse effects on human health and the environment. These chemicals have been associated with a range of health concerns, including developmental issues, immune system disruption, and an increased risk of certain cancers. Since Northern Wisconsin's population often relies on private wells for drinking water, addressing potential PFAS contamination is of paramount importance to safeguard public health and the environment.

In 2022, the DNR offered free testing of municipal water systems in Wisconsin. Locally, the Wabeno Sanitary Board was first to get their water tested and found little or no trace of PFAS. The other municipalities soon followed. Laona Sanitary and the City of Crandon also reported little or no PFAS.

Most recently, the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Committee recommended PFAS testing for the wells located at Veterans Memorial Park on the South end of Lake Metonga. The results came back this week and I'm happy to report PFAS chemicals weren't present.

Understanding the sources of PFAS contamination is crucial for effective mitigation. In Northern Wisconsin, potential sources include industrial activities, firefighting foams, landfills, and wastewater treatment plants. Runoff from firefighting training sites and manufacturing facilities can infiltrate the groundwater, affecting private wells that draw from these sources. Additionally, the region's reliance on septic systems may lead to PFAS entering the groundwater through household products containing these chemicals.

Private well owners in Northern Wisconsin play a pivotal role in protecting their families' health. Regular testing for PFAS contamination is crucial to identify any potential risks associated with well water consumption. It is recommended that well owners test their water at least annually, especially in areas where PFAS contamination has been detected. Testing can provide valuable insights into the presence of these chemicals and help inform necessary actions.

A variety of testing methods can detect PFAS contamination in private well water. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and mass spectrometry are commonly used techniques that provide accurate measurements of PFAS concentrations. Laboratories specializing in environmental testing can analyze well water samples for various PFAS compounds, allowing for a comprehensive assessment of contamination levels. It is important to choose a certified laboratory with experience in PFAS analysis to ensure reliable results. We're fortunate in Forest County that we have such a facility. I'm referring to Northern Lake Service in Crandon. They will provide PFAS testing for private wells in the surrounding

Raising awareness about PFAS contamination and the importance of private well testing is a shared responsibility among local governments, health organizations, and community members. Public education campaigns can inform residents about the potential risks, testing procedures, and available resources. Collaborative efforts between governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private citizens can help establish monitoring programs and advocate for stricter regulations to prevent PFAS contamination.

Protecting the health and well-being of Northern Wisconsin's residents and preserving its natural beauty hinges on proactive measures to address PFAS contamination. Private well testing serves as a vital tool in identifying and mitigating potential risks associated with PFAS exposure. By recognizing potential sources of contamination, utilizing accurate testing methods, and fostering public awareness, communities can take decisive action to ensure safe and clean drinking water for current and future generations. 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.

#### 54th Polaris Crandon World Championships to celebrate Dirt, Rocks, and Rock N' Roll Five Day Off-Road Festival to be a record breaker



For 54 years, Crandon International Raceway's well-known nickname as the "Big House" was built on hosting and producing the world's biggest and best offroad races. That reputation has only grown since the track's epic 50th anniversary in 2019 thanks to constantly expanding participation by race teams and record attendance. Yet nothing in Crandon's storied history has eclipsed the upcoming Polaris Crandon Championships and Red Bull World Cup weekend.

One glance at today's newly-released Labor Day weekend World Championship schedule is proof positive that Crandon's unique place among major American motorsports events is solidified. From a Friday night stadium-level Crandon Rocks KISS concert presented by Potawatomi Casino Hotels to four-action packed days and nights of 51 racing events, the 2023 Polaris Crandon World Championships and Red Bull World Cup reflect a highly cooperative convergence of three race series, engaged corporate partners and more than 425 competitors expected from America, Mexico and Canada.

With 2,100 fan and racer sites in Camp Crandon (sold out a record six months in advance) and the addition of an estimated 15,000-plus fans for the KISS "End of the Road" tour concert, track officials are preparing for a combined weekend crowd of more than 80,000 guests to the 400-acre facility -- easily the largest ever at Crandon.

Featuring the Pro and Sportsman classes of the AMSOIL Championship Off-Road Series, the rockpounding Ultra4 USA Series and the new crowd favorite of the Class 11 category for classic Volkswagen Beetles, the weekend offers fans the highest quality of competition the sport has to offer. Crandon is the largest, oldest and most prestigious short-course off-road race in the world, and gathers the best drivers going all-out to win coveted Crandon World Championship titles and rings for all class winners (Saturday for Sportsman and Sunday for Pro categories).

The amount of world-class competition including the unlimited machinery in the Pro and category truck, buggy and UTV classes, free concerts in additional to KISS, a parade in downtown Crandon and fireworks all add up to the best value in America motorsports. The cost of a Labor Day weekend World Championship wristband is just \$75, with single day admissions available for \$40.

Crandon's 2023 World Championship schedule includes several new additions designed to keep fans entertained all weekend long. Thursday will feature full allday practice and qualifying before the spotlight shines on the sport's youngest racers as part of first annual Crandon Youth Cup. Six categories of drivers ranging from age seven to 18 will compete for cash, prizes, and the weekend's first checkered flags.

Friday's 54th Lucas Oil Labor Day Parade will kick-off a big day in fine style, with all the race teams welcome to bring their vehicles to downtown Crandon before an old-fashioned parade celebrates a favorite American holiday. Then it's back to the track for an afternoon and early schedule of AMSOIL Championship Off Road and Ultra4 USA racing, including the first ever Crandon Cup-style race featuring a duel between Pro Lite and Pro Buggy racers separated by a timed staggered

That full slate of races are a preliminary warm-up act for the massive KISS concert, which takes place on the facilities concert grounds beginning at 9 p.m. Produced in association with the Potawatomi Casino Hotel and Rock N' Brews Restaurants, tickets for the Crandon Rocks KISS concert are available at www.crandonrocks.com.

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### Trump Lake Walleye **Fundraiser**



The Trump Lake Walleye Fundraiser is always a fun event, and it also helps Trump Lake.

See us online at pioneerexpresscrandon.com

The event is this Saturday, August 19 at the Trump Lake Pavilion. The fun starts at noon and runs until 5 p.m. You won't go hungry or thirsty at this get together either. Try the booyah!

There will be a silent auction, a kids sawdust pile, meat and tool raffles, and 50/50 raffle and much more. All are welcome.

If you are on Hwy 32 between Laona and Wabeno, watch for Padus Road running east and follow it until you see the crowd.



#### Laona VFW Corn Boil

The Laona Cook-Elfors VFW Post is sponsoring their Annual Corn Boil this weekend, Saturday, August 19 at Silver Lake Beach in Laona.

Come and enjoy a good time on the beach with entertainment, prizes, food, and like always, free corn for

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket and get a chance to win ½ a cow or some cash prizes! See ad in this issue!

#### Wabeno Area Players cancel "Lumberjacks & Weddingbelles"

The Wabeno Area Players presentation of Lumberjacks and Weddingbelles on August 18, 19, and 20 has been cancelled. The Players are sorry that they were unable to produce the show this weekend.

HOWEVER, the group is already working on their next show, the hilarious comedy, Four Old Broads. The show has been cast and the Players are excited for their three performances on October 6, 7, and 8 ant the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno.

#### **Rolling Stone Lake Association** Big Rummage Sale

The Rolling Stone Lake Association will be having their big rummage sale on East Shore Road in Pearson on August 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on August 31 and September 1 with the same hours. The sale will also be held on September 2 from 8 a.m. until noon.

The big headquarters will be full of all kinds of good merchandise, from furniture, bedding, dishes glasses and lots of decorations.

There will also be stuff for men and women and plenty of stuff for the baby.

Food will also be served, and all proceeds will go to support the Rolling Stone Lake Association and help the quality of the lake. See the ad in this issue!

# Padus Gun Club 50 Bird Lewis Shoot Sat.

Grab your gun and have some fun! The Padus Gun Club 50 Bird Lewis Shoot is this Saturday at the range on Padus Road between Laona and Wabeno.

There will be prizes for Top Gun, the Lucky Number and more. There will be plenty of good food and drink, and there might even be a lot of conversation!

The shoot begins at 9 a.m. and will run until everybody wears out. All are welcome!

#### Book Sale **Lakes Country Public Library**

The Friends of Lakes Country Public Library will host a book sale on Friday, September 1 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, September 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A large selection of fiction and non-fiction books will be sold and this sale will also feature fall theme puzzles, cookbooks and DVDs, and authors of mystery, thrillers, and suspense. The Friends are still accepting donations of gently used items. Proceeds from this sale will be used to support fall programming for adults and children. If you are interested in joining or helping the Friends, please contact the library at 715-276-9020.





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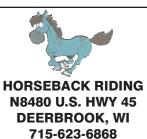
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#### Crandon student receives **WATDA** Foundation Automotive **Technician Scholarship**

There is a solution to the current and future demand for skilled transportation technicians. The statewide technician talent shortage is real, and dealerships and shops are facing historic technician shortages in automotive, collision, and diesel positions. The Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association (WATDA) Foundation, supported



by dealerships and other industry partners, annually awards scholarships to students across the state pursuing their education in automotive, diesel, motorcycle or collision at the Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

Among the recipients is Rose M. Alloway of Crandon, WI. She will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship sponsored by Dick Burany of Fort Myers, Florida in memorial to this parents, Frank and Helen Burany. In addition to the scholarship, Alloway will receive a tool set valued at \$4,855 from Snap-on Corporation headquartered in Kenosha, WI. Alloway is attending the automotive program at Nicolet Technical College (NATC) in Rhinelander, WI.

The WATDA Foundation has proudly awarded more than 2,300 transportation scholarships since its founding.





The guitar player on the left is an old Argonne guy who spent his teen years picking on a guitar. He is Craig Hansen, now from Stevens Point. Craig and his group play at Argonne Day every year. The band Train Wreck followed with music into the evening.

#### **Argonne Day 2023**



Argonne Day was very well attended. The parade started at 11 a.m. and was followed by kids games and lots of food and drink. There were several greased pig contests for different age groups. As can be seen by these photos, there were lots of people, and they had fun.

The greased pig in the photo below actually escaped through the fence and had to be caught and brought back for the kids to catch. The music was good, and a good time was had by all!













#### AREA EVENTS



# RUMMAGE SALES

# P & R Rolling Stone Rummage Sale

N10545 East Shore Rd. Pearson

Aug. 25 & 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 2, 8 a.m.-noon Large building full of bedding, bed, furniture, dishes, glasses and decorations. Men's stuff, lots of \( \) baby items, bouncy chairs, bedding, and high chair. Also lots of clothes, jackets and coats of all sizes - men's, women's, plus women's and kids.

#### Will have food

All proceeds go to the Rolling Stone Lake Association

**MOVING SALE: WABENO** LAST CHANCE! - Jim & Carol Eernisse Saturday August 26, 9am-4pm. Added new items. Author & sister, Betty (Sorensen) Whites children books for



MOVING SALE ARGONNE - Byler residence, 8624 Cty. Rd. P. Aug. 25 and 26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Concrete blocks, 40 gal. propane hot water heater, 30 gal. Electric hot water heater, grill, bottom feed propane furnace, used windows, doors, trim, paneling, household items, too much to list. Priced to

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: CRANDON - 103 S. Park Ave. Aug. 18 and 19, 8a.m.-4 p.m. 50+ vintage items and collectibles, PS4, TVs, clothes, household, furniture, tools, toys, yard. Something for everyone.



# **ARGONNE COMMUNITY** CHURCH **7495 Pine St.**

**Argonne** Argonne Community Church@gmail.com

Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M. All Welcome

#### Music in the Park

Bear Creek Band will play Aug. 16 and Bobby Vintage will perform Aug. 30, both at 6 p.m., at the Elcho Community Pavilion. Food will be available to purchase as long as the supply lasts. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

#### **Crandon Library** puts Storytime on pause for a couple of weeks

Crandon Library is taking a pause on Storytime. Storytime is off from August 15th-29th at the CPL. We will return again on Tuesday, September 5th.



Food

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Refreshments



**Armstrong Creek** 

Tuesday, August 22nd • 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wabeno

Wednesday, August 23rd • 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Laona, Lakewood & Crandon Offices Thursday, August 24th • 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Drawings, Prizes & Lots of Fun! Stop in at one of our locations and let us show you our appreciation for your loyalty!

**COOKIES SERVED** 10:30 AM - 1 PM THURSDAY, AUG 24 AT: Crandon, Schaefer's Branch

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Sunday, August 20, 2023 2 p.m. at Charlies on the South Side of Lake Metonga

**Lucas Oil Crandon Labor Day Parade September 1st** Float competition in Downtown **Crandon!** 

Build a float for a chance to win! Every constructed float will receive 2 weekend tickets.

Floats will be judged by an independent panel and prizes will be awarded by mail.

Parade line up is 11AM at the south end of Lake Ave.

Get in on the fun and win! 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,500 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,000

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#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOREST COUNTY**

Social Services – Child Protection Professional Forest County is currently accepting applications for the position of Child Protection Professional. This position is full-time, forty (40) hours per week. The Child Protection Professional will work under the direction of the Department of Social Services Director.

Application materials, including the position description and summary of benefits may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520 or by calling (715) 478-2422.

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#### **Forest County Sheriff's Office Job Notice**

Forest County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for Full-Time Correctional Officers

#### \*No experience needed\*

\$20.51/hr and 80 hours of vacation after 1 year of employment \$1,500 bonus after 6 months, \$900 clothing allowance after 1 year, \$1,500 bonus after 18 months and progressive pay scale.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be age 18 or older, no felony convictions, have a high school diploma or GED, and have a valid Wisconsin driver's license. SALARY & BENEFITS: 40 Hours of Vacation after 90 days, Pay Wage and Vacation time increases with longevity. Benefits include: Wisconsin Retirement Fund, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Sick Leave, Vacation Time, 9 Paid Holidays, UniformAllowance, and Deferred Compensation. APPLY: Application and background packet available at the Forest County Sheriff's Department or Submit Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Form DJ-LE-330 Application. Email applications to: jmarvin@forestcountysheriff.org or awalrath@forestcountysheriff.org. Mail applications to: Chief Deputy Alex Walrath

Forest County Sheriff's Office 100 South Park Avenue Crandon, WI 54520

Applications also available at the Forest County Sheriff's Office or online at https://wilenet.widoj.gov/employment/employment-opportunities/780 or at https://wilenet.widoj.gov/training-standards/officer-training-employment-

All questions on the application **must** be completed, including Section 6 - Questions A, B & C. Please supply your social security number on the application.

Please supply a valid phone number & email address on your application.

<u>NOTE</u>: Successful applicants will be required to submit to a written examination, oral interviews, background investigation, physical fitness test and drug testing.

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# **HELP WANTED**

#### FOREST COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES Employment Opportunity

The Forest County Department of Social Services is currently accepting applications for a Limited Term Employee with a possibility of 40 hours per week. Preferred applicants will have at least two years of related experience in the social work field and be able to work well with people.

Applicants' duties/responsibilities include but are not limited to: providing paperwork assistance and support services to the staff in all Child Welfare Units. Helps supervise visits for families, entering data for workers, assisting staff in tracking and making client referrals for transportation, therapy, parenting classes and other referrals.

Working in eWiSACWIS uploading documents, tracks and requests supporting documents for staff in the Child Welfare Units as well as assisting with foster home recruitment and retention activities. Applications and position description may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520

# **Northwoods Evergreen**

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#### **HELP WANTED**

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#### **Substitute Teachers Needed!**

The School District of Wabeno Area is in great need of substitute teachers. If you possess a Bachelor's Degree or Associates Degree, you are eligible to get a substitute license. Our Educational Leaders will work with you to orient you to the substitute teaching transition. They will also help get the required forms filled out and sent in for your substitute license. Whether you are available for one day per week or any other amount of time, we will utilize your skills to help benefit our students.

If you are interested in learning more about substitute teaching at any level for the School District of Wabeno Area, contact us at:

715-473-2592 ext 1203 email at wtaylor@wabeno.k12.wi.us

# DIABETIC/REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL EDUCATION AIDE POSITION

The Laona School District is looking for a Diabetic/Regular Instructional Education Aide beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. This position is a full time position at 37.5 hours per week. The position requires working with students with diabetic needs as well as working in elementary classrooms as an instructional education aide. Prior diabetic education is preferred, but will train the right candidate. Because we are a Title I Schoolwide district the candidate must have either an Associate's Degree, have 48 credits post-secondary education or successfully complete a proficiency test to qualify. This posting will remain open until filled.

If interested, please send a letter of interest to:
School District of Laona
Larry Palubicki – District Administrator
5216 Forest Ave Suite A
Laona, WI 54541

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HELP WANTED: Someone to care for elderly woman. Located in Wabeno area. Call 715-889-1339 P21

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# HELP WANTED

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

The School District of Laona is seeking a full-time 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 institution is an equal opportunity employer.

# LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT Elementary Education Aide Position

The Laona School District is looking for an Elementary Instructional Education Aide for the 2023-2024 school year. This position is approximately 22.5 hours per week and the hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The position requires working with students in the elementary building, which covers grades 4K-5. Because we are a Title I Schoolwide district the candidate must have either an Associate's Degree, 48 credits post-secondary education or successfully complete a proficiency test to qualify. This position will

If interested, please send a resume and letter of interest to:

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# **HELP WANTED Tryke's Treats and Eats**

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# Aspirus Breast Milk Program helps feed babies

It's National Breastfeeding Month and Aspirus Health is using this opportunity to educate the community about the Aspirus Breast Milk Program that is helping families struggling to feed their babies.

The Aspirus Breast Milk donation program at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital (AWH) and Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital (ASP) depots have collected a total of over 12,000 pounds of donated milk in the program's ten years. That's nearly 1,400 gallons of milk.

AWH and ASP serve as depot centers for The Mother's Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes, a certified breast milk bank located near Chicago. For convenience to donating mothers throughout the state of Wisconsin, there are several drop-off sites located across the Aspirus Health system where mothers can donate their breast milk.

"Women who are breastfeeding may have an overabundance of milk and for a variety of reasons might not use all of their milk," said Chris Bletsoe, RN, Aspirus Care Coordination Navigator. "Under typical circumstances, programs such as ours are a way to capture excess breast milk for sick and premature babies who could benefit from the immunological properties of breast milk.

Mothers who are interested in becoming donors are screened for eligibility using a variety of health history questions and lifestyles questions. Donors are given lab tests to screen for any potential infections. The mother can begin donating milk once she clears the screening process.

Mothers who are interested in becoming breast milk donors can call Aspirus Women's Health at 715-847-0454, toll-free at 888-236-2483, or by emailing milkdonation@aspirus.org.

# HELP WANTED TOWN OF CRANDON

<u>POSITION POSTING:</u> FULL-TIME HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Application Procedure:** 

Submit a letter of interest and qualifications to:

TOWN OF CRANDON 5161 COLE ROAD CRANDON, WI 54520

MUST POSSESS A CDL OR PASS TEST AND OBTAIN COMMERCIAL LICENSE WITHIN ONE MONTH OF HIRING. APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT TO DRUG TESTING.

<u>EQUIPMENT:</u> OPERATING DUMP TRUCK, GRADER, END LOADER, SNOW PLOW

ROAD WORK: GRADING, DITCHING, SHOULDERING, PATCHING

EQUIPMENT MAINENANCE: MAINTAIN ALL EQUIPMENT, WELDING, FIXING BREAKDOWNS, MOUNTING PLOWS, WINGS, SANDERS, NEW #33 PER FOOT.

WAGES AND BENEFITS: DETERMINED BY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT.

SUBMIT LETTER BY: AUGUST 31ST 2023

RON COLE CLERK, TOWN OF CRANDON

# Sign up for fall gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities by sept. 15

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds eligible hunters hoping to participate in the Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters With Disabilities to contact and confirm their location with a hunt sponsor before Sept. 15, 2023.

Thousands of acres of land are available through sponsors for this year's hunt, Oct. 7-15, 2023. To participate in the 2023 hunt, hunters should contact sponsors directly.

Some properties can accommodate more hunters than others, so hunters are advised to contact potential sponsors as early as possible to determine availability.

"This unique hunt has allowed hunters with disabilities to experience the thrill of hunting whitetails for over 30 years," said Ally Magnin, DNR Assistant Deer and Elk Specialist. "It's a special opportunity for those who experience unique challenges and is only made possible by the generous support of our landowner sponsors. Their willingness to partner with hunters and open their land is why this hunt continues to thrive."

Hunters or assistants should contact sponsors directly to sign up for a hunt and provide their name, contact information and DNR customer ID number. To be eligible, hunters must possess a valid Class A, C or D disabled permit or qualifying Class B permit. Eligible hunters may sign up for one sponsored property per year and must possess a gun deer license.

Wisconsin's outdoors are for everyone. The DNR is committed to providing various hunting, fishing and recreational permits and unique opportunities designed to help give people with disabilities the opportunity to partake in Wisconsin's abundant natural resources.

For more information, visit the DNR's Deer Hunting for Hunters with Disabilities webpage.

# NORTA September meeting to recognize membership longevity

NORTA (Nicolet-Oconto Retired Teachers' Association) will meet September 20, 2023, at Romy's Holiday Inn in Kelly Lake. The theme of the fall meeting will be "Dedication to Education", and active members with 15+ years of NORTA membership will be recognized for their continued interest in the future of education, students, and educators.

Members to be recognized will be contacted and asked to choose one "moment in their careers" to share with attendees. These moments can be silliest moment, most embarrassing, proudest, scariest, etc. The honorees will receive certificates and tokens of appreciation.

All NORTA members are encouraged to attend, as well as any educators in the area. (NORTA members are reminded that local dues should be paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>.) The gathering will start with a meal served promptly at noon, followed by membership recognitions, and a short business meeting. Cost of the meal is \$17. NORTA members will be called via the calling trees, to make reservations. Others wishing to attend should contact NORTA President Nancy Morstad (920-373-8009), before September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **BIDS AND NOTICES**

#### NOTICE TO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Forest County Commission on Aging hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the following transportation projects under Section 5310 to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities in Forest County.

We are applying for one Mini Van with Side Load Ramp that seats one-flip ambulatory seat, three bench ambulatory, and two wheelchair positions. Estimated cost of the vehicle is \$70,000.

Individuals or agencies wishing to comment or receive additional information about this application should contact Kathy Fohrman, Forest County Aging Director by phone at 715-478-3256 or by email at officeonaging@co.forest.wi.us.

Formal comments or requests for additional information must be received in writing or by email by August 24, 2023.

### **Public Notice**

Headwaters hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the following transportation projects under 5310 to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities in Forest, Oneida, and Vilas counties.

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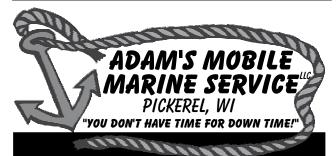
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He was the loving son of Lloyd "Bubby" and the late Nancy (nee Ver Bunker) Schreiber; dear brother of James (Kathie) and Deborah (John) Olsen; cherished uncle of Angeline (Talon), Jason

(Sheena), Ryan, Erin (Angela), Amanda (Tyler), and Jacob; and great-uncle of Samantha, Stacy, Riana, Logan, Emma, Olivia, and Callum. He's also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, St. Ambrose Catholic Church Cemetery, Cemetery Rd. Wabeno, WI 54566 at 10 a.m. Those wishing to honor his life can make a donation in his name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Despite the impact MS had on his body, Larry's mind kept going as well as his unique sense of humor and infectious laugh.

Heritage Funeral Homes, 414-281-5533, www.heritagefuneral.com, is handling the arrangements.

#### Peter Joseph Engels, Jr., age 54, of Wabeno passed away at home while under the care of Compassus Hospice with his family by his side. He was born January 29, 1969, to Peter J. Sr. and Mildred (Whitefish) Engels in Rhinelander. He was the youngest child of his family.



He was employed with the Potawatomi Carter Casino as a grounds keeper for several years. Peter enjoyed hunting and fishing as he got older in his free time. He was a proud, loving father to Sadie, Destiny, and Dorian. He liked attending any type of off-road racing event as a young man. He had the best hair and an infectious laugh, some traits his family will certainly attest to. They may also say he was a "Momma and Daddys' Boy," none the less, his love and affection for them was endless. He really enjoyed spending most of his time with his two girls, Sadie and Destiny. Overall, his family was of utmost importance to him.

He is survived by his children, Sadie, Destiny and Dorian Engels; father, Peter J. Engels Sr.; sisters, Tina (Thomas) Leonard, Denise Huettl, Sylvia (Harold) Moss, Debbie (Doug) Danielson, Florence St. Clair, Pam Daniels and Susie Wakeman; brothers, David Engels and Dean (Eunice White) Whitefish; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Peter was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred; brothers, Arlen and Orville Wamego; sister, Annette Whitefish; and nephews, Phillip Wamego, Eric and Arlen Wamego.

Visitation began at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at the Sunnyside Community Church in Carter, WI. Services started Monday, August 14, 2023, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Don Dewing presiding. Burial will follow at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Blackwell.

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

#### Beverly Jane Mork, age 84, of Pearson died Sunday August 12, 2023 at the home of her son, Lonnie, under the care of her family and

LeRoyer Hospice. Beverly was born on June 6,

1939 to the late Goldie Psiris. She was a graduate of Antigo High School.

On July 6, 1957, she was united in marriage to Dale Mork. The

couple lived in Antigo enjoying time at Rolling Stone Lake and eventually making it their home.

Beverly enjoyed time with her family and grandchildren. She was a skilled knitter and lovingly made sweaters for all the babies in the family, including the newest great-grandbaby soon to arrive. She also enjoyed volunteering at C.A.R., traveling, parties at the lake.

Beverly was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Polar.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, Dale, include three children, Robert (Sandra) Mork of Wausau, Kim Tucker of Horseshoe Bay, TX and Lonnie (Becki) Mork of Post Lake; grandchildren, Jeff (Lisa) Mork, Justin (Casey) Schofield-Mork, Seth (Erin) Tucker, Shelby (Trey) Anderson, Jared Mork, Chris Mork and Kyle (fiancé McKayla Haddamer) Mork; and great-grandchildren, Dylan, Logan, Rylan, Adalynn, Bryson, Jett, Jaxon, and Jaeger. Beverely is also survived by dear friends, Al Schreiber and Donna Schreiber and their family.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, August 26 from 10 a.m. until noon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Polar, WI. A memorial service will be held at noon with Reverend Donald Engebretson officiating. Burial will be in Pearson Cemetery.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Friends may visit online at strasserrollerfuneralhome.com.

#### DEATH NOTICES

John William Johnson Sr. (affectionately called "Jack" or "J.W." by friends), 87, of Crandon, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Tomahawk Health Services following a brief illness. John



was born December 27, 1935, in Argonne to the late James Henry and Dorla Elizabeth (Roberts) Johnson.

At 18, John enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country from 1954 to 1958, and then continued in a reserve capacity until 1962. While in the United States Marine Corps, John received the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged and always spoke with great affection of his time serving his country.

On July 19, 1957, he married Jacqueline Kincaid, of Crandon, at the Crandon Church of God. Together the couple were blessed with five children. For many years John worked as a logger in Wisconsin's northwoods. He was an excellent heavy equipment operator. He took great pride in his work and was self-taught in most of his work experiences. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing in his free time.

Survivors include his children, Tammy Dye, Crystal (Joseph) Ross, Danielle (Aaron) Cramer, John Jr. (Ruth) Johnson and Timothy (Tina) Johnson; 14 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren; and sisters, Jean Walkens and Dorla Pitts.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline; three brothers, Allen Roberts, James, and Lloyd; six sisters, Lorraine Zelechowski, Phyliss Pitts, Nancy Johnson, Joyce Garbarek, Helen Mercer and Alice Russell, greatgrandson; one son-in-law; plus numerous brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; aunts; nieces; nephews; cousins; and

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Crandon. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Service at 11 a.m. With Pastor John Johnson Jr. officiating. Interment will follow services at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery where military honors will be conducted.

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

Donald "Jag" Jagoditsh of Post Lake passed away at home on August 13, 2023 at the age of 83.

Don was born on September 19, 1939. He married the love of his life, Janet Kregelka, on January 20, 1990 in Appleton. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Janet, Don is survived by his sons, Donald Jr (Wendy), Daniel (Amanda), and Anthony (Ann); seven grandchildren, and five greatgrandchildren.

A celebration of Don's life will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Post Lake Improvement Association Building located at W8669 Hwy K, Elcho, WI 54428.

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Jesse was born September 25, 1953 in Laona, WI to Jesse and Betty (née Bonack) Houle. At a young age Jesse was given the nickname "Spunky" which evolved



into what we all know as "Punk". Punk graduated from Crandon High School in 1971, marrying his first wife shortly after and having two children.

Punk's sense of adventure and passion for logging led him out west multiple times. One of these adventures brought him to the love of his life, Crystal Couture, in Bellingham, WA. The two decided to return to Hiles, WI to begin their life together. They were married on June 6, 1981 and have worked hard to plant their roots on beautiful Pine Lake. Punk has six wonderful children: Jesse, Kristy, Tonya, Stephanie, Melanie, and Danny - who he loved dearly and was extremely proud of.

Punk spent his career logging and trucking, and when he wasn't at work he was passionate about using his hands in any way possible - from mechanics, carpentry, welding, and more- he was a man of many gifts. Throughout his logging career, much of his experience and knowledge gained, he accredited to his early years working for his Uncle Junior, whom he truly looked up to.

Punk competed often as a young man, receiving many accolades and breaking records in logging competitions and stock car racing. He even held a record at the Tomahawk Speedway, spending time with legends like Dick Trickle. He had a clear love for his bikes, cars, and trucks - especially his Corvettes and his '36 Chevy, and proudly put over 3 million miles driving his log trucks.

Given the endearing non-traditional Native American nickname "Teacher" by his mother-in-law, he truly embodied ingenuity, hard work, and the meaning of "giving the shirt off his back". He enjoyed showing off his skills for his family and community and loved helping others in any way possible, never expecting anything in return. You could find him saying "How bad is it, do I need the skidder or the log truck?" before pulling someone out of a ditch or offering a spare part. His bigger than life personality came through in everything he did - bonfires, patriotic decor, fireworks, skidders, ultralight planes - he was larger than life in all things, especially his heart.

Punk's greatest treasure in life was spending time with his kids, grandkids, and Crystal. He was a devoted father who enjoyed taking the family on camping outings, cross-country Griswold vacations, and being in attendance at his children's and grandchildren's events. He enjoyed sharing his love for hunting, fishing, skiing, and being on the lake with everyone around him. Punk was always up for an adventure and welcomed life with open arms. He left a legacy that will live on forever - "good fun boys, good fun".

Punk built a family on strong morals and a sense of togetherness - when he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in 2021 he fought every day for them, and with them by his side.

When you spoke to Punk, or "Papa" to the little ones, he was sure to proudly tell you about his children and their spouses, Jesse (Sara) Houle, Kristy Roberts, Tonya (Paul) Cleereman, Stephanie (Jonny) Cleereman, Melanie (Jake) Flannery, and Danny (Maria) Houle. If you stuck around long enough, you heard stories about his 17 grandchildren - Cassidy, Sam, Spencer, Sydney, Chelsie, Paulie (deceased), Trevor, Carsyn, Ave, Reece, Cienna, Jonny, Deonna, Irelynn, Gunner, Bowynn, and Rogan and his two great-grandchildren, Mariah and Hudson.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11am at Christ Lutheran Church in Hiles, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 1pm at the Hiles Town Hall, the family would like to invite all to attend. Please bring any Punk stories and pictures, we would love to share them with family and friends, as we know there are many. Punk will be missed tremendously but his spirit and legacy will live on forever through his kids and grandkids.

# 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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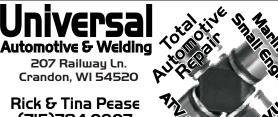
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#### **PSC** Opens Broadband Infrastructure **Program Grant Round**

\$42 million in funding available through Capital Projects Fund to invest in broadband infrastructure

MADISON - The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) announced the Broadband Infrastructure Program grant round is now open. Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Department of Treasury awarded Wisconsin \$42 million through the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) to administer the



Broadband Infrastructure Program and invest in broadband construction and deployment that will provide high-quality internet to locations that lack access to adequate, affordable service.

The Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program supports the Evers Administration's ongoing work by investing in projects that improve access to high-speed internet for communities that were most impacted by the pandemic.

The CPF is designed to address the barriers to internet access that existed before, but were made worse by, the COVID-19 pandemic. Broadband Infrastructure Program grant funds will be used to make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure designed to provide consistent, reliable, and high-performance broadband service to areas most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in Wisconsin.

Eligible entities for the competitive grant program include internet service providers, telecommunications utilities, co-operatives, local governments, and for-profit and non-profit organizations. The funding is available to construct broadband infrastructure projects to deploy reliable internet service that will meet or exceed 100/100 Mbps symmetrical speed internet service and include at least one low-cost option for work, education, and health monitoring.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday November 7, 2023 at 1:30 pm. More information on the Capital Projects Fund can be found on the Capital Projects Broadband page on the PSC website.

The Wisconsin Broadband Office is holding two webinars for interested applicants. The Capital Projects Application Overview webinar will be held on September 8, 2023 at 11:00 am. This live webinar will walk through a basic overview of the grant program, eligible subrecipients and projects, merit criteria and how to submit grants through the new PSC Grants Management System. The "How to Map Your Capital Project" webinar will be held on September 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Questions for these webinars will be taken at the end of this presentation or can be sent ahead of time PSCCapitalProjectsFund@wisconsin.gov.

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

For the third time in Crandon history all of the Ultra4 USA racing classes, made famous at the annual King of the Hammers event in California, will be competing at Crandon. Every Ultra4 USA category will compete multiple times over the three day World Championship schedule, including the two blockbuster nights of racing known as Crandon's "Rage on the Rocks." Fans will enjoy all the festivities from a recently upgraded and expanded "Project X Ridge," a specially created spectator and hospitality area featuring a bar, stage, live music, and two big screens to watch Crandon's professional livestream and a post-race fireworks show.

Joining the Champions Off-Road series will be a return of race-prepared vintage Volkswagen Beetles making up Continental Tire Crandon Class 11 World Championship presented by Gravel Kings. The popular sedans have been a staple of desert and Baja racing from the sport's earliest days. Race organizers expect almost 20 of the Bugs to arrive from around the United States and Mexico to compete in two rounds of competition on Friday night and on Sunday.

Finally, the "Super Bowl of Short-Course" will spotlight the sport's fastest machines and Pro category drivers in the 8th annual Red Bull Crandon World Cup Sunday. Off-road racing's biggest names will end their season in a day of non-points, big money races to take home coveted Crandon World Championship titles and the biggest prize of all -- the annual Red Bull Cup finale for Pro 2 versus Pro 4 contestants.

For fans and racers, the golden gates of Crandon International Raceway will open at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 30th.

"I look at the 2023 Polaris World Championship schedule and it's awesome, crazy, and a little intimidating at the same time," admitted Crandon President Cliff Flannery. "So many people and organizations have come together this year to create something much bigger than an off-road race. It's all about fun, lifestyle and having a great time at the largest event we have ever hosted. Where else can you go and see so many different Pro and Sportsman racers coming together to celebrate a great Labor Day motorsports tradition. Now add world-class music like KISS. It's going to be a rock n' roll party like nothing else we have ever seen."

Weekend tickets and more information can be found by visiting www.crandonoffroad.com.



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

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, 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**



# **Nutrition Program SENIOR**

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Monday - August 21 - Italian caprese, chicken casserole, California blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce, black bean brownie

Monday - August 28 - Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, whole wheat bread, honey bee ambrosia

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - August 22 - Beef chop suey, whole grain rice, Oriental blend veggies, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie

Tuesday - August 29 - Boneless BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, grapes

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - August 23 - Hamburger on a bun, grilled onions, ketchup, German potato salad, baked beans,

Wednesday - August 30 - Paprika chicken, baked sweet potato, cauliflower raisin bread, vanilla vogurt and berries ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - August 17 - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, 3 bean salad, biscuit, cupcake Thursday - August 24 - Beef hamburger on bun, tator tots, broccoli, strawberries, fruit cobbler

Thursday - August 31 - Baked pork chop, corn on the cob, baked beans, watermelon, brownie, bread

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.

# Huge Thank You!!!

The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association wishes to thank everyone that came out and supported our August 5th annual fundraiser, "Family Fun Day"

Special thanks to our master grillers, kitchen staff, cashiers, ticket sellers, raffle coordinators, bartenders, apparel sellers and the auctioneer and crew. Unbelievable effort by all of you!

Thank you to all of the businesses and volunteers that have supported the lake association this year and in the past to make our event a huge success. Veeser's Wild Rose, Flannery Trucking, Potawatomi Carter Casino, CoVantage, Flowers from the Heart, Tricia's Treasures, 1930 Jameson Inn, Laona State Bank, Associated State Bank, Tamarack Outfitters, Elite Auto, Laona Bar and Grill, Schaefer's Foods, Northwoods LP, Burgt's Last Resort, Whisky Nicks, C.A.R.S., Conway True Value, Creative Screen Printing, Nicolet Country Club, Forest TV and Appliance, Subway, Weber-Hill, Packard Funeral Home, Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort, Log Cabin, Palubicki's Eats and Treats, Rockin Robin's, Sam's Lake House, Club Cavour, JARS, Gas Depot, Johnnie's Resort and Water's Edge Lodge.

Thank you to all of people that provided personal donations. Orlovskys, Hitchcocks, Larry Sommer, Davisons, Coughlins, Gary Goeman, Sandy Callaway, Matt Steeno. Congratulations to our Cash Raffle Winners:

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#### Forest County Health Department Updates

August is National Immunization Awareness Month:

School is approaching fast! Did you know the Forest County Health Department can assist you with making sure your child is up to date with recommended immunizations for the upcoming school year? We are here to help assist adults as well. Routine vaccinations are important for all people to help protect their health. Please watch for upcoming vaccine clinic dates on our Facebook page and in the local newspapers. For any questions regarding upcoming vaccine clinics and/or your immunization status or needs, please call the Forest County Health Department at 715-478-3371.

For more information on National Immunization Awareness Month and immunizations, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/index.ht

Community Health Assessment:

The Forest County Health Department Community Health Assessment 2023 has been completed. We would like to thank our community members, health care providers, elected officials, business owners, tribal health, schools, local coalition members, and partner counties for their assistance and cooperation in this process.

Our Top 3 Health Priority Areas are: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Chronic Disease.

The final prioritization process considered multiple criteria, including scope of the issue, community momentum, and organizational capacity. We know the drivers of health; income, education, housing, access to care, access to food and physical activity, play an important part of overall health. As the five-year health improvement plan is written and evidence-based strategies are selected, we will strive to address the top social determinant of health that was identified, access to health care.

The Forest County Health Department will be sharing the final health assessment report with the public, elected officials, agency partners, local coalitions and other interested community members. The Forest County Health Department Community Health Assessment Team has developed primary goals for each of the three health priority areas, identified a team lead and a local coalition that is engaged in the issues. Other community assets and partnerships have also been identified, such as, schools, social service, aging and disability, human service, libraries, pharmacies, tribal agencies, clinics, local law enforcement, UW Extension, and others. We will invite others to engage in the work of creating the five-year plan knowing that this is truly a community effort and one organization cannot complete the work alone.

Once the Community Health Improvement Plan is written, we will have a system in place to monitor and evaluate progress, adjust strategies if necessary, and report the progress on a routine basis. Please refer to the Forest County Health Department website for more information on the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan at: www.forestcountypublichealth.org

We look forward to any discussion regarding the health priories that have been identified.

We will update our Facebook page and local newspapers monthly as capacity allows. Please call 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

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#### 2023 bonus antlerless deer harvest tags available Aug. 14

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that bonus antlerless harvest authorizations, formerly known as tags, for the 2023 gun deer season will be available for purchase online through the Go Wild license portal and at license sales locations starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023.

Bonus authorizations are sold at a rate of one per person per day until sold out or until the 2023 deer hunting season ends. Bonus authorizations are \$12 each for Wisconsin residents, \$20 each for non-residents and \$5 each for youth ages 11 and under.

On the date of the sale at 9:45 a.m., an online queuing system will be used to manage volume in Go Wild. At 10 a.m., all online users who are on the site will be randomly assigned a number and staged into a "virtual" line regardless of the actual time they entered into the system. There is no advantage for customers who enter the site before 9:45 a.m. Hunters who log on after 10 a.m. will be added to the end of the existing queue in the order in which

In order to complete their purchase, hunters will need to know the deer management zone and unit (DMU) in which they intend to hunt. They will also need to determine whether they will hunt on public or private land to make their purchase.

The first three days of bonus sales are management zone-specific, and the fourth day is open to all zones:

Aug. 14, 10 a.m. - Forest Zones (Northern and Central)

Aug. 15, 10 a.m. - Central Farmland Zone

Aug. 16, 10 a.m. - Southern Farmland Zone

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. – All zones available

The number of antierless harvest opportunities will vary by deer management unit in accordance with local deer population levels. This allows for greater harvest opportunities where deer are abundant and a more conservative harvest where deer are fewer in number. Bonus antlerless harvest authorizations are available for purchase for the 2023 season in all deer management units except Iron County.

A listing of bonus antlerless harvest authorizations available for purchase in each management unit can be found on the DNR's Antlerless Deer Harvest Authorization

As a reminder, a minimum of one Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization is included with each deer hunting license purchase in all Farmland Zone units. Some units will offer more than one antlerless deer harvest authorization with each deer license.

For more information regarding deer hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's Deer Hunting webpage and online Deer Camp. Hunting hours, regulations, tips on where to hunt, registration and CWD testing information can all be found on these pages.



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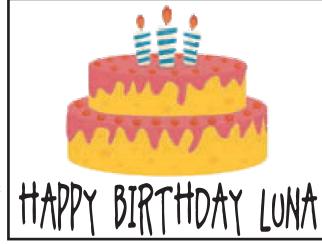
#### Hidden Bear Trail (HBT) ATV Club Donates to Mountain Ambulance and Lakewood/ **Townsend Ambulance**

The Hidden Bear Trail (HBT) ATV Club held a 50/50 raffle during the Weinerfest Celebration on July 29th in Lakewood. The HBT ATV Club sold \$4165.00 in 50/50 raffles, \$2,082.50 was paid to the winner's of the 50/50 raffles and the HBT ATV Club matched the \$2082.50 and presented checks to both Ambulance Services in the amount of \$2082.50 each. Pictured presenting the check (\$2082.50) to Josh Franzen from the Lakewood/Townsend Ambulance Service is Diane Fitzpatrick, Administrative Secretary and Jim Wisneski, President of the HBT ATV Club. Jim and Diane also presented a check in the amount of \$2082.50 to Beth Hartman, Mountain Ambulance











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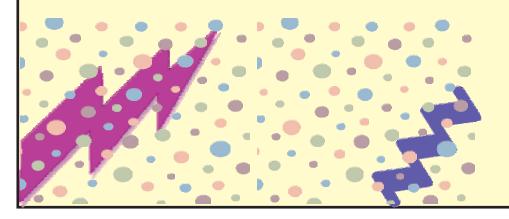
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