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Forest County residents to decide on funding request

Submitted by County Clerk's Office

The Forest County Board of Supervisors has approved a single ballot question on April 2, 2024 to increase the tax levy limit by \$2 million to cover increased operating costs and balance the county budget. This referendum is a last resort to provide a stable funding source that will allow the county to raise funds to cover operating costs that have increased due to inflation and the rising cost of goods and services.

"No one likes to pay more in taxes," said Ron Skallerud, Forest County Supervisor for District 18. "We've done everything we can to cut our operational costs. Bottom line, it's more expensive for us to fuel our squad cars, heat our buildings and pay our employees fair wages than it was a few years ago. We don't see these costs going back down."

The county is currently in good financial standing, but rising costs will outpace the current levy limit and deplete reserve funds. If this question does not pass, the county will need to balance the budget, which will mean significant reductions in important county services.

"Most people don't realize the number of services our county provides," said Skallerud. "From first responders to highway maintenance to programming for our seniors, the services we provide are important for the safety and well-being of our residents."

Forest County is unique from other counties because about 83% of the land is owned by government entities, primarily the US Forest Service. That means about 17% of county land that pays property taxes needs to support 100% of the county government operations-including public safety, highway maintenance and social services.

What would this increase fund?

This referendum covers operating costs like salaries, insurance, facility maintenance and fuel for vehicles. It does not cover capital costs, which include large one-time purchases and new construction. This referendum would eliminate the current operating deficit and provide additional funding to increase staff salaries to be more regionally competitive. Currently, Forest County salaries are lower than all neighboring counties, making it difficult to recruit and maintain quality staff.

The tax impact for a resident with a property value of \$100,000 would be less than \$10 per month starting in 2025.

The county is adding additional information about the referendum on its website, <http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/>.

Parsons of Crandon shuts the door forever this Friday

Parsons of Crandon is closing its doors forever this Friday. There will be no more used car lot across from Pioneer Plaza.

The availability of used vehicles has contributed to the closing of the Crandon business that opened in 1985 with Mike Pomasl running the show. It was a branch of Parsons of Antigo, that started selling vehicles in 1935.

Richie Kulaf, who started out with Parsons washing vehicles back in 1990 and is now the manager of the Crandon location, will be working out of the Antigo office and can still be the guy you buy a vehicle from in the future.

We hate to see the demise of any business in Forest County, and this is the only used car lot in the county, that is dedicated solely to selling vehicles.

We anxiously await the next business start up in this location. See the closing ad in this issue.

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.

Wisconsin Salt Awareness Week

Wisconsin Salt Awareness Week, observed from January 22-26, 2024, aims to shed light on the often-overlooked consequences of excessive road salt usage in winter. While road salt is crucial for ensuring road safety during icy conditions, its environmental impact on drinking water and freshwater ecosystems cannot be ignored.

As winter approaches, the use of road salt increases to prevent accidents and maintain safe road

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The CHS Drama Dept. presents Once Upon a Crime & Big Bad

Friday, January 26th at 6 p.m. and Saturday, January 27th at 6 p.m.

The Cast

Back: left to right: Wyatt Lawrence, Peyton Hauser, Lindsay Mihalko, Chloe Brass, Moriah Konitzer, Kylie Thiel, Ava Spanbauer, Scarlett Johnson, Beaudin Brokmeier.

2nd row/kneeling: Jaelyn Guinther, Sophie Ackley, Damian Randall, Isaac McGeshick, Maleah Phillips, Cecilia Gee, Ethan Jaeger, Olivia Glinski Front: Jennifer Jacobson, Gatlin Evans *Not pictured: Calvin Glinski, Melanie Fraley, Arianna Kizewski, Abby Boushka, Eve Koplien, Lauren Freston



Exciting school productions are about to be underway at the Crandon School District next Friday, January 26th, and Saturday the 27th! 5th grade, Middle, and High school students of the Crandon School District will be presenting two one-act plays. Embark on a spellbinding journey through the gripping world of the courtroom in "Once Upon a Crime" and "Big Bad." Directed by Sam Puffer, Lindsey Jaeger, and Katie Pritzl, these captivating plays promise to unfold legal drama with a unique twist to classic tales. Don't miss the drama and enchantment on stage!

Directed by Lindsey Jaeger, Katie Pritzl, Sam Puffer. Production crew is: Melanie Fraley, Gatlin Evans, and Jaelyn Guinther.

Chippewa donate \$99,365.63 to organizations and local townships

On Monday, the Tribal Council presented donations totaling \$99,365.63 to 20 organizations and local townships.

Chairman Robert VanZile, Jr., welcomed everyone and talked about the importance of partnerships and working together for the benefit of our natural resources and regional economic development.

"We are focused on the health, welfare and safety of our communities, and we are focused on cooperating and working together. We are not looking at race or the color of skin - that is not in anyone's best interest," Chairman VanZile said.

"We can accomplish good things together. One example is our fish hatchery, which repopulates area lakes with an almost 90% survival rate. We want to continue building good working relationships with area organizations, and we are especially focused on economic development," he continued.

As part of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community's Gaming Compact Fees agreement for 2023, these organizations and local governments received:

Town of Ainsworth - \$3,000.00
Town of Enterprise - Pelican Lake Fire District - \$3,000.00
Forest County - \$58,000.00
* Forest County ATV Association - \$2,000.00
* Forest County Humane Society - \$10,000.00
* Forest County Association of Lakes - \$1,000.00
* Crandon Library - \$2,000.00
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* Trump Lake Association - \$2,000.00
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* Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District - \$3,000.00
Oneida County - \$11,500.00
* Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association - \$4,000.00
* Pelican Lake Property Owners Lake Association - \$5,000.00
* Three Lakes Trails, Inc. - \$2,500.00
Town of Nashville - \$16,365.63
* Town of Nashville - \$6,365.63
* River Alliance of Wisconsin - \$5,000.00
* Sierra Club Wisconsin Chapter - \$5,000.00
Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Immersion - Language Symposium - \$7,500.00

"Our contribution to Waadookodaading reflects our looking and moving forward. Our children's education, our language and our sovereignty are very important."

As the Tribal Council presented checks to each organization in attendance, thanks were given by the recipients to Council Members and to the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. Pam Schroeder with the Forest County Association of Lakes, noted that it was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and a day for service. She thanked the Tribal Council and the Community for their service. Photos from the event may be viewed on the Tribe's Facebook page.

Nicolet College Foundation accepting scholarship applications in February

At the start of the new calendar year, the Nicolet College Foundation is gearing up to accept scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year and encourages those planning to attend Nicolet College to apply.

Scholarship applications will be accepted online February 1-29, and awarded scholarships will be available for use in the fall, spring and summer terms during the 2024-25 academic year.

Scholarship awards range from \$250 to \$5,000 and funding can help pay for tuition and books. Any current or future Nicolet College student who is enrolled or will be enrolled in at least three credits per term and has a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 or higher is eligible to apply.

High school seniors who plan to attend Nicolet College in the fall are also encouraged to apply for scholarships.

"Scholarships made available through the Nicolet College Foundation have supported countless students over the years," said Heather Schallock, Nicolet College Vice President of Community Engagement and Executive Director of the Nicolet College Foundation. "Our goal is to continue providing opportunities for current and future students to achieve their academic and personal dreams."

Nicolet College liberal arts student Sarah Ryan expressed her gratitude upon receiving a scholarship from the Foundation and reflected on the value of that support. "This scholarship is a pivotal support in realizing my dream career," Ryan said. "It's not just about the financial assistance; it signifies the validation of my aspirations and the belief that my dreams are within reach."

Lena Symonds, Nicolet College nursing student and 2023-24 Foundation student ambassador, echoed the impact of the College's support. "Nicolet has been vital to my path to become a nurse," Symonds said, and so has the Foundation. "My gratitude extends beyond just the financial aspect but also for the community support of nursing students."

Students interested in applying for scholarships can visit nicoletcollege.edu/foundation to apply online.

For more information about applying for scholarships and/or donating to the Nicolet College Foundation to support student scholarships, contact Advancement Specialist Leslie Lukas at llukas@nicoletcollege.edu or (715) 365-4557. Like and follow the Nicolet College Foundation on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Nicolet College's Academic Success program also offers writing labs for those needing assistance with their scholarship applications. Call (715) 365-4455 or email academicsuccess@nicoletcollege.edu to schedule an appointment.

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News of area college students UW-Eau Claire fall dean's list announced

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Protect our waters from aquatic invasive species this winter

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin's lakes and rivers while fishing this winter.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Aquatic invasive species can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the quality of boating and fishing in Wisconsin waters.

Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil are aquatic invasive species that remain hardy under the ice in the winter, giving them an advantage over our native aquatic plants. The plant-like algae starry stonewort dies back for winter, but its tiny, star-shaped bulbils can be present on plants yanked up through the ice or in the mud that can come up if the bottom is disturbed by augers. Disease and the larvae of invasive snails and mussels can also be present in the water and mud in winter.

Because of the possible spread of diseases like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia that can threaten fish populations, buying minnows from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer is important. Up to two gallons of water may be kept for minnows provided they will be used on the same waterbody or if no lake or river water from the fishing site(s) has been added. Dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration. Visit the DNR's webpage on bait preservation to learn more. Find more rules regarding bait in the current fishing regulations.

A few minutes of preventative action can help preserve and protect waterways for future generations. Before stepping onto the ice or into a stream this winter, anglers should:

- Inspect fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud
- Remove all attached plants or animals
- Drain all water from buckets, containers and gear
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody (fish out of water = dead)
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash
- In addition, the DNR encourages anglers to leave fishing gear where it can freeze for eight hours or more, as this will kill most species. Other methods to kill aquatic invasive species hiding in fishing gear are to steam clean the gear or to soak it in either 140° water or a bleach solution (2.44 tablespoons per gallon) for 10 minutes.

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts on Wisconsin's waters and economy, visit the DNR's invasive species webpage.

Parsons of Crandon to close their doors on Friday



Parsons of Crandon will be closing on February 2nd, 2024 and consolidating their used vehicle operation with their mother store, Parsons of Antigo. We have served Forest county since 1985 when David and Sherri Parsons opened the location with the day to day operations run by Mike Pomasl for roughly 25 years. After Mikes retirement store management was done by Crandon natives Richie Kulaf and Amy Krause. "Parsons can't thank Mike, Amy and Richie enough for all of the successful years Parsons of Crandon has had," said current co-owners Curt Parsons and Jenny Gretzinger (also both of Forest County). "We would also like to thank all of the loyal customers who made this small used car operation feasible for almost 40 years!"

Amy Krause is already the Office Manager/Comptroller at the Antigo location and Tiffany Matuszewski and Richie Kulaf will both be continuing their legacy of great customer service at Parsons of Antigo as well. Tiffany will be continuing to set up financing for people on their purchases and also do some sales. Richie will be taking a customer service/maintenance role and will be available for sales to his current customer base by appointment after 2 pm Monday-Friday.

It is sad to close this location as it has been around for most of our lives, but we are very excited for what the future holds retaining these key employees and hope to see everyone visit them down in Antigo.

Crandon High Cross Country achievers



Crandon High School Cross Country standouts, Taylor Karcz and Addison May, were recognized by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association for their performances at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet this fall.

Addison received All-State honorable mention for her 7th place finish in the Girls Division 3 race. Taylor was named 1st Team All-State for his 2nd place finish in the Boys Division 3 race.

Wabeno Legion Raffle Basket winner



The Wabeno American Legion and Auxiliary holds many Fundraisers benefitting our Veterans & Community. Pictured is winner of a Raffle Basket at the January 20, 2024 Gunless Poultry Shoot at Kelly's Thirsty Buck, Kayle Mae Kuhnke, along with Auxiliary members. Come and join in on the fun, win a prize and help a veteran.

Everyone is welcome to the many fund raisers in the coming months.

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Jan. 29-31

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Tuesday - Pancakes, sausage links, oranges fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Cereal bar, yogurt, pears, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu

Jan. 29-31

Monday - Asian rice bowl, chicken /shrimp, Oriental vegetable, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - BBQ pork sandwich, mac & cheese, broccoli, mixed fruit, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Chili dog, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, peaches, garden bar, milk

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu

Feb 1-2

Thursday - Breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk

Friday - French toast sticks, sausage links, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu

Feb 1-2

Thursday - Crispito, Spanish rice, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk

Friday - Baked Chicken, dinner rolls, mashed potatoes/gravy, baby carrots, sliced apples, garden bar, milk

Free tax assistance offered by AARP Foundation tax-aide

Free income tax assistance is available for area residents March 13,2024 by appointment only. This service is provided by the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program with the help and support of the Crandon Public Library with an emphasis on people with low to moderate income.

Tax counseling services are offered free of charge by volunteer Tax Aide Counselors trained by the IRS and AARP Foundation to assist in tax preparation. The services rendered will include preparation and e-filing of your 2023 Federal and Wisconsin tax returns, and, if applicable, the Wisconsin Homestead Credit or Veterans Property Tax Credit.

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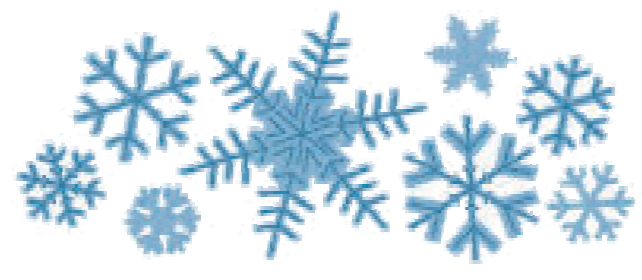
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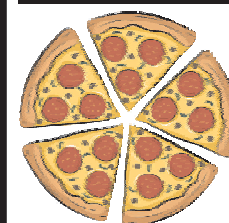
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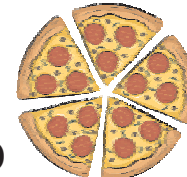


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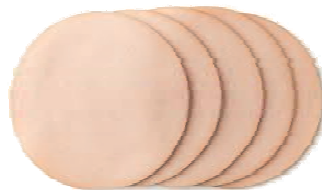
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Death Notices

William “Bill” Robert Bochte, of Hiles passed away at home on January 5, 2024. He was 76 years old.

Bill was born December 25, 1947, to the late Rudolph and Romona (Bumgardener) Bochte, the eldest of four children on the family dairy farm. It was there where he learned at a young age the value and importance of hard work helping milk cows by hand, working the land and harvesting crops.

He graduated from Crandon High School with the class of 1965. Following his education, he joined the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam war era. Upon his honorable discharge, he came back to Hiles where he worked at the Hiles lumber mill for many years.

Bill enjoyed collecting motorcycles, Studebaker trucks, guns of all sorts, Coca-Cola advertisements and Marilyn Monroe memorabilia. He was an all-around handy man and was willing to help anyone he could.

He is survived by sisters, Michelle Lemerande of Michigan, Carol Gale of South Dakota and Bonnie Guderjohn of Washington as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Romona.

Burial will be scheduled in the spring of 2024 followed by a Celebration of Life planned for June 22, 2024, at the Hiles Town Hall.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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



Sharon Ramona Schmidt, 90, of Argonne, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 13, 2024, with her family at her side under the care of Compassus Home Health Care and Hospice. Her family sincerely appreciates the kind and attentive care Sharon received from these services.

Sharon was born in Milwaukee on November 15, 1933 to Walter and Arvilla (Burbach) Allard. She was raised in Waterford, WI. In 1951 she graduated from Waterford High School. She met her future husband, Richard (Dick) Schmidt and the couple were married on October 25, 1952 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Waterford. Sharon and Dick celebrated 64 years of marriage before Dick's passing in October 2016.

Due to Richard serving in the US Navy for four years, Sharon found herself moving a few times to different areas of the country. The couple eventually returned to Waterford for awhile before moving to the city of Waukesha and then to North Prairie, WI. During this time, they began raising their family - daughters, Debra and Katie; and son, Joe. In 1975, Sharon, Richard, and Joe moved to Crandon where they lived ever since. In 2022, Sharon moved to Argonne with her daughter, Katie.

Sharon attended Nicolet College, graduating with an associate degree as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Her work experience included working at the Crandon Nursing Home where she was loved by the residents for her kind and helpful personality. Sharon was a real people person and enjoyed working with the public at Schaefer's Grocery Store, behind the meat counter for many years, greeting everyone with her big smile and friendly "hello."

Sharon was also employed at Bemis Manufacturing. It was during this time, she met her best friend, Nancy Wheeler. Deciding she wasn't quite ready to retire, she went back to work at the Crandon Subway Restaurant, retiring for good in 2006 at the age of 72. She made many friends and was a real asset everywhere she worked.

Sharon found enjoyment during her lifetime through her flower gardens, taking rides on her UTV, riding on her snowmobile, thrifting and boating with Nancy, camping with family and gifting her beautiful flowers, just to name a few. Most of all, she loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will forever be remembered as the "Ice Cream Grandma."

Surviving her are her children, Katie (Mark) Keepers and Joe (Cheri) Schmidt; seven grandchildren, Brad, Bryon, Brett, Rick, Keith, Angela, and Alex; ten great-grandchildren, brother-in-law, Shawn (Dawn) Schmidt; and sister-in-law, Shirley Schmidt; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Sharon, is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Arvilla Allard; husband, Richard; daughter, Debra Schultz; great-granddaughter; two sisters, Geraldine (Richard) Bennett and Joan (James) Leibundgut; brother-in-law, Allen; sister-in-law, Janet Southerland; and her devoted four-legged companions, Rev and Molly.

At Sharon's request there will be no visitation or service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, at 24 E. Davenport St, Rhinelander, WI 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to sign the guestbook, or leave an online condolence, at www.hildebrandrussssf.com.



A note from the four busmen (Mike, Christ, Bob & Kevin) ...

Happy Valentine's Day! This month we will be taking a special trip to see a matinee at the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander. Grab your sweetie or a friend and join us. Seniors age 60+ are \$6.00 per ticket (before noon). After noon the price goes up to \$8.00.

Please let us know if there are any special trips on your bucket list and we will see if we can make it happen.

Please call 715-784-1497 if you would like to join us for these trips or for any other rides you'd like to attend.

Tuesday and Thursday Trips

Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain. We will 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, January 25: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, January 30: Rhinelander

Thursday, February 1: Antigo

Tuesday, February 6: Iron Mountain

Thursday, February 8: Rhinelander

Tuesday, February 13: Antigo

Wednesday, February 14: Rhinelander

Rouman Cinema

Thursday, February 15: Iron Mountain

Tuesday, February 20: Rhinelander

Thursday, February 22: Antigo

Tuesday, February 27: Iron Mountain

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Jan. 29 - Denver egg bake, country sauce, seasoned American potatoes, mini fruit muffin, banana

Monday - Feb. 5 - Sloppy joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, mixed fruit

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Jan. 30 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed greens, dressing, garlic breadstick, mandarin oranges, pineapple cake

Tuesday - Feb. 6 - Chicken breast, mushroom and bacon sauce, brown rice, brussel sprouts, apple slices, fudgy black bean brownies

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - Jan. 31 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh grapes

Wednesday - Feb. 7 - Brat on a bun, steamed onions, German potato salad, peas, grape salad (**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & SUPER BOWL CELEBRATION**)

ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday - Jan. 25 - Lasagna, green beans, salad with tomatoes and carrots, breadstick, banana pudding

Thursday - Feb. 1 - Ham and scalloped potatoes, green beans, banana, butter bread, pie

Thursday - Feb. 8 - Baked chicken, carrots, peas, baked beans, mac & cheese, biscuit, angel food with strawberries

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.



To the Editor:

Winter is finally here, but, boy, it was a long wait. I've spent 70 New Year's Days in Northern Wisconsin—14 growing up in Phillips, 10 while home for the holidays in Ashland, 2 in Washburn, and the last 44 here in Bayfield—but this year was the first time there wasn't enough snow on the ground to completely cover the grass. In fact, on December 29th there wasn't any snow on the ground at all. I know that this is an El Niño year, but there have been 15 other El Niño years since 1950, so that doesn't really explain what's going on.

It seems to me that this is yet another message from Mother Nature that if we want her to remain as we've known and loved her for all of our lives—or at least not to change too much—for our children and grandchildren, and for all those to follow, then we'd better do all we can to further reduce our carbon emissions right quick. Otherwise, the Mother Nature they come to know will likely be far less lovable.

Bill Bussey
Bayfield

Time To Think Spring!

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to think spring in regards to crafting. With the thoughts of spring, comes the realization that the Senior Snoop Shop will be opening for the season in 4 short months. So, dust off those boxes, get those craft supplies out, and dig out those patterns. Let's prepare to make Snoop Shop Season 2024 our best one yet. Consignees and crafters are encouraged to get busy.

The season will resume with the first business meeting on May 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at Associated Bank. Check-in days will be May 15th and 16th from 10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. Opening day will be Friday, May 24th.

For questions and other information, you can contact any of the officers. President: DeAnn Haga (262-385-7498); Vice-President: Debbie Papak (715-784-0859); Treasurer: Kathy Gibbs (715-478-0403) or Secretary: Ann Koziol (715-478-2785).

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This position has a starting wage of \$27.29 based on experience.

Application 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. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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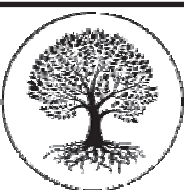
Forest County Health Department is accepting applications for a full-time (40 hours per week, 4-10 hour days) Public Health Nurse. There will be an occasional need to work evening and/or weekend hours. Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Preferred applicants will have experience in community health and public health competencies.

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conditions. However, the runoff from melted snow carries salt into nearby water bodies, posing a threat to both drinking water sources and freshwater ecosystems.

Impact on Drinking Water:

1.Elevated Sodium Levels: The runoff introduces elevated sodium levels into water sources, compromising the quality of drinking water. Excessive sodium can be harmful to human health, particularly for individuals with certain medical conditions.

2.Contamination of Wells and Aquifers: Groundwater, a significant source of drinking water, can be contaminated as salt infiltrates wells and aquifers. This poses a long-term threat to communities relying on groundwater for their water supply.

Impact on Freshwater Ecosystems:

1.Disruption of Aquatic Life: Freshwater ecosystems, including rivers and lakes, are particularly vulnerable to elevated salt levels. Excessive salt concentrations can disrupt the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems, harming fish, invertebrates, and plant life.

2.Loss of Biodiversity: Prolonged exposure to high salt concentrations can result in the loss of biodiversity in freshwater habitats. Sensitive species may struggle to survive, leading to a decline in overall ecosystem health.

Best Practices for Smart Winter Salting

You can keep sidewalks and driveways safe this winter while protecting our waters by following these simple steps:

1.Shovel: Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.

2.Let the Sun Take Over: If your shoveled area gets some sun, then you may not need to do anything else even if the temperature is below freezing.

3.Sand: Sand is abrasive, so when applied on ice, it makes it safer to walk on the slippery surface immediately. If it snows again, then you'll need to reapply it. "Sandbox sand" is difficult to spread because of the smaller grains and sticks together easier; so look for "sand" or "masonry sand."

4.Scatter If needed at all: If you use salt, scatter it so that there is space between the grains. Believe it or not, a coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. If you see oversalting, follow these simple steps.

5.Switch: When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter (PDF) that works at lower temperatures.

Wisconsin Salt Awareness Week serves as a reminder of the environmental consequences associated with road salt usage. While the need for road safety is undeniable, it is crucial to adopt sustainable practices and explore alternatives to mitigate the impact on drinking water sources and freshwater ecosystems. Public awareness, responsible salt application, and the implementation of eco-friendly de-icing methods are essential steps toward preserving both road safety and environmental health.

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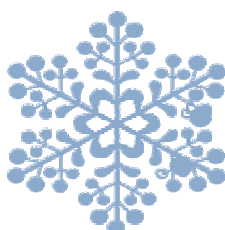
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Tobacco Quit Line offers eight weeks of free medications

Free meds quadrupled in time for New Year's Resolutions

Forest County, WI: The Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line is offering more free medications for all Wisconsinites who want to rethink their tobacco use. The Quit Line has long sent a free two-week starter kit of nicotine patches, lozenges, or gum for eligible tobacco users. But beginning January 1, the Quit Line will offer eight weeks of free medication to support New Year's resolutions. The offer is available for a limited time only.

People can register for confidential Quit Line services 24/7 in any of three ways: call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669), text READY to 34191, or visit WiQuitLine.org.

"Now's the perfect time to think about changing your relationship with tobacco," said Northern WI Tobacco Free Coalition. "You can reach out to the Quit Line and go at your own pace."

Expert quit coaches invite people who smoke, vape, or chew tobacco to think about quitting or changing their tobacco use. They develop an individualized plan to support the person to reach their goals on their own timeline. "Our coaches are friendly, welcoming, and don't judge," said NWTFC.

The Quit Line offers tips for changing tobacco use, such as:

- Consider asking people not to smoke or vape around you because it's a trigger for urges.
- Alcohol can trigger your urge to smoke or vape, so avoid it.
- Drink water. It can help get you through urges.
- Schedule fun things to keep your mind off tobacco.
- Keep your hands and mouth busy. Try carrots, straws, pretzel sticks, or gum.
- Take deep breaths. You'd do so while smoking; now take healthy breaths without the negativity.
- Exercise. Schedule walks with a friend.
- Reduce stresstake a warm bath, get more sleep.
- Remind yourself that cravings will soon pass.
- Remind yourself why you are changing your tobacco use.
- Plan a trip with the money you'll save by smoking or vaping less.

For more information, please contact Northern Wisconsin Tobacco Coalition representative, Kathleen Kautz, RN, MSN, Forest County Health Department at 715-478-3371 Kathleen.Kautz@co.forest.wi.us

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Wisconsinites invited to participate in Wisconsin Conservation Congress resolution process

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) invites all Wisconsinites to take part in its annual spring hearing process.

The WCC is an independent organization of residents that advises the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources.

Each year residents have an opportunity to submit ideas as resolutions to the WCC.

Wisconsinites can submit proposed resolutions via the online process now through Feb. 26, 2024. **Resolutions must meet the following criteria:**

- The concern must be of statewide impact.
- The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
- The concern must be within the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.
- An individual citizen may submit no more than two resolutions per year. Those interested in submitting a resolution are encouraged to reach out to the resolution review committee or their WCC County Chair for guidance in drafting a resolution.

Additional tips on preparing a resolution are available on the WCC and DNR's Spring Hearings webpage.

Resolutions will be accepted until Feb. 26, 2024. At the close of the submission process, the resolutions will be reviewed by a committee of WCC delegates to ensure they meet the criteria for inclusion and will be prepared for the online input, which kicks off on Wednesday, April 10, and will close on Saturday, April 13.

For further information or questions, contact Terri Roehrig, Executive Committee Member of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, at 920-540-2775.

