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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.

I recently attended a meeting on PFAS and its impact on wildlife. From bald eagles nesting near Lake Superior to mussels in the Mississippi River, scientists are increasingly studying Wisconsin wildlife for signs of the impact of ingesting the forever chemicals more commonly known as PFAS.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemical compounds, or PFAS, are odorless and tasteless chemicals that have been showing up in private and public water systems across the state. The chemicals have been around for decades and are associated with hundreds of products people use

including firefighting foam, non-stick cookware and stainresistant clothing. They are linked to health problems in humans, including certain cancers and liver.

"What we know is it (PFAS contamination) is pretty much everywhere," said Sean Storm, a Wisconsin DNR fish and wildlife toxicologist. "We have detected it in



Scientists with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources work to sample nestling eagles to learn more about how PFAS may be impacting them near Lake Superior. Photo Courtesy of the Wisconsin DNR disease.

numerous areas across the state. Not surprisingly, as we've seen with levels in fish, there are certain parts of the state where levels seem to be higher than others."

'We first started looking at PFAS in wildlife back around 2007, and then we started doing it a little bit more regularly in 2011 and have been looking at it on and off since then," Storm said.

"Most of the wildlife/PFAS data we have is in eagles. Through this work, we have identified that the Wisconsin River has higher levels than elsewhere in the state. We don't know why," said Storm. "We are still learning in terms of what harmfully impacts PFAS exposure can cause (in wildlife). Things like thyroid function, issues with

reproduction and behavior. It might not be the PFAS are making birds overtly sick, but they might not be behaving as others who are unexposed," he added.

This summer, the DNR gathered samples from eagles on the south shore of Lake Superior. The sampling is part of a multi-state study with Minnesota and Michigan.

Earlier this year, biologists at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery began studying how PFAS in the Mississippi River are impacting Genoa and Dubuque, Iowa. mussel populations.



Plain Pocketbook mussels cultured for Mississippi River contaminants of emerging concern study. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service between

"We have

undertaken this research because PFAS are an emerging contaminant and we don't know enough about what risk they pose to aquatic organism," said Megan Bradley, the lead mussel biologist at Genoa.

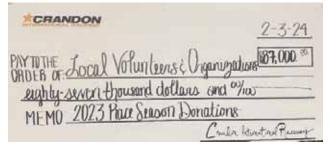
Bradley said, they hope to learn more about the amount of PFAS in the water and sediment of the Mississippi River and how native mussels are dealing with the contamination.

"We are taking samples of well water and surface water and we're sampling the sediment they grow in, because we don't really know for sure yet where the PFAS could be coming from. We're eventually going to be looking at the PFAS levels in the animals," Bradley said.

Bradley said it will take another 10 months to grow the mussels and it could be three years before some results are known. Bradley said the study's results could be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to set water standards for wildlife and PFAS.

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# **Crandon International** Raceway announces \$87,000 in Community Giving



At their annual Volunteers Banquet held on February 3, Crandon International Raceway announced its annual giving total for the 2023 race season. Over the course of the year, the track gave over \$87,000 within the Forest County community in the form of donations to nonprofit groups and teams, high school scholarships, and other gifts and donations to various causes, events, and fundraisers.

Crandon Raceway's annual giving is a testament to its commitment to giving back our volunteer friends and family who have supported the track for over 50 years. Each race weekend, more than 400 local volunteers contribute their time and talents to support track operations, safety management, and hospitality for fans and race teams. Reinvestment in our volunteers and their causes is one of the most unique and cherished parts of the Crandon Raceway story, and we're excited to continue the program into the future.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for future announcements about volunteer opportunities at Crandon for the 2024 race season.



# Red Arrow Snowmobile Club SNOWFEST in Townsend

What used to be the Fish-A-Ree in Townsend, is now Snowfest. This big event will be held on February 17th from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Townsend Town Hall in Townsend.

There will be meat raffles, a 50/50 raffles, lots of food and beverages. And there is the big cash raffle with a first prize of \$1,500, second of \$1,000, third of \$500 and 4th through 8th of \$100. The tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

This will be the 48th Annual event and your won't want to miss it. The funds raised will be used for the improvement of the snowmobile and ATV trails in the Townsend area. All are invited to come and have a good time!



# Ruffed Grouse **Banquet** is coming soon!

The Nicolet Wild Rivers Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society will be holding their 32nd Annual Conservation Banquet on Saturday, March 16th at the Crandon Community Center.

A membership and dinner ticket is \$60, one membership ticket and two dinner tickets if \$85, and a Junior Membership and dinner ticket for age 17 and under

If you would like to help keep ruffed grouse habitat healthy in this area and in Wisconsin, plant to attend, enjoy the meal, the companionship, and hopefully win some prizes!

For more info, contact Dave Ziolkowski at 715-336-2521 or email to ZiolkowskiFarm@Centurytel.net.

Read the Pioneer Express online at www.pioneerexpresscrandon.com

# Candidate Spotlight

Anyone seeking political office is invited and encouraged to announce their candidacy in the Candidate Spotlight. It is an opportunity to tell the voters why you are running, goals if elected, etc. It is not a forum for bashing an opponent, and there is no charge.

# Dawn Jakubiec

My name is Dawn Jakubiec and I am running for re-election to the school board for the School District of Wabeno Area.

I am a lifetime resident of the district. For the first several years of my education I attended Rummel School in the Township of Freedom. It was a wonderful one room school. I graduated from Wabeno High as have four generations of my family. We have four generations of pictures on the walls in Wabeno High. The first being my dad about 1936 and the most recent my granddaughter in 2021. I currently have two granddaughters open enrolled at Wabeno. My daughter drives them 40 miles one way every day so that they can attend our district because of the wonderful education offered in Wabeno.

Not only do I live in the district but am involved in the community as well. I am a member of the Roller Booster Club, Wabeno Lions, and Wabeno Chamber of Commerce where I am chairperson of the craft show held in July. I am employed at the bank in Wabeno my entire career which is now Laona State Bank. I have experience in budgeting, finance, investments, etc.

One of the reasons I am running again is so that I can continue to have an opportunity to work with our new Administrator to continue to provide an excellent education for our students while maintaining a reasonable budget for our taxpayers of the district.

I feel that one of the biggest issues in the district is maintaining staff. With a lot of them coming from cities, our rural area can't offer them the activities that they can get there. Fortunately, we have a lot of employees who are graduates of Wabeno High and have come back to the area after college and made this their home. This is really good for the district as they have children in the district and want our kids to get an excellent education.

I would sincerely appreciate your continued support to keep the School District of Wabeno Area one of the best in the state and continue to provide the best quality education.

#### Benjamin Larson

My name is Benjamin Larson, and I'm a candidate seeking a position on the Wabeno School District school board.

A little bit about me; I'm 39 years old, and my wife and I have three children. My dad and his siblings are all graduates of Wabeno school district. I grew up in southern Wisconsin and was homeschooled much of my grade-school years. I



hold a Bachelors of Arts degree with extensive education in Children's Ministries. I worked for an international children's ministry for seven years as Director, overseeing all aspects of non-profit ministry in my local chapter. Currently I pastor Bethel Baptist Church in Wabeno, and I also hold a dwelling contractor's license.

I'm running for this position because I believe in our future: our young people, school and community What they are taught and believe has long-lasting effects. I offer my experience and dedication to our young people to work with our school staff to raise our national testing scores and work with the administration to improve parental involvement in the educational process.

Tuesday, February 20th is our Spring Primary. I humbly request your vote. Benjamin Larson, Candidate for School Board.

### Raletta Shampo-Ashbeck

Hello, my name is Raletta Shampo-Ashbeck, and I am a lifelong resident and active community member of Wabeno and surrounding areas. My husband Steve and I were born and raised here. We have two wonderful children. We made a decision in our early 20's to raise our family in the town we love. All four of us are proud graduates of Wabeno High School.



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# Wabeno Elementary Celebrates the 100th Day with Excitement

A Wabeno kindergartener writes 100 numbers on a 100 chart.

The kindergarten team at Wabeno Elementary gave students an opportunity to have fun while learning on Thursday, February 8, 2024. This day marked the 100th day of school for the Wabeno School District. Students participated in a variety of activities

centered around both math and literacy skills. At the end of the day, the following comment of one of the kindergarteners was heard, "This is the best day of my life!"

# 100th Day Celebration at Wabeno Elementary

It's the 100th Day of School at Wabeno Elementary School. Mrs. Betters' 4th Grade Class joined Miss Spatz' 1st Grade Class (below left). They joined forces to find 100 items in a classroom picture. The students enjoyed each other's company while doing the 100th Day activity. Mrs. Romprey's first grade class made Ten Tens trail mix for snack on the 100th day of school (below right).





Mrs. Counard's 2nd grade students were given the task of counting a pile of cotton balls. They started counting out piles of ten. When the piles of 10 got too messy, they tried to organize it into an array with 10 rows and 10 columns. That got messy too so then they came up with the idea of putting them into groups of 50 or 100. After trying to count by 50s and then 100s, they agreed to make groups of 100. When they counted them all, they had 1,026 cotton balls!!



Wabeno kindergarten students build with 100 cups

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#### 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, 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 - Feb. 19 - Oven baked rosemary chicken, baked sweet potato, diced beets, cornbread, grapes

Monday - Feb. 26 - Beef vegetable stew, biscuit, whole kernel corn, tossed romaine/spinach salad, dressing,

#### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Feb. 20 - BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, diced potatoes, butterscotch pudding

Tuesday - Feb. 27 - Chicken Florentine, penne pasta, cauliflower, mandarin oranges, banana and vanilla

#### CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - Feb. 21 - Beef stroganoff, mashed

potatoes, broccoli, biscuit, banana cake

. **Wednesday - Feb. 28 -** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, 3-

bean salad, rye bread, ambrosia fruit salad ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday - Feb. 15 - Swedish meatballs, brussel sprouts, salad with carrots and tomatoes, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, cookie

Thursday - Feb. 22 - Baked pork chops, sweet potatoes, broccoli salad, corn, butter bread, banana pudding

Thursday - Feb. 29 - Lasagna, breadstick, salad with

tomatoes and carrots, corn, pears, blueberry muffin 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 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.

# Re-elect Bryan Schallock for School Board

I have 5 years of experience and have been part of great things that happened in the Crandon School District. From being a million dollars in the red to a balance budget, making our school one of the safest schools in the state, building and grounds projects that have been completed, making sure our kids have everything they need to be successful and equipped to graduate, being a part of getting discipline under control and doing everything we can to hire and retain

> great teachers. Authorized and paid for by Bryan Schallock

# AREA EVENTS

#### 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

Call or stop by the Library (715-478-3784) for more information and to make an appointment.

ARGONNE COMMUNITY

CHURCH

7495 Pine St. Argonne

Argonne Community Church@gmail.com

**Sunday Worship** 

9:00 A.M.

All Welcome

Crandon Senior

Spotlight -

Conner Lawrence

Conner Lawrence,

son of Bill and Amanda

Lawrence, said his best high

school memory was going to

state for wrestling his

sophomore year and getting his 100th win during senior

year. His biggest

accomplishments were

keeping up academically

while also being a very active

athlete, being on honor roll

and a National Honor Society

member. Throughout high

school, he was involved in

wrestling, football, track &

field, baseball and the trap

team. He also attended

Nicolet Area Technical

College through the Start

College Now program and will be receiving his welding

technical diploma when he graduates high school.

years he's learned that life is

what you make of it. It doesn't matter where you

came from, if you work hard,

college for wrestling while

working on earning a degree

thank his mom and dad for always being there. He

would like to thank all his

coaches for pushing him to

life turns out good.

in engineering.

be his best.

In the past twelve

He plans to go to

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Sundays at 10:30 am

# Win A Shopping Spree At Mike's Supermarket

Enter to win one of the TWO 60-second \$500 Shopping Sprees at Mike's Supermarket.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Tickets will be for sale from January to Friday, May 24th, 2024.

The event will take place on Sunday, June 2nd at 8:30 am.

Tickets will be sold at Mike's Supermarket each Friday from noon to 4 pm.

### Self-serve ticket sales during business hours at these locations:

- NorthLakes Community Clinic (15397 WI-32, Lakewood, WI 54138)
- Mike's Supermarket (917887 WI-32, Townsend, WI 54175)
- Krist (4428 Branch St, Wabeno, WI 54566)

Live drawing on Friday, May 24th on the Friends of NorthLakes Community Clinic Facebook Page at noon. Need not be present to win.

The Shopping Spree will take place on Sunday, June 2nd at 8:30 am at Mike's Supermarket.

#### RULES:

You must be at least 18 years old.

The 60-second sprees can be a maximum of \$500,00 including sales tax.

There will be a 10-piece limit on butcher-cut fresh meat. No alcohol, cigarettes, toiletries, batteries, or The name on the ticket does NOT need to be the person who physically does the shopping spree.

Community partners:

The raffle is open to the family and staff at Mike's Supermarket and Northlakes Community Clinic.















11th Annual LFD Auxiliary **Cook Elfors UFW Post 6823** 

Saturday, February 24th

Silver Lake. Laona • Fishing: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

# RAFFLE DRAWING AT 5 P.M.

1st Prize: \$500 CASH · 2nd: \$250 CASH 3rd: \$200 CASH · 4th: \$100 CASH 5th: \$100 CASH · 6th: \$100 CASH · 7th: \$75 CASH · 8th: \$50 CASH 9th: \$25 CASH · 10th: \$150 CASH Need not be present to win

Weigh-ins & Raffle Wheels start at noon and will be held at Silver Lake **Beach Pavilion** 

**NO WEIGH-INS AFTER 4 PM!** 

#### New locations for Alanon and AA

ALANON: People affected by someone's drinking, will meet on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace life Bible Fellowship at 104 W Madison St. in Crandon.

Crandon AA: Alcoholics Anonymous, will meet on Thursdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Forest County Chamber of Commerce located at 116 S Lake Ave. in Crandon.

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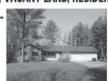
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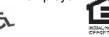
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# Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Editor:

I believe that understanding ones' carbon foot print is helpful in knowing how to live each day. We can all see our foot print when we travel by car and put gas into the tank. It turns out that one of the big ways we can effect our carbon foot print revolves around what we eat, where it comes from and how not to waste it. Having a plant based diet helps to not only to give one a healthier life, it also will  $cut\,methane\,emissions\,\hbox{-}\,a\,powerful\,greenhouse\,gas.$ 

Growing our own food provides connection to the earth, gives us fresh, delicious food that is seasonally celebrated and not wrapped in plastic. There is no transportation cost. Vegetarianism aligns us with the world and its population. Just two billion people can eat like typical Americans with their meat consumption, while with the same grain, ten billion people can be fed. Hand forking the garden soil, maintains the soil integrity, builds soil, captures carbon and is easier. Making use of compost and returning it to the soil is a satisfying process of seeing how the Laws of Nature work...full circle.

**During WWII Americans grew Victory Gardens** and produced 30-40% of the country's food supply. It was good for the people and nation then and can be done again now.

We have endeavored to reach for hand tools instead of fossil fuels at Sun Farm and suggest that fossil fuels be rationed. Please join us .

Amy C. Wilson 77480 Evergreen Rd Port Wing, WI 54865 acwilson@cheqnet.net

### Crandon Senior Spotlight -Brennen David Polaski



Brennen David Polaski, son of Heather and Terrance Queen, said his favorite memories of high school had to be physical

education and being able to just hang out with his friends. His biggest accomplishment, he said, had to be graduating.

In the past twelve years, he's learned that being on your own is okay and that school mentally and physically gets you ready for the real world.

He plans on moving up or getting a promotion at his mill job and becoming a mechanic. He works at Infinity Wood Floors.

He would like to thank his mom, dad, grandpa and the rest of his family for support, but most importantly, he wants to thank God for helping him keep pushing forward.



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# **Pearson-Pickerel Lions Scholarships**

Pearson-Pickerel Lions are again offering scholarships to high school seniors in the Pickerel area. a n application, email PearsonPickerelLions@gmail.com or check with your guidance counselor. Deadline is March 17th.



# LAONA STATE BANK

108 N. Lake Ave • PO BOX 395 • Crandon, WI 54520 The Laona State Bank is now accepting sealed bids on the following items:

2015 Jeep Renegade Sport AWD Minimum Bid \$6,000

2008 Larson Sport 180 Boat Minimum Bid \$2,000

\* Inboard engine was not winterized and is Beyond repair. Body is in great condition.

# **Sealed Bids February 9- March 1st** Bids Deadline 4:00 p.m. March 1st

For more information, contact Michiel Irish at 715-478-5800 or michieli@laonastatebank.com

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

Laona/Wabeno parents and students are expected to attend in order to receive schedules, participation forms, handbooks, and all other pertinent information. Your attendance at these meetings is required so paperwork can be turned in before the season starts. Please contact the coach in advance if you have a conflict with these dates.

- Track will be meeting on February 26 at 6:00 pm in Laona (Big gym)-grades 6-12
- Softball will be meeting on February 26 at 6:00 pm in Laona (Small gym)-grades 9-12
- Baseball will be meeting on February 26 at 6:00 pm in Laona (Cafeteria)-grades 9-12
- Golf will be meeting on March 13 at 5:30pm in Mr. Anderson's room in Laona. grades 6-12

A link will be provided on the Laona and Wabeno school Facebook pages for the Code of Conduct. Please be sure to check it out and submit the paperwork online. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Boor at mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us

#### **Laona Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 • 5:30 p.m. Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School (Date has been changed from 2/14/24 to 2/21/24)

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Chad Albrecht
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
- 5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Bills and Claims
  - **B.** Meeting Minutes

### 6. Items for Discussion and/or Action

- A. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Announcement
- B. Senior Class Trip Final Approval
- C. Prom Update
- D. AGR Report
- E. Staffing Discussion 2024-2025
- F. 2024-2025 School Calendar
- G. Project Updates
- H. Commencement Speaker Update
- I. January Pupil Count
- J. NEOLA Update Vol. 33 No. 1 and Technical Corrections Vol. 33 No. 1
- K. NLC Board of Education Spring Meeting
  - L. Co-Curricular Resignations M. Co-Curricular Hires
  - N. Daycare Position
  - O. HUDL Purchase

#### 7. Informational Items:

- A. Business Manager's Report
- B. Middle/High School Principal's Report C. District Administrator/Elementary
- Principal's Report
- D. Committee's Reports
- E. Board Member Reports
- 8. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
  - A. Personnel
  - B. Staffing Discussion 2024-2025
  - C. Daycare Position
- 9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.

#### 10. Adjourn:

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

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

# Bids & Notices

#### 2024-2025 OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PERIOD **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA**

The School District of Laona will be accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year from February 5, 2024-April 30, 2024. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on April 30, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply on-line at https://dpi.wi.gov/oe.

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Additional information from an open enrollment consultant is available toll-free by calling (888) 245-2732, option 2, or by emailing openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov.

\*Please note: If your child is already attending the School District of Laona through Open Enrollment, you do not need to reapply.

**Public Notice** 

February 21, 2024 - 12:00 P.M. Community Room 115 - Wabeno Elementary School

The School Board of Canvassers will meet to canvass the results of the February Primary election held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. The canvass will include review of all ballots cast on Election Day as well as any late-arriving absentee or outstanding provisional ballots. Upon completion of the public canvass, election results will be Dave Seeber and Emy Belland certified.

PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 5, FEBRUARY 19, 2024 **Request For Bids** 

# Replacement of 11 boilers with IBC 95%

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Bids will be accepted until February 23, 2024. Indian Preference applies

# **School District of Crandon Open Enrollment Application Notice**

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If your child is already attending the School District of Crandon through Open Enrollment and you have questions or need to reapply, please contact Donnell Dachelet at 715-478-3339.

# WHAT'S TO EAT

### Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Feb 19-23

Monday - Breakfast tacos, apple churros, tropical fruit, fruit juice,

Tuesday - Assorted cereal, grapes, fruit juice,

Wednesday - Scrambled eggs, biscuits/gravy, breakfast potatoes, pineapple tidbits, oranges, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - French toast sticks, bacon, kiwi, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk

# Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Feb 19-22

Monday - Chicken dumpling soup, w.G. bread sticks, apple slices, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Turkey croissant, chips, green beans, berry cup, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend peaches, garden bar, milk Thursday - Crispito, Spanish rice, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar,

Friday - Assorted pizza, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk



### **NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY & SAMPLE BALLOT** SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION February 20, 2024

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA:

Notice is hereby given of an election to be held in the several wards in the School District of Wabeno Area on the 20th day of February 2024, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a school district referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. Wisconsin now requires a Photo ID to vote. If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

County	Polling Place	Addres	<u>ss</u>
Forest	Town of Blackwell Town H	lall 3696 Flanner Ln	Laona, WI 54541
Forest	Town of Freedom Town Ha	all 918 MacArthur Trail	Wabeno, WI 54566
	Wabeno Town Hall - Ward	ds	
Forest	1,2,3,4,5	4473 N.Branch St.	Wabeno, WI 54566
	Town of Freedom Town H	all	
Langlade	(primary only)	918 MacArtuur Trail	Wabeno, WI 54566
Marinette	Town of Silver Cliff - Ward 1	N11929 Parkway Rd.	Silver Cliff, WI 54104
Oconto	Doty Town Hall	14899 Cty Rd T	Mountain, WI 54149
Oconto	Lakewood Town Hall	17181 Twin Pines Rd	Lakewood, WI 54138
Oconto	Riverview Town Hall	15471 Hwy 32	Mountain, WI 54149
Oconto	Townsend Town Hall	16564 Elm St.	Townsend, WI 54175

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters. The following is a sample of the official primary ballot:

#### **Official Primary Ballot** for Nonpartisan Office February 20, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

#### **Instructions to Voters**

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name, like this: 🛘

Vote	for not more than 2	
Ш	Dawn C. Jakubiec	
	Penny McLaughlin	SAMPL
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# Baldwin Delivers Over \$3.5M to Lower Price at the Pump

Funding from the Baldwin-supported Inflation Reduction Act will expand access to clean biofuels and support Wisconsin agriculture economy

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) announced that local gas stations in Wisconsin are receiving over \$3.5 million to help increase the availability of homegrown biofuels, cut the cost at the pump, and give Wisconsinites cleaner fuel options. The funding comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program, funded by the Baldwin-supported Inflation Reduction Act.

"Homegrown biofuels support Wisconsin's farmers and producers, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and help drive down the price at the pump," said Senator Baldwin. "I voted for the Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs for Wisconsinites, and these grants will allow local gas stations to upgrade their infrastructure and expand the availability of lower cost, cleaner fuels – all while supporting Wisconsin's farmers."

The following Wisconsin businesses received

Bulk Petroleum Corporation - \$3,456,000 to create infrastructure to expand the sales and use of renewable fuels. Station locations impacted by this grant are Black River Falls, Cudahy, Green Bay (3 stations), Luxemburg, Milwaukee (2 stations), Oak Creek, Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan, Sturgeon Bay, Two Rivers, and Wisconsin Rapids (2 stations).

Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc. - \$56,180 to use towards the total cost of eight dispensers in Tomah to give cleaner, more affordable fuel options at gas station pumps.

Senator Baldwin has long championed increasing the use of biofuels to reduce the price at the pump and support Wisconsin's farmers, producers, and rural communities. Last year, Senator Baldwin successfully pushed the Biden administration to allow E15 fuel to be sold during the summer months.



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# Wisconsin DMV investigates increase in odometer rollbacks, title fraud

Wisconsin DMV's Dealer and Agent Section uncovered a growing number of fraud instances against consumers from an influx of out-of-state businesses licensed as wholesale dealers in Wisconsin. In the last two months, 32 wholesale dealer licenses were revoked due to failure to maintain business facilities. Other revocations were due to unlicensed retail sales to consumers and false title statements and odometer rollbacks – two of the wholesale dealers rolled back more than 6 million miles over 64 vehicles.

"Wisconsin DMV's Dealer and Agent Section is committed to protecting consumers by investigating complaints, verifying business practices and taking corrective action. However, the tremendous growth in the number wholesale dealers, many of whom are out-of-state dealer owners, puts consumers at risk from unscrupulous businesses who abuse their wholesale license," Wisconsin DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said. "Not only are consumers hurt, Wisconsin dealers who do business the right way are getting a bad name from those who abuse their wholesale license."

Behind this growing fraud problem are thousands of wholesale dealers in Centralized Dealer Operations (CDOs). CDOs are large facilities that may house several hundred licensed wholesale dealers at one time within a shared space. These facilities are often empty and only used as a business front. Since 2018, when CDOs first appeared in Wisconsin, the number of wholesale licenses has grown exponentially – increasing by 1,194%. More than 90% of those dealers reside outside the state.

Wisconsin is one of the few states that offers wholesale dealer licenses to business owners. A Wisconsin wholesale dealer license allows businesses to only sell vehicles between dealer to dealer. A wholesaler may not sell vehicles to the public. These types of dealers offer a valuable service to the motor vehicle industry. However, in recent years, Wisconsin has seen a dramatic increase in the number of wholesale dealer licenses and consumer complaints. DMV now has an online process to report complaints, wisconsindmv.gov/dealercomplaint, to further support car buyers.

# Crandon Senior Spotlight - Elias Johnson



(step-dad), and Johnathan (dad), said he loved wood shop and making it to all his classes on time.

In the past twelve

years he's learned that the school day is very long and that it takes a lot of people to get us to graduation.

He is planning (hopefully) for college, otherwise school and traveling.

He would like to thank his mom for everything she's done for him, Mrs. Brandy and all the other teachers who have of Sara (mom), Shooter been there for him.

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#### Goodman Armstrong Creek Lions Club Predator Hunt



The Goodman Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club 17th Annual Predator Hunt concluded on February 4th at Rocque's 8-Hi Club in Goodman, WI. It was a great year for the hunt with 31 coyotes and 3 fox brought in by 17 teams in 3 divisions. The Meat Raffle, Gun Raffle and 50-50 resulted in a lot of happy participants.

The photo above shows the winning Calling Division Team from Laona. The winner from the Trapping Division was from Armstrong Creek. The winner of the Hound Division was from Sheboygan.

Shown below (from left to right) are Lions Richard Majewski, Todd Kowalkowski, John Gorgol.



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# **Death Notices**

**Edmund Wallace Phelps**, of Grafton, formerly of Crandon, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Horizon-Lawlis Family Hospice facility in Mequon, Wisconsin on February 2, 2024. He was 90 years old.

Edmund was born on May 25, 1933, in Alton, Illinois to the late Howard and Cora (Cave) Phelps. He graduated from Alton High School. Following high school, Edmund



enlisted in the United States Air Force in April of 1951.

Upon his honorable discharge from the service, he began his higher education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and finished with his master's degree from Ohio State University.

After college, Edmund became a teacher and administrator at Collinsville High School until 1976. In 1977, he accepted a position as administrator at Elk Grove High School until his retirement in 1992. He married the love of his life, Gwyneth Ashley "Ash" Phelps on October 28, 1988, she survives

He moved to Wisconsin shortly after retirement, only to go back to work in the education sector. He served in multiple capacities in the Wisconsin Public School system. He retired to his northern Wisconsin retreat in 2005 at the age of 72.

Edmund was a champion of education and leadership. A dedicated educator and empathetic leadership consultant, Phelps devoted his life to nurturing the development and well-being of individuals.

For decades, Phelps served as the esteemed Executive Director of the Illinois Association for Student Councils (IASC), leaving an indelible mark on the organization with his visionary leadership. In 1982, he assumed the role of Chairman of the National Advisory Board for Student Activities demonstrating his commitment to shaping ethical and effective leadership.

Phelps's legacy extends far beyond the titles he held, as he touched countless lives through his mentorship and genuine care for others. His impact on the fields of education and especially student leadership will be remembered as a testament to his unwavering dedication to the betterment of human development.

Edmund is survived by his wife, Gwyneth; children, Kevin, Denise, Jayson (Debra) Phelps, Christopher and Ken Arnold, David (Angelica) Phelps, Michael, and Matthew (Angel) Phelps; step children, Ann Marie (Ken) Locke, Amy (Jim) Dahlborn, Angie Ashley and Jayme Pruyn, and Andy (Shari) Ashley; grandchildren, Conner, Jenna, and Jared, Brittany (Jerry), Brianna (Josh), Leeah Phelps (Carlos Ayala), Alexa, Luke, Joey, Brady, Austin, and Mia; stepgrandchildren, Olivia, Claudia, Dane, Lucas, Blake, Morgan, Payton, Helena and Rhiannon; and great-grandchildren, Emma, Peyton, Hailen, Ezra, Aria, Hazel, Julien, Lyla, and Rosalia. He is further survived by sister-in-law, Megan Horin; nieces, Stephanie (Denny) Buhs and Dawn (Jim) Austin; and nephew, Brian (Lisa) Phelps.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard O. Phelps Sr. and Cora Elizabeth Phelps; brother, Howard Oren Phelps Jr.; sister-in-law, Norma Phelps; and nephew, Scott Phelps.

A celebration of life will be on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 1-4 p.m. at the Village Point Commons located at 101 Walnut Circle, Grafton, WI 53024.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home of Crandon, Wisconsin has been entrusted to handle arrangements.

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

Michael Richard Lavin, age 85, formerly from Townsend, WI, passed away on January 17, from colon cancer.

Mike was born in Chicago on May 8, 1938. His family moved to Green Bay Wisconsin in 1940 and he was raised with two sisters and one brother. In 1956 he joined the Navy. From 1960 to 1964 he was



enrolled at the University of Wisconsin. After graduating, he returned to Chicago and worked two years at Stewart Warner. After that time, he returned to Green Bay and work as a sales manager for Procter & Gamble. In 1988 he decided to try his hand at owning a business. He owned three bars and cooked and bartended until 1992. He started his own cleaning business called Contract Cleaning, and later it was called Ultimate Cleaning.

In 1993, Mike bought land in Townsend and decided to retire in 1999. He worked at Long Branch Saloon from 2002 until 2016.

Mike was a member of the Townsend and Doty Fire Departments. He took the First Responder course and then became a driver for the Lakewood Townsend Ambulance Service.

Mike is survived by his brother Tom Lavin and niece Patty Clary.

#### Correction to the obituary of Ronald L. Holiday of Wabeno

The obit of Ronald L. Holiday that ran last week needs this correction.

His sister, Escher Holiday Clark and brother-in-law Jon Clark, of Laona, were omitted from the obituary.

"I'm going home."

Raymond Peter Ehlinger, 85, of Wabeno entered his heavenly home on February 7, 2024, surrounded by his loving

Ray was born February 21, 1938, to Peter J. and Dorothy M. (Sigl) Ehlinger. He and his seven siblings grew up on the family farm near Wabeno. Hard work, honesty, dedication and faith were instilled from an early age.

Ray taught himself to play

guitar at the age of 12, creating tunes on his homemade guitar fashioned from a cigar box. He and his sister Joan formed a band affectionately known as "Ray's Orchestra" He graduated from Wabeno High School with the class of

He enlisted in the United States Army where he served 2 years of active duty as mail clerk, followed by 2 years in the reserves.

He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal of Honor. After his honorable discharge, he attended technical college in the Fox Valley area where he refined his skills in carpentry. This education formed the blueprint of his work life - he built over 20 homes, remodeled innumerable cabins, built garages, and was a skilled craftsman in custom cabinetry. He was always willing to help anyone with a building project.

He continued following his musical avocation, playing guitar with a band called "The Ramblers." He was playing at The Green Door bar/Dance Hall when he met his future wife, Ellen (Plutz) Parent. They married on August 12, 1967, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Appleton. They lived in Neenah until 1974 when they moved to Wabeno, where Ray built their "forever home" near the original Ehlinger farm. This home is where they raised their 8 children and celebrated 56 years of marriage.

Ray's greatest joy was his family and his unwavering faith in God. Ray continued with his music-Ellen joined him, singing with him as they brought their music to WAM fest, Music in the Park, talent shows, barn dances, and Nu-Roc Nursing home. They would often visit home-bound friends, bringing music and kindness with them. He was very proud of being a member of the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus. He was dedicated member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wabeno. He served on the Forest County Board of Supervisors. He was a co-founder of the Wabeno Antique Power Association, with his brother Willard. When the Wabeno Band Shell was destroyed by a tornado, he supervised, designed, and crafted the rebuild - a remarkable engineering achievement. He enjoyed making handcrafted gifts of wood for his family, including toys, furniture, and nativity stables. He made walking canes and carried them with him in case he saw anyone in need. He never knew a stranger.

In addition to his wife, Ellen, he is survived by his children, Pat Ehlinger, Cindy Jones, Tim (Winnie) Ehlinger, Susie Clark, Mary (Corey) Hamachek, John Ehlinger, Rose Visser and Joe (Andrea) Ehlinger; his grandchildren, Alisha (Matt) Alleman, Olivia (Gabriel) Wilson, Monica Ehlinger, Lucas Ehlinger, Hannah Ehlinger, Marcellus Ehlinger, Ignatius Ehlinger, Liam Visser, Emma Ehlinger and David Ehlinger; his great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Dominic, Macie Alleman and Solomon Ray Wilson; his siblings, Joan Flannery, Rosemary (Randy) Slacum and Jerry (Judy) Ehlinger; and sisters-in-law, Alice Ehlinger and Mary Ehlinger.

In addition to his parents, Ray is preceded in death by his brothers. David (Helen) Ehlinger, Merle Ehlinger and Willard Ehlinger; his sister, MaryAnn (Louis) Glentz; brother-in-law, Terry Flannery; daughter-in-law, Mary Lisa Ehlinger; sons-in-law, Steven Jones and Christian Visser; and infant grandchildren, Martha Ehlinger and Tarcisius Ehlinger.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024, from 4-8 p.m. at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Wabeno and again on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 10-10:45 at the funeral home. (1768 Oconto Ave, Wabeno, WI 54566)

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wabeno. Burial will follow at St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery, Wabeno. Father Praveen Pamisett will lead the mass with Father John Cerkas concelebrating.

Thank you to Compassus Hospice and to family and friends who have been an invaluable support.

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

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Dr. Apolinar Eduardo Arevalo Jovellana Jr. "Ed," 76 years old, of Lindstrom, Minnesota, formerly Neillsville, Wisconsin, sadly left us on February 4, 2024 following a massive stroke.

Ed was born on October 13, 1947 to Apolinar Jovellana Sr. and Remedios Arevalo Jovellana in Manila, Philippines. He was known by his family to be reserved and studious. Ed graduated medical school from University of the East,



Ramon Magsaysay in Quezon City, Philippines.

In 1976, the Jovellana family immigrated to St. Paul, MN. Ed lived and worked in a few places in the Midwest before meeting and marrying Lori (Carlson) Jovellana in St. Paul, Minnesota on October 15, 1988. They lived together in Hayward, WI where he worked at Lac Courte Oreilles Community Health. In July of 1991, Ed and Lori welcomed their daughter, Jenna. The following year, Ed and his family moved to Neillsville, WI, where he worked for Neillsville Memorial Hospital. He then finished his working career at Forest County Potawatomi: Health & Wellness Center in Crandon, WI.

Following his retirement in 2013, Ed enjoyed going to movies and music performances, taking care of his cars, and traveling the world. He loved to plan and arrange all the travel and was fortunate to visit over 60 countries with his family.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Apolinar Sr. and Remedios. He is survived by his wife, Lori and daughter, Jenna, as well as his six younger siblings: Mario (Agnes), Roberto (Evelyn), Jose, Emily (Michael), Rodolfo (Michelle), and Susan, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Catholic Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, in St. Paul, MN with a visitation at 9 a.m. Ed will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, MN.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Grandstrand Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Lindstom, MN. Www.grandstrandfh.com.

Doris E. Campbell of Crandon, passed away on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital with her family by her side, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was 70 years



She was born in Laona on January 10, 1954, to Roland and Mary (Collins) Retzlaff.

Stella.

Doris enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her hobbies included flower gardening, going to rummage sales, shopping at Goodwill and collecting frog decorations. She also enjoyed family vacations, particularly to Las Vegas and Branson. She had a special bond with her chihuahua,

Survivors include her husband, Richard; daughters; Heather (Joe) Spencer and Missy Smith; sons; Robert (Jamie) Retzlaff and Richard (Nikki) Campbell; sister, Darlene (Dave) Calhoun; and brothers, Eugene (Brenda) Retzlaff, Rusty (Peggy) Retzlaff, James Retzlaff, and Ed Retzlaff.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Lopey Retzlaff and Ronnie Collins.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Praise Chapel Community Church. Services will follow at 12 p.m. with Pastor Franz Gerber presiding.

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

Eddie Loy Conn of Crandon passed away peacefully in his home on February 8, 2024. He was 59 years old.

He was born May 14, 1964, to Robert and Glenda Conn.

Ed graduated from Crandon High School with the class of 1982. He had experienced many career paths to include driving dump truck, working in

the woods, and Pack 'Em Inn bar. He enjoyed cooking, fishing,

and spending time with his friends that

were more like family to him at Pack Em' Inn bar. He was an avid Green Bay Packer and Milwaukee Brewers fan. He would lend a helping hand to anyone and would go out of his way to help others.

Eddie is survived by his parents, Robert and Glenda Conn; children, Whitney (Zach) Higgins, Keith Conn, Robert (Trista) Conn and Mike (Ashley) Conn; 13 grandchildren; niece, Megan Quade; brother, Alan Conn; and special friend of 14 years, Marilyn Ament.

He is preceded in death by a sister, Michelle Conn; and brother, Todd Conn.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Crandon.

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



# **Thank You**

For the kind expressions of sympathy, for the phone calls, cards, monetary gifts, food donations, hugs, prayers and help taking down the Christmas tree before my family arrived.

To the Laona Rescue Squad for your help and concern, that was so crucial at a time like that! The 2 officers from the Forest County Sheriff's Dept. that eased our pain and stayed with us until the medical examiner, Lucas Johnson and Shane Packard from the funeral home arrived. Shane also helped us through the arrangements for the ceremony' with calls to the priest, choosing flowers and helpful suggestions to make the ceremony very special for Gary.

The beautiful arrangements that were so thoughtfully done withGary's wished in mind. Craig, "Thank You" for the idea for your Dad's arrangement with the John Deere/Arctic Cat theme. It turned out perfect. Thank you to Flowers From the Heart. As usual, you did a Super Job!

Thanks to Father Anil Polumari and Father John Cerkas for the touching service and kind words. It was perfect and brought closure to our family.

Thanks to the Forest County Veterans Tribute at the chruch and at the Laona Cemetery afterwards. Gary would have been so proud.

I thank my sons for all of your help before and after your Dad's death. I couldn't have done it without you and your families.

Thank you to our nieces, Vicky Klingensmith and Elizabeth King and their husbands for driving in the snowstorm from Wausau to attend Gary's funeral.

Thanks to Jane and Rick Albrecht at "Jars" for the nice dinner. We enjoyed everything! The weather was wicked, but Shane Packard reminded us that Gary had ordered the "Snow-day."

God Bless,

Jeanne Kochenderfer, Kevin Kochenderfer and Family, and Craig Kochenderfer and Family

# DMV explains steps to obtain an ID to use at the polls

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) explains the steps needed to obtain an ID to show at the polls if the voter does not already have some form of ID, such as a Wisconsin driver license or ID. There is no separate "voter ID" and a REAL ID is not required in the state.

First, voters wondering what forms of ID are acceptable at the polls should check the Wisconsin Elections Commission website. Those looking to get their first Wisconsin ID should begin at DMV's website wisconsindmv.gov/idcards. This ID may be obtained free from the DMV if used for voting purposes.

Next, bring the required documents and apply at your nearest DMV. Appointments are available but not required. Certain documents, such as a birth certificate, proof of identity and Wisconsin residency, are necessary to obtain an official Wisconsin ID card. If all documentation is not readily available, DMV offers a process that may be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information may be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

# Thank Yous and Personals

### Thank You

The Lumberjack Memorial Trails Snowmobile Club (LMT) would like to thank all of the businesses, establishments and personal donations for our 39th Annual Poker Run, making it a huge success. We appreciate all of the patrons who attended, volunteers and workers helping run the raffles, and to Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort for hosting our event. All proceeds go to trail maintenance. Looking forward to next year.

**Cash Raffle Winners:** Steele Moose, John Marsh, Dubs, Fred Kaechele, Gary Goeman

Poker Run Winners: 1st - Josh Seymour, 2nd - Brent Gagnon, 3rd - Linda Peterson

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The Wabeno Band sends A Huge Thank You and Shout Out to the American Legion Sylvan Post No. 44!! Your donation is greatly appreciated. The support and dedication you give to our communities, schools, and your organization is beyond reproach. The service and leadership of your membership is passionate about the betterment of our community. Thank you for honoring us with your donation of \$1000.

#### Journeys: assisting through grief

Journeys, a program that strives to assist individuals in their healing journey after any loss, will be offered through the Forest County Health Department beginning Monday, February 19th in the Forest County Courthouse Boardroom (north annex) starting at 10:00 a.m.

The program combines the support of others with creative arts as coping mechanisms in the grieving process. There is no charge; all supplies will be provided.

Questions: contact Lenore at 715-367-1316 or email Lenore.Blemke@co.forest.wi.us

The Deadline For ads in the Pioneer Express is 4:00 pm on Tuesday

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# Staying Vigilant: Managing Respiratory Viruses and OTC Medications

"Consulting your pharmacist is essential when selecting the right medication."

As February brings unseasonable warmth, it may seem like the end of the cold and flu season is near. However, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) and Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) caution that respiratory viruses continue to circulate across the region at moderate levels. While COVID-19 and RSV activity remain stable or decreasing, influenza has seen a slight uptick in recent weeks. In short, the threat of illness persists.

In this ongoing season of respiratory viruses, it's vital to stay informed and take proactive steps to safeguard your health. Aspirus Health offers valuable insights into managing symptoms effectively and making informed decisions about over-the-counter (OTC) medications.

From cough suppressants like dextromethorphan to pain relievers such as Tylenol® (acetaminophen) and ibuprofen, over-the-counter cold and cough medicines come in various forms and contain different ingredients targeting specific symptoms. Expectorants like Mucinex® help loosen mucus, while antihistamines like Benadryl® serve dual purposes, combating allergies and aiding in sleep or sinus relief.

"Consulting your pharmacist is essential when selecting the right medication," advises Amanda Zehnle, Aspirus Pharmacy Resident. "Pharmacists offer personalized guidance based on your health history and existing conditions, ensuring safe and effective usage."

Certain medications, such as Sudafed® products, can pose risks, especially for individuals with high blood pressure. It's vital to understand potential interactions and avoid duplications, such as inadvertently combining Tylenol® from multiple sources, for patient safety.

Parents should note that most OTC cold and cough medications are not suitable for children under the age of two. It's essential to carefully review product labels and consider pediatric-specific options when necessary.

"Seek medical attention if symptoms persist or worsen after two weeks," emphasizes Zehnle. "Persistent fever or severe pain may signal underlying conditions requiring professional evaluation."

In addition to medication, Zehnle recommends ample fluid intake, rest, and proper self-care to facilitate recovery effectively.

Remember, preventive measures such as practicing good hygiene, wearing masks in crowded or indoor settings, and staying informed about vaccination opportunities can also help reduce the risk of contracting respiratory illnesses.

For more information and personalized guidance on OTC medications, contact your primary care clinician or local pharmacist. Stay informed, take proactive steps, and prioritize your health during this ongoing season of respiratory illnesses.

#### Perfect attendance at Wabeno Elementary for the month of January

Students at Wabeno Elementary were given a task of improving overall attendance during the month of January and boy did they! Pictured below are numerous students that stepped up to the task of having perfect attendance for the month of January. These students received prizes for their perfect attendance and were recognized at their monthly assembly for their outstanding effort. Great job to all those that have worked hard to be in school!





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Applications are 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-and-reciprocity

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<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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# Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

The wildlife studies are happening at the same time studies of human exposure to PFAS are ongoing. For Sean Strong, potential solutions to PFAS contamination in wildlife will help humans and vice versa.

"We want to understand the exposure levels of fish and wildlife to PFAS and other contaminants, identify problem locations and then (determine) if there are populations that are more at risk than others," he said.

Strong said it could take several months for the DNR to have results of the eagle study in northern Wisconsin

### Warm For Winter needs a home!

Warm for Winter, the free clothing pantry begun as mission of the First Congregational

United Church of Christ, will be closing as of the end of February. Our space at Friendly Village Nursing Home, so generously provided for fourteen years, is in need of major maintenance and will no longer be available. The collection bins have been locked and the last two clothing distribution will be Monday, February 12 – 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturday, February 24 – 9 am to noon.

We are desperately searching for a new location. If you know of a possibility, please contact Geralyn at 715-367-3167 or Darla at 608-345-7305

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# Wisconsinites invited to participate in WI 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.

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# Aspirus Health holding multi-site hiring event February 19

For those hoping to find a new job, grow in their career, or learn more about opportunities in healthcare, Aspirus Health is hosting a multi-site hiring event on Monday, February 19 from 1-6 pm at four hospital locations across Wisconsin:

Aspirus Wausau Hospital

Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital

Aspirus Stanley Hospital

Howard Young Medical Center

The in-person hiring events offer attendees the ability to get up-to-date information about current openings, organizational culture, and job requirements directly from the local recruitment team and managers. For some positions, there are same-day interviews, and if qualified, job offers that day. Attendees do not need an appointment or resume to participate.

"Being in-person gives people the chance to come in, to learn, and ask those questions that they might not otherwise have an opportunity to do with an online application," said Natasha Wetterau, Director, System Talent Management at Aspirus Health. "You really get the opportunity to highlight who you are and to bring forth your personal story to help find the right job match for you."

Job seekers can learn about careers in Nursing, Physical Therapy, Ultrasound Technologist, Food Service, Housekeeping, CNAs, Surgical Technologist, Accounting, Customer Service, IT and many more.

"By having events in multiple locations, we want to connect with a wider variety of people to help funnel them to a job that offers opportunities for growth and learning," said Wetterau. "Even if someone isn't quite ready to make a change, we can talk to you about career mobility and provide information about what might be available at another location or new role."

Aspirus Health offers many career opportunities across the system that do not require healthcare experience. On-the-job training is available for many positions. The most important qualification is wanting to bring your best every day to help provide outstanding care for the patients that Aspirus serves.

If unable to attend, those interested can also apply online at aspirus.org/careers.

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While raising our children, we have run two successful businesses in this area over the course of the last 20 years and continue to give back to our area as much as we can. I was taught to value family, community, honesty and hard work and I hope to have instilled that in my children.

Some of you may know me as the Wabeno Town Clerk, others as a Rebel JV Volleyball coach (2015-2022), and others may know me as the retired owner of Flowers Galore.

Along with my service to the Town of Wabeno as the Clerk, I also do independent administrative and HR work.

I believe that I would make a positive and effective addition to the Wabeno School Board. Why am I running for School Board? The answer is

simple - Because our schools and community MATTER. Their unity and bond matters. Their growth and success matter. Our schools need the support of our communities, and our communities need the support of our schools. I have always been an advocate for a solid

connection between school and community. Working together and supporting each other, we are stronger. We need to show our children that they can play a significant role in their communities.

Together, we need to be proactive and help our area and schools grow and that is MY focus. We cannot wait for the next business to close, we cannot wait for students to go to other schools for more opportunities, and we cannot wait to lose more teachers. Together, we need to take the initiative to prevent these things from happening.

I am excited to bring my ideas and experience to the table and collaborate with other board members, staff, and

As I said in previous articles, I have noticed an undeniable positive shift in our schools over the course of the last several years. Productive leadership has and will continue to play a part in that.

I also believe that my personal business history, my position as the Town Clerk, and my involvement with creating municipal budgets will all play a key role and will also be beneficial to the boards' budgetary decision making.

I would appreciate your support to become your next Wabeno School Board Member.



# Benefit For Mark Pitts

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