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New equipment at the Crandon Area Rescue Squad



Pictured are Crandon Rescue Service Director Melinda Chaney and President DeElda Okrasinski with new equipment in front of their new ambulance.

Crandon Area Rescue Squad placed new equipment into service recently with the assistance of the Forest County Potawatomi Community and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation's Rewarding Responders Grant. Funds from the Potawatomi Community were used to purchase a new cardiac monitor and LUCAS mechanical CPR device for the outfitting of a fourth ambulance placed into service in 2023. This gives all 4 of Crandon Rescue's ambulances the ability to transmit EKG's to local hospital ERs as well as heart catheterization hospitals in Wausau or Weston for heart attacks prior to patient arrivals. Grant money from WPS was used to help purchase four universal sized pediatric restraint devices used to secure patients from 4 to 110 lbs. in size to ambulance stretchers instead of carrying a variety of sizes of car seats. The new restraint devices are designed for easy cleaning and decontamination.

Crandon Area Rescue Squad would like to extend appreciation to the Forest County Potawatomi Community and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation for their contributions to our community.

Wabeno Area Players launch 2024 season

The Wabeno Area Players are proud to reveal the line-up of performances for their 2024 season. The shows for the year are a nice mixture of productions that will prove to be audience pleasers.

The Players' first show of 2024 is *The Seasonal Psychologist: A Comedy Murder Mystery*. The play was written by the late Dr. Daniel Boatright. This show is a tribute to Daniel who wrote many plays for The Players and performed in many with the group. The comedy was performed on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. All performances were at the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno.

The Wabeno Players are very excited to host the award-winning bluegrass band, The Special Consensus on Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Nancy Volk Auditorium. The band is sure to get toes tapping with their GRAMMY nominated music. Tickets are already on sale.

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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.

Great Wisconsin Birdathon 2024

The Great Wisconsin Birdathon is Wisconsin's largest fundraiser for bird conservation. It's like a walk-a-thon style fundraiser, but instead of logging miles, our participants are logging bird sightings! Each year, bird enthusiasts from across the state raise support and awareness for bird conservation by forming a team or donating to a team.

Birdathon teams can participate any day from April 15th to June 15th, and donations are accepted from March 15th to June 30th. Participation is free and all skill levels are welcome to join.

How, when, and where you bird is up to you. While most teams choose to compete over a 24-hour period, many teams opt to bird over the course of a weekend, a week, or even the entirety of the Birdathon! Teams can bird anywhere in Wisconsin - a backyard, a local park, or a route

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Wabeno Area Players brings internationally known Bluegrass Band, The Special Consensus, to Wabeno



The internationally recognized bluegrass band, The Special Consensus, is coming to the Northwoods. The band is hoping to play to a sell-out crowd at the Nancy Volk Auditorium, in Wabeno High School, on Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 P.M. Don't miss this great evening of music!

The Special Consensus is a bluegrass band that has achieved a contemporary sound in their four decades of performing, making their music a modern classic. Special Consensus has received seven awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association and two Grammy nominations (*Scratch Gravel Road* in 2012 and *Rivers and Roads* in 2018). The band is led by Greg Cahill, banjo player and recipient of the prestigious Distinguished Achievement Award from the IBMA, and includes Dan Eubanks (bass), Greg Blake, the 2023 IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year (guitar) and Michael Prewitt (mandolin). See more information and listen to their music at <https://specialc.com>

The repertoire of these four talented vocalists and instrumentalists primarily includes songs from band recordings that incorporate the traditional bluegrass music sound, as well as an occasional swing song or gospel quartet or even a well-known country or rock and roll selection performed in the bluegrass format. This performance will especially feature songs from their most recent albums *Chicago Barn Dance* and *Great Blue North*.

Chicago Barn Dance (Compass Records, 2020) is the 20th Special Consensus recording that celebrates both the 45th band anniversary and the long-standing connection of country and bluegrass music with Chicago. The title song "Chicago Barn Dance" received the 2020 IBMA Song of the Year award.

Great Blue North (Compass Records, 2023), the 21st Special Consensus recording, is a tip of the hat to their Canadian friends and fans made throughout nearly four decades of touring throughout the country. All songs included on the recording were written by Canadian writers and numerous Canadian musician friends of the band made guest appearances. The Gordon Lightfoot song "Alberta Bound" received the 2023 IBMA Collaborative Recording of the Year award.

Advance tickets are available online at www.wabenoareaplayers.org. The online tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets at the door are \$20 and will go on sale starting one hour before the event. For more information call 715-473-5466.

To the Residents of the Town of Townsend

May 4th, the Townsend town board has called a special elector meeting to vote yes or no on a 30x50 addition and remodel of the town hall at 11 am.

The board has scheduled two informational meetings, May 23rd and April 27th, and information is posted on the website, www.townsendwisconsin.org/special-projects.

You may remember that the town called a special meeting of the electors in May 2022 to vote yes or no for a new town hall to be built on School Street. This vote failed 3-1. As a result, the town board at that time said it would be up to the people to propose alternatives since their plan was not acceptable.

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LMT Anniversary Celebration & Vintage Snowmobile Show



This weekend, on Saturday, April 27th, from noon until 6 p.m., there will be a vintage snowmobile show and a celebration of 50 years of the Lumberjack Memorial Trails (LMT).

The event will be at the Crandon International Raceway just west of Crandon. The event will run from noon until 6 p.m., with registration from 8 a.m. until noon.

There are more details in the ad in this issue, with a list of the various classes of sleds. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! And, there will be live music by Dan Flannery.

V'S Detailing in Lakewood



There is a new business in the Lakewood area that should prove useful to the residents. Tim Vercauteren, on Lake John Road in Lakewood, has opened a detailing business that will help make numerous motorized vehicles look much better and save the owners from doing the work.

Tim details cars, boats UTV's and motorcycles, does headlight restoration, and paint correction. When he is done, you wont be ashamed to admit that your vehicle is

Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum needs volunteers for school tours



Volunteers are needed in May to help with school tours at Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood. These annual field trips provide fourth graders learning Wisconsin history with a unique hands-on visit to the oldest logging camp in America situated on its original site. Hosting school tours is a key mission for the Museum, an historic site built in 1881.

Students from Oconto, Pembine, Suring, and

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NEW LISTINGS!!

CHECK OUT WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU! CITY OF CRANDON VACANT LAND

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!! Prime building site within the City of Crandon, with a country feel. 5.28 acre parcel of land with a driveway. Close to town and the school and right on the walking/biking trail that leads to and from the City. Across the highway from the ATV and Snowmobile trail. Excellent location for a home site, business location or both. Plenty of room for everything. **\$65,000**

COMMERCIAL LOT - READY FOR YOUR BUILDING!! This 2 acre lot already has the pad in place for your building or home. Located right on the ATV and Snowmobile Trail, this an ideal location for a business. The lot is cleared, has a driveway and is ready for you to build to suit your needs. Storage Shed, Restaurant, Repair Shop, Retail Store, the possibilities are endless. **\$99,500**

PRICE REDUCTIONS!!

City of Crandon dandy!

Built in 2009, this home is a good one! 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home with open concept kitchen/dining/living room, cathedral ceiling, large windows for natural light. Master bedroom with attached bathroom. Nice front deck, corner lot and detached garage. Home sits on a full basement with a partition wall started and 2 egress windows in and ready for the finishing. **\$197,400**



PRICE REDUCTION Corner lot with garage and small workshop. Excellent location for your new home. Lots are located within a block from Cardinal Park, and within a short walk to the downtown area. Mature trees, driveway, level building site, ready for construction. **\$22,500**



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For more information contact
Brent 920-379-2164
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Lakes Association Contest



On April 16, Wabeno Elementary 5th grade students were treated to quite an animated and knowledgeable guest speaker, Mr. Drew Zelle. He volunteered to come into our class and share his knowledge about changes in our lakes and streams to kick-off an essay writing assignment. After publishing their essay, students may choose to enter it into a contest sponsored by the Forest County Lakes Association where cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to winning essays. Part of this writing assignment requires students to interview an adult about the changes they have seen in local waterways and surrounding lands. Students are encouraged to consider animal and plant life, human use, and seasonal climate changes and how they relate to our changing lakes and streams. 5th graders will be able to showcase what they have learned this year with regard to English, grammar, and composition while learning about environmental science in completing this project.



National Volunteers Appreciation Week

The Wabeno Elementary School was happy to be able to recognize Mr. Roger Wight, Mrs. MaryEllen Greiten, Mrs. Ginny Reitzner, Mr. Dave Zuleger, Mrs. Linda Zuleger, Mrs. Michelle Zelle, and Mrs. Anita Szyszkiewicz for their wonderful dedication to the students of our community. Math and reading assistance is always a super addition but these volunteers have also added caring, compassion, and another generation of experience. They are reliable, generous, helpful, and kind. The students really look forward to working and interacting with our volunteers and the volunteers say the same about the students. It's amazing to watch our older students greeting our volunteers by hugging them and saying things like, "I really liked it when you read that story to us. I learned how to be a better friend", or, "You helped me learn how to double-digit subtract."

Creating memories, enhancing education, and sharing life are the benefits for all involved when you volunteer at school.



Super shout out to Mr. Roger Wight. He volunteers every day in the Math Department. He is also a substitute teacher from time to time. We appreciate your dedication to our students and school!

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RUMMAGE SALES

YARD SALE: Popple River on Hwy 139 on April 26, 27, & 28 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Antiques, 2 decorative milk cans, garden ladders for plants, decor for every holiday occasion. P04

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to hit all their favorite birding hot spots. Both novice and expert birders can have fun and make a difference in protecting birds - the Birdathon is for everyone!

The Great Wisconsin Birdathon began in 2012 and since then has raised more than \$900,000 for bird protection in Wisconsin.

The funds are collected and managed by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin through the [Bird Protection Fund](#).

Projects supported by the Bird Protection Fund include conservation of Wisconsin's most threatened and endangered bird species; creation and protection of critical breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat; research and monitoring; and education and outreach.

Welcome to Wisconsin Fat Bird Week

Welcome to the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's first ever Fat Bird Week! What better way to celebrate Wisconsin's native birds than by admiring the chonkiest of the chonkers? Because after all, a fat bird is a healthy bird.

Every day from Friday, April 19th to Friday, April 26th, you will get the chance to vote for your favorite bulbous bird. Following Fat Bird Week, join NRF and SOS Save Our Songbirds for a free webinar: "Four Ways to Keep Wisconsin's Birds Fat and Healthy" where the winner of Wisconsin Fat Bird Week will be officially announced!

REGISTER NOW: "FOUR WAYS TO KEEP WISCONSIN BIRDS FAT AND HEALTHY" WEBINAR

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYsdOGprTssE9JrS9HJqRnT2KI5VSR-h-AN>

Only one chonk will reign supreme. Only the floofiest of the floofs will floof their way to victory. We love all of Wisconsin's birds, but only one will hoist itself to the top of the bracket. Who will win the 1st annual Wisconsin Fat Bird Week? Only you can decide...

How does voting work?

Our 8 chubby contestants will compete in a single elimination, bracket-style tournament. The first round of voting opens at 9am CST on Friday, April 19th and voting will remain open for 48 hours. The second round of voting will open at 9am CST on Sunday, April 21st and remain open for 24 hours. The following rounds will all open at 9am CST and last 24 hours until the final round on Friday, April 26th. The winner will be crowned at the webinar on Tuesday, April 30th!

<http://wisconservation.org/fat-bird-week>

Recreational

Will buy Reloading equipment & supplies for rifle or shotgun. Will also buy antique guns - Shotguns, Rifles or Pistols Give me a call, we might make a deal! 715-478-3660 or 715-889-0811

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Crandon Senior Spotlights - Kruz Kulinski



Kruz Kulinski, son of Nicole Hansen and Kain Kulinski, said his best high school accomplishment is passing anatomy and physiology. His favorite memory was attending the Junior Prom with all of his friends.

Over the past twelve years, he's learned that nothing worth having comes easy.

He plans to go to NWTC and take the construction electrician course, then become an electrician.

He would like to thank his parents, grandparents and friends. It is their encouragement and support that helped him succeed.

Bids & Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS TOWN OF WABENO

The Town Board of Wabeno is seeking sealed bids for the following project:
CONCRETE COATING / POLYUREA FLOORING FOR TOWN HALL

BID REQUIREMENTS:

DETAILED PRICING FOR :

- Concrete testing
- Repair all divots and cracks
- Grinding to open pores
- 1900 SQ feet
- Chip Color (Determined by Town)
- Double Top Coat UV Stable & 10 year product warranty
- Damage repair and mending
- Anti-slip resistant additive
- Prices to include all labor and materials

More information can be obtained from the Town Clerk -715-850-1127 or by email clerk@wabeno.org

The winning bidder is required to provide Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$1,000,000 .

Deadline for submitting bids is May 1, 2024 @ Noon.

Bids can be mailed to Town of Wabeno, PO Box 447, Wabeno, WI 54566 or delivered to the Clerk's Office at 4473 North Branch Street. Please mark "TOWN HALL FLOOR" on the outside of sealed envelope.

FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE OF TIMBER SALES INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Forest County Forestry Department, Courthouse, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520 until Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., for eight (8) sales located in Forest County.

Sales are as listed:

Tract 1-24: Parts of SW 1/4, Parts of NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Parts of SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec.13, T.36 N., R.13 E. - 43 Acres

Tract 2-24: N 1/2 NW 1/4, Sec. 27, T.36 N., R.13 E. - 64 Acres

Tract 3-24: Parts of N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 12. & Parts E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 1, T.35N., R.13E. - 104 Acres

Tract 4-24: Parts of W 1/2 SE 1/4, Parts of SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T.34 N., R.13 E. - 63 Acres

Tract 5-24: Parts of SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 34, Parts of S 1/2 NW 1/4, Sec. 35, T.36 N., R.12 E. - 56 Acres

Tract 6-24: Parts of S 1/2 NW 1/2, Parts of SW 1/4, Sec. 1, T.34 N., R.13 E. - 121 Acres

Tract 7-24: Parts of N 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 16, T.35N., R.13 E. - 40 Acres

Tract 8-24: Parts of NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 21, T.35N., R.13 E. - 35 Acres

A timber prospectus including maps of each tract and bid forms, can be obtained online at the website <https://forestcountywi.com/> or by contacting: Forestry and Recreation Department located: Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520 715-478-3475

Bids must be submitted on Forestry and Recreation Department's Timber Sale Bid Sheet. Appraised minimum stumpage prices will be set by the Forestry and Recreation Department. The bid must meet or exceed the total timber sale value that was advertised.

Bids will be opened in the Forestry and Recreation Department office, Courthouse, Crandon, at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024. The Forest County Forestry and Recreation Committee will approve and accept the bids at the meeting set for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. The Forest County Forestry and Recreation Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept the bid most advantageous to Forest County.

A 25% bid bond, SFI training certificate and certificate of Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage are required prior to signing the contract. Sample timber sale contracts are available upon request.

Notice: All successful bidders must meet and maintain Wisconsin SFI Training Standards prior to harvesting the timber sale. In addition, at least one person working on the timber sale must also be SFI Certified.

ROAD PROJECTS TOWN OF WABENO 4 Separate Projects.

The Town Board of Wabeno is seeking sealed bids for the following projects:

Bids should be for each individual project- Please submit estimates for both options when specified.

General work to be performed:

Project 1- Main Street

- Pulverizing
- Grading
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Double Chip Seal

Project 1- Main Street - Option 2

- Pulverizing
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Gravel
- Grading & Compacting
- Blacktop
- Crushed Aggregate Shoulders

Project 2 - Deer Lane

- Pulverizing
- Grading
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Double Chip Seal

Project 2- Deer Lane - Option 2

- Pulverizing
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Gravel
- Grading & Compacting
- Blacktop
- Crushed Aggregate Shoulders

Project 3- Moore Street

- Pulverizing
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Gravel
- Grading & Compacting
- Blacktop
- Crushed Aggregate Shoulders

Rummel Road Project

Trump Lake Road east to CTH "H" known as Rummel Road.

- Pulverizing
- Grading
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Double Chip Seal

Rummel Road Project Option 2

- Pulverizing
- Crushed Aggregate Base
- Gravel
- Grading & Compacting
- Blacktop
- Crushed Aggregate Shoulders

4 Separate projects to be bid.

Specific detailed descriptions of Road Reconstruction Plans available from Wabeno Town Clerk 715-850-1127 or clerk@wabeno.org.

The winning bidder for each project is required to provide Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$1,000,000 .

Deadline for submitting bids is May 21 at 12:00 pm.

Bids can be mailed to Town of Wabeno, PO Box 447, Wabeno, WI 54566.

Please mark "Road Projects" and include the name of the street on the outside of sealed envelope.

Any questions regarding road projects, contact Roads Supervisor-Dan Moravec @ 715-850-1684 or Town Clerk - Raletta Ashbeck 715-850-1127.

WHAT'S TO EAT

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu April 29 - 30

Monday - Assorted cereal, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, pears, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu May 1 - 3

Wednesday - Cereal bar, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk

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

Wabeno School Lunch Menu April 29 - 30

Monday - Chef carved ham, au gratin potatoes, carrots, pineapple, garden bar, milk

Tuesday -BBQ pork sandwich, chips, cole slaw, watermelon, garden bar, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu May 1 - 3

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, chips, sliced apples, garden bar, milk

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

Friday - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, dinner roll, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk

TOWN OF CRANDON Invitation to Bid Local Road Improvement Program

The Town will be requesting BIDS for the following:

Hot mix resurfacing (overlay) on Old 8, starting from Tietz Ln, Ending at Flowage Ln.

Thickness: 2.25 in asphalt, Width: 10 Ft. Shoulders: 3 feet both sides, crushed gravel

Bids to be mailed by May 13th, 2024.

Mail to: Town of Crandon, 5161 Cole Rd, Crandon, WI 54520. **For more information contact = Jason**

Childres: 715-784-0063.

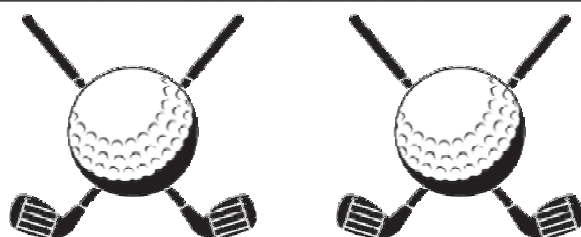
CITY OF CRANDON YARD WASTE & BRUSH PICK-UP

The City of Crandon Public Works crew will be picking up yard debris and brush in the City on Monday, May 6, 2024. Please

be sure that your leaves are in **BIO-DEGRADABLE BAGS** and any brush or branches are no longer than 6 feet. **YARD DEBRIS MUST BE CURBSIDE ON MAY 6, 2023 BY 5:00 A.M. IN ORDER**

TO BE PICKED UP & placed where it is easily seen and convenient to load onto the City trucks. Excessive piles of brush will not be picked up. Thank you.

/s/ Meagan Kevilus, City Clerk/Treasurer



STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Townsend, Oconto County

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the electors of the Town of Townsend, Oconto County, Wisconsin, will be held at the **Townsend fire station, 17937 Front Street**, on May 4, 2024 at 11:00am for the purpose of approving construction of a 30x50 addition and remodel to the town hall, a request for the meeting having been made to the Townsend Town Clerk by a motion of the Town Board at the April 9, 2024 town meeting.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2024

Linda Ziegler, Clerk

Re: stat.60.12(3)

Nicolet Country Club

5245 Fairway Ct., Laona, WI

Mens Golf League

Meeting Thursday, May 9th at 6 p.m.

To discuss start/end date for 2024

rules etc.

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stuff collecting dust into cash!**

Bids & Notices

Our Mission: We inspire confident, creative, and responsible individuals to develop their full potential.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. (Regular School Board Meeting to follow)
High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

- AGENDA**
- I. Call meeting to order by the board president.
 - II. Roll call of school board members by the board president.
 - III. Approval of the agenda
 - IV. Election of board officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Clerk.
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Deputy Clerk
 - V. Designation of official depositories.
 - a. Designation of banks as depositories for district funds.
 - b. Designation of checking account bank for ensuing fiscal year.
 - VI. Designation of official newspaper for the ensuing fiscal year.
 - VII. Approval to affiliate with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).
 - VIII. Approval to affiliate with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB).
 - IX. Election of the WASB representative and alternate, who will serve as the delegate to the 2025 WASB Delegate Assembly.
 - X. Designation of school board meeting times and date.
 - XI. Election of a delegate to the CESA 8 annual meeting.
 - XII. Discuss and take action regarding professional development opportunity for school board members and administration conducted by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB).
 - XIII. Adjourn

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Notice to creditors in the estate of John Klingensmith, Jr.
The decedent was born 02/05/1955 and died on 10/08/2023.
He domiciled in Forest County, in Laona in the State of Wisconsin.
Anyone with a claim against the estate of John Klingensmith, Jr. has a deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate of 7/5/24.
Contact the probate office in the Forest County Courthouse if a claim is to be filed.

TOWN OF CRANDON Clean Up Day
The Town will have their Clean UP Day on May 18th, 2024. TIME: 8 am til 2 pm. NO ELECTRONICS AT ALL. NO TIRES, PAINT CANS UNLESS EMPTY & DRY. NOTHING WITH FREON IN IT. METAL WILL BE ALLOWED, METAL CONTAINERS ONLY.
Ron Cole: Clerk , Town of Crandon

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2024 (Immediately following the Organizational Meeting)

High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum
- III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2))
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Agenda Approval
- VI. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3
 - a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person)
 - b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community.
 - c. Public Participation
- VII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on April 3, 2024.
- VIII. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
- IX. Informational Items
 - a. Bill Taylor, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
 - b. Bob Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will present updates and information.
 - c. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
 - d. Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services, will present updates and information.
 - e. Board Member Reports.
- X. Action Items
 - a. Discuss and take possible action on purchase of lawn care equipment.
 - b. Discuss and take possible action on offering summer school.
 - c. Discuss and take possible action on resignation(s).
 - d. Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s).
 - e. Discuss and take possible action on student accident insurance.
 - f. Discuss and take possible action on 2024-2025 health insurance rates.
 - g. Discuss and take possible action on 2024-25 Long Term Disability Benefit.
 - h. Discuss and take possible action on Daycare Sick Leave Bank Sellback and Additional Retirement Benefit.
 - i. Discuss and take possible action on District office summer hours.
 - j. Discuss and take possible action on Rising Phoenix district cost contribution increase.
 - k. Discuss and take possible action on coaching evaluations.
 - l. Discuss and take possible action on coaching non-renewals and process of challenging a non-renewal.
 - m. Discuss and take possible action on girls basketball overnight trip.
- XI. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.
- XII. Adjourn

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Holt & Balcom Cont. from pg. 1

White Lake are currently making plans to visit the camp. Already booked dates are: May 17, 24, 28, 30. These tours, which enable the kids to "live like a lumberjack" for a day, begin at 9:00 and are usually concluded by 11:00.

The morning starts with an introductory overview of logging in the Northwoods. Next the students get an up-close glimpse of logging camp life via presentations in the cookshack and bunkhouse. Then they head outside where volunteer staff supervise hands-on lessons in using authentic tools to do essential tasks such as stamping, cutting, and moving logs.

Always a favorite is an activity that requires working in pairs to use a crosscut saw. Shouts of "pull...pull...pull" encourage each partner to draw the saw across the log in a steady rhythm. When chunks fall to the ground, shouts of "Tim-ber!" ring out, followed by applause from classmates for a job well done.

There are always expressions of wonder as students, parent-chaperones and teachers leave the camp for their next stop at Cathedral Pines, How did these hardy men not only manage to tame the wilds of Northern Oconto County during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries but survive to tell about it?

Unable to help? Make plans to come this summer for a tour. The Museum is open Summer Saturdays 10-3; June 1-September 7 in 2024. Holt & Balcom Logging Camp is located east of Lakewood, off County F and adjacent to McCauslin Golf Course and Country Club. There are also openings for anyone willing to train as a paid camp guide on an occasional Summer Saturday. Call Kathleen Marsh (920-841-6235) for more information.

Photos: School trips coordinator Bob Brown discusses mealtime in the cookshack. Volunteers Jon Marsh and Ron Boeldt teach students how to use a crosscut saw. Students learn about after-hours life in the camp bunkhouse. Museum, built in 1881, has been renovated twice, most recently in 2006-2013. School tour visitors gather for an overview of logging life at the Camp.

Crandon Senior Spotlight - Brayden Madl



Brayden Madl, son of Andy Madl and Kayla Hill, said his best high school memories are spending time with friends, attending prom and being a part of sports teams.

He has learned to always think before you do things because one mistake could ruin your life forever.

He is attending WyoTech in the fall, entering into their diesel machine program and applied service management program.

He would like to thank his parents for always supporting him no matter what. Also his teachers, especially Mrs. Votis and Mrs. Peters for pushing him to do his best. Also, Coach Paul and Coach Doane for always pushing him to do better and never give up.

Crandon Senior Spotlight - Jasmine Ramania



Jasmine Ramania, daughter of Brittany Ramania, said her high school highlights were homecoming activities, hanging out with her friends and art class.

In the past twelve years, she's learned to be herself and the right people will come along, plus the importance of using her voice and speaking up.

After high school, she plans to go to college and pursue a career in the medical field or just wherever the wind takes her.

She would like to thank her family, besties and all of the teachers who guided her through school.



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Nicolet College Celebrates Hundreds of Graduates at 2024 Commencement



Kayla Fraley, student speaker at the 2024 Nicolet College Commencement Ceremony, delivered an inspiring address to her fellow graduates, reflecting on the significance of this milestone.

Nicolet College celebrated more than 200 students invited to participate in the 2024 Commencement Ceremony today, April 20.

"Earning a college credential is a valuable accomplishment and one that each graduate will proudly carry with them for the rest of their lives," said Nicolet College President Kate Ferrel. "This is a great day. We are not only celebrating the academic accomplishments of our graduates but also their resilience, determination, and commitment to excellence. The Nicolet College Class of 2024 will make a positive impact in our community."

Student graduation speaker Kayla Fraley graduated with an Associate of Science degree. Fraley shared her first experience attending Nicolet College immediately following her high school graduation ten years ago, before being diagnosed with Leukemia.

"After almost a year of rigorous chemo and isolation, I was finally told I had made it into a partial remission," Fraley said.

Only a few months later, Fraley's Leukemia returned and so did her rigorous treatments. She was determined to put 'one foot in front of the other,' as the saying goes.

"This quote drove me to come back to Nicolet College because life still had so much more to offer me as far as education. I knew that Nicolet College was the perfect place to start again, but this time as a non-traditional student," Fraley stated. She enrolled again last year and today she earned her associate degree.

Fraley thanked Nicolet College faculty and staff for their motivation, support, and dedication upon her return to campus last year. Fraley is now enrolled at UW-Platteville. She plans to earn a degree in engineering, thanks to the transfer agreement between Nicolet College and Platteville, which allows her to continue living in the Northwoods while pursuing a bachelor's degree.

210 students were certified to graduate from Nicolet College on April 20, earning associate degrees, technical certificates, and diplomas.

Registration is now open for this year's summer and fall terms. To learn more about enrolling and financial aid, visit Nicolet College in-person, online at nicoletcollege.edu, or call (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4493; TTY 1-800-947-3529 or 711 relay.

Measles Resurgence: Aspirus Health's Guidance for Families

The MMR vaccine is 97 percent effective in protecting people from getting sick from the measles.

As of March 21, 2024, there were 64 reported cases of measles across the U.S. in 17 states. Several cases have been reported in the Midwest, including 28 cases in Illinois, three in Minnesota, and one case in Michigan.

In light of these developments, Aspirus Health is urging parents and caregivers to remain vigilant and proactive in preventing the potential spread of measles. Vaccination remains the most effective measure to protect against measles and other preventable diseases, ensuring the health and well-being of children and the entire family.

"Keeping up with your shots is very, very important," says Jason Chan, MD, Aspirus Pediatrician. "Getting your shots protects yourself, but it also protects others around you who can't get the shots, including babies and women who are pregnant."

Medical experts recommend the MMR vaccine, which is a vaccine that protects against three infectious diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. It is typically administered as a series of two doses during childhood, with the first dose given around 12 to 15 months of age and the second dose between four to six years of age.

According to the CDC, about one in five unvaccinated people in the US who get measles are hospitalized. In children, as many as one out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in children.

Pregnant women who have not had the MMR vaccine have higher rates of premature birth and a higher risk for a low-birth-weight baby.

"This vaccine has been in use for decades and we know it is safe and exceedingly effective," assures Dr. Chan. He adds that for those who get the full two-dose course, "the MMR vaccine is 97 percent effective in protecting people from getting sick from the measles."

Aspirus Health encourages parents and caregivers to consult with their providers regarding vaccination schedules for their children and ensure they are adequately protected. Additionally, adults of any age who have not received two doses of MMR vaccine are candidates for the vaccine as well.

For more information about vaccine recommendations per age groups, contact your primary care provider. To find one, visit aspirus.org.

To learn more about measles and the MMR vaccine, the CDC's website offers the "Top Things Parents Need To Know."

Nicolet Cosmetology Students Take Third Place at America's Beauty Show



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Nicolet College Cosmetology students Raven Carufel and Axle Jacobs, along with student model Isabella Hulsey, clinched third place in the Student Team Competition, Cyberpunk Fantasy, at America's Beauty Show, held in Chicago on Monday, April 22.

The Student Team Competition is a dynamic showcase of innovative hairstyling, makeup artistry, and overall aesthetic presentation. Characterized by its fusion of futuristic aesthetics with gritty urban elements, Cyberpunk design demands ingenuity, technical finesse, and synergy. Team events are all about the power of imagination, collaboration, and efficiency in working together, both creatively and technically.

Open to enrolled cosmetology, barber, esthetic, nail, and makeup students, this prestigious competition pits two-student teams against each other in a thrilling race against the clock. Students had 60 minutes to craft intricate hairstyles and makeup looks. From vibrant hair colors to meticulous nail art, every detail contributed to the final look.

"Raven, Axle, and Isabella demonstrated their talent, dedication, and teamwork throughout this competition. Their success is a testament to their hard work and education at Nicolet College," said Marie Stott, Nicolet College cosmetology instructor.

The panel of judges included Penny Burns from Beauty Cast Network, along with social media influencers Meg Hardee, Siri Sparks, Stew Vann, Bailey Lavender, and Kendra Matthies.

32 students competed in the show, representing schools from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

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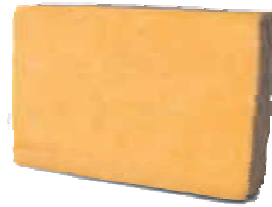
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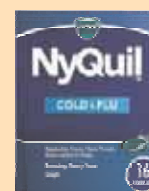
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Jennifer Nicole Belant of Wabeno passed away on April 14, 2024, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital as a result of ongoing health challenges. She was 40 years old.



Jennifer was born on September 7, 1983, in Libertyville, Illinois to Karen (Schroeder) Belant and the late Guy Belant.

She grew up in Wabeno, Wisconsin and graduated from Wabeno High School with the Class of 2002. She enjoyed being a caregiver, especially to her nieces, with whom she loved to color and do their hair and makeup. She had a special bond with her dogs and cats. She also enjoyed watching wrestling and horror films. Jennifer was a kind, compassionate, empathetic soul and she will be missed by the multitudes of lives she has touched in her 40 years on this Earth.

Jennifer leaves behind her mother, Karen; significant other, Joshua Baumgart; brothers, Kevin (Samantha) Belant and Justin Belant; and nieces, Ashlyn, Octavia and Lilian Belant, Marlee and Alison Ponton.

She is preceded in death by her father, Guy Belant.

Visitation was held at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Wabeno on Monday, April 22, 2024, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 11 a.m. Pastor Don Dewing will preside. Burial followed services at Forest Hill Cemetery in Wabeno.

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

Patricia "Pat" Marie Kadubek, age 83, of Gleason, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 15, 2024, while at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. She was born on March 26, 1941, to the late Abraham R. and Mary Erma (Burkhart) Estreen in Laona, WI. Pat attended and graduated from Wabeno high school. She met the love of her life, Martin "Marty" Kadubek, and the two were united in marriage on May 28, 1960. Sadly, Marty passed away on June 13, 2018, and she missed him dearly. Pat then moved in with her son, Brent.



Pat loved being a homemaker and mom, where she was able to bake and cook, which were her favorite things to do. She truly had a passion for baking and cooking; she was able to express her love through cooking big meals for those she cared about. Pat happily looked forward to doing these things with her now angel above, Aly. Large gatherings around the dining room table always brought her joy and put a smile on her face. Pat especially enjoyed Christmas baking and watching people enjoy her famous chocolate covered cherries, and well as her homemade donuts. She was known to indulge in lots of Sees Chocolate Candy! Pat looked forward to precious time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her good friend, Ruth. She enjoyed going to church services in Gleason. Pat will be sadly missed, but her memory will live on.

Pat is survived by her children and grandchildren: Laurie (Robert) Giles, with their daughter: Jamie (Nicholas) Recchia and their son: Ryan (Samantha) Giles, Deborah (Mark) Tomack, Brent (Jolyn Hubbard) Kadubek, with his children: Derrick (Kalena Gee) Kadubek and Carlee (Brady Schreiber) Kadubek and Jayne Kadubek, along with great grandchildren: Bella, Lena and Nicholas Recchia and Rylie Giles. She is further survived by her sister: Sandra (Art) Kadubek, nieces: Cheryl Belott, Brenda Kadubek and Nichole Tessman, nephews: Michael Estreen and Jason Wittig, sister-in-law: Carol Estreen and brother-in-law: Dennis Wittig. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Marty, brother: Richard Estreen and sister: Roberta Wittig. She is also survived by her beloved puppy Otis.

A Celebration of Life for Pat will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Gleason. Pastor Greg Laska will officiate. Visitation will take place at the church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Family requests that you come in casual clothes, or whatever is comfortable for you.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Rennes Rehab in Weston, the Aspirus Wausau Hospital and Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, for all their care, attention and compassion shown to Pat and her family during her time at each place.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.



Wabeno Legion Auxiliary Attends District Conference

Pictured (L-R Lorry Runge, Deb Forrest, Karen Prueter, Terry Severson, Renee Wicke) are members of the Wabeno American Legion Auxiliary who attended the 9th District Spring Conference. Members gather together to share the many ways the Auxiliary volunteers to help Veterans, Military & Communities and ways to support the aims and purposes of the American

Noncompetitive and Fun Golf League for Women

Lakewood – The women's 9-hole Wednesday golf league at McCauslin Brook Golf Course will have an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 11a.m. in the clubhouse (followed by golf and/or social).

The league is open to all women interested in a fun, noncompetitive league and will begin May 22nd. Beginners are welcome and there is no commitment to golf every week (pay only if you play).

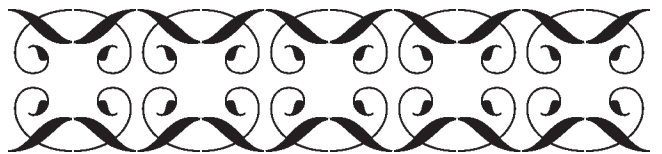
If you have questions, contact Barb Walters at BarbaraW423@hotmail.com.

School District of Crandon Annual Survey is Now Live

The School District of Crandon is excited to announce that their annual survey aimed at gathering valuable insights and feedback from families and community members is now live. This initiative reflects the ongoing commitment to fostering collaboration between the school district and the broader community.

This survey is designed to gather input from various stakeholders, including parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members. It covers a wide range of topics including expectations for a new district administrator that the school will be hiring for the 2025-2026 school year.

The survey will be accessible online through the Crandon District website, www.sdoofcrandon.com and will remain open until April 30. The survey can be found under the Community Tab/School Perceptions.



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We must also welcome back Kevin from this winter spent in Florida. We missed you!

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

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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY TRIPS: Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain.

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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, May 9: Iron Mountain
Tuesday, May 14: Rhinelander
Wednesday, May 15: Eagle River Farmer & Artisan Market

Thursday, May 16: Antigo
Tuesday, May 21: Iron Mountain
Thursday, May 23: Rhinelander
Tuesday, May 28: Antigo
Thursday, May 30: Iron Mountain

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - April 29 - Seasoned baked chicken, twice baked, potatoes, diced beets, whole wheat bread, peaches and vanilla pudding

Monday - May 6 - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, whole wheat bread, applesauce

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - April 30 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, dill carrots, raisin bread, spice cake

Tuesday - May 7 - Baked seasoned fish, tartar sauce, baked potato, sour cream, coleslaw, rye bread, berries

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - May 1 - Ham & scalloped potato casserole, Pacific blend veggies, whole wheat roll, banana

Wednesday - May 8 - BBQ chicken, diced seasoned potatoes, Texas caviar, multi-grain bread, pineapple cake

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

Thursday - April 25 - Beef tips and gravy over noodles, garden salad, green beans, buttered bread, milk, pudding

Thursday - May 2 - Meatloaf, broccoli salad, mashed potatoes, baked beans, biscuit, fruit cobbler, milk

Thursday - May 9 - Chicken, steamed carrots, pickled beets, mixed fruit, butter bread, cookie, milk

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site is at 715-478-3040. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at 715-545-3323.

Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anglers the 2024-2025 general inland fishing season will open on Saturday, May 4.

Fisheries biologists expect anglers to find success on opening day. No matter where anglers decide to fish, all Wisconsin residents and nonresidents over the age of 16 are required to purchase a fishing license. Anglers can buy licenses through Go Wild, the DNR's license portal, or from a license agent.

This year, new fishing regulations are in effect, including a new small tournament registration requirement and a statewide daily bag limit of three walleye/sauger per day on all inland waters. There are also bag and length limit changes for fish species in the following counties: Brown, Chippewa, Dane, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iowa, Iron, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Oconto, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, Walworth, Waukesha and Waushara.

The full 2024-2025 hook and line fishing and trout fishing regulations are available online and in print in English, Spanish, Hmong and large print versions.

As anglers head out to their favorite fishing locations, the DNR would like to remind them to:

- Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by removing plants and animals from their boat before and after launching, draining all water from compartments and never moving live fish away from any waterbody.
- To prevent the spread of fish diseases, remove all water, aquatic vegetation and/or mud from fishing equipment before leaving their fishing location. All fishing equipment, including boats, trailers, boots, waders, nets and float tubes, should be thoroughly cleaned and dried completely before being used again.
- Practice responsible catch and release if they are letting their catch go.
- Follow safe boating procedures and always wear a life jacket.

Those looking to fish one of Wisconsin's 13,000 miles of trout streams can use the recently updated Trout Regulations and Opportunities User Tool (TROUT) to learn regulations and find locations of DNR fishing easements, public lands and classified trout waters. For anglers looking for spots with easy access, try one of the several ponds stocked with catchable trout in the area.

With more than 15,000 inland lakes, 42,000 miles of perennial streams and rivers, 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and 260 miles of the Mississippi River, Wisconsin offers anglers of all skill levels a variety of places to cast a line.

Discover new places to fish, launches, fishing locations and other fishing information on the DNR's fishing webpage or by contacting your local fisheries biologist.

Be Heart Smart Kids and Salt!
(American Heart Association Excerpts)
Submitted by Gayle Webster, HIT, Forest County Health Department

Most kids eat too much salt hurting their heart health. But you can set them on a healthier path from the start.

How much sodium are children and youth in the U.S. eating?

On average, children ages 2 to 19 eat more than 3,100 milligrams (mg) sodium per day about double the amount the American Heart Association recommends. The older children get, the more calories and sodium they tend to eat. Research has shown that males 12 to 19 eat the most sodium an average 4,220 mg/day, while females in the same age group eat about 2,950 mg/day.

Where do kids get their sodium?
Children 6 to 18 years old get about: 14% from breakfast, 31% from lunch, 39% from dinner, 16% from snacks. Most of the sodium that children eat comes from processed, packaged and prepared foods commonly in grocery stores and restaurants.

The top 8 foods that contribute to excess sodium in the diets of U.S. children are:

- Pizza
- Mexican food (such as burritos and tacos)
- Sandwiches (fast food/restaurant burgers, chicken, egg and hot dogs)
- Bread and rolls
- Cold cuts and cured meats (pepperoni, sausage, etc.)
- Soups
- Snacks (such as chips and pretzels)
- Cheese

Some food manufacturers and restaurants make lower sodium versions of the same food. So, make healthier food choices for your children by reading the Nutrition Facts label to compare sodium content among different brands.

How can too much sodium hurt my child's health?

Eating too much sodium is associated with higher blood pressure in children and teens, and the effect is even greater if they're overweight or obese. Kids with high-sodium diets are almost 40% more likely to have elevated blood pressure than kids with lower-sodium diets. High blood pressure in childhood can also result in early development of heart disease and risk for premature death. Also, high blood pressure in childhood is linked to high blood pressure in adulthood. But lowering blood pressure during childhood can help decrease the risk for high blood pressure as an adult. And it can be as simple as helping them eat less sodium.

How can we shape children's taste buds so they won't miss the extra salt?

Start young! Our taste preferences for salt are shaped by what we eat early in life. Kids may not prefer so much salt if they're given foods with less sodium from an early age. You can also help by gradually reducing the sodium in their foods they might not even notice the difference.

The Forest County Health Department encourages all children and adults to have their blood pressure checked during February National Heart Month. Stop-in the office (Courthouse, north annex) Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to have your blood pressure measured, to discuss any heart health concerns, and to register for an automatic blood pressure cuff drawing. If you are unable to stop-in, please call 715-478-3371.

Baldwin Honors the 54th Anniversary of Earth Day with Senate Resolution

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) led a Senate Resolution recognizing the 54th Anniversary of Earth Day and honoring its founder, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin Gaylord Nelson.

"From the Great Lakes to the Mighty Mississippi, Wisconsin's natural resources define our way of life. Conservation pioneers like Senator Gaylord Nelson took inspiration from Wisconsin's wilderness and wildlife to start a worldwide movement to protect our environment," said Senator Baldwin. "I am proud to carry on that legacy and lead this effort to recognize the progress we've made and the work we have left to do to protect our environment, combat the growing threat of climate change, and build a more sustainable future for generations to come."

Gaylord Nelson is recognized as one of the leading environmentalists of the 20th century. In 1970, Nelson established Earth Day as an event and movement led by young people. Nelson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his public leadership, as the Earth Day movement established by him helped launch a new era of international environmental awareness and activism. The mission and purpose of Earth Day remains relevant today for a new generation to face the environmental challenges that lie ahead.

The resolution is co-sponsored by Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Laphonza Butler (D-CA), Angus King (I-ME), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT).

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Applications are available at the Forest County Sheriff's Office or online at <https://wilenet.widog.gov/employment/employment-opportunities/780> or at <https://wilenet.widog.gov/training-standards/officer-training-employment-and-reciprocity>

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Crandon Senior Spotlight - Alexis Schallock



Alexis Schallock, daughter of Craig and Tanya Schallock, said her biggest accomplishment in high school is being valedictorian of her graduating class. One of her best memories in high school was playing crazy volleyball every day at lunch with her friends.

In the past twelve years, she's learned that the more work you put into something the better results you get.

She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to pursue a comprehensive major in chemistry with a business emphasis and a minor in mathematics.

She would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to do the best she can in school and sports. She would also like to thank her grandparents for all of their support and for attending her sporting events.



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The April 2023 election brought in two new supervisors, Chuck DeMoulin and Willie Evans, and a new chairperson, Monica Zeller. While reviewing all the responsibilities that come with these positions, they also knew that the state of the current town hall needed to be addressed.

The floor continued to buckle with the humidity, the ceiling gave way in a section, the lighting flickered and...what is that smell?? The first thing they did was get an inspection done. Basten Home Inspections diligently evaluated and reported the deficiencies that need to be addressed. The board immediately corrected the easy items (some electrical and door jams) and, that smell turned out to be the furnace room that will be dealt with this summer, the floor and ceiling also needs to be replaced, nothing awful. Then they decided to have the Planning and Zoning Commission look at the options for the hall. Lead by committee member, Ken Schwebke, numerous experts came to the building to look at the trusses, check the stability of the supporting posts, check the concrete under the flooring and look at the wiring. Maiden Lake Plumbing was hired to perform a complete private onsite waste treatment system evaluation. After all of this, it was determined that the bones of this building, and the septic and well are in fine shape. To replicate the 2022 new building plans, the Planning & Zoning suggested adding a 30x50 addition to the south side of the building.

This would be offices from the clerk, treasurer, and board on the east side along with a unisex bathroom, and on the east side, a conference area, file storage area and furnace room. Then the hall would be remodeled with new flooring, ceiling, bathroom, kitchen, the tables, and chairs can go in the existing office, new roof and the whole building wrapped in new siding. This plan would be just 200 sq ft less than the new building design.

The advantage of this plan is the hall stays in the same location, there will not be another empty lot on Hwy 32, and building cost savings will be over \$500,000.00 compared to new construction. The Board agreed. They have secured estimates for everything, from the cost of the flooring, the new parking spaces, roofing, siding, down to the towel dispensers. The project also calls for painting the fire station and garage to make everything look uniform.

As the clerk for the Town of Townsend in my 3rd term, I am probably in the building more than anyone. It is a hub for our community. We hold our monthly meetings as well as all elections in this hall. The blood mobile comes 6 times per year, Red Arrow holds their annual Snow Fest here. There have been and continue to be many weddings, celebrations of life and other parties. Many weekly groups have used this building, also. The offices in the south end will eliminate a lot of traffic interrupting some of these events, as well as making it safer for the employees.

I encourage all Townsend electors to look at the project and participate in the vote. I believe that the Planning and Zoning and the board have come up with a solution that will fit the town's needs for many years to come, and I hope you think so, too.

Vote YES on May 4th, 2024, at the Townsend Fire Station, Front Street at 11 am.

Linda Ziegler
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Crandon Senior Spotlight - Nadia Castellion



Nadia Castellion, daughter of Ryan and Shannon Castellion, said her favorite high school memories were going to sporting events to support her classmates, spending time with friends and pep assemblies for homecoming and winterfest. Some of her proudest accomplishments were making honor roll all four years, earning college credits in high school, and being a part of the Spanish and National Honor Society.

Some things she's learned in the past twelve years is time management, responsibility, to always make the most of the opportunities given to you, and that time goes by fast so always live in the moment.

She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the fall and major in exercise science.

She would like to thank her mom and dad, her brother Nolan, sister Natalie and grandparents Mike and Linda Duff and Gerry and Linda Hauser for helping her make it this far.

Crandon Senior Spotlight - Samara Kane



Samara Kane, daughter of Hilary Thompson and Joe Kane, said her best high school memories were ones with her friends. She had fun with homecoming festivities, including toilet papering. Another one of her memories was during basketball, becoming 7-Peat NLC Champions.

She's learned countless things over the past twelve years. Most importantly, she learned to be the best version of herself. She's learned time management, resilience, determination and dedication.

In the fall, she plans on attending UW-Madison. Her major is currently undecided.

She would like to thank both her mom and dad for their continuous support and pushing her to be her best. She would also like to thank her older brother, Hutson, for helping her work through challenges.

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The fifth annual Huisman Honors Recital is on Saturday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno. Our audiences are sure to enjoy the exceptional talents of high school students from throughout the state of Wisconsin. The students will be performing their Class A vocal and instrumental solos in hopes to win substantial scholarships offered by the Wabeno Area Players and the Huisman family.

On Saturday, July 20, the Wabeno Area Players will be the opening act of WAMFEST 2024 at the bandshell in Wabeno. The Players are scheduled to perform readers' theaters of a variety of well-known tall tales. One play slated to be performed is The Story of Paul Bunyan. Get to WAMFEST early to enjoy their performance.

The Players will close out their 2024 season with the play, Mom's Gift: A Warm-Hearted Comedy, by Phil Olson. The show offers the warmth of "Steel Magnolias" and the humor of "Four Old Broads." It is sure to be a hit with audiences. The show is set for Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m. All shows will be performed at the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno.

Keep an eye on the Wabeno Area Players' Facebook page and our website for information concerning other readers' theaters throughout the year. Also, see more information on shows or to purchase tickets at our website, www.wabenoareplayers.org. Anyone wanting to get involved with our shows as a cast or crew member should contact us at 715-473-5466 or 715-889-0306. WAP season brochures or magnets can be requested by calling those same phone numbers. Hope to see you at a show in the Nancy Volk Auditorium this year.

An Update from Mrs. Kanak



Good morning Wabeno Artists and art advocates! Mrs. Kanak attended the Association of Wisconsin Artists (AWA) Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) Teen exhibition ON April 18th at the Antigo Public Library! Two outstanding Wabeno seniors had work on display for the prior two weeks and results are in... we have a winner!

Sarah (SJ) Gougé was presented a State Award, which opens up the opportunity for further competition in our state capitol! Guest Speaker Dana Warrington (Menominee/Potawatomi) warmly and proudly recognized the dancers in SJ's drawing and encouraged many further artistic endeavors. SJ's piece will be professionally framed by Frame of Mind Art Gallery before its journey to Madison for final competition this summer. Bailey Blasing displayed three beautiful ribbon skirts in antique frames, and received many compliments for her craftsmanship and dedicated efforts. While Bailey did not take home a win, we are still so proud of her. Mrs. Kanak's personal favorite was Bailey's "Sister Skirts", which reminded her of her relationship with her sister and the importance of family.

Amazing work, Wabeno Artists! REMINDER: Friends, the Middle School Art Show is happening NOW in Three Lakes and the High School Art Show opens on April 29th!