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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.

Jack Matuszewski Candidate for Town of Laona Supervisor

I am Jack Matuszewski, and I am running on a write-on for Town of Laona Supervisor.

As a citizen of Laona, I have previously served as town chairman for ten years, nine years on the school board, and I am presently serving my second term on the Forest County Board as 6th District Supervisor. I have been a Laona businessman since 1971.

I am running for this office because I think I can help the Town of Laona deal with it's future problems. My past experience qualifies me for the job. I was chairman when the new town hall was built and when our water and sewage system needed a complete overhaul. I helped in the construction of the apartments on Harris Street that provided decent housing for low-income and the elderly.

If elected, I would be helpful in the creation of an ATV park in Laona on land purchased for an industrial site. I am open to helping current businesses be retained in our town. I was involved in creating the revolving loan fund that is still operating in Laona, and I am still in favor of providing that help to current and new business ventures. Hudson Manufacturing was a business I helped bring to Laona, and I would like to see more light manufacturing come to Laona, and I am willing to see more manufacturing in our town.

I would like to use my years of experience in town, school and county government as a member of the Laona Town Board, and I would appreciate your support in the April 2nd election.

Nora Matuszewski Candidate for Supervisor Town of Laona

I am a lifelong resident of Forest County and am running for Town Supervisor: for the Town of Laona. I was the town clerk of Laona for five years and enjoyed every minute of the job before moving on to Forest County as the payroll clerk where I have been working for the past four and a half years.

I worked for the Laona Post Office for two and one half years and am a member of St. Leonard's Catholic Church where I taught catechism for eight years, and I currently serve on the Laona Sanitary Board. I have done bookkeeping for logging and trucking companies for the past 24 years and I understand the budgeting process.

I have been married to John Matuszewski Jr. for 26 years and we raised two boys, Jacob and Gregory who both graduated from Laona High School and reside in Laona.

My parents Pete and Sally Kevilus raised my four brothers and myself: all of which reside in the Town of Laona.

I will be a great asset to the Town of Laona. as I have great communication skills and knowledge in local government.

I would greatly appreciate your vote on April 2nd.

Nora Matuszewski

Rick Hermus, Candidate for Clerk-Treasurer-Town of Lincoln

I am Rick Hermus and I am running for the position of Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Lincoln. I would appreciate your vote on April 2nd.

My wife and I have been property owners in the Town of Lincoln for about 20 years, and our family enjoyed frequent visits for many years prior to that. We chose to retire here and make our full-time home in the beautiful north woods. I have always believed that it is important to become a member of your community and to give back to the community with your talents.

I have degrees in Accounting and Business Administrations, with 29 years of experience as a Municipal Administrator/ Clerk-Treasurer, as well as experience in private industry as a manager and accountant. I am confident I have the skill set to provide

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Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Dave Bradle-Laona

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Dave Bradle at St. Leonard's Parish Hall, in Laona, on April 6th. Get your appetite ready and be at the hall from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The fare will be spaghetti, of course, but will also include your choice of sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Carry-outs are available in the Laona area, but please make a reservation for carry-outs by calling 674-3923 and talk to Paul by April 3rd. The cost is \$7 for adults, children age six to eleven eat for \$3 and kids five and under eat free.

All proceeds, including a \$500 matching donation from the sponsoring organization, Catholic United Financial Council #399, will go to the Bradle family to help defray the cost of Dave's illness.

Sign of Spring?



These two scooters were parked in front of the On Deck Platter last Tuesday. Do the kids riding these contraptions know that Spring is around the corner? We hope so!



Jay Schaefer is looking for a team for a new event in Crandon

There is a new event coming to Crandon. It is called the Badass Dash (Don't call us, we didn't name it!) This event will be at the Crandon International Raceway, and it is a people race. No trucks, cars or anything with an engine, except the running gear in the people participating.

This isn't just a running race, there are obstacles to go over, big obstacles! If you look at the video on the website badassdash.com, you will get an idea what kind of obstacle race this is.

A local merchant, who thinks this would be a great event for us locals to participate in, is putting together a team to tear up the course! Now this isn't just an effort to get people to run their legs off for the fun of it. Jay Schaefer, of Schaefer IGA fame, is putting together a team to participate in this new event, and he is putting his money where his mouth is.

The race is on August 17th, giving everybody a chance to get in shape, and Jay will pay your \$45(The Early Bird rate) entry fee if the athlete accrues 200 points on their Saver's Card by May 10th. This gives you about six weeks to make up your mind if you want to participate in a race that involves scrambling over a school bus and more.

As a participant in this race, you will, of course, gain the admiration of the community, get in shape at least a little bit, and as Jay says, "You will be Hometown Proud!"

Just register at the store in the next six weeks and start practicing your footrace skills by running to Argonne and back a few times a week. Sorry, you really don't have to do that!



Greek Easter with Grandma Pappas

Dinner is served at one o'clock sharp.
Beverages are served on half hour before
Grandma wears one of her many red dresses
She says red of the color of new life
Her black and gray hair is swept back in a bun
And held by two giant jeweled combs
She greets us with a warm hug and a wide smile
A wooden cooking spoon still dripping from her hand

Her dark mahogany dining room table
Is covered with a white lace cloth
That she crocheted as a girl in Pargos
White china and polished silverware lay ready
In a blue and gold dish she brought from Greece
Are pieces of Kasseri cheese and Calamata olives
Dyed red eggs are enclosed
In freshly baked Kourlourakia (twisted round cookie)
We'll eat the cookie
And crack our eggs against our partners to make our
Easter wish
Grandma pours Resina wine into delicate crystal
glasses
She serves cranberry juice to the grandchildren
Crosses herself and toasts our health

She blesses her homemade
Lambropsomo Tsoureke (braided Easter bread)
Then serves the Mayeritsa Soup
Her grandson eats three bowls
Followed by Elliniki Salata (Greek salad),
Arni Psi meh Patates (roast leg of lamb with potatoes)
Spanakopita (spinach pie) and Galaktopita (custard
dessert)
We rinse down our meal with several cups
Of Kafethaki (Greek coffee)

Grandma says it's not right for her guests to work
She stacks the dishes to wash later
Because of her Asthma she sends the smokers
outdoors
Then sits in a Victorian chair in her seldom-used parlor
With her chubby arms folded across her chest
And her cat Queenie at her feet
To gaze as gleeful grandchildren tear open their
American Easter baskets



9th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference

FLORENCE, Wis. – The 9th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference will be Thursday, April 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. at the Encore on Central in downtown Florence. The conference is titled "Forest Economies: Still Standing Strong". Both the northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula economies are dependent on the Forest Products industry and must continue to identify and plan ways to maximize management, utilization and delivery to market of our forest resources now and in the future.

Organizers encourage individuals from our regional forest products and logging businesses, entrepreneurs, local governments, forestry/land management organizations, school boards, school administration, utilities, economic development corporations, state government and other related associations and resource agencies to attend in order to ensure a broad based audience able to deliver a variety of input, ideas and networking.

The speakers will address the following topics: Industry Overview, Northern Wisconsin Rail Study and NRTC update, Forest Based Tourism, Certification via a Panel discussion, Forest Pests, Wood Energy for Heating, Hot Water & Cooling, and The Young Forest Initiative. There are no registrations at the door, so please register soon since space is limited. Register online with a credit card at <http://www.lumberjackrctd.org/info.html>, click on 'Links' and follow instruction under the Sustainable Forestry conference Logo, or contact Kathy Bednarski at the Florence UW-Extension office 715-528-4480 x113. The registration fee is \$30 which includes a continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch. Loggers can receive SFI

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Correction

Karen Kummer's name was inadvertently spelled wrong in the Pickerel Rescue article on page 2 of the March 25th issue of the Pioneer Express. We apologize for this error.



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Bakery

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Appetizers

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Sure Fresh - 16 oz.
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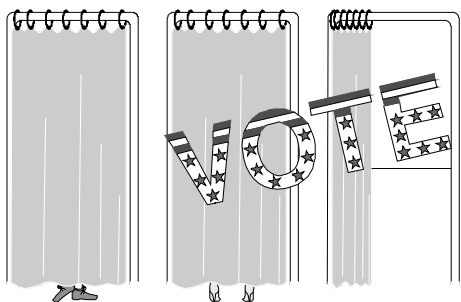
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ELECTION CANDIDATES



Please Vote
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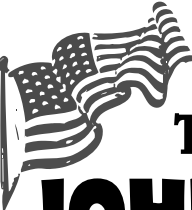
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On April 2nd
Townsend
Town Chairperson
Experienced Dedicated Resourceful
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VOTE



Mike Lavin
Townsend
Town Supervisor
Authorized & Paid For By Mike Lavin-Townsend WI

ELECTION
Vote Tues., April 2nd
Jim Volk
Supervisor, Town of Freedom
Authorized and Paid for by Jim Volk



VOTE
Tues., April 2nd
JOHN HARTER
Town of Freedom
Chairman
Authorized and paid for by John Harter

LAONA SCHOOL BOARD
Write-in candidate
Frank Shepard Jr.
Vote April 2nd

AUTHORIZED & PAID FOR BY FRANK SHEPARD JR.

VOTE FOR
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WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
FOR
TOWN OF LAONA
SUPERVISOR
APRIL 2ND, 2013
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QUALIFIED FOR THE
JOB!
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APPRECIATED!

Authorized & Paid For By Jack Matuszewski, Laona, WI

Please Vote April 2nd for
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Kay Connors
For Laona School Board
"I will continue to do my best for
the students and taxpayers of the
School District of Laona."
Thank You
Kay Connors-Current School Board Clerk
I Appreciate Your Vote!
Authorized & paid for by Kay Connors-Laona WI

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TUES., APRIL 2ND
RE-ELECT
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CRANDON SCHOOL BOARD
Your continued support is
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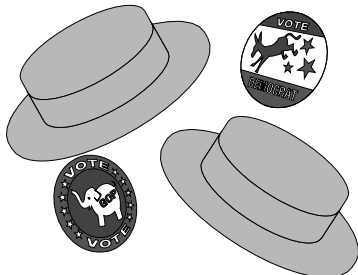
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Town of Lincoln
Clerk/Treasurer
Tuesday, April 2, 2013
DEPENDABLE, HONEST, INVOLVED
Experience & knowledge with fresh
ideas for the Town of Lincoln
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Town of Lincoln
Clerk/Treasurer
On April 2, 2013
Hard Working-Dependable-Honest
**"Bringing innovation & new
energy to the Town of Lincoln"**
Authorized & paid for by Tressa Votis

RE-ELECT
MIKE WILSON
Supervisor, Town of Lincoln
APRIL 2, 2013
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for your support for the past 16 years, and would
appreciate your continued support Thank You
Authorized & Paid for by Mike Wilson

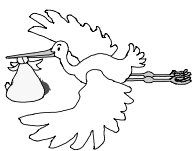
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April 2, 2013
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Authorized & Paid For by Lynne Black

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DUANE MARSHALL, SUPERVISOR
SANDRA RACHAL, SUPERVISOR
TERRI SCHABO, CLERK
BONNIE FRONEK, TREASURER
Authorized & Paid for by Chuck Sleeter, Duane Marshall, Sandra Rachal, Terri Schabo and Bonnie Fronek.



Birth announcement

Natalia Elise Cunha



Natalia Elise Cunha arrived on March eighteenth, 2013 at 6:34 am. She was 20½ long and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Natalia's happy parents are Tara Lorbetske-Cunha and Denilson Cunha of Rhinelander. Her Grandparents are Nancy Lorbetske of Rhinelander and the late Jeffrey Lorbetske and Maria Denilda Cunha and Jaime Jose Cunha of Uberlandia, Brazil.



Engagement
Announcement
Yingling -
Kortendick

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kindsfater of Townsend, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jenna Kortendick to Jake Yingling son of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Yingling of Lakewood.

The Bride-to-be is a graduate of Wabeno High School. She received an associates degree in Marketing and Graphic communications and is currently employed at Pioneer Credit union.

The Groom-to-be is a graduate of Wabeno High School. He received an associates degree in Automotive Technology and is currently a mechanic at Performance Auto.

The couple currently resides in Suamico Wi. and a Fall 2013 wedding is planned in Lakewood, Wi.

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.

Please Take Notice

I Alan B. Flannery, of Crandon, will not run for the post of Forest County Conservation Congress Delegate this spring at the annual meeting on April 8th.

I have taken pride in serving Forest County since 1987, as memory serves.

I donated my time and any money received for meetings, back when the county paid, and the state, who continues to pay for hotel bills, miles traveled, and food, multiple times a year. This amounts to thousands of dollars and a saving to the taxpayer.

It was interesting, and at times enjoyable.

My hope is that the newly elected delegate will bring renewed energy and have more available time.

/s/ Alan Flannery

Opinion Editorial –Cultivating Big Dreams
on a Small Scale

Microloan Gains Popular Footing; Answers Need for
Faster, Easier Credit

We all know that Wisconsin agriculture is diverse. We also know that it is constantly growing and changing. New entrants that enter agriculture today may have a different skill set and background than farmers of the past.

However, over the past three-plus years, wherever I have traveled as the state executive director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Wisconsin, I have constantly met people who are interested and excited about agriculture; from small and beginning farmers, to military veterans and disadvantaged producers. They want to farm; and they want to farm in Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, the high cost of purchasing land and equipment can be prohibitive, compelling newcomers and those struggling against odds to take risks to finance their dreams by relying on credit cards and personal loans with high interest rates. Due to high land costs and rents, as well as expensive and specialized equipment, too many people never follow their dream and begin farming.

A new program, offered by the USDA, Farm Service Agency, may provide the hope to the next generation of farmers. The Microloan program provides up to \$35,000 to help bolster these producers during their start-up years. Likewise, it will assist small, established producers who find themselves in extenuating financial circumstances.

Microloans are like other operating loans. They can be used to purchase livestock, equipment, feed, seed, fertilizer and related supplies. And here's a real benefit when compared to those credit cards and personal loans; the current interest rate for a microloan is 1.25%.

It is imperative that we use solutions like the microloan to provide access to credit to those just starting out or those producing on a smaller scale in order to grow American agriculture. Agriculture is an important part of our state's economy. After all, it is also part of our heritage, an important part of our state's culture. No other state can boast that their license plate proclaims "America's Dairyland." A vibrant, robust agriculture industry ensures a safe and affordable food supply at home and abroad. In addition, a diverse and vibrant farm economy keeps people living in our rural communities, sending their children to our local schools and doing business in our local stores.

CONTINUED COLUMN RIGHT...

But here is how microloans are unlike traditional FSA loans. Applying for them is a simpler, more flexible process. By reducing the application form from 17 pages to eight and modifying requirements for experience, it's easy and far more convenient for both our customers and our employees.

Although some production experience is necessary, there are many producers who may not meet the managerial requirements for traditional loans but may be eligible for a microloan. FSA will consider an applicant's small business experience, experience with a self-guided apprenticeship and specialized education to meet the prerequisite.

As the country moves toward more local food sources and joins the farm-to-table movement, there is an increasing number of people going back to the farm and selling their products through farmers markets and community supported agriculture. Microloans are perfect for those who want to grow niche crops to sell directly to ethnic markets, farmers markets or consumers.

Young future farmers and ranchers also will benefit. Prospects that previously used an FSA Youth Loan to finance an agricultural endeavor, successfully repaid the debt and are of the "age of majority" according to state law, are eligible for microloans. The microloan graduates producers to a new level and further prepares them for larger FSA operating loans or commercial loans through the FSA Guaranteed Loan Program.

By expanding access to credit, FSA continues to help grow the industry on which our country was built — Agriculture. Through FSA, more than 128,000 loans totaling \$18 billion have been issued. The number of loans to beginning farmers and ranchers has increased from 11,000 in 2008 to 15,000 in 2011. More than 40 percent of USDA's farm loans now go to beginning farmers, while lending to socially disadvantaged producers has increased nearly 50 percent since 2008.

At FSA, we aim for ways to help farmers achieve their dreams, to be part of the American population that feeds the world whether they are large-scale or small-scale operations. By supporting America's farmers, we help all Americans. We provide a secure, low-cost food supply and make a major contribution to the U.S. economy. And we do these things while nourishing millions.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Pfaff
State Executive Director
USDA – Farm Service Agency

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Townsend Cribbage
Tournament Results

The winners of the Townsend cribbage tournament for Sunday, March 24, 2013 are 1st place Joe Ramer, 2nd place Wally Bielfuss and 3rd place Dennis Strey. The 24 hand jackpot winner was Pat Lintonen. Door prize winners were Norm Wilda and Paul Lawrence. The trophy for the most 24 hands in this year's tournament went to Sande P. Schultz.

We appreciate everyone who came to play. You made it a great tournament. Also all those who brought treats, especially Sandy Bursek who sent a treat each week with her husband Jim. We hope you enjoyed the tournament and look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

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WHY: A SALE TO CLEAN OUT OUR STORAGE ROOMS

Senior Chatter

Submitted by Kate Schultz

TOPIC OF THE MONTH
"Meat"

MEAL SCHEDULE

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA
MONDAY - April 1 - Spaghetti w/meatballs & sauce, tossed salad, fruit, garlic bread, snickerdoodle cookie
MONDAY - April 8 - Roast pork, parsley potatoes, sauerkraut, sourdough bread, chocolate cake
CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA
TUESDAY - April 2 - Chicken stir fry, stir fry veggies, brown rice, fruit, egg roll, jell-o
TUESDAY - April 9 - Beef stroganoff spatzle, green beans, fruit, dinner rolls, Oh Henry Bar
CRANDON
WEDNESDAY - April 3 - Baked haddock, baked potato w/sour cream, broccoli, wheat bread, lemon poppyseed cupcakes
WEDNESDAY - April 10 - Mushroom chicken, roasted red potatoes, cauliflower, biscuits, tapioca pudding - **BINGO** -
LAONA
THURSDAY - April 4 - Baked haddock, baked potato w/sour cream, broccoli, wheat bread, lemon poppyseed cupcakes
THURSDAY - April 11 - Mushroom chicken, roasted red potatoes, cauliflower, biscuits, tapioca pudding
ARMSTRONG CREEK
TUESDAY - April 2 - Meatballs & gravy, noodles, baked beans, pears, wheat bread, cake
TUESDAY - April 9 - Ham, boiled potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, wheat bars
ALVIN
THURSDAY - April 8 - Sloppy joes, hashbrown, peas, peaches, buns, bars
THURSDAY - April 11 - Lasagna, salad, pears, garlic bread, cookies
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MONDAY, TUESDAY same as Crandon
THURSDAY same as Laona

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Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). Meal served at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.
Laona site manager Peggy Dann at 715-674-2191 (Home) or 715-889-3321 (Cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
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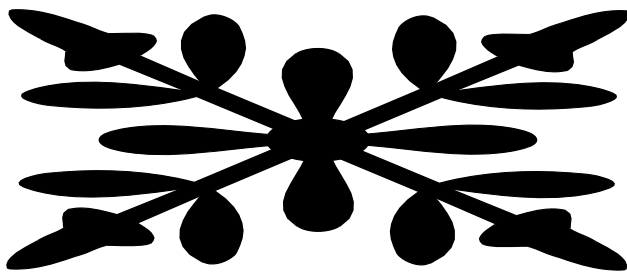
3rd Quarter Honor Students

The following students received a B or Better during the 3rd quarter:

4th Grade, Morgan Adkins, Halia Babich, Matthew Bauer, Madyson Chitko, Abigail Ginter, Malina Lazzeroni, Seth Lempel, Taylar Marvin, Zack McLaughlin, Evan Townsend.

5th Grade, Carson Kalata, Bryce Karl, Marissa Milan, Jonathon Statezny, Ethan Westimayer.

6th Grade, Ben Baker, Annabelle Cleereman, Trevor Cleereman, Wade Collins, Anastasia Ginter, Jade Kitchmaster, Halle Lazzeroni, Jared Milan, Jessalyn Peterson, Alexis Thompson, Elizabeth Tinsman.





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PUBLIC NOTICE April 3, 2012 - 10:00 A.M. Community Room 115 Wabeno Elementary School

The School Board of Canvassers will be canvassing the results of the Spring General election held on Tuesday, April 2, 2012 which includes two School Board seats, one each for Forest and Oconto Counties and the Referendum. 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 certified.

M & R GAS & CONVENIENCE CLOSED Easter Sunday, March 31

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April 1 - 5

BREAKFAST MENU

MON: Cereal, fruited yogurt cup, toast
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NOTICE TOWN OF LAONA

There will be an exit poll at the Spring Election on April 2, 2013 for residents to vote on the garbage issue. The results from the survey will help the Town Board decide which way to go with garbage collection.

- ☐ Yes, I am in favor of the drop off site only for garbage collection and to discontinue curbside service with savings utilized for other improvements in Town.
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If you have any further questions please call the office at 715-674-4071.

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April 1 - 5

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WisDOT announces weight limits for Forest and Iron County state highways

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) North Central Region today announced the seasonal posting of weight limits on area state highways. The weight restrictions are 6 tons gross load for single axle vehicles and 10 tons gross load for tandem axle vehicles (any two axles under 8 feet apart). The maximum gross weight is 24 tons. School buses, trucks hauling milk, garbage, heating fuel and septic materials are exempt from seasonal load limits in accordance with section 349.16 (3) Wisconsin Statutes.

Weight restrictions will go into effect at noon on Friday, March 29, 2013 on the following highways:

- WIS 55, Forest County, between Argonne and the Michigan State line
- WIS 169, Ashland and Iron counties, between WIS 13 and US 2
- WIS 122, Iron County, between WIS 77 and the north Iron County line

Seasonal weight restrictions (springtime posted roads) are placed on specific highways during the spring thaw period. The restrictions are implemented to prevent damage to the pavement structure.

In the event of unpredicted cold weather, the postings in each county may be delayed as conditions require, and will become effective at the discretion of the State Highway Engineer.

REQUEST FOR BIDS TOWN OF BLACKWELL

The Town of Blackwell is seeking bids for the construction of the west end of the Rat River Recreational Trail.

Project will include the installation of ten (10) culverts to specifications and hauling and placement of 210 yds. of pit run, and approximately 8,000 yds. of gravel from the town's stockpile. Work will commence as soon as access to the trail is possible.

Because this project uses federal funds, any employee used by a contractor must be paid Davis-Bacon wage rates.

Bids are due by 5:00 p.m. , April 9, 2013 , and may be mailed or delivered to Chairman Ron Henkel at: 4018 Co. Rd, H. Laona, Wi. 54541, envelope marked 'TRAIL BIDS.' Proof of insurance must accompany any bid.

Bids will be opened at 6:10 p.m. on April 9, 2013, at the Blackwell Town Hall. For further information contact Ronald Henkel at 715-674-6467. The town reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid most advantageous to the Town. Jenny Henkel, Clerk/Treas. Town of Blackwell

Public Library Hours

Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 715-276-9020.

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Forest County Museum - Closed for winter. Re-opening in May 2013.

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Spring's Season of Health: Ready, Set, Grow!

Have you seen these signs and stickers around the county? That's because the Seasons of Health campaign is continuing! This is the third of a series of county-wide quarterly campaigns are focused on providing YOU with more opportunities to be healthy. Spring's campaign, "ready. set. grow!" is focused on getting all ages more involved in gardening.

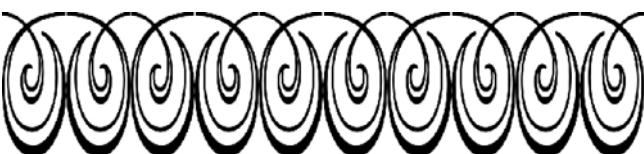
These campaigns are guided by our community health plan's health priorities for 2011-2015. One of these priorities is adequate, appropriate, and safe food and nutrition, as addressed by our previous campaign "eat well." Another priority is physical activity, with the goal that Forest County residents will increase their physical activity levels by 2015. Gardening is a great physical activity as well as a way to increase healthy eating. Along with the physical health benefits, gardening helps our mental health by giving us a sense of accomplishment and decreases stress. Gardens are a productive use of land and not only help save money at the grocery store but could be an extra source of income as well. Have you ever considered planting a few extra rows or plots and selling your produce? Contact us for more information on the Crandon Farmers Market coming in July!

Have you always wanted a garden but don't have the space? Consider a container garden or adopt a plot at the New Hope Shelter Community Garden. You can also start a garden exchange group at your workplace. Churches, Schools and Business owners are invited to get on board as well by adopting plots or planting their own gardens. Restaurants will be invited to get involved with "ready. set. grow!" by offering food fresh from a local grower or by growing their own herbs and using them in a special entre.

Some activities are already being planned so keep watching for more information. In March the schools will be taste testing Jicama (a Mexican potato) and learning about root vegetables. The Crandon Library will be hosting a pizza garden event in April. The Senior Meal sites will be planting some container gardens. There will be a Garden Walk event coming up this summer.

Get excited about "ready. set. grow!" this spring, and keep an eye out for a new season of health this summer! Check our website for more information and contact us if you would like to host an event or volunteer.

www.forestcountycan.org or 715-478-3371



HELP WANTED

K-12 Library Media Specialist

Job Description: Full time position available beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. This is a unique position serving preK-12 in two neighboring school districts. The School District of Wabeno Area and the Laona School District are eager to share the services of a dynamic individual. The selected candidate will have the support of library aides and a Technology Coordinator. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: managing the library/media centers; assisting with the districts' combined information and technology literacy plans, providing applied technology support in a learning setting; providing instructional media resources for teachers and students; providing instruction in library skills and information research skills; and locating, purchasing and processing instructional support materials.

Qualifications: The successful applicant needs to posses high energy, demonstrate outstanding collaborative people skills, an ability to relate well with students of all ages, outstanding personal, professional technology skills, and a desire to provide leadership and vision for the districts in new technology.

Requirements: Applicant must be certified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, License 91, 902 or other applicable license.

How to Apply: Interested and licensed candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license(s), three (3) current letters of reference **by Monday, May 20, 2013**. If you are still student teaching, attach transcripts to date and any letters that are available and add other documents as they come available. Application materials should be submitted online to Lasher@laona.k12.wi.us or K0dekirk@wabeno.k12.wi.us or may be mailed to: Laurie Asher, District Administrator, PO Box 100, Laona, WI 54541 or Dr. Kimberly Odekirk, District Administrator, PO Box 460 Wabeno, WI 54566.

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2013 spring fish and wildlife rules hearings, conservation congress county meetings April 8 in every county of the state

MADISON – The public will have an opportunity to weigh in on a wide variety of proposed fish and wildlife rule changes, and to propose other changes, at the 2013 Department of Natural Resources spring fish and wildlife rules hearings and annual Conservation Congress county meetings.

On Monday, April 8, there will be 72 public hearings, one in each Wisconsin county starting at 7 p.m. where individuals interested in natural resources management will have an opportunity to provide their input by non-binding vote and testimony to the Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Board and the Conservation Congress on proposed hunting, trapping, and fishing rule changes and advisory questions.

The hearings, held annually, are immediately followed by county Conservation Congress meetings during which residents can vote on and introduce their ideas to address natural resources related concerns. The list of meeting locations [PDF] and the combined questionnaire [PDF] is available for review by searching the DNR website for keywords "spring hearings."

The spring gatherings cover three major areas: elections for county Conservation Congress delegates; proposed wildlife and fisheries rule changes that have been developed through previous Conservation Congress meetings; and Conservation Congress proposals for future rule development. Among the fisheries rule change proposals are:

Shifting the hours to legally spear sturgeon on lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and change it to 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and shift the daily deadline for sturgeon spearers to register their fish from 1:30 to 2 p.m.;

Removing the northern bass management zone early catch-and-release season for largemouth bass and allow the harvest of largemouth bass under existing size and bag limits; and Allowing motor trolling statewide.

Among the wildlife rule proposals being considered are: allowing the use of rifles for deer hunting statewide; simplifying pheasant hunting regulations; establish that, when the bear hunting season is open, hunting hours apply to people who are training bear hunting dogs as well as to people who are hunting bears; and allow unattended, overnight placement of portable stands and blinds on Department owned and managed lands.

In addition to the DNR rule proposals, the Conservation Congress has a variety of advisory questions asking citizens to gauge public support on various natural resource issues including a proposal to eliminate the back tag requirement for deer hunters, expanding the definition of artificial lights for predator hunting, possible changes to the concealment rule for waterfowl hunting, and a proposal to require the registration of non-motorized boats.

During the Conservation Congress county meetings, county residents have the option to run for a seat on the Conservation Congress and to elect delegates from their county to represent their views regarding natural resources issues on the Conservation Congress, the citizen advisory body to the Natural Resources Board and the DNR. Also, individuals have the opportunity to bring forth new conservation issues of a statewide nature to the attention of the Conservation Congress through the citizen resolution process. Information about the spring hearing process is also available on the Conservation Congress pages of the DNR website.

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Applications may be picked up at the administrative office or applications can be found on our district website. Completed applications may be submitted to the district office or mailed to: Dr. Kimberly Odekirk, District Administrator, School District of Wabeno Area, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566 **by April 19, 2013**.

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Vet's Corner

Contributed by Diane Fenske Joyner, Forest CVSO, 715.478.3722, vetshelp@co.forest.wi.us

Researchers tie Gulf War illness to brain damage

Kelly Kennedy, USA TODAY

Gulf War illness has affected more than 250,000 veterans of the 1991 war against Iraq. Findings may eventually help those suffering from chronic fatigue or fibromyalgia. Veterans studied say the illness has wrecked their lives. More than 250,000 veterans of the 1991 war have reported some symptoms.

Researchers say they have found physical proof that Gulf War illness is caused by damage to the brain — and that proof may ultimately help civilians who suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia.

Using fMRI machines, the Georgetown University researchers were able to see anomalies in the bundle of nerve fibers that interpret pain signals in the brain in 31 Gulf War veterans. The research will be published Wednesday in PLOS ONE journal.

The findings are "huge," because an fMRI allows doctors to diagnose a person with Gulf War illness quickly, said James Baraniuk, senior author and professor of medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center. The research, he said, also shows that Gulf War illness is not psychological.

An fMRI, or "functional" MRI, is a scan that measures activity by detecting how blood flows through the brain.

Many veterans have had difficulties getting benefits and treatment for a service-connected condition because doctors assumed they were either faking it or suffering from post-traumatic stress. "That's a problem with all physicians — VA, military or civilian," Baraniuk said. "If it doesn't fall within their small world of known diseases, then the patient is nuts."

Gulf War illness is a series of symptoms that has affected more than 250,000 veterans of the 1991 war against Iraq in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Baraniuk said the correlation of anomalies in the brain's white matter with Gulf War illness has not been studied before. Researchers, he said, also found that fatigue and pain worsen congruently in the veterans.

To test the veterans, they watched the way liquid moved through brain nerve cells at rest and while the veterans were exercising. They could locate the nerves' axons and determine how healthy they were, said Rakib Rayhan, lead author of the study.

"We're able to say, 'There is something here,' " Rayhan said. " 'Take these veterans seriously when they come in.' "

In particular, John VanMeter, director of Georgetown's Center for functional and molecular imaging, said they looked at the fibers that process pain.

"The fibers in the Gulf War veterans have deteriorated compared to the control," he said. Those fibers interpret environmental pain, but in the case of the veterans, a tiny pulse of pressure is interpreted as a painful pinch, or normal muscle fatigue from walking a flight of stairs could be

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interpreted as climbing to the fourteenth floor. "They get, I'm in pain! I'm in pain! I'm in pain!" all the time."

He said that most hospitals already have the MRI equipment they need to do the exam, but they may need to purchase or install fMRI software, as well as to be trained to use it.

The researchers do not know whether the veterans' symptoms will continue to worsen, though it appears they have from their onset 22 years ago until now.

"The guys who were robust and leading the charge on this 10 years ago are now using canes," Baraniuk said.

This research appears to correlate with previous research on Gulf War Illness, including a major study this year that showed problems in involuntary function, and a second that showed that as many as 100,000 troops may have been doused with Sarin gas when the U.S. Air Force bombed a munitions factory during the war.

The researchers suspect the damage came from environmental factors. Other researchers have found that as many as 100,000 troops were exposed to Sarin gas when the U.S. Air Force bombed an Iraqi munitions plant, and other researchers have found a connection between the symptoms and the ACHL-inhibitors found in nerve agents, the anti-nerve-agent pills servicemembers took, and the industrial-strength bug spray troops used on their clothing and skin.

Baraniuk believes that the three areas of symptoms seen in Gulf War veterans are all different stages of the same disease — and he will be able to show that in a future paper.

Veterans who participated in the study said the illness has hurt them but they were optimistic about the survey's findings.

Army veteran Robert Ward's symptoms began while he was still in the Middle East. He felt tired and his gums started to swell and bleed. He figured it was a fluke, until he read a newspaper article in 1993 and discovered he was one of many. Soon, he suffered irritable bowel syndrome, constant headaches, muscle twitches, rashes and muscle fatigue. For 18 months, he found himself bedridden. He moved in with his parents so they could help care for him.

Denise Nichols, an Air Force veteran, also had symptoms while she was still in the Middle East, including irritability, hair loss and sensitivity to light and noise. When she came home, she had blurred vision and tight muscles. "I quit nursing because I was afraid of making errors or exposing patients to whatever I had," she said. When she learned the results of the study, she yelled, "Yes! Yes! Yes! We're finding real proof."

Still, she said, it's bittersweet to wait 22 years.

The researchers themselves said they've been surprised by how little attention this group of veterans has received.

"If 30% of Congress got sick, or 30% of Manhattan got sick, there would have been an outcry," Baraniuk said.

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Ruffed Grouse Banquet



By Mike Monte

Last Saturday evening, the Crandon Municipal building was filled to capacity for the largest Ruffed Grouse Banquet in the history of the Wild Rivers Chapter. Counting the staff, 215 people ate a delicious meal and bought tickets and bid on numerous items, including the painting of the grouse in the top photo, which was painted and donated by Larry Seiler, pictured above with a selection of his work. Seiler is a much acclaimed wildlife artist, and we are lucky to have him teaching art at Laona.

Once again, Col. Rene Brass donated her talents as an auctioneer. The auctions are always lively, and her presence is much appreciated by all who attend.

The Ruffed Grouse Society is an organization that is committed to maintaining habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock, and numerous song birds, as well as whitetail deer. Their efforts are more than helpful in trying to get timber sales going on our national forest lands, here in Forest County and throughout the United States.

It was a good time and money well-spent by all those attending.



Col. Rene, along with "Sarge" DuFour works the crowd for a high bid.



This beautiful hand-crafted gun case was made and donated by Nick Millan in Armstrong Creek. It was auctioned off and the money used for grouse habitat.



Dave Ziolkowski (left) and Gary Zimmer are two people, who along with family members work hard to make this banquet a success every year.

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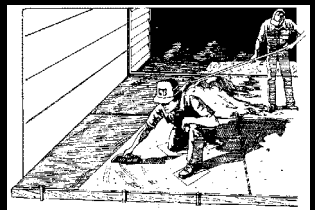
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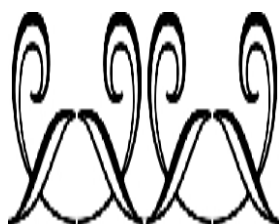
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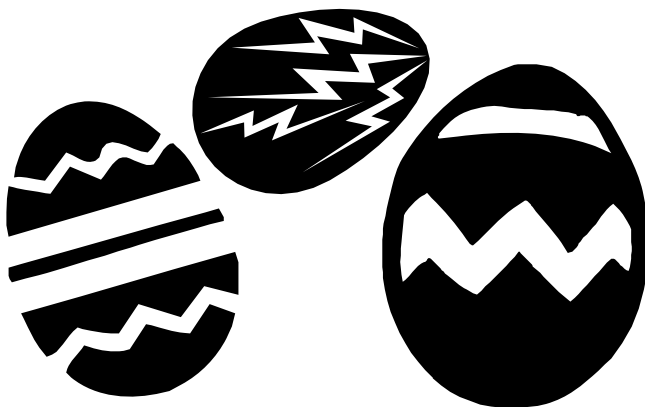
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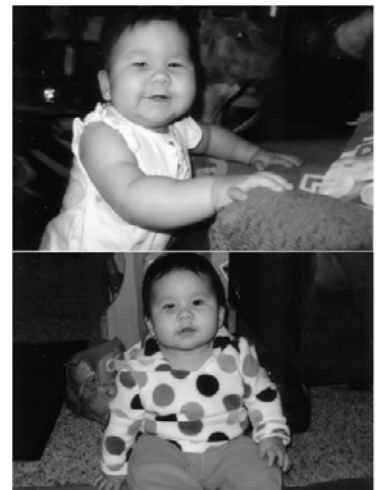
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For further information, contact the Wabeno Public Library at 715-473-4131. We are continuing our Winter Hours until May 31: Mondays: closed, Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 5, Wednesday: noon to 5, Thursday: noon to 5, Friday: 10 a.m. to 5, Saturday: 9 a.m. to noon.
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Crandon Library News
Homework Help Center
Crandon elementary students returning to school after Spring Break vacation will be excited to discover a new opportunity awaits them at the Crandon Public Library. Beginning on Tuesday, April 2nd the Crandon Public Library invites students in the 2nd 5th grades to use the Homework Help Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, while school is in session, from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. The goal of the Homework Help Center is to provide space dedicated to students of the School District of Crandon, and/or area homeschoolers who are working on school assignments. The students will receive assistance from Homework Help community volunteers and library staff. All students must be registered by a parent and/or guardian before they may participate in the Homework Help Center program. Student registration forms will be available at the Library desk. For more information, please see our website at www.crandonpl.org or call us at 478-3784.
Library Hours
The Crandon Public Library is open Mondays 9-5, Tuesdays 9-5, Wednesdays 9-7, Thursdays 9-7, Fridays 9-5 and Saturdays 9-Noon. Learn more about what your library has to offer at our website at www.crandonpl.org.
Forest County Historical & Genealogical Society to hold meeting
The Forest County Historical & Genealogical Society (FCH&GS) will have their spring Board Meeting on April 4, 2013 at 7PM at the Crandon Public Library. All members and anyone interested in Forest County history are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include a discussion of some exciting plans for this summer. A report will be given on the summer intern program in

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 **THANK YOU**
The Nicolet Wild Rivers Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society would like to thank everyone who attended or donated to our 2013 banquet. More than 210 people attended this year's banquet, making it our most successful event in 23 years. Last year the Crandon banquet was the most successful RGS banquet in the state and ranked 11th nationally. This would not have been possible without the great support from our members, local businesses, volunteers, sponsors and donors.
Thank you and we look forward to your support in 2014!

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coordination with the Crandon Public Library. The intern position will provide a person who will help us initiate the new Past Perfect Software program that will make our archives and artifacts more available to the public.
Ideas for summer programs for the public will also be discussed. If you have some Forest County history you would like to share or learn more about, please attend this meeting for summer planning.

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the Town of Lincoln residents with professional and dedicated service, while bringing new energy and ideas to the position.

I don't just believe in open and transparent government, but have implemented it for 29 years, and will work diligently to provide both to the Town of Lincoln. I have the time and energy to bring new ideas to the town, and would be available to the residents on a consistent basis. I have spoken to many residents about ideas to improve communications and to be accessible when needed. My main focus will be the Town of Lincoln!

I have attended Town Board meetings over the past two years, including the Forest County Board. The issues being debated are all important to our area, and I have made contacts with many residents, the Wisconsin DNR, the Potawatomi community, and attended Congressman Duffy's local meeting to make sure I am knowledgeable and informed on the issues. I will continue to reach out for the benefit of our community.

And the most important issue remains, regardless of who you vote for, please exercise your right to vote on April 2nd!

Wi Wins Program Keeping Tobacco Out Of Hands Of Youth

Wisconsin has made great strides in decreasing youth tobacco use in Wisconsin. In 2000, a third of Wisconsin high school students regularly smoked. Today that number stands at 13.1%.

Limiting underage sales of tobacco products has played a key role in decreasing youth smoking in Wisconsin. Sales to minors have decreased a remarkable 80% since 2001 as a result of the Wisconsin Wins program. This program is an initiative that includes compliance checks, local outreach and free online training for tobacco retailers. More details are available at www.wiwins.org.

The Wisconsin Wins program has been proven to work, however future progress may be threatened. The state currently funds the Wisconsin Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at only \$5.3 million. That might sound like a big number, but the tobacco industry spends

25 times that amount every year to market their products in Wisconsin.

The reductions to the statewide tobacco program have also meant cuts to local prevention efforts. The Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition conducts compliance checks in Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, and Vilas counties. The number of Wisconsin Wins compliance checks in all six counties has decreased greatly over the last two years. That means fewer retailers are getting the information needed to help them avoid selling tobacco to minors and more youth may be able to access tobacco products.

Tobacco's impact on Wisconsin is incredibly far-reaching. It takes nearly 8,000 lives each year and costs Wisconsin \$4.5 billion annually in health care expenses and lost productivity. It is important to consider the significance of the Wisconsin Wins program and the successes the program has seen. However, there is still work to be done. Wisconsin Wins and the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program are a valuable investment and work to improve the health of our state.

Nicolet College international studies include art of London and language of Guatemala

The art of London and the Spanish language and culture of Guatemala will be the focus of two international study opportunities offered by Nicolet College.

During the London Study Tour, Jan. 2 to Jan. 13, 2014, students will visit many of the finest museums and historic sites in and around one of the world's most culturally-rich cities. The study tour class includes three University Transfer Liberal Arts credits. Cost is \$2,718 and includes airfare from Rhinelander, ground travel in London, lodging, breakfasts, entrance to museums and Les Miserables, visits to Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral, and travel insurance.

Museum visits will include the British Museum, National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery, Tate Britain, Tate Modern Gallery, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The tour will be led by Nicolet art instructor Bob Kanyusik, who has taught art at Nicolet for 30 years and led the London Study Tour for 15 years.

For more information, contact Teresa Rose at (715) 365-4625, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4625; TDD (715) 365-4558; TDD (715) 365-4448; or by email at trose@nicoletcollege.edu.

The Spanish Study Tour to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, will run Dec. 27, 2013, to Jan. 12, 2014. Participants will immerse themselves in Guatemalan culture and the Spanish language by living with local host families and attending Spanish language classes in the morning and cultural events and service learning activities in the afternoon.

The four-credit, University Transfer language classes cover a broad range of Spanish-speaking proficiency, ranging from no previous experience with the language to those who are approaching conversational fluency. A three-credit service learning class is also available for those who are fluent in Spanish. Students who enroll in service learning will volunteer with the Chico Mendes Reforestation Project, which was initiated in 1998 to contribute to the reforestation of the largely deforested Guatemalan Western Highland Mountains. Activities may include collecting and planting seeds, mixing soil, tilling the ground, or other reforestation-related efforts.

Cost for the language class option is \$2,690.60. The service learning option is \$2,518.95. This includes airfare from Wausau, ground transportation while in Guatemala, accommodations with a Guatemalan family that include a private bedroom, meals, event fees, guided travel excursions, internet access, and travel insurance. For more information, contact Nicolet Spanish instructor Ocie Kilgus at (715) 365-4540, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4540; TDD (715) 365-4558 or 711 (relay); or by email at okilgus@nicoletcollege.edu.

Information sessions will also be held on the following dates:

- Guatemala: Tuesday, April 9, 11:30 a.m. to noon, University Transfer Center, third floor.
- London: Tuesday, April 2, noon to 12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tamarack Center 213.
- London: Wednesday, April 3, noon to 12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tamarack Center 213.

Fall Semester 2013 financial aid is available for both classes for students who qualify.

To register for either the Guatemala or London study tour, contact Teresa Rose at (715) 365-4625, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4625; TDD (715) 365-4558 or 711 (relay); or by email at trose@nicoletcollege.edu.

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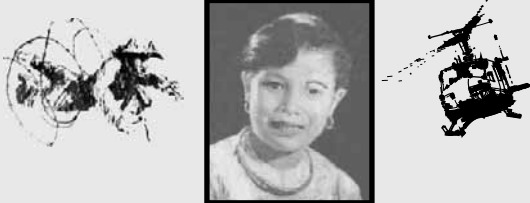
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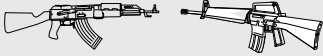



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Victorious FCP Warriors

submitted by Mark Daniels Sr.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, the FCP boxing club traveled to Plover, Wis., for a boxing event. Representing the FCP team were Marcus Daniels in the light heavyweight division, and William Alloway in the super heavyweight division.

There were a total of 31 matches scheduled for the evening. Marcus was scheduled for the fourth bout of the evening versus Paul Salvador from Rockford, Ill. The first round, Salvador shot out of his corner, meeting Marcus in his corner with flurries catching Marcus off guard. Marcus then escaped the corner with combinations of his own, but remained on the retreat most of the round trying to re-establish control of the pace Paul had set. The first round could easily have gone either way, as both boxers continued exchanging jabs, punches and combinations.

In between rounds, coach Mark Jr. and I instructed Marcus to continue his combinations, leading with the jab and returning his guard. He had the better form and technique, and to continue his movement, and we reminded him of his conditioning being better as well, as Paul was noticeably tiring already. In the second round, Marcus executed the game plan and continued the crisper, harder combinations, however, Paul was very determined and a very game opponent in keeping pace with the exchanges. Unfortunately, in doing so, Paul's offense left opportunities for Marcus to counter Paul's lack of defense. Marcus buckled Paul's legs momentarily with shots down the middle. However, Marcus wasn't able to capitalize in time as the round came to an end.

We worked on building Marcus' confidence in the corner by taking notice that Marcus did hurt Paul at the end of that round. He needed to take it to the next level and keep the combinations and pressure on Paul and this fight was his. We told Marcus to believe in himself and that he could hurt or even stop Paul in the final round, and just take it to him. The third and final round, again they started exchanging, but it was Marcus' confidence and determination that began to take over as he continued combinations after combinations that were no longer being exchanged by Paul. The unanswered offense and lack of defense drew a standing 8-count as the round came to a close giving Marcus a 10-8 round in the third. Marcus' amateur debut led to his first win, and he is already excited about keeping his undefeated streak alive.

William was scheduled in the 27th bout of the evening. However, we hadn't learned who his opponent was until five matches prior to his bout. William's opponent was Bill Elliott, a 39-year-old, 270 lb. super heavyweight. Naturally, at first, we were a little concerned how massive a challenge bill presented for William. I spoke with Bill's coach to get an idea of Bill's background; the coach was very up front and honest. Bill was said to be a heavy hitter, but somewhat slow, with only four previous matches. The coach understood if we wanted to back out of the match. After speaking with William and sharing our concerns, Williams wanted to at least try. That attitude brought my confidence and belief back to reality. We ALL shared that moment of doubt, but only momentarily! Team FCP reminded me of the discipline we've trained ourselves to live by. The discipline to believe in ourselves, no matter the odds, we will overcome!

Immediately, coach Mark Jr. and I went to work on our game plan to help William to achieve success. First, we build William's confidence in himself and his abilities by pointing out his advantages, and utilize Bill's advantages to his advantage as well as Bill's disadvantages. While Jr. warmed William up with the punch mitts, they worked on his mobility. That was the game plan: to stick and move and don't mix it up with Bill. Basic one-two and out; being first when in range. At no time was he to do any more than a three-punch combination without moving out. As the plan and warm up became engrained in William and his coach, we all sensed the confidence level return and any and all doubt had dissipated as we ALL believed!

As we waited for Bill to arrive in the ring, the audience became quiet as they saw the contrast in the size of the heavyweights; we sensed the fans had the same concern we had earlier. As round one kicked off, William executed the game plan perfectly as he stuck and moved. Whenever Bill threw is heavy hand, William was sure to defend with his guard or slip, duck and parry causing Bill to miss and exert tiring energy it took to throw his behemoth mass behind his

punches. William used his speed advantage and countered every opportunity to the large target Bill presented. The game plan was a success the first round as Bill wasn't able to impose his power on William. Between rounds, we told William to go for more three-punch combos and keep him off balance with his moving around. The confidence continued to grow in William, as he knew the game plan was a success, and he believed in his abilities to execute it.

The second round came and you could still sense the nervousness in the spectators as William continued executing the plan. But with Bill making adjustments in closing the distance and trying to force Williams to the ropes to be able to unload on William, our corner would instruct him to spin out or fire off the rope, and William would automatically comply, not allowing Bill to gain any momentum. William started working back toward the center of the ring where he was more mobile, slipping and countering with combos. Again, we knew bill was going to keep coming. We turned that into our advantage by rocking Bill with straight shots down the middle just before the end of the round. The spectators came alive with a thunderous round of applause cheering William on.

In the corner, we reminded William if he is able to get Bill in trouble as he did in the end of round two to go after it, but cautiously, carefully, not to make any mistakes or mix it up with him. In round three, as they met to touch gloves for the final round, Bill became desperate as he took a cheap shot at William, backing him into the ropes. William was not discourages from the game plan as he regrouped and fired back out of the corner. And another perfectly executed round was had by William, keeping Bill off balance with his speed, and mixing his combinations to the body, taking the steam out of Bill's power shots. However, Bill was still quite determined, and pleased that William was willing to go toe-to-toe with him in exchanging power shots. Unfortunately, I don't think Bill realized while William was getting stronger, he was losing the zip on his speed and power, no longer able to do any damage to William. As the final bell sounded, the audience went wild with cheer for an exciting match.

The brave FCP warriors represented themselves, their team and club, their community and our people with pride and honor. It is an honor to have watched these braves become warriors, to grow and understand the importance of discipline, coach ability and executing a game plan to completion, and knowing the sacrifices it takes to be successful in the sport of amateur boxing. The trust they instill in their coaches, the fact that they believe in themselves and each other is half the battle already won. I also want to thank coach Mark Jr. on his debut as a registered coach. He was vital to the success of our team, as well as Brian Shepard (teammate), and all the supporters that were able to make it in cheering our boys on to victory.

The next event we are scheduled to attend is March 1, 2013, at the Milwaukee Athletic Center located at 758 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis. Bouts are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. We hope to see you there, showing your support in cheering our warriors on to keeping their undefeated streaks alive!

Congratulations team we are very proud of you FCP warriors!



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Recently McCaslin Lions President Bob Brown presented a \$500 check to Wabeno Track and Field Booster Club President Cheryl Bartels to be used for transportation to events. Currently 30 students are participating in the field and track program.

G-AHigh School Welcomes Guest

Students in Kate Millan's American Government, US History, and Civics class recently welcomed as a guest speaker, Wisconsin's 12th District State Senator Tom Tiffany. Senator Tiffany spoke to the Goodman-Armstrong Creek class about the similarities between Wisconsin's Senate and the Federal Senate in Washington D.C. He also explained his role as Legislator; including how they are placed upon committees in Madison to help the state of Wisconsin function productively.

Senator Tiffany spoke on March 21, 2013 about his chairmanship of the state's Committee on Workforce Development, Forestry, Mining, and Revenue and his recent work to help draft and pass legislation regarding mining in the state of Wisconsin. Using his recent experience with the mining legislation as an example, he explained to the students how important listening sessions were to developing good laws for Wisconsin. He explained the important balance between protecting the Wisconsin natural environment and creating jobs in Wisconsin.

Senator Tiffany also explained to the students the importance of communication with your elected officials to ensure that the laws that are passed in Wisconsin meet the needs of the people that they are passed for. He urged the students to contact their elected officials not only with concerns, but with suggestions to the problems that they perceive in the state of Wisconsin.

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