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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.

Tom Vollmer Write In Candidate for Supervisor, Town of Crandon

My name is Tom Vollmar and I am running as a write in candidate for the open position of town board supervisor! Many of you know me from my almost thirty years of working for the town.

I think with this and more years as county board supervisor and time on town and county committees including highway and zoning, that I have the experience and knowledge to fill this position very well. Please write - in Tom Vollmer for supervisor for the Town of Crandon.

Mike Vande Walle candidate for Townsend Chairperson

Hello, my name is Mike Vande Walle and I seek your support to become your next Townsend Town Chairperson. My wife Heidi, our son Michael and I were introduced to this area over 3 decades ago when we began tent camping at the Mary Lake Campground. In 1985 we found and purchased our property on Forest Hill Dr. In 2008, the Townsend Fire Department needed some training, so our cabin went up in smoke and flames, and we built our retirement home on the Townsend Flowage.

I retired from Fourinox, Inc. in Green Bay, in 2014 after 26 years. While employed as the Safety Director and Traffic Control manager, I was responsible for purchasing; plant wide problem solving; budgeting and coordinating production for on time deliveries with customer satisfaction.

I have been a regular at the Townsend Town Board meetings for the past 35 years. I have been involved in many local issues such as; formation of the Townsend Flowage Association and obtaining their first grants for wheel chair docks and aquatic harvesting equipment; charter member of the Family Fun ATV Club which was first to petition for ATV trails in the Townsend Area; establishment of the Townsend Planning Commission, serving as Vice-President. I was first to suggest a town brush collection site at the recycling center. I possess the ability to think outside the box when confronted with an issue.

As Captain on the Townsend Fire Department, I help with all fund-raising activities. I am also a driver for the Lakewood-Townsend ambulance service. I am a current member of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and I am involved with the Oconto County Emergency Planning Commission to help implement a policy and procedure for a mass casualty incident.

My specific goals for Townsend include: maintaining a balanced budget; improving infrastructure, especially broadband service; working closely with area clubs and organizations to help them achieve their goals and objectives; and pursuing a study on ways to address the deteriorating condition of our Town Hall. As your Town Chairperson, I want to continue the work that was begun in the previous administration to make Townsend the place to be in northern Oconto County. Above all, I promise to listen to you, the citizens and taxpayers of Townsend.

I believe my mission statement, to preserve the beauty and serenity while moving forward, expresses what you can expect under my experienced leadership.

Please vote Mike Vande Walle on April 4th for your next Townsend Town Chairperson.

Michael Wilson, Supervisor, Town of Lincoln

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your continued support in the upcoming April 4 election. I will continue, and strive to make sure that the integrity of the town, be maintained to the highest expectations of the town residence, as it has always been. I have lived in the town my entire life and my wife and I have raised or children here. Our Township is a beautiful place to live, raise a family, visit or vacation. The Town is financially secure because of qualified leaders who care about the town. Our town needs leaders that are qualified and care, and not an gitator. Big government and dirty politics, have no place, and do not belong in our Township. As done in the past, I will continue to work for all tax payers to make sure that the town is operated to the most cost effective measures as possible.

Mike Wilson
Supervisor, Town of Lincoln

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Making Maple Syrup-Then and Now

The Brewer family saphouse and family memories



George Brewer, Cavour, (Grandfather) gathering maple sap

The following remembrance was written by Tricia Brewer as a college student in Advanced Composition back in 1990. Her work earned an A+!

By Tricia Brewer

A stranger passing by the saphouse at my grandma's house might wonder exactly what purpose this building had served. It is a plain building, not one built to be beautiful, but one built to make maple syrup. It had only two rooms, one for boiling the sap and storing it, and one for bottling the syrup. Our family made syrup there until I was about eleven years old. Then my family became too busy with their jobs, and eventually the contents of the building were sold. Although the rooms stand empty, they are still occupied in my mind and as vivid to me as the words on this paper. The saphouse is much more to me than just a building to make maple syrup. It is much more.

The saphouse is our family together. I can remember countless afternoons when my sister and I, happy to be free from school, would run down the drive to the saphouse. We were two blonde chatterboxes: arms loaded with books, starred spelling tests, and hats and mittens forgotten in the heat of the afternoon. My parents would be sitting on wooden stools, their hair damp and droopy from the steam that filled the room from the boiling sap. My mom would put down her Stephen King and Dad would turn off Paul Harvey droning from the dusty radio on the shelf, ready to hear the "real" rest of the story: those earth-shattering news flashes of who had forgotten their gym shoes that day, who had puked in the lunchroom, or how somebody had been sent to the office--again. These endless afternoons of writing our names and drawing pictures on the steamy windows and family talks that lasted long into the evenings were soon replaced with afternoons of two blonde chatterboxes racing off to basketball or cheerleading practice, where the news of our days was shared with our friends. The names I saw on windows were no longer at the saphouse, but rather, on the steamy, wet bus windows on the way to games.

The saphouse is simple fun. Told to stay out of the way of our parents when things got busy, we were faced with the problem of inventing things to do. The streams of melting snow that trickled over the gravel outside became rivers, and sticks, our canoes. Or with Grandma as our judge, we would play "Find the Best Rock," searching hour upon hour for the rock with gold in it or the rock that looked like a frog. It was funny, we would never dream of doing this at home; we had better things to do (the T.V. was our entertainer). But the saphouse forced us to use our imaginations. Wandering around in the field in back, we were Indians searching for treasures to trade to the pilgrims, keeping our collections of things we found hidden behind the woodpile, safe from the greedy hands of our neighboring tribes. But just as our family afternoons had been replaced, so had our simple fun. Simple fun became easier with video games or talking on the phone with friends. Our thinking of things to do was replaced with thinking of ways to get dates for dances and of ways to get our homework done faster so we could watch T.V.

The saphouse is tradition. Too young to understand why all of this hard work should be so important to my father, I told him that maple syrup that came from the store tasted just as good and was a lot less trouble. He would tell me to go in and look at the picture hanging on the wall in Grandma's kitchen. I must have looked at that picture of my grandfather emptying a pail of sap into a huge tup pulled on a sled drawn by horses at least a hundred times, yet I never quite understood why he told me to look at it. I used to stand and listen to my grandfather (who was too ill at the time to keep making

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Lumberjack Maple Syrup
Armstrong Creek



Kevin, Dave and Patty with their cooker

Making maple syrup today is far different than the syrup making depicted in Tricia's story on the Brewer operation when she was a kid in school.

Just west of Armstrong Creek, on Wall Road, Dave Kowalkowski; his wife Patty; and son, Kevin, are running a maple syrup operation on the family farm. A son, Craig, is a college student who helps on weekends.

This operation, sitting on the edge of the woods, is high-tech and high volume. The product is a high-grade Wisconsin maple syrup that can appear under many different labels. Making syrup in volume means that the syrup isn't poured into small glass or plastic bottles. It is piped into sterile 55-gallon steel barrels. There is storage for huge amounts of sap, and according to Dave, 12,400 gallons of sap, an amount they have storage for, will cook down to about 350 gallons of maple syrup.

An operation like the Lumberjack Maple Syrup Company is inspected by the state every year, and cleanliness is extremely important. All of the taps are sterile, and the plastic taps have a check valve to prevent bacteria from getting into the system.

Dave and his family tap maple trees in four different spots, and none are on their farm. The sap is hauled in tanks to the cookhouse. In addition, they buy sap from eight different tappers, including Pat Brewer, who is tapping their old sugar bush. His late father, George, would be happy about this.

How do they get this volume of production? This is where high-tech comes in. The sap is run through a reverse osmosis machine that removes 90% of the water that would ordinarily have to be boiled off. This enables them to cook the sap for four to five hours, and that volume, using traditional methods, would take 36 hours. The water removed isn't run on the ground. It is used for cleaning the cooker after a run. This also means that they use less firewood in their cooker. That cooker, by the way, is fired up with fresh wood every eight minutes. There is a timer on the wall to remind them. This keeps the heat uniform.

About 90% of their production is put in the 55-gallon barrels, and Dave says that the other 10% is sold to stores and restaurants. In addition, some will be sold to private labels.

Dave said they had a nice deal for their product from Alabama. The maple syrup is sold for a fundraiser that will help homeless kids.

When you visit their installation, you will see the tree tappers drive up with a tank on their truck or trailer. A connection is piped the length of the driveway, and they hook up to the flexible hose and have their sap pulled up the hill into the 12,000 gallon capacity collection of tanks on a raised platform. It is raised so that they can gravity feed the reverse osmosis machine from which the reduced sap is then pumped to the cooker. Volume and sugar content is checked and suppliers are paid accordingly.

On the Kowalkowski tapping area, all of the sap is run to a central spot with hoses. There are 3,600 taps on their sugar bush, and the sap is collected in a tank next to a small cabin holding a pump. When they haul the sap to

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Crandon High School Blood Drive April 12

The Crandon High School Blood Drive at 9750 Highway 8, Crandon, will be on Wednesday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Burning Permits Required!

Spring has sprung! With the piles of snow rapidly melting, many of us are excited to do some spring cleaning of brush and leaves on our properties. The warmer weather that melts the snow and brings back the robins also creates the risk of wildfires to spread. Early springs, like the one we are experiencing, often result in higher wildfire risk.

Year after year, the #1 cause of wildfires started in Wisconsin is from debris burning that got out of control. The DNR urges everyone to be safe and take some precautions that may prevent small brush fires from becoming damaging wildfires and remember to get your annual burning permit before doing any burning.

Unless the ground is completely snow covered, and with the exception of campfires and cooking fires, burning permits are required for all open burning including ground burning, burn barrels, and incinerators. No burning permits are required within the city of Crandon.

Burning permits are FREE and required by law. Having the DNR come to put your escaped fire out can be extremely costly and may result in a citation, so don't get caught burning without a permit!

There are a variety of ways to obtain a burning permit:

- Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/> to print one out instantly
- Visit one of our local Emergency Fire Wardens (EFWs) to have one issued instantly. The list of EFWs by county can be found here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/emergFireWardens.asp>

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- Visit the WI DNR Ranger Station at 404 N. Lake Ave. in Crandon (715-478-3717)

Before burning you must verify current fire danger and burning restrictions for the day by visiting dnr.wi.gov/wisburn or calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876). Days and times that burning is allowed changes daily based on current weather conditions so it is important to check before every burn.

When burning, it is important to keep fire-fighting tools such as a water hose and shovel close at hand in case the fire gets out of control. The fire should be monitored at all times until it is completely out and cold to the touch. All it takes is one ember to start a wildfire.

If the fire starts to expand beyond the planned area, producing large flames and lots of smoke, call 911 immediately!

Be safe out there, folks! Hopefully the next time you see our fire engines will be in the parade and not to put out your escaped fire!

Happy spring!!

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Friends of Wabeno meeting at Madonna Hall

The Friends of Wabeno will hold the first face to face meeting of 2017 on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:15pm at the St Ambrose Catholic Church Madonna Hall. Major activities to be discussed are completing the Boardwalk project, the 3rd Annual Wabeno Art and Music Fest, downtown decorations, the Town Planning Commission and election of officers. There will be discussion on plans for fundraising to support the winterization of the Firefighters Grounds and Park and the country market.

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The Brewer saphouse Cont. from pg. 1

syrup) and my father argue back and forth about the right ways to do things. And just as they did, I would stand and argue with my father that our syrup would sell much better if we would put it in bottles shaped like a lady. I never understood why things were done the way they were.

The saphouse is many more things: dollars earned from labeling bottles; bright blue bags hanging from trees; and sticky sap dripping into the snow, melting puddles of sweetness. Today, I can taste that sweetness as I think of the springs of my childhood and the endless hours spent at the sap house. Pushed back into the field at my grandma's, the saphouse still stands. I've never gone back, nor do I wish to. To me, the saphouse is my childhood, the spring of my life: I'd rather remember it as it was.

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Lumberjack maple syrup Cont. from pg. 1
 their cooker, they pull up on the end of a muddy driveway and connect to a pipe that runs from the collection point. This spot, when the sap is running good, will produce 250 to 300 gallons an hour. According to Dave, they could accept sap from other tappers up to 70,000 taps, at which time they would add another cooker. He said it is an opportunity for landowners with maple stands to realize some profit from their land without logging prematurely. He added that it can still be logged after it is tapped.

The cookhouse is a gathering spot for the neighborhood. A big wooden table on one side of the room accommodates visitors.

The family started with 700 buckets hanging on trees six years ago. They switched to tubing, and the operation took off. He credits his sons with pushing to expand.

Dave said this is a maple area, and it should be noted for its capacity to produce great maple syrup. This family is doing their part!



The cookhouse, smokestack on right and steam from the cooker billows out on the left.



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Forest, Oneida and Vilas County Community Health Improvement Plan

"Becoming the Healthiest Nation" is this year's theme for National Public Health Week which starts April 3rd. There could not be a better time to announce the completion of the Forest, Oneida and Vilas County Health Improvement Plan!

The multi-county plan is a collaboration among health departments, community members, health care partners, local elected officials, tribal health partners, and other government agencies.

Health departments and hospital systems both have requirements to complete local health assessments and because there are many agencies, including health care systems that serve all three counties it made sense to collaborate on one health improvement plan. During the recently completed Community Health Assessment, the top three priority health issues were identified as Chronic Disease, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, and Mental Health.

The Community Health Improvement Plan includes goals, objectives and target outcomes, along with suggested strategies to improve those health issues.

The intent of the plan is to provide an outline for our many coalitions that are already working to improve the health of our residents and also foster new partnerships and encourage others to work together. Health is not something we get at a doctor's office; it starts in our homes, schools and work places, and playgrounds and parks. The strategies in the plan include suggested programs that have been shown to be effective but it also stresses that we need to improve our physical and social environment and implement policies to make healthy behaviors the easy choice.

The plan is closely linked to Wisconsin's Health Plan: Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, Everyone Living Better Longer. There are several overarching priority areas within the plan; health across the lifespan, health equity, and access to health care. By assessing health at all stages of life, providing equal opportunities regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic status, and addressing barriers to everyone receiving quality care, we will contribute to a better quality of life for all of our residents.

The next steps are to share this plan with the community and work with existing coalitions to implement the strategies and measure success toward the goals. A copy of the Community Health Improvement Plan can be found on each county's website. It is our hope that community members will read through the plan and find some way to incorporate these strategies into your work, home and your lifestyle. If you are interested in participating in a workgroup or any activities related to the improving the health of all residents, please call your local health department for more information.

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 Submitted by Kathy O'Melia

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If you would like to attend this presentation, please contact the Forest County Elder Benefits Specialist, Kathy O'Melia, at 715-478-3067 to reserve your spot. The Aging and Disability Resource Center is located at 300A South Lake Avenue in Crandon.

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The Forest County Elderly Benefits Specialist, Kathy O'Melia, has a new local telephone number. Kathy can be reached at 715-478-3067.

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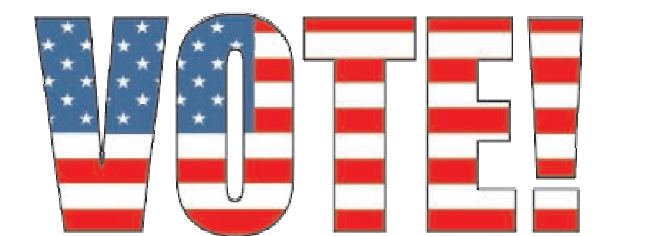
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This notice was submitted by Scott Wycherley, PLAY Secretary, 715-276-3920.



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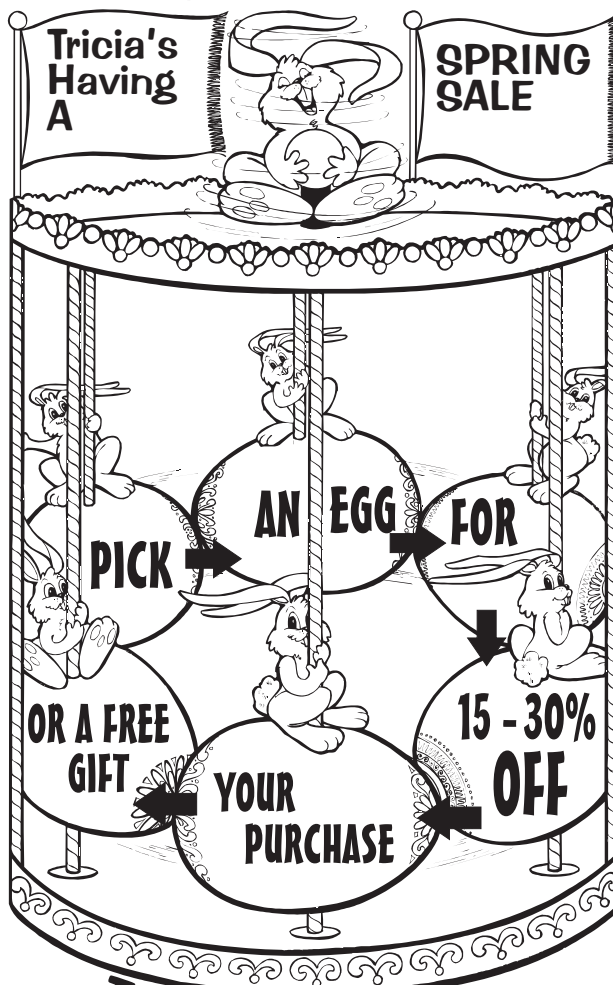
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We would like to thank all who said prayers, sent cards, flowers and helped and thought of us in any way. The ladies who put on the meal, the Weber-Hill Funeral Home and pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. Richie Kulaf and Margaret Zold for their kindness and caring, and Genny. A very special thank you to Father Callistis Elue for the wonderful service he had for Joe. It is so greatly appreciated.

The families of Joe Gryczkowski,
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THANK YOU

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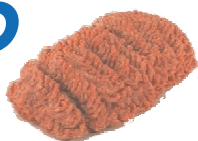
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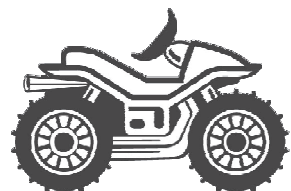
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Join Mary Stys, Forest County UW Extension Horticulture Educator/Nutrition Educator and Jill Krueger, UW Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, to learn the art of growing your own vegetable plants from seeds. Class information will include planning, seed selection, growing mix, equipment, and general knowledge to increase your seed germination success. Be prepared to get your hands in the dirt!

No registration is required and there is no cost to attend this event. For more information, please call Michelle at the Crandon Public Library 745-478-3784.

Easter Treat Make & Take

Join library staff member Laurie Faledas on Thursday, April 13th, at noon for our April make and take project. We will be making a chocolate coated Easter treat that will be appropriate for gift-giving. The Easter Bunny will love this craft! Please register for this event by stopping in or calling us at 715-478-3784.

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The Arrangement by Sarah Dunn, Mississippi Blood by Greg Iles, The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See, Mangrove Lightning by Randy Wayne White, If Not for You by Debbie Macomber, Man Overboard by J.A. Jance and Dead Man Switch by Matthew Quirk.

New Outdoor Kennels Assembled at The Forest County Humane Society



The finished product

By Boyd Monte

The Forest County Humane Society built new outside dog kennels this past weekend with the help of volunteers; Nancy Conway, Rebecca Conway, Elizabeth Conway, Rhiley Wagner, Mark DeWitt, Jonathan Calhoun, Ziggy Shunupup, Tinya and Tonya Walerko and George Stamper built 5 roofed kennels to be used for animals taken in that were taken out on Highway County S. There have been no animals brought in as of the time of the writing of this article and the kennels have been used to get animals currently in the shelter out in the fresh air.

The kennels provide more than enough room for the dogs to rest and relax in the warmer weather. Each kennel has pea gravel floors and comfortable dog houses.

The Forest County Humane Society is always looking to make the shelter a better place to take care of all of the animals that they help.



Volunteers constructing the kennels



The roof is going up!

Candidates Cont. from pg. 1

David Ziolkowski-Incumbent Goodman-Armstrong Creek Board of Education

I have been a life-long resident of the town of Armstrong Creek. In 1981 I graduated from of the Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District. In 1985, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. I have three children and one grandson. My sons, Zack and Taylor are proud graduates of GACHS have moved on to successful careers. My daughter Rachel is currently a proud GACHS student in ninth grade. I have been employed by Forest County Government for the past thirty years as the County Forest Administrator managing our county forest and park system. I am also employed as the County Snowmobile and ATV Coordinator and have previously been employed as the County Personnel Administrator. I also raise beef cattle on our family farm that has been in operation for 99 years and I intend to continue to be life-long resident of our community.

I am not seeking office in the traditional sense, as a new career, but asking for your vote once again to allow me the honor of representing the students, staff and residents of the Goodman Armstrong Creek School District. I have been a member of the Board of Education for the past 27 consecutive years. I know exactly what I am getting myself into. I have been with the district through good times and when necessary during the tough times, I have battled at board meetings to change, adapt and plan for our future. Twenty-seven years ago I was told we were nearly out of money, our taxes were too high, that we could not improve our education and would be forced to consolidate our district. I disagreed! I had hoped that somehow our small school could endure, adapt and overcome these issues. Twenty-seven years later, I believe WE have been successful! If you have been following our District in this newspaper, you have read about the multiple educational awards the Goodman Armstrong Creek School District has received from the State in past years. If you have been attending board meetings, you have learned that we have built a sound fund balance in our budget to assist in taking us through these tough economic times. If you visit the school, you will find a friendly, small town atmosphere in a clean, well-maintained facility full of technology including computers, laptops, smartboards and an interactive distance-learning lab. All of this was accomplished over the years while reducing our taxes (mill rate) from one of the highest in the State of Wisconsin (over 29 mills), down to one that is average in the Northern Lakes Conference (10-11 mills). This was all completed by multiple board members willing to work hard, change and plan as well as teachers and staff willing to make concessions and do more with less, and all the parents and taxpayers who sacrificed to support our school. It does take a community to obtain success.

My three top concerns include; increasing costs/declining State aids, declining enrollment and the need to continue to improve the education of our students.

Our district will need leadership and experienced board members now more than ever as we face unknown changes in the State Budget Bill. For some, the Budget is hope for lower cost and lower taxes. For others, the Budget strikes fear and uncertainty as to how it may impact their wages and livelihood or how it may negatively affect the education of their children. Again, our district will have to plan, adapt and overcome rising costs for operating our district while receiving substantial reductions in State aid. The board and I have previously met with neighboring districts to discuss sharing staff, services and reducing costs. We will also need to streamline and reduce our own programs to balance our future budget.

Declining enrollment will reduce State aids and State funding even further. Thankfully our enrollment hit its low last year and has begun to climb. With the poor economy and lack of jobs, our district could face the risk of future reduction in enrollment resulting in a reduction of State funding on a per student basis. Meanwhile, the fixed costs of heat, electricity, bussing etc. will continue to increase whether we have 8 students per class room or 20 students. Our fund balance will not be able to sustain this reduction in State Aid, and will decrease yearly.

With declining enrollment, reduced State aid and increased fixed operation costs, how can we expect to deliver a quality education without substantially increasing taxes? The school districts that are able to answer that question will be the districts that survive these tough economic times. I suggest continuing discussions with neighboring districts to share services and reduce costs, improve our distance-learning lab to both receive classes that our district does not offer, and to provide our classes to other districts. We will continue to seek bids to reduce our fixed costs on items such as bussing, health insurance and property insurance. We have asked our taxpayers to complete a survey to provide directions to our Board of Education to assist in planning our future. We will also begin a Strategic Planning Process to ensure we have a solid plan of action for our District's future at the most cost effective manner possible.

Once again, our district will be facing challenging times and will need to endure, adapt and overcome. We will need experienced board members and leaders to plan for our future.

I hope that you allow me the honor, once again to represent the Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District by electing me to your Board of Education.

Your vote is very important and appreciated! Let's make a difference!

/s/David W. Ziolkowski

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Letters to the Editor

We welcome letter 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.

This letter is in response to another letter to the Editor.

Employee benefits: The benefit package increases have a lot to do with the high cost of health care and insurance and increases of pay and base benefits to district employees. The increases, as many folks have felt over the last few years, are a national issue/crisis. District employees have taken on more than ever with regards to sharing the cost of benefits since ACT10. This district shops insurance every opportunity we can. It is the only way to be fiscally responsible. The benefit package is part of the compensation for teachers. Are you suggesting that we cut the employees pay? We are in an age where teachers are now "free agents." Yes, this means it costs us more today to keep those good employees. As healthcare costs spiral out of control, we are, just like many of you, trying to find ways to deal with it. But chasing our good teachers away with wholesale benefit cuts is NOT the way to do it. It would only weaken our district.

Hot and free lunch: The taxpayers at the annual meeting decide if we offer free hot lunch. Everyone has an opportunity to vote and make suggestions at that annual meeting. Let's say we go to a payer type system: roughly 50% of the students in the Wabeno School District will still qualify for the free lunch program. So we would have to have the infrastructure in place to attend to those students needs. You want it to change? Then come to the annual meeting! We would love to have more than three people attend!

Per Student cost: Yes, rural schools' costs are higher than urban schools'. One reason is the population density and resource density. If you compare us to the surrounding districts, we are very close in cost per student. We also have 80+ special ed. students in our district. This dictates an increase in resources because we must work with every student to try and achieve success in their education. We are required to try as hard as we can and provide the resources to educate EVERYONE. If you are going to use averages, then use those that apply, like the ones associated with similarly sized school districts. Take the time to look at rural small schools in our surrounding area. We are right in line with those averages.

Do we have a successful academic program? YES. Many students from our school have went on to a wide variety of successful professional careers. There are even some doctors and lawyers. The list is far too great to go over here. We have many students that have been accepted into some tough academic programs at some prestigious universities; including UW Madison and several other private and UW System Universities. In fact, since 2012, we have had students accepted to 30 different universities. 72 in total applied and were accepted. Yes, ACT scores need to improve, you are absolutely correct. This is a focus for our board and our administration as well as our staff. The ACT used to only be taken by those who were college bound, but now it is taken by everyone, even those who have zero interest in education beyond high school. The reality is, this impacts our overall average. It's not an excuse, just reality.

Even our choice for board members is important. The board member has to be objective and should not have a preconceived agenda. There is no room for "drama" on the school board, just common sense and an open mind. Lori Mattern is the best candidate. She has great education from Wabeno and UWSP, works in accounting, and is a professional.

Is the \$1.6 million justified? YES. The school would not ask for it if we did not need it. Will we continue to look at operations to streamline and save money where we can? YES. Are we open to suggestions and input? YES. Our choice is clear in my mind. As a taxpayer, I can pay for this referendum or this district will be gone, and the increase in taxes in that case is much higher than what the school is asking for. We need to set high standards for success. We are asking folks to be objective and look at the real facts and the impact this school can have. We are looking forward and asking for money to improve the curriculum to include training in the trades and technology. Technology, like it or not, is where we are today in manufacturing and life. Our school must compete in those areas and continue to improve in our offerings and methods of instruction. We have a choice on April 4th. I hope you choose YES on both questions.

Sincerely,
Mike Rocolo

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To Everyone:

The town governmental elections are coming up on Tuesday, April 4th so please vote and exercise your rights to be heard. The town entity is the purest form of a direct democracy with a board of 3 people elected for 2 year terms.

Possession of the seats are taken by individuals, but the ownership of these seats are the people's. Sometimes the elected official forgets this due to a condition of moral relativism and uses the position for personal gain. When this happens the public trust has been violated and the ethics of the elected official are questionable.

Your representation and vote is for individuals and not for teams of people. Yes, sometimes all on a board are in agreement, but at other times differences in debate and opinions are healthy.

Please Vote
Thank You, Steve Bunda

Payment in Lieu of Taxes cut

It is widely known that the U.S. government owns a considerable amount of land in Forest County. What you may not know is that there is a yearly Federal appropriation that helps compensate counties with a high percentage of non-taxable federal land for lost property taxes. This is the Payment In lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. The Department of the Interior (DOI) website <https://www.nbc.gov/pilt/counties.cfm> shows the government made a payment of \$755,924.00 in 2016 for 303,562 acres of land in Forest county. This payment amounts to only around \$2.49/ acre for last year.

A news report in the March 17, 2017 issue of "The Outdoor Wire" (the Outdoor Industry's Newsletter) looked at the 12% cut in the DOI funding found in the President's proposed 2018 budget and the impact this cut would have on that industry (fishing, hunting, tourism, etc.). One item mentioned in that article points out the proposed budget cuts would alter the PILT payments and thus affect rural communities that depend on PILT money. Apparently \$2.49/acre is much too generous for our county and future PILT payments will be at a "reduced level."

Your representatives in congress would certainly appreciate you sharing your thoughts with them on the local consequences of this "redirection" of these funds to other programs.

Ed Mullaney

CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS LETTER TO EDITOR ON WABENO SCHOOL REFERENDUM:

I don't want to misinform anyone, therefore I need to correct 2 figures in the previous Letter to the Editor printed in the March 27 issue. I stated in that letter, that it looked like total wages increased 19% and benefits increased 30% over a 4 year period. In response to that, the Wabeno School District website stated the correct figures are a 7% increase in wages and a 12.6% increase in benefits for this period.

I believe I used incomplete data when initially figuring these estimates. Consequently my figures would be inaccurate. I apologize to all, as my intent was to convey precise information, and did not want to mislead anyone. I am truly sorry for the inaccuracy.

Julie Schroeder

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- **Praise Chapel** Holy Week Services: Good Friday, 1 p.m.; Easter Sunday held at regular Sunday Service time.
- **Cathedral Church of the Northwoods Arbutus/Lutheran Church**, ELCA, W6607 Church Ln., Pearson, invites any and all to worship with them Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is at 11 a.m. Communion is open to all on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. For more information, call 715-484-5055 or 715-623-6850.
- **Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church** – Sunday Worship: Lakewood – 8:00 (15552 Hwy. 32), Wabeno – 10:00 (4347 North Branch St.), Laona – 11:30 (5265 Linden St.). Call 715-473-3603 for more information.
- **St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)** - Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Monday. Wednesday - children's after school. Located at N9834 Hwy. 55 in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** - Hwy 55N, Crandon. Sunday service 9:30 a.m. with Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday. No Saturday services. Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m., Good Friday 3:00 p.m., Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.
- **St John Lutheran Church** - 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 8:00 a.m. Bible School Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Holy Week: Maundy Thursday 4:30 p.m., Good Friday 6:00 p.m. Easter Sunday Service at 8:00 a.m.
- **Trinity Evangelical Church (WELS)** - 1741 Forest Avenue, Wabeno. Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m.; Youth Bible Study at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Maundy Thursday at 5:30 p.m., Good Friday at 1:30 p.m., Easter at 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- **Bethel Baptist Church** - 1761 East Ave., Wabeno. Worship service Sunday at 9 a.m. Bible study Wed. at 2 p.m.
- **Lakeland Baptist Church** - Sunday Service at 10 a.m, Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday night at 5 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 p.m.
- **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)** - 501 N. Park Avenue, Crandon. Sunday worship service at 9 a.m.; Youth Bible School (grades pre k - 8) on Wednesday at 3:45 - 5 p.m. 715-478-5620.
- **Overeaters Anonymous meeting** - Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the basement of the Crandon Library. Contact Debra at 715-784-0031 for more information.
- **Stitch'n Sisters Needlework Group** - We invite anyone interested in needle arts to join us Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – noon in the Associated Bank Community Room, located at 210 S. Lake Ave., Crandon.
- **Elcho Area Community Food Pantry** moved into a new location at 11224 Antigo St, Elcho, WI 54428. It will be open each week: Mon. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Wed. 4 – 6 p.m. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. If any further information is needed please contact David A. Schindler at (715) 610-5886.
- **Forest County Humane Society** - Open to public Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for more info. 715-478-2098.
- **Forest County Humane Society Meeting** - Every fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library. The public is always welcome.
- **Crandon Lions Board Meetings** - 1st Monday of the month at Ducks Bar at 6 p.m.
- **Pickerel area 50 Plus** will meet on Thursday April 13 at noon at the St John's Church. Our guest is a foreign exchange student from the Czech Republic. Bring friends and a dish to pass.
- **Crandon Lions Membership Meeting** - 3rd Monday of month. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. & meeting at 7 p.m. February - May meetings held at Ducks.
- **Town Board Meeting** Wednesday, March 15th at 7 p.m. 1038 County Rd. Q, Pickerel.
- **Bridge Community Dental Health Clinic** - This project serves people of all ages in Forest County for People who have Badger Care, medical Assistance & UNINSURED to schedule an appointment call (715) 848-4884. Call the Health Dept. for more information at 715-478-3371.
- **Christian Motorcyclist Association** - Spirit Ryders Chapter of Langlade & Forest Co. invites you to attend our meetings on the last Saturday of each month. Call George 715-350-1679.
- **Town of Lincoln Board Meetings** - 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln Hall.
- **Nashville Craft & Flea Market** - Closed for the season. Will return to the Nashville Town Hall Spring 2017. Interested vendors or for more information, call Lindy at 715-484-3152.
- **Tops** - will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:35 a.m. with meeting following at 7:45 a.m. For more info call 715-473-2613.
- **Crandon PTO** - 1st Monday of month, 6-7 p.m., Crandon Elementary School Cafeteria.
- **Support Group for Parent of Children with Disabilities** - Call Chris at 715-784-0058.
- **Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - Support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide will gather the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon at the Curran Building located at 315 South Oneida Avenue in Rhinelander. For info call Sue at 715-275-5399.
- **Crandon Public Library Board Monthly meeting.** 6 p.m. Lower Level. 715.478.3784. www.crandonpl.org.
- **Wellbriety 12 Step Meeting (AA/NA)** - Mondays at 6 p.m. - ? lower level of FCP Museum, Mish•Ko•Swin Lane, Crandon. Call Brooks Boyd for more information at 715-889-4902.
- **AA Meetings** - Back Door Group - Open meetings Monday & Thurs. nights at 7 p.m., Lakewood Lakes Country Library. Call Mary at 715-276-2318 or Bill at 715-882-3512.
- **AA Meeting** - Saturdays, 9 a.m., Wabeno Fire Station, side entrance.
- **AA Meeting** - Antigo Hospital, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.
- **AA Meeting** - White Lake, Sundays at 10 a.m. at the White Lake Fire House. Mike at 715-882-8901 or Bill at 715-882-3512.
- **AA Meeting** - Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Carter Springs. Contact Peggy at 715-889-3116 for more information.


Bids & Notices

Notice Crandon Lakeside Cemetery

Visitors to Lakeside Cemetery, please follow the rules posted at the cemetery.
April 1st to November 1st
 Decorations may be placed on the monument and monument foundation only. All decorations placed in the grass during this time-period will be removed.
No Glass Allowed at all times!
Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. You are responsible for your pet's waste removal.
No decorations may be placed on flush-mount monuments, which are not located in the row of headstones.
No trees, shrubs or flowers should be planted without prior permission from the cemetery committee.
 For any other information, you may call Crandon City Hall at 715-478-2400 during regular business hours.
 Thank you.
 Crandon Cemetery Committee

City of Crandon Large Item Pick Up

Eagle Waste will be picking up "large items" (furniture, carpet, appliances, etc.) placed at curbside on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.
NOT INCLUDED in the pick up: Demolition waste, yard waste, hazardous waste, liquid waste, tires, boats, batteries, appliances containing freon, microwaves and/or electronics.
 If you have any questions regarding items that are allowed for pick up, please call Eagle Waste at 715-477-0077.
 Cindy Bradley, City Clerk/Treasurer

 **VOTE**
Wesley Ginter
Supervisor
Town of Nashville
 All votes are appreciated
 Authorized and Paid for by Wesley Ginter




Public Library Hours

Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday & Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Story Time: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. • 715-276-9020.
Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-473-4131
Crandon Public Library - Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Noon • 715-478-3784.
Laona Edith Evans Community Library - HOURS: Monday: noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Closed Saturday & Sunday • 715-674-4751

Museum Hours

Forest County Museum- Located at 105 W. Jackson in Crandon.
Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center & Museum - Monday -Thursday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you have special research needs or want to inquire about collection, please call 715-478-4841.
Wabeno Museum - Open everyday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please vote for
Mike Vande Walle
 On Tuesday, April 4th
Townsend
Town Chairman
Preserve the beauty and serenity while moving forward
 Authorized and paid for by Mike Vande Walle

 Vote April 4th 
 Re-elect Michael Wilson
Supervisor, Town of Lincoln
 I appreciate all your support for the past 20 years and would like to ask for your continued support in the upcoming April 4th Election
 Thank you.
 Michael Wilson 

NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF NASHVILLE ELECTORS

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 18, 2017 at the Nashville Town Hall located at 4265 Highway 55 at 6:00 p.m.
 Terri Schabo, Clerk

 April 7
Vote
Sandy Frank
 For Clerk/Treasurer - Town of Nashville
 Authorized and Paid for by Sandy Frank

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS [WIS. STAT. 120.06 (6)(C)]

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, an election of two (2) school board members will be held. The names of the candidates as they appear on the ballot:

Scott J. Reeves
Frank D. Shepard, Jr.

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
 Dated this 20th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Samantha Hoffman
 Laona School District Clerk

School District of Laona OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT

Notice to Voters: This ballot may be invalid unless initialed by 2 election inspectors. If cast as an absentee ballot, the ballot must bear the initials of the municipal clerk or deputy clerk.

Instructions to Voters: If you make a mistake or have a question, see an election inspector. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square to the RIGHT of the name. To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

School Board Members
Vote for not more than TWO (2)

Scott J. Reeves
 Frank D. Shepard, Jr.

**Notice of Spring Election and Referendum
School District of Wabeno Area
April 4, 2017**

Notice is hereby given of an election to be held in the WABENO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, on April 4, 2017, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballots below.

RESOLUTION NUMBER I

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO
EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$1,600,000 FOR FIVE YEARS
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Wabeno Area School District, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,600,000 a year for the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming.

RESOLUTION NUMBER II

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO
EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$300,000 FOR ONE YEAR
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Wabeno Area School District, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building or remodeling for a vocational and technical fabrication lab, purchasing equipment for the fabrication lab and instructor expenses.

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the Wabeno Area School District, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,600,000 a year for the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the Wabeno Area School District, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building or remodeling for a vocational and technical fabrication lab, purchasing equipment for the fabrication lab and instructor expenses?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND EFFECT OF VOTE

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election questions as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on Question Number I is a vote to authorize the Wabeno Area School District budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,600,000 a year for the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the Wabeno Area School District budget for the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,600,000 a year for the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question I vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,600,000 a year for the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

A "yes" vote on Question Number II is a vote to authorize the Wabeno Area School District budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building or remodeling for a vocational and technical fabrication lab, purchasing equipment for the fabrication lab and instructor expenses.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the Wabeno Area School District budget the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building or remodeling for a vocational and technical fabrication lab, purchasing equipment for the fabrication lab and instructor expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number II vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building or remodeling for a vocational and technical fabrication lab, purchasing equipment for the fabrication lab and instructor expenses; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, Wisconsin 54566.

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Jenny Henkel Town of Blackwell 4018 Cty Rd H Laona, WI 54541	Christine Ermis Town of Doty 14899 Cty Rd T Mountain, WI 54149	Patricia Valley, Clerk Town of Freedom P.O. Box 159 Wabeno, WI 54566
Denise Jackett, Clerk Town of Lakewood P.O. Box 40 Lakewood, WI 54138	Kris Barthel Town of Riverview P.O. Box 220 Mountain, WI 54149	Steffanie Bishop, Clerk Town of Silver Cliff N11684 Boat Landing 11 Rd Athelstane, WI 54104
Linda Adamczyk, Clerk Town of Townsend P.O. Box 227 Townsend, WI 54175	Brenda St. Peter, Clerk Town of Wabeno P.O. Box 447 Wabeno, WI 54566	Mary Heise, Clerk Town of Wolf River N4393 Blue Goose Drive White Lake, WI 54491

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the Municipal Board of Canvassers for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using a *tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD)* to mark a **paper** ballot, the voter shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote, and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she

intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device ("Automark")* to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote.

To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes time shall be allowed inside a voting booth or machine.

Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

If the voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initiated by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following are samples of the official ballots:

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
April 4, 2017

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

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help.

(Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

Referendum	
<u>QUESTION NUMBER I</u>	
Shall the Wabeno Area School District, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,600,000 a year for the 2017-2018 school year through the 2021-2022 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

Referendum	
<u>QUESTION NUMBER II</u>	
Shall the Wabeno Area School District, Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building or remodeling for a vocational and technical fabrication lab, purchasing equipment for the fabrication lab and instructor expenses?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

**Official Ballot
for Nonpartisan Office
April 4, 2017**

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

Instructions to Voters

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

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

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA	
School Board Member – Forest County Vote for 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raetta Shampo-Ashbeck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lori Mattern
write-in: _____	
School Board Member – Oconto County Vote for 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Janet Opiela
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Niggeling
write-in: _____	

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Jennifer L. Vogler, District Administrator.

Done in the Wabeno Area School District on **March 30, 2017**

Patricia A. Manthey, District Clerk

Request For Bids

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community is accepting bids for the reconversion of the Community Service Center in to office space.

Bids will be accepted until Thursday, April 13, 2017.

To obtain bid information, contact Joanne Marvin at (715) 478-7542 or joanne.marvin@scn-nsn.gov

Support the Wabeno Area School District!

VOTE  YES

for the Referendum

April 4



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Bob Erdman - Write - In Candidate for Town of Nashville Supervisor

My name is Bob Erdman and I am running as a write in candidate for the position of Town of Nashville Supervisor.

The reason why I am running is because I want to continue the great work going on that Lance Laabs did in his term. I am a small business owner and have been a full time resident since 1998. Before that I came up and spent time enjoying this great county.

I want to work with fire and rescue to keep the great service they provide us. I want to work on improving our service to our people and keep the cost of the township in line with proper planning and looking to the future. Lance Laabs did a great job and is now running as a write in candidate for Town of Nashville Chairman.

Bob Erdman

Charlie Ferrigno-Write-In Candidate for Supervisor, Town of Nashville

My name is Charlie Ferrigno and I have been a Town of Nashville resident for over twenty years. I will be running as a write-in candidate for supervisor for the Town of Nashville at the April election.

I am a diligent worker who will bring a common sense approach and ideas to help the Town Board make the proper decisions for our citizens and town employees.

As a former small business owner in Pickerel, I can appreciate a good working relationship between the town board and local businesses.

I think it would be an honor and a privilege to serve the wonderful Town of Nashville.



Larry Sommer Candidate for Supervisor of the Town of Lincoln

My name is Larry Sommer and I am running for the position of Supervisor for the Town of Lincoln.

I feel I am highly qualified for this position. I have been in the retail business all of my life. This opportunity

Town of Nashville SUPERVISOR WRITE IN CANDIDATE

Please write in Charlie Ferrigno on April 4, 2017 for Supervisor.

WRITE IN

Charlie Ferrigno

Authorized and paid for by Charlie Ferrigno

Vote Raletta Shampo-Ashbeck for Wabeno Area School Board

My "Agenda" is:

- Doing the BEST possible job for our schools and our communities.
- Support and patronize our communities/businesses and our schools. We all have to be strong and work together to thrive.
- Being open minded and being fair. Personal issues do not belong in the board room.
- Being informed. Doing my homework. Asking important questions.
- Being fiscally transparent and accountable.
- Being an advocate for our students.
- Giving back to our schools and our communities.

**I have a very POSITIVE agenda that I plan on sticking to
I Appreciate your Vote on April 4!**

gave me the ability to manage and work with employees and the public. Many times solving difficult community problems. Listening to peoples problems and helping to solve them have been one of my strengths. This ability is most important in the political life.

I am also retired and widowed. This gives my full time to devote to the town. Living just two miles from the town garage and hall gives me quick access should a problem arise.

Finally, we all want a small friendly town with clean lakes, beautiful landscape, and low taxes. If elected, these will be my goals for myself and you!
Sincerely, Larry Sommer

Lance Laabs - Write In Candidate For Nashville Town Chairman

I, Lance Laabs, am running for the Town Chairman for the Town of Nashville as a write- in candidate in the April 4th election.

I am a supervisor for the Town of Nashville now and a Forest County Supervisor for our district. I sit as chairman of the Land and Delinquent Tax Committee, as well as the Sheriff, Veterans, Zoning Land and Water, Land Conservation and Audit and Claims.

I believe in our services for the town and also would like to be more efficient in the way it is run. I grew up here. I attended Mole Lake Grade School and graduated from Crandon High School. I have a stake in seeing our township do better for the residents. With population and tax dollars getting less in Forest County, we need to adjust for our children and grandchildren.

I have run my own business for twenty plus years. It has given me a perspective to work on a budget on many projects that I did with multiple workers under my direction.

Please Write-In Lance Laabs for Town Chairman on April 4, 2017.

Mike Lavin Candidate for Supervisor for Townsend

I am Mike Lavin. I would appreciate your vote for supervisor of Townsend. I have a college education from University of Wisconsin Oshkosh with a major in business psychology and a minor in finance.

I was in the Navy Air for four years. I moved to Townsend in 1993 and became a full time resident in 1999, when I retired. I have been on the Townsend Fire Department for fifteen years and I am a safety officer. I belong to several local organizations as well, Red Arrow, Festival, Townsend Flowage, and the Election Board. I am a member of the St. John Eagle Lutheran Church. Make sure that you do vote on April 4th.

/s/ Mike Lavin

Bids & Notices

REQUESTS FOR BIDS TOWN OF WABENO

Town of Wabeno is seeking requests for bids for a bath/shower facility. Bid to include foundation, excavation, carpentry, plumbing, heating, electrical, sewer and water connection. Bid packets can be obtained from Town Clerk. Bids due to Town Clerk by Monday, May 1, 2017.

Brenda St. Peter, Clerk
715-473-4333

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I pledge to you, the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Lincoln, to continue to provide sound, fair and fiscally sound government if elected.

Your vote is appreciated, and I would like to continue my job serving you!

Authorized and paid for by Steve Bunda-Town of Lincoln

Janet Opiela-Candidate for re-election to the Wabeno Area School Board

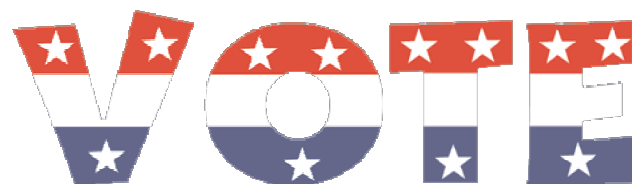
My name is Janet Opiela and I am seeking re-election for the Wabeno Area School Board. I have lived in Townsend my entire life. I am married to Rick, have two children and four grandchildren all who have graduated or will be graduating from the Wabeno Area School District. I currently work full time for Community Ambulance Service as an advanced EMT and part time in home health care.

I have been President for the Roller Booster Club for 24 years and currently hold that position. I work with a group of great ladies to organize the yearly Roller Booster Club Golf Outing. The golf outing raises money to give back to the Wabeno athletic programs, drama department, elementary programs, FCCLA, leadership camps, and many more programs within our district. I volunteer for other organizations such as Community Ambulance Service, Townsend Fire Department, and Oughton Park Committee. Over the past 38 years volunteering for these organizations I have assisted in writing grants and fundraising events helping benefit the communities they serve.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Wabeno School Board for the last 19 years. There have been many changes that took place throughout those years. As a taxpayer and board member, I do understand how budget cuts at the state level have created hardships on rural school districts and taxpayers. I have worked with several administrators and board members over the years to maintain a high level of fiscal responsibility without jeopardizing the programs that our children in our district utilize. This has included making some very difficult financial decisions which overall have benefited the school district. I continually write our state representatives regarding the concerns I have funding our rural schools and urge all of you to reach out to them as well.

Our community members always have been and continue to be a vital part of the education of the children in our school district. I believe my job is to work together with the board, administration and community members in making fiscally responsible decisions through the education process for our children. My goal is to continue to help our children become college and career ready, resulting in productive citizens who give back. As a team we can strive for them to be the best they can be, as they are our future. I welcome your thoughts and concerns.

I ask for your continued support at the polls on April 4, 2017.
Janet Opiela



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CHAIRPERSON

THANK YOU to ALL the people who attended our 19th Annual PLIA Ice Fishing Jamboree on Saturday, February 18, 2017!

Thank you to those who volunteered their help and time and to all the area businesses that donated items to make our jamboree such a success.

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Senior Stretch program at Strong Fitness Studio-Crandon



Paying it forward to the community and providing quality of life for Forest County residents are two goals of the new Strong Fitness Studio located at 201 N. Lake Avenue in Crandon. Owners Ron Strong and Cheryl "Cher" Lewis are offering a free Senior Stretch program for those age 70 and older. The class will meet every Wednesday throughout the month of April at 11:00 a.m.

Senior Stretch will include a non-strenuous static and dynamic exercises aimed at improving flexibility, range of motion, and the prevention of injury. With age it becomes more difficult for people to stay limber and flexible. The result is that seniors have increasing difficulty in completing daily activities such as tying a shoe, getting up from a chair, or walking up a set of stairs. Also included in the classes will be memory strategy training. Cheryl stated that there is clinical evidence that memory training has been of significant benefit to older adults.

Other programs at Strong Fitness Studio include Martial Arts and Zumba. For more information call: 906-360-2436.

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