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Pelican Lake Area Chamber Ice Fishing Derby

The Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Ice Fishing Derby will be on Saturday, February 24 at Gerrits' Lakeview Inn on County G, in Pelican Lake. Fishing is from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Sign up for the big raffle with only 400 tickets sold, with lots of cash and merchandise prizes for adults and the kids. Win a \$400 in-store credit at Fisher's Meat Products.

Most of all, have fun! The whole family will enjoy this event, and especially the lucky fishermen!

Breed Sportsman Club Ice Fishing Jamboree

The Breed Sportsman Club will be holding their Ice Fishing Jamboree on Saturday, February 24, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Breed Community Center on Hwy 32 in Breed.

There will be a cash raffle, door prizes and a meat wheel, plus prizes for the longest fish. Purchase of a book of tickets is required to enter fish. All are welcome!

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.

Jill Zagar, Candidate for Forest County Board Supervisor, District 12

I am Jill Zagar and I am running for Forest County Board Supervisor, District 12. I just want to let you know my personal position on the courthouse expansion, or the new courthouse, followed by what members of the Forest County Board should be doing for their constituents.

I believe the courthouse is in need of repair. I believe that repairs need to be done. The repairs were neglected for a very long time by many county board terms, for reasons they thought were upstanding. However, now we are at the point where we no longer can turn our heads. So we must proceed with repairs. They will cost money, as they would have at the time they were initially needed and put off.

As we age, it is difficult to reach the second floor offices and the third floor courtroom. There are other offices that employees of the county utilize on the third floor as well. An efficient, reliable and modern elevator system will need to be available to members of the community and to our county workers in the current courthouse.

As far as a HVAC system, updates need to be made. An efficient cooling and heating system will need to be either repaired or installed, or added to the current system. The roof and all other outside structures will have to be assessed for any existing problems or signs of future problems, along with the rest of the structure. All structures that have asbestos present with have to have the asbestos removed. A fresh remodel of the rest of the building, sanding, varnishing, painting and a well needed deep cleaning (maybe with the help of an outside firm) and flooring changes (i.e. removal of old carpet and install a good commercial flooring) in many departments or offices will make a world of difference. As far as transporting the prisoners to the courtroom, it may be possible to build a small, secure courtroom adjacent to the sheriff's department for felony court trials. The improvements above will cost a lot of money, I am aware of that. Most of this is money (excluding the courtroom) that should have been spent in small allocations on a yearly basis as maintenance over the years. This will cost millions, yes, no doubt about it. But far from the many millions we would be strapped with by adding that small square footage of space.

I believe if the county board decides to build this new courthouse, it needs to go to referendum. No closed meetings.

This is my personal opinion.

My duty as your supervisor is to listen to you. To act on the majority of your opinions. I feel that all the people that pay taxes in this area have a say, even if they can't vote here. They will be strapped with the bill, just like the rest of us. I want to listen to everyone. How do I do that? I plan to hold a listening session on a regular basis in a friendly talking place, and we can do that, talk and listen.

My phone number is 715-610-5505. You may call or text me if you'd like.

Laona VFW and Fire Dept. Fish-O-Ree this weekend

The Laona VFW Post and Laona Volunteer Fire Department Fish-O-Ree will be this Saturday, February 24 on Silver Lake, Laona.

Lots of great prizes, including a 75 quart Yeti Cooler full of meat and cash prizes too! Buy some tickets, support the community and have some fun!



County Deer Advisory Council meets March 12th

The Forest County Deer Advisory Council will meet to review data and form preliminary 2018 antlerless quota, permit and season structure recommendations. This meeting will held at the Crandon Public Library (lower level) from 7-9:00 p.m. on March 12.

While this is a working meeting of the council, the public is encouraged to attend and will have a formal opportunity to provide insight during the public comment period of the meeting.

CDACs are part of an effort to provide more public input on deer management issues and give stakeholders a greater responsibility in managing local deer numbers.

Councils will review and discuss previous year's hunting season results and long-term harvest trends, accept public comments and develop preliminary antlerless quota, permit and season structure recommendations. Recommendations will be sent to the Natural Resources Board for approval in May.

Citizens are encouraged to attend their CDACs March meeting and provide comments to the council. Local DNR staff will be on hand to present information and answer any questions.

Following the March meetings, and online public comment period will take place from April 2-12, with a final council meeting being held in late April to allow the council to review public feedback before making final recommendations on the antlerless quota, permit and season structure.

Those unable to attend their county's meeting can view meeting minutes on the department's CDAC website at www.dnr.wi.gov.

Some county councils have vacant seats and qualified individuals are encouraged to look at the list of members if interested in filling a seat. An application and frequently asked questions document can be found on the CDAC page.

For more info, regarding County Deer Advisory Councils, visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword "CDAC."



Vet's Town Hall in Goodman March 14th

You are invited to a Veteran Town Hall on Wednesday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 325, on Mill St., Goodman.

There will be leaders from the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center and County Veteran Service offices will be there to provide a presentation on VA health care, give updates on access initiatives and listen to vet's comments and concerns.

All veterans and their families and friends are welcome. For questions, call Brad Nelson at 800-215-8262, x32001; Tom Doyle, Marinette County VSO, at 715-732-7650; or Robb Koplien, Forest County VSO, at 715-478-3722.

Jail/Courthouse project- An architect is selected



This early shot of the courthouse, when closely examined shows workmen bringing in material at the west door and a sawhorse at the north door. This means that changes and/or maintenance had to be done when the building was relatively new. We may still be using the changes or repairs today!

By Mike Monte

The Forest County Board Executive Committee met on February 19, Monday morning, at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and possibly pick an architectural firm from the three that provided information on the jail/courthouse renovation project. The Executive Committee was able to make this decision because it was given the authority by the full board.

After a discussion, the committee members selected the Wendel group to start providing plans for the proposed project. The cost for their initial work is \$75,000. This will include schematic designs.

These designs will then be examined by the county board, and while a design may be picked, it can also be altered to comply with the suggestions and wishes of the board and an ad-hoc committee that will also provide input into the project.

From listening at this meeting, it became clear that the board has gotten the message from the citizens that they don't want to lose the old courthouse. The message is also clear that the citizenry doesn't want to go into debt for \$20 million dollars plus. The cost of \$10 million dollars was mentioned at the meeting. The cost of this project, it should be added, is not set at this point, and will be contingent on the plans that will be presented in the months to come.

What follows will be a wait for possibly five or six different concepts from Wendel and most certainly much conversation between the county board and the citizenry over which concept or what modified version of which concept is acceptable. What looms large for most will be the final cost and the cost to the taxpayers.

According to the time line discussed, the final decision making could be in late 2018 or even spring of 2019, with much exchange of ideas in between.

While nobody wants to pay any more taxes than necessary, after listening to the list of ailments at the jail and the courthouse, it is obvious that it is time to make repairs and do some building, just like the taxpayers swallowed the cost back in 1909, when they built the courthouse still in use today.

Crafters/Flea Marketers needed for Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club fundraiser

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club is seeking crafters/flea market for its annual fundraiser, Sunday, May 27, 2018. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in the Village of Pelican Lake.

Crafters/Flea Market are welcome to set up anytime after 7 a.m. There is no setup fee.

Coffee and sweet rolls are served starting at 8 a.m. Brat fest and home made pies will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Lucy at 715-487-5173.

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McCaslin Lioness News



McCaslin Lioness President Theresa has been busy distributing our contribution funds to local services. She recently met with Scott Wycherly from the St. John's Food Pantry and Nicole Lowery of the Lakes Country Library to give them Lioness Donations.

This money is raised by the McCaslin Lioness from various fund raisers throughout the year, such as brat fry's, the Fashion Show, May 7, and the Annual Family Fun Faire on May 27, 2018.

Valentines for Vets from Wabeno Elementary



Recently over 700 Valentines for Vets were sent out from the students at Wabeno Elementary. Eighty of those were sent to Chaplain Erik Neider serving our men and women in the Coast Guard in California. Chaplain Neider handed out these 'bookmark' valentines to service members, some of which are serving on the Cutter MUNRO.

We appreciate your service to our country and wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day!



Wabeno Legion Post 44 donates



Legion Post 44 Wabeno commander Al Heisler presented a check of \$1,500 to the town for improvements to the building used for the Trump Lake Fish-A-Ree.

McCaslin Lioness donates to White Lake Elementary



Recently, McCaslin Lioness Jean McGregor presented White Lake Principal Glenda Butterfield with a donation for the elementary reading program. Ms. Butterfield said this donation will help purchase additional reading and learning materials for the students.

The McCaslin Lioness are proud to be able to offer this donation each year. These funds are generated from Lioness activities such as the Annual Family Fun Faire, May 27, 2018 at the Lakewood Community Center and Pavilion.



Pearson-Pickerel Lions Scholarships



The Pearson-Pickerel Lions Club is once again offering scholarships to high school seniors living in the area of Pickerel and Pearson. Applications are available through your guidance counselor or by email PearsonpickerelLions@gmail.com

AREA EVENTS

Come join us in worship at the Community Church of Mole Lake

We are a nondenominational church that uses the Bible as our authority for faith and practice. We learn the truth of God's word through verse by verse exposition of the Scripture.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon Topics:

Feb. 25 - Preliminary Hearings before Pilate and Herod (Luke 23:1-12)

March 4 - The Sentence Pronounced (Luke 23: 13-25)

March 11 - The Road to the Cross (Luke 23: 26-32)

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FOREST COUNTY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY MEETING: Saturday, February 24 at 7 p.m. at LaFetta's. B46



Elcho Area Community Food Pantry Hours

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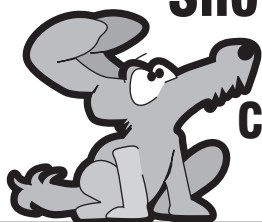


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Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-473-4131

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.

6th Annual Laona Volunteer Fire Dept. & Cook Elfors UFW Post 6823

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Saturday, February 24th
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Senior Chatter

Midyear Formulary Changes

Submitted by Kathy O'Melia

Each Medicare drug plan has its own list of covered drugs (called a formulary). Many Medicare drug plans place drugs into different "tiers" on their formularies. Drugs in each tier have a different cost. During open enrollment, Medicare beneficiaries may pick a Medicare drug plan based on the drug plan's formulary and what drugs are in each tier. Typically, clients must make this decision from October 15-December 7. Then, they have the drug plan throughout the upcoming year. However, what happens if -- in the middle of the year -- a Medicare drug plan wants to change its formulary, change the drug tier, or place restrictions on the use of a drug?

A Medicare drug plan can make some changes to its formulary during the year, yet, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) does restrict what changes a Medicare drug plan may make midyear. For example:

(A) Changes not Caused by Medicare Part D Drug Plan -- A Medicare drug plan may remove a drug from its formulary at any time if the Food and Drug Administration deems a drug unsafe or a manufacturer removes a drug from the market.

(B) Positive Changes for Beneficiaries -- A Medicare drug plan may add drugs to its formulary, place a drug on a lower cost-sharing tier, or remove restrictions on the use of a drug at any time.

(C) Negative Changes for Beneficiaries --

1. Until March 1 of any given year, a Medicare drug plan may not remove a covered Part D drug from its formulary or change what tier the Medicare drug plan placed a drug.

2. After March 1, a Medicare drug plan may make the following two types of changes:

- Maintenance changes to its formulary, such as replacing brand name drugs with new generic drugs, or modifying its formulary because of new information on drug safety or effectiveness; and
- More substantial changes, including the following:

- Remove drug from its formulary;
- Move a covered Part D drug to a less preferred tier status; or
- Place restrictions on the use of a drug. For instance, a Medicare drug plan may add limits on how often a beneficiary may use a drug.

For those more substantial changes, CMS requires a Medicare drug plan to comply with the following protections:

- (1) The Medicare drug plan cannot implement the change until CMS approves the change; and
- (2) If a beneficiary has a Medicare drug plan and is currently taking the affected drug, the beneficiary is exempt from the change until January 1 of the next year. This, of course, would provide even more incentive to shop around during the annual open enrollment period.

Kathy O'Melia's direct line is 715-362-8264 ext. 305 or 800-699-6704.

Bus Schedule

Thursday - March 1 - Hiles, Argonne and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus driver:** Dan Pedersen

Monday - March 5 - Alvin, Nelma, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus driver:** Fred Draves IV

Tuesday - March 6 - Carter, Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus driver:** Dan Pedersen

Wednesday - March 7 - Armstrong Creek, Cavour, Newald, Popple River, Laona and Crandon to Iron Mountain - **Bus driver:** Fred Draves IV

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254
Fred Draves IV: 262-633-8968

TOPIC OF THE MONTH "Staying Well" MEAL SCHEDULE

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - February 26 - Quiche with bacon and vegetables, breakfast potatoes, fruit, biscuit, banana coffee cake

Monday - March 5 - Beef lasagna, tossed salad, fruit, garlic bread, jello with fruit

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - February 27 - Roast pork, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, rye bread, pumpkin pie -

MUSIC: Armstrong Creek

Tuesday - March 6 - Turkey in gravy, mashed potato, broccoli, fruit, sunflower flax bread, poppyseed muffin -

BINGO: Armstrong Creek

CRANDON

Wednesday - February 28 - Lentil soup, tossed salad with egg, raisins, dinner roll, chocolate chip bar

Wednesday - March 7 - Chicken noodle soup, tossed salad with egg, raisins, dinner roll, oatmeal cookies

LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - March 1 - Chicken Dijon, baked potato with sour cream, herbed carrots, bread stick, applesauce

Thursday - March 8 - Pulled pork sandwich on a bun, carrot raisin salad, baked beans, fruit, apple cake

ALVIN

Thursday - March 1 - Boiled dinner with ham, potatoes, cabbage and carrots, applesauce, dinner rolls, bars

Thursday - March 8 - Chicken soup with noodles, carrots, onion and celery, sandwich, peaches, cookies

* Effective Dec. 7, the Alvin Meal Site will be serving meals at 1 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. *

The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is no longer in service. The only number for the ADRC is the 800-699-6704.

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

Please register with Commission on Aging - 800-699-6704.

Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Nicolet Culinary Arts students invite public to dine on lunches from around the world

Tasty dishes from around the world will take center stage in the Nicolet College Dining Room as Culinary Arts students begin their Top of the Hill restaurant service.

The delectable lunches are open to the public and served from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. just about every Tuesday and Thursday through mid-May.

The lunches will take customers on a virtual world-wide epicurean tour with dishes from different regions in the U.S. and numerous foreign countries. International fare will include dishes from Italy, Peru, the Philippines, Germany, Finland, and Puerto Rico.

Student-run Top of the Hill dining is a tradition at Nicolet that goes back decades, said Culinary Arts Instructor Vicki Mendham, who has taught at Nicolet for more than 20 years, won multiple Culinary awards, and has served in leadership roles in state Culinary organizations.

"These are second-year students and each takes a day when they are essentially in charge of everything, just like they would be if they were a lead chef at a restaurant," Mendham explained.

"We give them free reign to apply everything they've learned so far. And I have to say, they never cease to amaze me with the wonderful and delicious dishes they prepare."

Upcoming Top of the Hill themes and dates through mid-March include: Feb. 22 - Good Fellas Italian Buffet by Student Chef Ronald Magan; Feb. 27 - Wisconsin Field and Stream Buffet by Student Chef Hobby Jackson; March 1 - A Cruise Through the Philippines by Student Chef Rebekah Glut; March 8 - Puerto Rican Cocina Buffet by Student Chef Amber Fick; March 13 - Flavors of the Southwest Buffet

Each lunch features multiple dishes and a beverage. Cost is \$9.50 plus tax for each lunch. Reservations are recommended and can be made between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling (715) 365-4466.

The restaurant is located in the Northwoods Center on the Nicolet Campus one mile south of Rhinelander just off of Hwy. G. through mid-May. For more information, call (715) 365-4466.

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Ronald "Ron" S. Landru, age 47, of Crandon, found peace February 16, 2018.

He was the beloved son of the late Ronald and the late Helene "Tina" (nee Wendt) Granum, dear dad to Brittney Kadow, and Megan and Autumn Landru, proud grandpa to Carlie Ann; loving brother to Dayna (Gabe) De Leon.

He is further survived by nieces Samantha and Sarah, other family and friends.

Visitation Friday, February 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. from Hartson Funeral Home, 11111 W. Janesville Rd, Hales Corners, WI 53130. Service will be held at 3 p.m.

Edward Richard Hupf, "Dick", 86, of Newald passed away Sunday, February 18, 2018.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 26, 2018 at St. Leonard's Catholic Church in Laona. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to time of service at church.

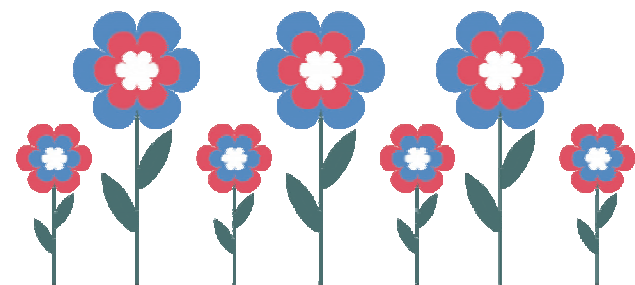
Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Bernadine V. Mallow, 89, of Wabeno, passed away Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11 am. on April 28, 2018 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wabeno with Fr. Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Deloras M. Johnson, age 86, of Crandon, passed away unexpectedly at her home on February 20, 2018. Celebration of Life Service will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Crandon. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



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The daughter of Ethal Mae Codd and William John, "Jack" Kirker, Mickey was born in Argonne on July 14, 1934. Always proud of her Argonne roots, Mickey was a member of the Argonne Methodist Church. The wink of an eye from a high school junior brought her and the love of her life, Don Lewis together. They married on May 17, 1952 at the Crandon Methodist Church. An inseparable couple, many of their 62 years together were spent traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren. Her heart was broken the day her best friend and husband of 62 years drifted to the Lord on August 1, 2016.

Being a nurturing soul, she served hundreds of children as the Head Cook at the Crandon Elementary School. The kids loved her, wrote her letters, and many people still remember her as, "My lunch lady." For 15 years after her retirement from the Crandon Elementary School District, she donned the title of Bailiff for the Forest County Sheriff's Department. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

The pride and joy of her life remains her children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She said that her happiest times were when she was holding one of her babies. Still loving her are her children, Cheryl "Cheri" Lewis (Ron Strong) of Crandon and Ron (Terri Schell) Lewis of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Jennifer, Benjamin, Jessica, (Michael Heroux), Matthew and Michael; and two great-grandchildren, Kennedy and Wesley. Surviving are her brother, Ken Kirker, Sr.; sister-in-law, Joan Kirker of Crandon and Lori Kirker of Alaska; and sisters-in-law, Roberta Whiting of Madison and Jeanette Lewis of Florida.

Reuniting with Mickey in heaven are her beloved siblings, Cora Pietila, (Bob), Jackie, Bill, Larry, Bobby and Benny; her parents and in-laws, Langley and Dorothy Lewis; and brother-in-law, Bill Whiting.

Her fun ways were adored by many nieces and nephews. A special nephew and niece-in-law who always looked after Aunt Mick and Uncle Don are Ken, "King Arthur", and Belinda Kirker.

The cause of Mickey's release from this physical world was congestive heart failure due to pneumonia, but we all know the cause was really a "broken heart" when her sweetheart rose to heaven.

The family requests memorials to the Argonne Methodist Church or to the Donald Lewis Memorial Scholarship at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.

Visitation for Mickey will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018, with services at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Crandon with Pastor Richard Rogers officiating. Burial will be held at a later time.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Nathan J. Bachand, 38, of Argonne, WI passed away unexpectedly Friday, February 16, 2018 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. Nathan was born October 21, 1979 in West Allis, the son of William Bachand and Lynn Simonis.



He was united in marriage to Megan Sengenberger October 22, 2005 in South Milwaukee. The most important things to Nathan were the outdoors and he loved being together with his family. Through life Nate worked as a roofer. He had the ability as an artist and could fix anything. A true polymath.

Surviving Nathan are his parents, Willam Bachand of Waterford and Lynn Simonis of Wabeno; wife, Megan; 3 children, daughters, Ella and Adessa; and son, Abel; brothers, Neil (Jessica) Bachand of South Milwaukee, Shane Bachand of Kenosha, Brennen (Amber) Bachand of Cudahy, Cory Beirstecker of Greenfield and Kevin Beirstecker of Waukesha; maternal grandmother, Joy Simonis of Wabeno; maternal grandfather, Eugene Simonis of Wabeno; paternal grandmother, Deloris Bachand of Surprise; and paternal grandfather, James Bachand of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Susan Bachand and step-mother, Leian Bachand.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Apostolic Faith Church in Racine with Pastor James Schumacher officiating. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to time of services at church. Graveside service will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Laona Cemetery.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Jackie Whitcomb, age 87, longtime Two Rivers resident, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, February 20, 2018 at the Villas at Felician Village in Manitowoc.



Jackie was born March 30, 1930 in Laona, Wisconsin to the late Lawrence and Pearl (Klover) Mallow. She grew up in Wabeno, Wisconsin where she helped her parents operate the Richelieu Hotel. After graduating high school, she married and had four children. Jackie raised her children in Two Rivers, Wisconsin and worked at Hamilton Manufacturing, Paragon Electric, and Pick 'N Save. She moved to the Felician Village in Manitowoc in October of 2014.

Family was always important to Jackie, and it was important to her to keep in contact through letters, Christmas and birthday cards, and frequent phone calls. Her family is big, and there are too many to name! Jackie would certainly want to express her love and gratitude to everyone who kept in contact with her over her long life. She will be well remembered for her love of chocolate. A self-described chocoholic, No chocolate was ever turned down, but those from Seroogy's or Beerntsen's were her favorites.

She is survived by her children, Cindy (Vince) Cwiklinski of Wabeno, Larry (Patty) Whitcomb of Little Lake, MI, Beth (Paul) Campanaro of Newton, and John (Lisa) Whitcomb of Janesville; her grandchildren, Adam (Wendy) Cwiklinski, Tod Cwiklinski (special friend, Devon), Ryan Whitcomb, Luke Whitcomb (special friend, Stefani), Craig (Beth) Ernst, Sarah and Kristin Whitcomb; her step-grandchildren, Heather (Zak) Hirn, Alyssa (Dusty) Myer, and Amy (Dayton) Bennett; three great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her sister, Marilyn (Robert) Kielman of Wabeno; other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Jason Ernst, whom she loved so dearly and missed every day.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, 3201 Mishicot Rd. in Two Rivers. Officiating at the Mass of Christian Burial will be Rev. Tom Reynebeau, with entombment in Calvary Chapel Mausoleum in Manitowoc.

The family will greet relatives and friends at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, Saturday morning from 9 until 10:45 a.m. There will be no Friday evening visitation.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.dejamartin.com. Memorials may be made to the Lakeshore Humane Society.

Deja & Martin Funeral Chapels, 1506 18th St. Two Rivers is assisting the Whitcomb family with funeral arrangements.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the entire staff at the Villas at Felician Village and all the caregivers at HomeCare Health Services & Hospice for their compassion and wonderful care extended to Jackie.

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.

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The good news is that you can do some things to improve your blood pressure. Don't smoke and avoid second hand smoke, reach and maintain a healthy weight, eat a healthy diet that is low in saturated and trans fats and rich in fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products, reduce your daily intake of sodium, be more physically active, limit alcohol intake.

High blood pressure can lead to stroke, vision loss, heart failure, heart attack, kidney disease, and sexual dysfunction. The best prevention is knowing your numbers and making changes to prevent and manage high blood pressure. For more information, go to the American Heart Association website, <http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/>.

The Forest County Health Department has created a month long challenge to help you increase your

Thank You and Personals

Thank you

The Family of Audrey Breaker Ratty would like to say a sincere thank you for everyone who supported our family in our time of loss. To the Laona Rescue Squad for your response when she needed you. To the staff at St. Mary's Hospital for your care in Mom's last hours. To Weber Hill Funeral Home, Pastor Farr and Franz Gerber for your assistance in Mom's arrangements and a wonderful service. To JAR's and their staff for the donations of food and the fine meal that was served for the funeral. To Lana Palubicki and all of the friends who baked desserts for the meal and visitation and to anyone who gave assistance during this time.

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, food or anything else that may not have been mentioned. Special thank you to all of the people who took time out of their busy days to stop in and visit Mom and maybe take her a treat or small token. You brought sunshine into an old woman's life and please know that it is truly appreciated.

Thank you also to Mom's entire family for the care she received that kept her home until her last days. Your dedication will not be forgotten.

In all of the activity, something or someone may have been overlooked. If so, we apologize and please know that all is greatly appreciated.

Mom was a kind, witty sassy lady who was an example of the type of person that the world was lucky to have. She is in Heaven now and God help us because it will never be the same.

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There are several scheduled events this month to help you reach your goals and provide you with more information. Holli from the health department will be visiting each Senior Meal Site this month to offer blood pressure screenings and information: February 22nd 12 p.m. at the Alvin Town Hall. You can also walk in to the health department Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to have your blood pressure checked.

February 21, 6 p.m.- The Crandon Pickleball Club will be offering a Pickleball demo at the Crandon Elementary.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Laona School there is Free Zumba class with C.J. Sorenson.

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Rhineland Photography Club's Stellar Shots at the Nicolet Art Gallery

Shutterbugs from around the Northwoods are displaying some of their best images at the Nicolet College Art Gallery on Friday, Feb. 23 until Saturday, Mar. 24. Club photographers include amateurs and professionals each showcasing some interesting and unique clicks. The photographs in this collection highlight the diversity in styles, perspectives, interests and equipment of club members. Gallery Director Katy Ralph says a large number of area photographers will be represented in the exhibit. "I'm looking forward to having a gallery filled with

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images I have never seen on our walls before," says Ralph. The Rhineland Photography Club's exhibit will capture landscapes, wildlife, waterfalls, candid shots, portraits and night photography from its wide range of talented members. "It's a view of the Northwoods through the lens of various photographers," shares Rhineland Photography Club Vice-President Benjamin Tatrow. Club members love photography in all its formats and live anywhere from Wausau to Minocqua and within the general Northwoods area. According to Tatrow, the group started on Facebook as a way for photography enthusiasts to share images. The group is now a chartered organization with membership fees and a motto of "community, education and fun."

The Rhineland Photography Club exhibit will be on display until Mar 24 with a closing reception taking place on that day from 2 until 4 p.m. The exhibit and reception will be located at The Nicolet Art Gallery in the Northwoods Center. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. For additional information, call (715) 365-4556.

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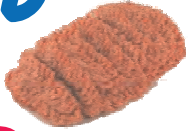
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Despite what the Groundhog said about an early spring, several weeks of cold weather lie ahead for the Northwoods, and many coats, quilts, boots and

**School District of Wabeno Area
SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

The School Board for the School District of Wabeno Area is accepting letters of interest from anyone who is over 18 years of age, a legal resident of the School District of Wabeno Area and lives in Oconto County.

The letter of interest should include:

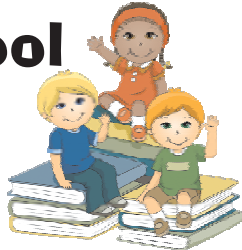
1. Qualifications or qualities to serve on the Board.
2. Why are you seeking the appointment to the Board?
3. What is your perception of the role of a school board member?

Send letters of interest to: Janet Opiela,
School Board President
PO Box 460
Wabeno, WI 54566

All letters of interest must be delivered to the District Office, either in person or by mail, no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, February 28, 2018. The School Board will appoint someone to the vacant position at their regular school board meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. The successful appointee will be required to run in the 2019 spring election in order to maintain the position.

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**Laona School
District
Child
Development Day**



The Laona School District will be holding a Child Development Day on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Parents are encouraged to bring their children who will be at least 3 or 4 years old by September 1st.

Four sessions will be held: Daycare observation - 8:30-9:30, 9:30-11:00 a.m., 12:00-1:30p.m., and 1:30-3:00 p.m. Choose the session that works best for you, if your child attends Laona Learning Center we will be visiting them there between 8:30 9:30. Plan to have your child spend about 45 minutes meeting new friends and seeing the classroom!

If you have not received information in the mail and you would like your child to participate, please call 715-674-2143, Ext. 2 or email: kshepard@laona.k12.wi.us to sign up for a time.

We look forward to meeting our future students!

Notice of Public Hearing

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community Natural Resources Board will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sokaogon Chippewa Environmental building located at 3051 Sand Lake Road, Crandon, Wisconsin. Input will be sought on the US Army Corp of Engineers, 7 Regional General Permits, 2017-03310 Beach Creation & Nourishment, 2017-02362 Beach Raking, 2017-03309 Minor Discharges, 2017-03312 Piers and Docks, 2017-02361 Transportation, 2017-02360 Utilities and 2017-03314 Wildlife Ponds.

Interested public officials and private citizens are welcome to attend. All applicable written materials pertaining to this hearing are available for public review by contacting the Sokaogon Environmental Director, Tina L. Van Zile at (715)-478-7605.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- **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 715-473-6850 for more information.
- **St. John's Lutheran Church** - N8934 State Highway 55. Worship at 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Located at the corner of 55 and Cty. A in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information. After school programs at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** - Hwy 55N, Crandon. All Services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church located at 5502 Beech St. in Laona, until further notice.
- **St John Lutheran Church** - 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. Bible School Mondays at 3:30 p.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.
- **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 Associated Bank at 210 S Lake Ave., Crandon. 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Senior Snoop Shop** - Closed for the season.
- **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. See you in the spring. 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 meeting Thursday 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.
- **The Senior Snoop Shop** will be having a "special" meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. at Associated Bank.

**Town of Crandon Meeting
Monday, March 5
7 p.m. at the
Town of Crandon Townhall**

School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by School Board Vice President Janet Opiela. Board members present: Janet Opiela, Dawn Jakubiec, Ann Barfknecht, Joan Sackett, Lori Mattern, and Katryna VanEperen. Administrative staff present: Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator; William Taylor, Jr/Sr High Principal; and Eric Becker, Elementary Principal.

Board members absent: Mike Rocolo

Others Present: Kathy DeBoth, Mary Ellen Keller, Elizabeth Couillard, Ashley Bagnat, Danielle Peterson, Robert Alcantar, Gordy Mexico, Mary Shepard, Carie Moravec, Laurie Pries, Shelly Janesch, Terri Brauer, Diane Ashbeck, Tim Brauer, Chris Volk, Lindsay Dailey, Lee Mattern, Sara Collins, Joanne Sisler, Kimberly Voelker, Teresa Romprey, Mary Propson, Roger Wight, David Hammelman, Laurie Christianson, Caroline Coughlin-Lampereur, Katie Essermann, Trudy Linssen, Raletta Ashbeck, Joe Golbach, Mary Golbach, Jodie Harris, Michelle Volk, Dave Seeber, Jessie Habeck, Alena Collins, Katherine Yingling, Marsha Gilligan, Travis Tucker, Jon Anderson, Trinity Shepard

Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Ann Barfknecht to approve the agenda as amended to add new items A, J, and K. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Impact Aid meeting and the January 3, 2018 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Joan Sackett seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Special School Board meeting. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Joan Sackett seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 Special School Board meeting as corrected to reflect that information was requested but not provided. The motion carried 5 to 1 - Ann Barfknecht/no.

There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 77899 to 78004 for \$237,408.59 and payroll checks 900034334 to 900034647 for \$291,516.13, and a state tax, federal tax and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$150,174.47. The motion carried.

The following financial statement was presented to the board:

Cash Balance – January 3, 2018	245,468.75
(Cash – 107,850.50/Scholarship Fund – 96,849.08/Cap. Improvement Fund – 40,769.17	
Checks	237,408.59
Payroll	291,516.13
Elec. Trans. State Tax Fed Tax/Employee Trust Fund	150,174.47
Interest applied to CD's/Money Market	3,110.78
Transfer from Checking to Money Market	2,000,000.00
Receipts	2,819,456.43
Voided Checks #76565 & 77815	548.05
Cash Balance – February 7, 2018	383,263.26
(Cash – 244,904.49/Scholarship Fund – 97,563.63/Cap. Improvement Fund – 40,795.14)	
INVESTMENTS:	
Laona State Bank \$612,224.78 – Interest Rate 2.00% - Due 01/22/20	
Laona State Bank \$326,494.42 – Interest Rate 1.65% - Due 10/19/19	
Laona State Bank \$351,533.95 – Interest Rate 1.65% - Due 7/20/19	
Laona State Bank \$3,174,150.63 – Interest Rate 1.00% - Money Market	

Bill Connors questioned when the Fab Lab will be open to the public.

Robert Alcantar expressed concerns regarding teaching, behaviors, and safety in Kindergarten. He addressed his concerns regarding the new kindergarten teacher.

Mary Shepard inquired about the steps that parents need to take to get issues resolved with students.

Caroline Coughlin Lampereur reported on Movie Night and thanked everyone that helped organize the event. H & S will be meeting with staff to see what needs and areas they can give support. H & S will not be funding a Field Day and Family Carnival Night for students due to student behaviors. Events for February and March will be included in the Elementary calendar. Volunteers are needed for Home and School.

Elizabeth Couillard thanked the Board for the open dialogue at the Special Meeting on 1-17-18 and made a request for the Board to come up with a direct forum for future staff to Board dialogue.

Lindsay Dailey agreed with Elizabeth Couillard's comments.

Joan Sackett agreed with an open dialogue format.

Roger Wight commented about School Liaison and counselor positions and urged the board to look into these support systems. He also shared concerns regarding the sixth grade class.

Jackie Nielson of Kerber Rose, SC, was not available to give the audit report.

Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, reported on the following:

1. The district's January count is up by eight children compared to the September count.
2. Fab Lab updates were shared – Open House on March 20 from 2 to 7 P.M.
3. Tim Stolar, Fab Lab Director, shared various updates on progress in the following areas: equipment, student projects, curriculum, Advisory Board, timeline and Open House, Engineering 101 class.

Eric Becker, Elementary Principal, reported the following:

1. SAGE report updates were shared.

2. Mentor program has been started and pairs HS and Elementary students.
3. Thanks to Trudy Linssen for organizing the Valentine's for Vets program again.
4. Winter Fest activities were shared. Students had a great time. William Taylor, Jr/Sr High Principal, reported the following:

1. Updates were given by Kathy DeBoth, Family and Consumer Ed. Teacher, and Travis Falkowski, Tech Ed. Teacher.
2. ACT testing for Juniors on 2-27-2018.
3. Thanks to Caroline Coughlin Lampereur and Mike VandeWall for organizing activities for other students on 2-27-2018 while Juniors are testing.
4. Snowcoming activity updates were given.
5. Updates were given regarding work on the student schedule for fall 2018-2019.

The time for the Regular Board meeting on March 7th has been changed to 7:00 P.M. due to Lent.

Dawn Jakubiec shared thoughts on the cheerleaders at the boy's basketball game and their need for uniforms. Home and School will donate toward new uniforms.

Purchasing a new school bus was discussed. There was a motion by Joan Sackett seconded by Katryna VanEperen to purchase a new propane bus from Wisconsin Bus Sales for \$85,935. The motion carried.

No action was taken on the SkillsUSA trip.

The Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report was reviewed in Mr. Becker's report.

A school counselor for the elementary was discussed. There was a motion by Ann Barfknecht seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to post for a K-12 school counselor for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion carried.

No action was taken regarding hiring a district wide social worker.

Discussion of PLC training on 1-19-18 was moved to closed session.

Discussion of PLC training opportunities for summer/fall was moved to closed session.

No action was taken on a school community survey from School Perceptions.

The staff school climate survey was presented by Sue Peterson of School Perceptions. This report will be available if requested by open records requests and on the district website.

A school board member's letter of resignation was discussed. There was a motion by Ann Barfknecht seconded by Lori Mattern to accept Mike Rocolo's letter of resignation. The motion carried. The Board and Administration thanked Mike for his service to the district.

A teaching staff member's letter of retirement was discussed. There was a motion by Joan Sackett seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to accept Dale Keller's letter of retirement. The motion carried. The Board and Administration thanked Dale for his 19 years of dedicated service to the district.

There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to go into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) (f) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:

- a. Review exit interviews
- b. Elementary concerns summary and discussion
- c. Review school counsel report
- d. Employee performance

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Janet Opiela, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Ann Barfknecht, yes; Joan Sackett, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; and Katryna VanEperen, yes. The motion carried 6 to 0.

There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Joan Sackett to Come out of Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Janet Opiela, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Ann Barfknecht, yes; Joan Sackett, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; and Katryna VanEperen, yes. The motion carried 6 to 0.

The board returned to open session.

A motion was made by Joan Sackett seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the retroactive per diem rate of pay for a long-term substitute teacher. The motion carried 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Joan Sackett seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the request to pay sick leave days left upon retirement at the regular rate to an employee. The motion carried 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Joan Sackett to offer a resignation agreement between and teacher and the district. The motion carried 6 to 0.

There was a motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to adjourn at 11:47 P.M. The motion carried.

Ann M. Barfknecht, District Clerk

Wabeno School District Breakfast Menu Feb. 26 - Mar -2, 2018

Mon.: Pancake on a stick, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk
Tue.: Cinnamon roll stick, pears, fruit juice, milk
Wed.: W.G. pancake, sausage links, pineapple chunks, fruit juice, milk
Thurs.: Breakfast breads, assorted yogurt, mixed fruit fruit juice, milk
Fri.: Breakfast pizza, pears fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School District Lunch Menu Feb. 26 - Mar. 2, 2018

Mon.: Mini corn dogs, cheesy broccoli, mixed fruit, Scooby snacks, garden bar, milk
Tue.: Cheese burger, baked beans, carrots, sliced apples, garden bar, milk
Wed.: Crispito, Spanish rice, corn, fruit cocktail, garden bar, milk
Thurs.: Chicken patty, cheesy broccoli, oranges, garden bar, milk
Fri.: Fish sticks, tator tots, green beans, apple sauce, garden bar, milk

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"The play breaks down very well into different groups, so just about everyone will have nights off as we rehearse other scenes with other characters. We'll rehearse most weeknights mid-March through early May," says Nuttall. Public performances are scheduled for May 4 to 6 and May 10 to 13.

As always, everyone is welcome to audition; you do not need to be a Nicolet student or have any previous experience in acting to be in the cast. The auditions will consist of cold readings from short sections of the script, repeated several times until all auditioning have had several chances to read. No preparation is necessary for the auditions, but according to Nuttall, people who have read the script beforehand have an increased comfort level reading lines at auditions.

"The best way to prepare is to visit the Upcoming Auditions link at www.nicoletlive.com. There is detailed information about auditions, links to the script, as well as copies of selected scenes we will be reading on audition nights," says Nuttall. For more information about the play or auditions, contact Jim Nuttall at (715) 365-4466 or by email at jnuttall@nicoletcollege.edu.

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