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## Herb Kohl Fellowship recipient Linda Denz



Linda Denz, middle school and high school math teacher at the School District of Wabeno, has been selected to receive a \$6,000 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation 2021 Fellowship Award. She was chosen "because of her skill as a leader and agent for positive change and your superior ability to inspire love of learning." The School District of Wabeno will receive a matching \$6,000 grant.

The Herb Kohl Fellowship recognizes teachers who have demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in their students, have motivated others, and have provided meritorious service both inside and outside the classroom. Herb Kohl is a Wisconsin philanthropist and businessman.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has been recognizing educational excellence annually since 1990, awarding fellowships to 100 Wisconsin teachers and matching grants to each fellow's school.

Since it was established in 1990, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has awarded \$25 million to Wisconsin students, teachers, principals, and schools.

The School District of Wabeno Area is honored to have Linda as a part of our teaching staff. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, Mrs. Denz!

## Ladies Night Out in Crandon March 11



The ladies will enjoy the Spring Preview on Ladies Night Out, in Crandon, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11th.

It will be a fun, of course, but there will be plenty of in-store specials, door prizes, snacks and what is really important-Sales and Savings!

See the ad on the back page for a list of all the stores participating in this fun and saving night out for all the ladies of the area.

## Lakewood Townsend Ambulance Ice Out Fundraiser

When will "Freezin' Fanni" fall through the ice on Chain Lake? That will be up to you to guess when you purchase a ticket for the Lakewood Townsend Ambulance Service Ice Out Fundraiser.

Tickets are \$5 apiece and they can be bought at various business places throughout Lakewood and Townsend or purchased online at [www.ltcas40.org/ice-out](http://www.ltcas40.org/ice-out).

The deadline to submit an ice out prediction is April 2, 2021. The nearest prediction without going past the actual time and date wins 50% of the pool, with the remainder going to the ambulance service.

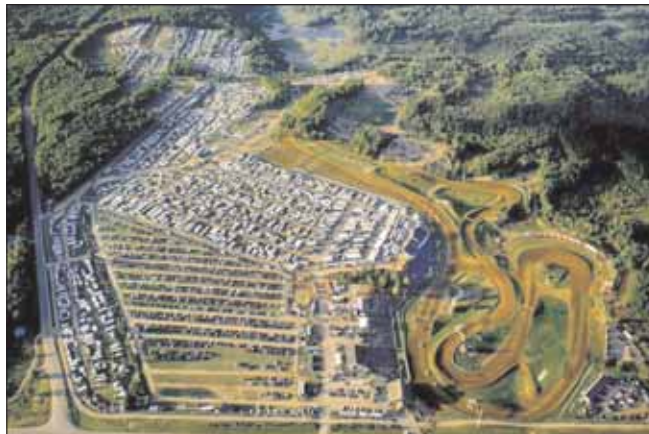
## 927 cases of covid-19 (0 active) confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed additional persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 927 cases in Forest County. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individuals who tested positive had close contact with. As of today, Forest County has 4,463 negative test results. There are currently NO active cases in isolation, 904 released from isolation, 0 hospitalized, and 26 deaths related to COVID-19.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to minimize their contact with others by staying home when possible, practice physical distancing and good personal hygiene, wear a mask or cloth face covering, and stay alert for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please contact your health care provider and ask to be tested.

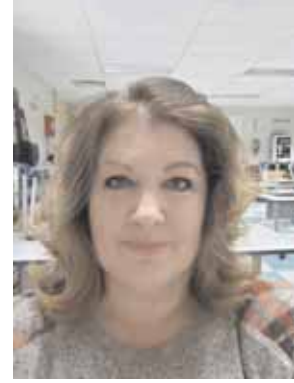
In an effort to keep our community members up to date on COVID-19, the Forest County Health Department will continue to update our Facebook page daily and local newspapers weekly with current COVID-19 case counts. This will include the number of negative and positive cases in Forest County. Please call our office at 715-478-3371

## Crandon International Raceway to open for seasonal recreational camping



Throughout its long and storied history, Crandon International Raceway has only opened its golden gates to the public for less than a dozen business days a year. All of that is set to change March 1st. The 400-acre off-road playground in Wisconsin's scenic Northwoods will now be open for recreational camping from May 1st until November 1st each year beginning in 2021. This will allow the public to enjoy the manicured grass cotes of Camp Crandon for a total of 184 days, including three major Crandon events. A section of prime sites within Camp Crandon will be available for seasonal reservations online beginning on Monday, March 1st at 12:00 noon Central

## 2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship Recipients



Mrs. Jennifer Nickel



Mrs. Tina Taylor

We are very excited to announce that TWO of our staff members are the recipients of the 2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship Award!

Fellowship recipients are educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom.

Congratulations to Tina Taylor!! Tina is the MS School Counselor and has been with the district for 20 years!

Congratulations to Jennifer Nickel!! Jennifer is a HS Physical Science and Chemistry teacher. Jennifer has been with the district for 6 years with 29 years of experience in her field!

## Maple Place Spring Pie Fundraiser



Pie lovers will be glad to know that they can enjoy their favorite dessert and help restore an historic building in Laona. Maple Place is having their Spring Pie Fundraiser from March 1st through March 22nd. Just place your order and order all of the pies of many varieties that you would like.

An order form can be had in a number of ways. Just check out the different ways to order on their ad in this issue on the Area Events Page.

The historic building is the old Connor Store, and there has been a steady improvement of the structure as money is raised. It is an effort to not only preserve some Laona history, but to bring a lovely old building back into usefulness for the community and beyond.

## COVID-19 vaccine update

The Forest County Health Department has been receiving weekly allocations from the State of Wisconsin of the Pfizer vaccine to aid in the response to the current pandemic. As of March 2nd, 2021, 1,466,654 vaccines have been administered across the State of Wisconsin. In Forest County, 22.1% (1,987) of our residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 10% (896) have completed the vaccine series. For current vaccination data for Wisconsin and Forest County please visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>

There are currently three vaccines that have received EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) from the FDA for COVID-19; Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, also known as the Janssen vaccine, is the first one-dose vaccine in the U.S deemed safe and effective for the prevention of COVID-19. The vaccine has simpler storage requirements than the current vaccines. It can be kept in a refrigerator for up to three months, which allows the vaccine to be shipped directly to all areas of the state.

Similar to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is highly effective at preventing infection. All three vaccines use different technologies to do the same thing - teach our bodies how to produce a harmless version of the coronavirus's spike protein, so our bodies can recognize it and produce an immune response to fight against illness if exposed.

"The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is held to the same high safety standards by the FDA as the other authorized COVID-19 vaccines. The trials show it is very effective at protecting people against being hospitalized or dying from COVID-19. We strongly encourage you to take whichever vaccine you are offered when it is your turn," said DHS interim Secretary Karen Timberlake. "Vaccinations are some of the best tools we have to overcome this virus. And just one year ago, we would have been astonished and thrilled to know that we would have three effective and safe vaccines available to us."

## Conservation Corner

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Department. For more information contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at [lcc@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

The recent warmer weather has reminded our office that it's time to start thinking about Shoreland Restoration. Property Owners, are you aware of the Forest County Cost-Share Program? This is a program administered by the Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department. The Grant money is provided by the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP) to fund the program.

Under the program, the landowner pays for all project costs and is reimbursed for up to 50%. The reimbursement is based on available funds allocated from DATCP. If a landowner decides to apply for the program, standards of DATCP (Chapter ATCP 50) & the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) must be followed.

The Program allows for:

- Restoration of the buffer zone with native plants, shrubs, and trees.
- Erosion control methods such as rip rap, bio-logs, & other bio engineering methods (as permitted by the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR).)

The Program covers:

- Native vegetation for buffer
- Erosion control materials
- Excavation costs
- Labor for installation - costs for a contractor can be reimbursed or landowner labor can be reimbursed at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.
- Geotextile fabric

The Program does not cover:

- Removal or installation of docks/piers.
  - Removal or installation of steps, walkways, lifts, etc.
- Materials such as wood, brick, plaster, blacktop, or demolition material for rip rap use.

If you're interested in the Program, you can access an application from the Forest County Website ([www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov)) under the Land Conservation Department, by contacting the Land Conservation Dept. at (715) 478-1387, or by email: [lcc@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

Once the application is received a site visit will be done by county staff and a DATCP engineer to determine eligibility and consult with the landowner(s). If property is determined eligible, we will conduct a survey of your property/project and a plan will be designed. Once you approve of the plan, you will have to obtain permits from the appropriate agencies (DNR, Corp of Eng., Local Zoning). You will also have to obtain two (2) bids for your project to be submitted for approval from the Land and Water committee. A contract and maintenance plan will be signed by you and the Project may begin!

Again, if you're interested or have questions, contact Forest County Land & Water @ (715)478-1387 or email: [lcc@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

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**Class of 2021 finally hosts Junior Prom**



On the night of February 27th, Laona's Highschool seniors hosted their "Junior Prom." The class hosted their prom at the Laona community building with a fitting Valentine's Day theme. Students danced the night away and enjoyed a well-deserved night to remember.

Congratulations to Seth Lempel and Halia Babich for being crowned prom king and queen. Also congratulations to Jackson Smith and Taylor Cleereman for being crowned prince and princess.

The seniors pictured are as follows: Jackson Smith, Halia Babich, Morgan Adkins, Isabella Daniels, Thomas Gryboski, Savannah Collins, Evan Townsend, Jaycee Votis, Michael Stamper, Madelin Keepers, Seth Lempel, and Taylor Cleereman

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<p><b>17 CHEVY COLORADO</b> Z71 CREW CERTIFIED - 62K Miles</p> <p>OUR BEST PRICE <b>\$27,990</b></p>	<p><b>17 TOYOTA TACOMA</b> DOUBLE - 59K Miles</p> <p>OUR BEST PRICE <b>\$31,990</b></p>

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**Valentines for Vets**



The Valentines for Veterans Project from Wabeno Elementary School has been going on for roughly 20 years. It started with Stacy Chrisman finding an article in a magazine about this project. We then put out a call on the back of the weekly "purple" calendar and in the local papers for addresses of veterans. We then got creative and made cards to send out. As years passed, we asked the Legion posts for their membership list so that we did not leave out any of our local veterans. It has blossomed into a wonderful giving project for the students at Wabeno to share a little of themselves to these very deserving veterans.

This year we sent out to over 600 addresses in 36 states, Canada, military bases, and delivered to the veterans in our local nursing homes. We also sent a box of 380 Valentines for Veterans cards to the Wisconsin Home for Veterans in King, Wisconsin. All the residents there will be getting a card this year. We received many letters, cards, pictures, stickers, and other mementos back from these men and women.

This year, along with the 1,030 valentines that our students sent out, Mrs. Linszen and her sister, Sue Neider, made an addition to the Wabeno Elementary Valentines for Veterans Project by making 1,200 Navy themed valentines to send to Sue's son, Chaplain Erik Neider. He is stationed on the USSAMERICA out of Japan. He will be handing out this limited edition naval valentines to each service person on that ship. He has handed out some of our valentines in the past to active duty Coast Guard and Navy personnel.

Legion Post 44 has been coming to the elementary school for several years with their spouses for an ice cream social. They bring in trays of cookies and buckets of ice cream. They deliver room to room as a thank you to the students. The veterans love meeting the student that made their card. This year things will be a little different because of Covid and the resulting restrictions, but the appreciation of and for each other will carry on. The message of caring and sharing still remains!

We appreciate the Legion Post 44 for the treats and their support throughout the years. Our hats are tipped to the veterans that have written back or even helped financially to keep the program going. Most of all we appreciate the VETERANS for their service to our country!

**Laona Girl Scouts tour the Laona State Bank**



On Thursday, February 18th, the Laona Girl Scout Troop received a tour of Laona State Bank. The scouts learned about different ways to save and spend money, learned how a bank works, and got to tour various areas of the bank. The scouts are in the process of earning their money manager badge during the girl scout cookie season. Girl Scout cookies are being sold through March-please help support your local girl scout troop!

Front Row (left to right) - Sydney Connor, Alia DeMore, Aurora DeMore, Libby Biedermann, Leilani Collins, Karen Biedermann (Troop leader)

Back Row (left to right) - Izzabella Allen, Jesse Smith (Loan Officer), Parker Heath, Wanda Kelley, Beverly Collins (President, Loan Officer), Addie Matuszewski, Brooklyn Albrecht, Adrienne Aromi (troop co-leader), Hailey Connor (troop assistant)

**Wabeno Elementary School's race for space fights covid-19**



For the month of February, Wabeno Elementary students are working on keeping physically distanced from their peers. They are in a "Race for Space" competition between grade levels. After the first 2 weeks, it is a tight race between Third Grade, First Grade and Fourth Grade! Classes are winning, students are receiving prizes and ultimately students at Wabeno Elementary are earning a heart by doing their part!! Pictured is one student who earned a prize during this competition.



**Covid Vaccine** Cont. from pg. 1

People can expect similar post-vaccination side effects with all the COVID-19 vaccines, such as feeling tired, fever, chills, headache, and pain and swelling in the arm where you got the shot.

We will continue to share more information about vaccine availability as it becomes available from DHS. You can learn more about Wisconsin's vaccination planning and eligible groups at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please call The Forest County Health Department at 715-478-3371. To continue to keep residents of Forest County safe and healthy, please continue using good infection control habits such as washing your hands, wearing a mask in public, avoiding large crowds, and staying home if you are sick.

**Northern Lakes Conference Boys Basketball 2020-2021**

**Conference Champions:** Laona/Wabeno Rebels  
**Coach of the Year:** Bill Taylor, Laona/Wabeno Rebels  
**Offensive Player of the Year:** Connor Taylor, Laona/Wabeno Rebels  
**Defensive Player of the Year:** Patrick Milan, Florence Bobcats  
**ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS**

- FIRST TEAM**  
 Player-Team-Year  
 Chase Novak Elcho 11  
 Patrick Milan Florence 11  
 Boone Larison Goodman/Pembin 11  
 Connor Taylor Laona/Wabeno 11  
 Reed Christianson Laona/Wabeno 11
- SECOND TEAM**  
 Player-Team-Year  
 Evan Johnson Florence 10  
 Jacob Kessel Goodman/Pembin 11  
 Hunter Meistad Phelps 12  
 Logan Erikson Three Lakes 11  
 Braden Fredrick White Lake 12
- HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Player-Team-Year  
 Dominic DeMuri Florence 10  
 Landon Kalkofen Goodman/Pembin 12  
 Clayton Janesch Laona/Wabeno 12  
 Cole Melton Three Lakes 11  
 Sam Eppler Three Lakes 11

\*bold denotes unanimous vote

**NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2020-2021**

**Conference Champions:** Crandon Cardinals  
**Coach of the Year:** Jeff Mayer, Crandon Cardinals  
**Offensive Player of the Year:** Kylie Higgins, Laona/Wabeno Rebels  
**Defensive Player of the Year:** Kylie Higgins, Laona/Wabeno Rebels

**ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS**

FIRST TEAM		
PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Holly Palubicki	Crandon	10
Mara Stamper	Crandon	10
Emma Harris	Laona/Wabeno	12
Kylie Higgins	Laona/Wabeno	12
Sydney Lurvey	Three Lakes	12

SECOND TEAM		
PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Maddie Stamper	Crandon	12
Ellie Asbach	Elcho	12
Isabella Millan	Florence	9
Kara Sowinski	Three Lakes	11
Taylor Kolling	Three Lakes	12

**HONORABLE MENTION**

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Macie Palubicki	Crandon	12
Alexis McCorkle	Crandon	11
Lilly Reinke	Elcho	11
Lacey Enders	Florence	12
Elizabeth Krawze	Laona/Wabeno	11
Tana VanZile	Laona/Wabeno	12
Mari Szews	Three Lakes	11

**Wabeno Women's Bowling Scores**

(February 17, 18, 2021)  
 Week 21  
**Team standings**  
 Rusty's, 34  
 Cassidy's Café, 33  
 "R" Place, 32  
 Bruce's Mistakes, 28  
 Whitetail Logging, 26  
 Splits N Giggles, 23  
 Prospect Lodge, 18  
**Individual Scratch Game**  
 Frankie Marrese, 207  
 Penny Carter, 191  
 Lisa Mermuys, 183  
**Individual HDCP Game**  
 Frankie Marrese, 228  
 Lisa Sacerich, 222

Kathy Hilbert, 219  
**Individual Scratch Series**  
 Frankie Marrese, 554  
 Penny Carter, 521  
 Lisa Mermuys, 505  
**Individual HDCP Series**  
 Marie Shepard, 622  
 Frankie Marrese, 617  
 Lisa Mermuys, 610  
**Team Scratch Game**  
 Rusty's, 643  
 Whitetail Logging, 624  
 Bruce's Mistakes, 584  
**Team HDCP Game**  
 Rusty's, 795  
 Whitetail Logging, 759  
 Prospect Lodge, 751  
**Team Scratch Series**  
 Whitetail Logging, 1770

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- 1 - Abandoned Vehicle/Property Incident(s)
- 5 - Accident(s)
- 2 - Animal Incident(s)
- 8 - Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
- 6 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 7 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drug Related/K9 Deployment)
- 4 - Assist Other Agency
- 1 - Assist Other Agency (Drug Related/ K9 Deployment)
- 1 - Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)
- 2 - Civil Matter/Dispute(s)
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
- 1 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para and/or Poss. (1 ARREST, 1 CITATION)
- 4 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s)
- 2 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
- 1 - Fire Complaint(s)
- 3 - Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
- 2 - Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)
- 1 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 8 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 - Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)
- 1 - Liquor Law Violation(s)
- 1 - Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
- 1 - Mail Tampering Incident(s)
- 1 - Noise/Disturb Peace Incident(s)
- 1 - OWI (2 CITATIONS)
- 1 - Parking Complaint
- 23 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
- 3 - Snowmobile Incident(s)/Complaint(s)
- 2 - Storage of Junk, etc. Incident(s) (1 CITATION)
- 3 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 1 - Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
- 3 - Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 1 - Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
- 1 - Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 8 - Vehicle Lockout(s)
- 1 - Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s)
- 2 - Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 12 - Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

Rusty's, 1714  
 Bruce's Mistakes, 1712  
**Team HDCP Series**  
 Whitetail Logging, 2175  
 Rusty's, 2170  
 Bruce's Mistakes, 2156  
**Beer and Pizza**  
**High HDCP Game:** Frankie Marrese, 228  
**High HDCP Series:** Marie Shepard, 622  
**Team HDCP Series:** Whitetail Logging, 2175  
**High Averages**  
 Frankie Marrese, 170  
 Penny Carter, 157  
 Chris Geske, 151  
 Kris Anderson, 150

**AREA EVENTS**

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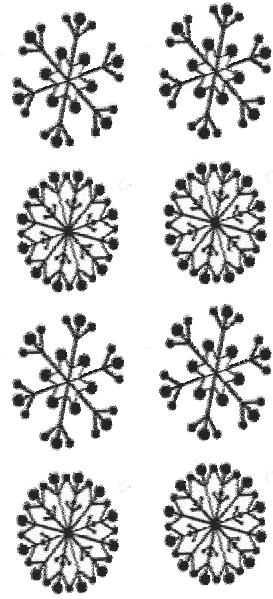
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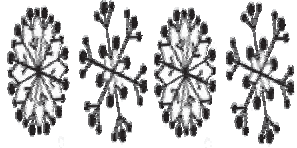



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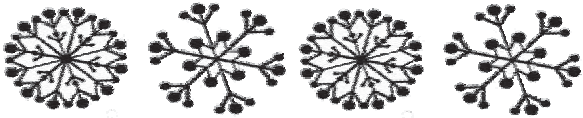
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## Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin students interested in the outdoors are invited to join the Youth Conservation Congress. This statewide youth program is designed to grow and develop future conservation leaders across the state. The Youth Conservation Congress (YCC) is a student extension of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

The purpose of YCC is to give young people a voice and instill a sense of ownership, civic pride and advocacy for Wisconsin's natural resources. The YCC strives to effectively engage, educate, and involve youth in the management and protection of our natural resources and foster a conservation ethic through participation in the program.

The YCC program offers opportunities for students from all backgrounds, including seasoned outdoor enthusiasts and novices alike. Although the program is best suited for high school students, younger individuals are welcome to apply.

"I am especially excited about this program because it allows youth an incredible opportunity to work directly with a variety of natural resource managers and experienced outdoor mentors," said YCC Coordinator Kyle Zenz, who is working to connect more students across the state with the YCC. "Our mission is to provide students with access and the opportunity to follow their outdoor passions whether they are hunting and fishing related or natural resource career driven."

YCC student delegates are exposed to various aspects of natural resource management and have access to professionals in those fields. Students also receive real-world experience through a variety of service-learning opportunities.

By joining, members gain an understanding of the process for how Wisconsin's natural resource policy is determined, including the role and history of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress – the state's statutorily recognized citizen advisory body.

"I enjoy learning about conservation across the state, as well as volunteering directly with the DNR," said YCC delegate Samantha Hammiller (pictured at left), of Racine, who has eagerly engaged in all that the YCC has to offer. "One of my most memorable outdoor experiences would have to be pheasant stocking with local DNR staff. I loved learning from this hands-on opportunity, especially knowing that I am contributing to wildlife management."

Samantha will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP) next fall and has already connected with UWSP staff as well as natural resource leaders in the state due to her involvement with the YCC.

"The YCC really allows you to explore options for your future and network across the entire state with adult and youth delegates and DNR personnel along with other agencies and conservation groups," she said.

The YCC program mirrors the Conservation Congress's focus on county level initiatives. County Congress members serve as mentors and as a point of local contact for the YCC delegates. Youth who are interested in the program should contact Kyle Zenz with questions about the YCC and how to apply for the program. See the DNR website for more details.

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# Letters to the Editor

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

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter to the editor concerning carbon taxes. When I read the article, the first thing I thought of was what we learned in science class in our younger years....we were taught that ALL life on this planet is carbon based. In other words, we need carbon to survive...from Wikipedia: "Carbon is a primary component of all known life on Earth, representing approximately 45-50% of all dry biomass. Carbon has often been referred to as the 'king of the elements;' it is the 15th most abundant element in the Earth's crust....."

The "narrative" has quietly been changing from "global warming" to "climate change." Why? I am not sure, however, a few months back another letter to the editor mentioned something about the cycles of the sun, and the fact that we are entering a cycle very similar to the previous Maunder minimum, and very possibly what is called a Grand Solar Minimum. These cycles can be traced back hundreds of years to "years of no summer," famines, etc. that occurred at the same time all over the world.

NASA, NOAA and different universities are reporting that if carbon levels continue to increase, it will cause warming of the planet because these gases trap the heat in the planet.

Well, ok...but if overall, the planet is cooling because of the sun cycle we are entering, then the effects of carbon would be a good thing.....wouldn't it?

"The duration of a solar minimum may also have an impact of the earth's climate. During solar minimum there is a maximum in the amount of cosmic rays etc. If this is true, then there would be a significant impact on climate." <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/impacts/space-weather-impacts:climate>

There is an article by one of the lead scientists/investigators (Valentina Zharkova: in this sun cycle phenomena; it is an interesting read. She indicates "the modern Grand Solar Minimum (2020-2053) that will lead to a significant reduction of solar magnetic field activity like during Maunder minimum leading to a noticeable reduction of terrestrial temperature." <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7575229>

I guess, sometimes or maybe often, there is more to the story. Always good to know as much information as we can when making decisions.

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# Death Notices



**Robert A. Chaney, 69**, of Crandon, WI passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Michigan. Robert was born April 26, 1951 in Crandon the son of Garland and Marjorie Ann (Marvin) Chaney. He was united in marriage on September 11, 1976 to Marianne

Sawicki. Robert served in the U.S. Army. Surviving Robert are his wife of 44 years, Marianne Chaney; daughters, Jennifer (John) Ball, Sheboygan Falls; Becky Chaney, Rhinelander; sons, Joe (Rose) Chaney, Crandon; Tom Chaney, Minneapolis; grandchildren, Chase, Harli, Jack, Macee, Aurora, Evelyn, Olivia, Belle, Nevaeh; nephew, Keith (Melinda) Chaney and best friend, Art Packard.

Celebration of life will be held at a later date. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com)



**Robert J. Neitzer, 81**, of Wabeno, WI passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI. Robert was born April 6, 1939 in Carter, WI the son of Martin and Bernice (Sherrick) Neitzer. He was united in marriage on May 9, 1959 to Betty Downey in Dillion, South Carolina. He served in the 101st Airborne as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army. After leaving the Army

he returned to Wisconsin to raise his family. Robert was a loving husband, gracious father and a special grandfather. He was a friend to many and the kind of person that took many others under his wing. He was a true outdoors man enjoying hunting, fishing and just being out in the woods. Bob and Betty enjoyed traveling together, country music, happy hour stops and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving Robert are his wife of 62 years, Betty Neitzer; daughters, Donna (Scott) Allen, Saukville; Annette Neitzer, Carter; sons, Robert Jay (Cherie) Neitzer, Birnamwood; Kevin Neitzer, Carter; grandchildren, Justin Baehring, Jacob Neitzer, Brandon Allen, Nathan Hilton, Ashley (Tony) Werner, Allison (Marcus) Lackovic; Robert W. Neitzer, Mikayla Hilton, Jaymie Neitzer, Jared Neitzer, Hailey Neitzer; great-grandchildren, Lincoln and Oliver Werner, Elliot Lackovic; sisters, Rosemary Yadro, IL; Vera Comerford, Fond-du-lac; Nancy Eldred, Menasha; Jean (Jeff) Heim, Kaukauna; Beverly (Scott) Schultz, Appleton; brothers, Richard (Kathy) Neitzer, Carter; David Neitzer, Carter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Bernice Neitzer; brother, George Neitzer; brothers-in-law, Bob Yadro, Tom Comerford and Frank Eldred. Also preceding him in death were his in laws William and Nora Downey; and all 16 of his wife's siblings.

Services will be held on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Townsend, WI with Pastor Dave Karolus and Pastor Richard Kelm officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. to time of service at the church.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated.

**Lawrence "Larry" G. Blasius, 76**, of Crandon, WI passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his home. Private graveside services were held. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com)

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**Anna M. Godin, 87**, of Wabeno, WI passed away Monday, February 22, 2021 at her home surrounded by loved ones. Anna was born March 6, 1933 in Wabeno the daughter of Allen and Percy (Harris) Houle. She was united in marriage to Ervin Godin on June 19, 1954 and he preceded her in death in 2000.

She worked at Connor Forest Industry for 20 years and Superior Floor for 8 years. She enjoyed ceramics, dining out, taking care of her home and her many friendships throughout the years. She was loved for her quick sense of humor. She was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Anna is survived by her daughters, Dale Mihalko (Dan Belland), Laona; Dana (Rick) Bailey, Wabeno; sons, Gerry (Cris) Godin, Mesa Arizona; Larry (Kim) Godin, Wabeno; grandchildren, Ricky (Shelly), Beau (Cassie), Jake (Kristi), Amanda (Leonard), Brandi (Jeff), Shanda (Andrew), Cody, Dylan (Laura), Kayla, Megan (Mark) and many great-grandchildren; brothers, Ken (Joan) Houle, Wabeno; Mike (Nancy) Houle, Wabeno.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Percy Houle; grandson, Mackenna Godin and son-in-law, Rick Mihalko.

Honoring Anna's wishes no services will be held. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com)



**Eugene "Soup" John Repinski, 82**, of Crandon, WI passed away Sunday, February 28, 2021 at the home of his brother, Frank surrounded by loved ones. Eugene was born June 7, 1938 in Rhinelander the son of John and Violet (Meister) Repinski. During and after High School "Soup"

worked at Carpenters Grocery Store and then at Consolidated Papers as a Logger. Gene served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963 when he was honorably discharged. Upon his return from the military service he returned to work for Consolidated Papers until the time of his retirement. Gene enjoyed hunting, fishing and was an avid gardener. He canned his vegetables and shared many jars with his neighbors. He loved Christmas and loved decorating his outside to bring joy to all who passed by and his neighbors.

Eugene is survived by his brothers, Paul Repinski, Crandon; Robert (Patti Ann) Repinski, Argonne; Frank (Joyce) Repinski, Tomahawk; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Violet Repinski; brothers, Pete and James Repinski.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon, WI with Pastor Bill Farr officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to time of service.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com)



**Brian Evans Olds, "Biiwaabik Makwa" "Iron Bear", 31**, of Allouez, WI passed away February 28, 2021 at his home. Brian was born November 5, 1989 in Rhinelander the son of Craig McGeshick and Sara Olds. Surviving are his parents, son, Aiden Olds; sister, Shayna McGeshick, Mole Lake; brother, Bradly McGeshick, Mole Lake.

Visitation will start at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Mole Lake Cultural Center, Mole Lake. Services will start at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the Mole Lake Cultural Center with Mr. Robert J. McGeshick officiating. Burial to follow will be at Mole Lake Tribal Cemetery.

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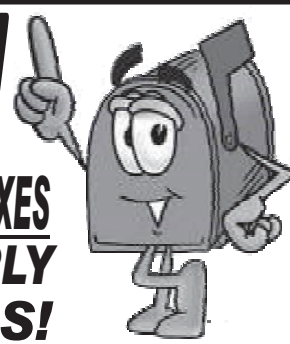


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I am currently undecided on where I will attend college. I have been accepted to Oshkosh, Stevens Point, Green Bay and Nicolet Technical College.

I would like to thank my parents for supporting me my entire life, but also my basketball career. I would like to thank my family and friends for all of the unconditional love and support.

Finally, I would like to thank my previous coaches throughout my basketball career, Aaron Samz, Keegan Kincaid, Jeff Mayer, Ted Ison, and most importantly, my dad.

My best high school memory was being apart of the student section. It was so fun and something I will always remember.

I have learned in the past twelve years that you loose friends and life changes very fast, but you will know who is there for you after your down falls.

In the future I plan to attend a tech school until I figure out what I would like to do.

I would like to thank my parents and specifically Lacey Palubicki. I was grateful to have her in the 5th grade. She definitely changed my perspective on life.

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[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/manganese.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/manganese.htm).

If you are concerned about your well water, we encourage you to get it tested. Households with pregnant women or infants may be eligible for free testing through the Forest County Health Department. Please contact us for more information at 715-478-3371.

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### The surprise arrival



By Connie Bath

My daughter Denise and son-in-law were supposed to have their baby January 27, 2021. My daughter had her first baby two weeks early and her second baby one month early. So, they kept that in mind as it got closer to the due date, so they could be packed and ready to go to the hospital if need be.

I had been asked to be in the delivery room with them, but because of covid 19, I could no longer do that. Instead, I was asked to stay with my grandson and granddaughter when they were gone.

The week before my granddaughter was born, I got the call that they thought it was time, so I packed enough to stay at least a week and headed to Harshaw, one and one half hours from Wabeno.

But, she was dilated and her labor stopped, so they were sent home. A few days later it started again, but again they were sent home. After a few days I went home. Two days later, they called and I headed back to their home. At the hospital, the nurse said she had progressed in dilation, but labor had stopped and they were sent home because they thought if it was too early, they didn't want to push the delivery along.

My daughter and her husband arrived home at 12:30 a.m. We talked for awhile and then we all went to bed. At 3:45 my son-in-law woke me and said my daughter wanted to talk to me. I went to their room and she was crying. She said she was in pain. Mind you that she was in pain all three times she went to the hospital. She said it hurt when she moved. After a discussion, they decided to go for a fourth time to the hospital. I helped her to the bathroom, where she became very sick. I too this as a pretty good indication that the baby was finally going to come. I knew she had to get back to bed, and then told me that she was not going to make it to the hospital!

We got her in bed and she said; "Mom get me some towels. My son-in-law called 911 to get an ambulance. While we were on the phone with the 911 operator, he realized that his car had to be moved before the ambulance arrived. He grabbed his keys and went out to move it.

My daughter and I were on a speaker phone with 911. With the next contraction, my daughter said she had to push, and just like that, I found myself delivering my granddaughter!

The babies head arrived and the operator said to support her head. The operator also said to check for the cord around the baby's neck. As I felt the baby's neck, my daughter pushed and out came the baby. My son-in-law came in from moving the car and said; "We have a baby! I missed it!" I said I was sorry.

The ambulance showed up when I was delivering the baby. The staff gowned up and took over.

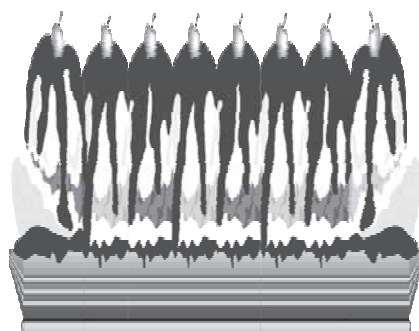
I hugged and kissed my daughter. We laughed, not believing what had just happened. I got to be at the delivery after all!

So, our baby, Brooklyn Grace Pearl Fehman, was born at 4:30 a.m. on January 11, 2021. She was six pounds seven ounces and 21 inches long.

After being evaluated at the hospital, she was transported to Marshfield. Because she was delivered so fast, she didn't have time to get up the fluid out of one lung. She was in Marshfield about a week, then she was able to go home.

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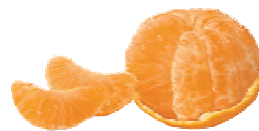
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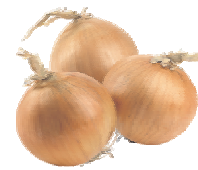
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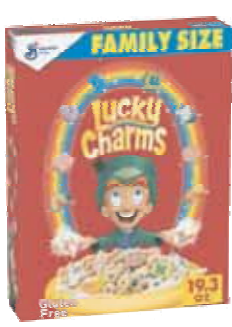
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**Requirements:** Candidates must have appropriate DPI licensure. (Regular Education 1777; Elementary/Middle Level Education 1088,1083)

**How to Apply:** Interested and licensed candidates may apply through WECAN or may submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license(s), three (3) current letters of reference to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, PO Box 460 Wabeno, WI 54566. This position will remain open until filled.

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### Employment Opportunity Forest County Health Department

The Forest County Health Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time (35-40 hours per week), limited term position (to be reviewed after 2 years) Community Health Specialist/Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutritionist, Director, and Breastfeeding Coordinator. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition, Public Health or related field. Preferred applicants will be a Registered Dietitian or who within 6 months of hire passes CDR exam and is also Certified Dietician in WI.

Preferred applicants will have three years of nutrition experience or any combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Application and position description may be obtained at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov) or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520. The deadline for applications returned to the County Clerk is Monday, March 15th, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY ADMINISTRATOR

Forest County is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of Forestry Administrator. This position is full time, forty (40) hours per week. The Forestry Administrator will work under the direction of the Forestry and Recreation Committee.

Applicants must have experience in and knowledge of forest conservation, laws, codes, and regulations affecting departmental operations, reforestation and forest management principles, working knowledge of office management and record keeping, plan, assign and supervise the work of others and the ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with governmental officials, employees and the public. Educational requirements: Bachelor Degree of Science in Forestry.

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**Regular Meeting  
Laona Board of Education  
Monday, January 11, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.  
C. L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24**

Vice President Jim Aschinger **Called the Regular Meeting to Order** at 5:30 p.m. Present: Jim Aschinger, Melissa McLaughlin, Samantha Hoffman, Frank Shepard Jr, Jim Bradley, Melissa Chrisman, Tiffany Pakulski, and Katie Shepard to take the minutes. Scott Reeves was absent. There were three (3) guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.  
Jim Aschinger led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Shepard to approve the amended **Agenda, A. Building Usage** will be switched to Item B. and **B. Senior Class Trip** will be switched to Item A. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM** (10 minutes): None  
Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, December 14, 2020.  
School Disbursements and Wires paid from 12/1/20-12/31/20 = \$179,831.54  
Purchase Orders for period 12/12/20-01/08/21 = \$3,918.73  
Cash Receipts for period 12/1/20-12/31/20 = \$16,090.87  
Motion by Shepard, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**  
Mrs. Keepers gave an update on the 2021 **Senior Class Trip**. Changing the date of Plan A. to the same time as Plan B., May 12, 2021 through May 17, 2021. Will update and finalize at the February meeting.

**The Building Usage Discussion** has been updated with additional information. Elementary clubs can use the building with 1 or 2 adult supervisors. Guidelines will be the same as it is for the high school sports teams. Masks will be worn at all times and coaches/supervisors will be responsible to clean and disinfect what has been used. Parents will not be allowed in the building at this time, pick up will be done outside. At this time, there will be no events or tournaments held in the building. At this time the school and playground will remain closed to the public. Vendors or a special meeting with parents will be allowed. Only essential employees and board members will be allowed in the building at this time. The public may join the School Board meeting via Zoom. This information will be listed on the school board agenda for February.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the **2021-2022 Open Enrollment Seats** presented by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion by Shepard, seconded by Hoffman to approve the High School **Wrestling Co-op** with Three Lakes for the 2021-2023 seasons. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Letter of **Retirement** by Mr. Bradley as the District Administrator/High School Principal for the School District of Laona, effective June 30, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**  
Tiffany Pakulski submitted a written **Business Manager's Report** that can be found on the school website under the District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

Melissa Chrisman submitted a written **Elementary Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under the District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

Jim Bradley submitted a written **Administrator/High School Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under the District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link.

•Mr. Bradley would like to thank Kim Winkelman for all the extra things she does for the district. She is remarkable and does a lot for the kids and staff. Kudos for all that she does.

**Board Member Reports -**  
•Samantha Hoffman thanked Mr. Bradley, it was a pleasure to work with him and to continue to work with him until his retirement.

•Melissa McLaughlin thanked Mr. Bertrand for reaching out to the young adults on social media. Melissa stated that it was also nice that he also reached out to surrounding communities.

•Frank Shepard appreciates and thanked Mr. Bradley for everything he has done for the school district.

•Jim Aschinger thanked Mr. Bradley for his time here in Laona. He also thanked Mr. Bertrand and all involved with the toy drive. Jim thanked everyone involved with the Christmas program. Jim encourages everyone to watch the program if you have not so already. Jim also stated he will not be able to attend the February board meeting.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Shepard to Enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion carried with Aschinger, McLaughlin, Hoffman and Shepard voting yes.  
Motion by Shepard, seconded by McLaughlin to move the February 8, 2021 to February 1, 2021. All in favor, motion carried. ( Agreed upon after the meeting to accommodate board date changed to February 15, 2021.)

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by McLaughlin to Adjourn the meeting. All in Favor, motion carried.(6:36 pm.)

**EXHIBIT A**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
WABENO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
APRIL 6, 2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Wabeno Area School District on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the Wabeno Area School District, Oconto, Forest, Langlade and Marinette Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year for the 2022-2023 school year through the 2026-2027 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming and operational expenses?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, Wisconsin.

**Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator.

Done in the Wabeno Area School District  
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No permission will be given to exceed posted weight limits on any posted County Highway. We would appreciate the public's cooperation to protect our highways.

Forest Co Highway Committee  
Bill Anderson, Commissioner



## INVITATION FOR QUOTES

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Quotes will be accepted either in person at the District Office, located in the Elementary building, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI 54566 or by mail no later than 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope "Bus Quote".

For further questions about this quote, contact Lee Mattern at 715.889.0607

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

### Wabeno School Breakfast Menu MAR. 8-12

**Monday** -Pancakes, sausage Patty, Strawberries fruit juice, milk  
**Tuesday** - Breakfast pizza, pineapple chunks, fruit juice, milk  
**Wednesday** -Delivered meals  
**Thursday** - Breakfast burrito, hash brown patties, Mandarin oranges., fruit juice, milk  
**Friday** - Cinnamon rolls, grapes, fruit juice, milk



### Wabeno School Lunch Menu MAR. 8-12

**Monday** - Chicken patty, Cool Ranch Doritos, carrots, apple sauce, garden bar, milk  
**Tuesday** - Chicken dumpling soup, whole wheat crackers, pears, garden salad, milk  
**Wednesday** - Delivered meals  
**Thursday** - Turkey w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler, garden salad, milk  
**Friday** - Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, corn, peaches, garden salad, milk

# Bids & Notices

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Dear Community Members,

**The School District of Wabeno Area is proposing an operational referendum on April 6, 2021.**

This referendum will be used to support existing District operations and improve student opportunities. We are asking permission for a maximum of \$2.5 million over each of the next five school years (2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.) We need this referendum as the current funding formula used by the State of Wisconsin does not provide the dollars necessary for us to continue to offer a high level of educational programs and services for our students.

Previously approved referendum monies have allowed for greater student access to technology and revised courses aligned to higher academic standards. Our ability to stay up-to-date with technology has allowed our District to transition to At-Home Learning efficiently when needed.

The Board of Education plans to hold public informational meetings in February and March. The dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 9, Blackwell Town Hall 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 22, WHS Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10, WHS Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday March 23, Freedom Town Hall 7 p.m.

The School District has been financially frugal with general spending, staff reductions, and changes of insurance. These reductions have had a minimal impact on the School District. Further reductions will be detrimental to the educational success of our students and community.

If we fail to pass this referendum, the District will have several options: another referendum next spring, continued staff reductions, cuts in extra-curricular activities, fees for food service programs, or dissolution of our School District. **If the District dissolves, your taxes do not disappear. You will pay taxes at the mill rate of the new district where your property is located.** Currently, the mill rates of our neighboring school districts are higher than the mill rate would be in our District with this referendum. The following chart provides mill rate information.

School District	2020-2021 Mill Rate
Wabeno Area	\$6.41 (\$7.05 w/passed referendum)
Laona	\$11.83
Florence	\$9.75
Suring	\$7.24
Crandon	\$9.14
White Lake	\$12.42
Crivitz	\$6.52
Elcho	\$6.47
Wausaukee	\$6.74
Goodman/Armstrong Creek	\$16.41
Niagara	\$11.36
Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine	\$12.49

We appreciate the taxpayers continued support of the School District and our communities. If you would like more information, please contact the District Administrator, School Board members, or review the referendum informational link on our School District website [www.wabeno.k12.wi.us](http://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us).

School District of Wabeno Area Board Members,

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dave Seeber, President            | Dawn Jakubiec, Deputy Clerk |
| Katryna VanEperen, Vice President | Janet Opiela, Member        |
| Lori Mattern, Clerk               | Trinity Shepard, Member     |
| Dan Christianson, Treasurer       |                             |

**Regular Meeting**

**Laona Board of Education**

**Monday, March 8, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Room 24 C.L. Robinson Elementary School  
Virtual Meeting for the public.**

**If you would like to join the virtual meeting please contact Mr. Bradley before 4:00 PM on Monday, March 8, 2021 at [jbradley@laona.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbradley@laona.k12.wi.us). He will send you the link and information to join the meeting.**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance - Jim Aschinger**
  - 3. Approval of the Agenda**
  - 4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)**
  - 5. Consent Agenda**
    - A. Bills and Claims
    - B. Meeting Minutes
  - 6. Items for Discussion and/or Action**
    - A. Junior Class Prom Approval
    - B. Retirement
    - C. Graduation Discussion
    - D. Start College Now Program - Jason Bertrand
    - E. Building Usage Discussion COVID-19
    - F. School Safety Evaluation Form
    - G. Neola Policy Updates (First Look)
    - H. Garage Bids
    - I. Flooring Project Quote
    - J. Elementary Office Cabinetry and Counter Tops
    - K. Courtyard Project
    - L. Lamers Busing Contract Revisited
    - M. Little League Field Discussion - Frank Shepard Jr.
    - N. Personnel
  - 7. Informational Items:**
    - A. Business Manager's Report
    - B. Elementary Principal's Report
    - C. Administrator/HS Principal's Report
    - D. Board Member Reports
  - 8. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.**
    - A. Personnel
  - 9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.**
  - 10. Adjourn:**
- Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. This will be a virtual meeting for the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s)"**

**Celebrating Sunshine in Government**

Sunshine Week, March 14th-20th, was created in 2005 to emphasize the importance of letting the "sunshine" on governmental activities, instead of allowing them to run in the shadows. In celebration, the League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW) and the Citizens for Education in Town Governance (CETG), will host Tom Kamenick, President and Founder of the Wisconsin Transparency Project (WTP), on Tuesday, March 9th, at 2:00 via Zoom. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Please visit our website [www.lwvnow.org](http://www.lwvnow.org), for a link to register.

The WTP is a law firm dedicated to strict enforcement of the state's Open Records and Open Meetings laws. Since opening in late 2019, the Project has filed sixteen lawsuits, written dozens of letters demanding records, and helped countless others with transparency issues.

Prior to founding WTP, Atty Kamenick was Deputy Counsel and Litigation Manager at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL), a non-profit law firm and think tank dedicated to the rule of law, individual liberty, constitutional government, and a robust civil society. He also spent a year as a law clerk for former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

During his presentation, Tom will share basic information about the Open Meetings and Open Records laws, some of his personal experiences in the world of litigation, and advice on how to use the laws to preserve transparency in government. Time will be available for questions following the presentation.

The LWVNOW encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas counties.

Our local league belongs to the state and national League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process. Our monthly meetings and sponsored events are open to all. You can contact us at [information@lwvnow.org](mailto:information@lwvnow.org).

Answers to questions about voter registration and voting can be found at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

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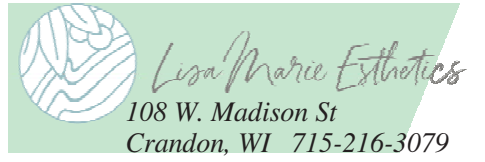
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