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## Sappy Days: A Wisconsin Maple Syrup Experience In Goodman & Armstrong Creek



Are you looking for something different to do? Enjoy a weekend in Goodman and Armstrong Creek Wisconsin as we kick off MAPLE SYRUP SEASON! The third annual Sappy Days event is scheduled March 22- 24, 2024.

Guests will be able to join this family oriented event for hiking, snowshoeing, maple syrup production tours, a pancake breakfast, a bean bag toss tournament and Bingo.

Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm marks the start of the weekend events. Hikers or snowshoers are welcome to gather at Laura Lake boat landing in Armstrong Creek for an evening hike along the lake trail. There will be a bonfire for the guests to keep warm. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available. Hikers and snowshoers are asked to bring their own headlamps and snowshoes.

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## Swan Sighting at Blackwell Junction



Dick Morris dropped off these photos of swans on Blackwell Junction south of Laona. The photos were taken on Thursday, February 29, 2024. There were a total of 18 swans swimming together. Spring is coming!

## Conservation Corner

### Decoding Wisconsin's Eccentric El Niño Winter

Wisconsin's winters are often characterized by biting cold, heavy snowfall, and frozen landscapes. However, the recent emergence of a peculiar weather phenomenon has brought unprecedented changes to the state's winter climate. El Niño, a climate cycle characterized by warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, has been exerting its influence on Wisconsin's winter weather patterns, leading to what many are dubbing as the "weird El Niño winter."

El Niño occurs when the surface waters of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean become unusually warm, disrupting global weather patterns. In Wisconsin, El Niño tends to bring milder temperatures and reduced snowfall compared to a typical winter. However, the effects can vary widely depending on other atmospheric factors, leading to unpredictable and sometimes extreme weather events.

One of the most conspicuous features of Wisconsin's weird El Niño winter is the anomalous temperatures experienced across the state. While El Niño tends to result in warmer winters overall, the extent of temperature deviations can fluctuate dramatically. Some regions may experience mild conditions reminiscent of spring, while others may still encounter brief but intense cold snaps. These temperature swings can confound residents and wildlife alike, disrupting seasonal behaviors and ecological processes.

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## Lakes Country Public Library Fundraiser Dinner April 27

The third annual Lakes Country Public Library Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for April 27, 2024. The event will be held at the McCauslin Golf Course Country Club on Highway F, a mile and a half east of Lakewood. The theme for this year's dinner is Book It! Basket and 50-50 raffle tickets will be sold during the Social Hour which begins at five p.m. Dinner will be served at six.

Seating for the event, which has sold out the past two years, is limited to 70 guests. Tickets can be purchased at the Lakes Country Public Library. Call 715-276-9020 for more information or if you would like to make a donation for the basket raffles. Tickets are \$50/person and may be purchased to reserve tables for two, four or eight.

From the Building/Expansion Committee: The new addition is in the finishing stages and should be completed by mid-April when the contractor will "break through" the existing wall. Current library fixtures, equipment, and collections will be transferred to the addition which will serve library patrons until the project is finished. The current library area will then undergo a much-needed makeover which will double the size of the Children's Library and re-configure the floor plan to provide better services for our patrons. The entire project should be completed by mid-summer. A Dedication Celebration is tentatively scheduled for July 27, 2024.

From the Fundraising Committee: We are closing in our \$1.5 million goal. Contributions for the project are still being solicited. Please help us reach the target! Stop by the Library with a donation, contribute online at [www.lakescountylibrary.org](http://www.lakescountylibrary.org) or send a check to LCPL, 15235 State Highway 32, Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138. All donations are fully tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

## Wabeno Area Players buy new curtain at Nancy Volk Auditorium



Janet DeJean Newton (left), director of Wabeno/Laona Rebel Drama, accepts from Carol Bartlein (right), Vice-President of Wabeno Area Players, a check to help cover partial expense of the replacement of backdrop curtain on the Nancy Volk Auditorium

The Nancy Volk Auditorium opened its doors for productions in the Summer of 1998. The very first production on the new stage was "Steel Magnolias," presented by the Wabeno Area Players. Over the years, a partnership developed between the Wabeno School District and the Wabeno Area Players for use of the facilities. The Players' appreciation for the use of the auditorium is demonstrated in their commitment to assist in the care and upkeep of the Nancy Volk Auditorium.

During the Fall 2023 rehearsals of Wabeno/Laona Rebel Drama's "Snow White, it was noted by their director, Janet DeJean Newton, that the 26-year-old blue backdrop scrim curtain, needed to be replaced. Ms. Newton requested that Wabeno Players share the expense. They promptly responded with a check for \$600 to cover half of the cost of the curtain.

The Wabeno Area Players have also made a commitment to the Rebel Drama program in helping with selling tickets, conducting raffles and being ushers for their performances. They also help maintain, organize and add to their shared costume room at the high school. Members of The Players have assisted in lighting, sound, and piano accompaniment for previous productions. It's a great partnership that promotes the fine arts throughout the Wabeno area.

Read the paper online at [www.pioneerexpresscrandon.com](http://www.pioneerexpresscrandon.com)



## 32nd Annual Banquet in Crandon on March 16

It will be an enjoyable evening at the Crandon Community Building on Saturday, March 16 when the Ruffed Grouse Wild River Chapter has their banquet.

There is a social hour at 5:15 p.m. and raffles. The dinner is at 7:15. The story telling never ends!

There is a raffle ticket package that must be ordered by March 10, and you can become a sponsor if you contribute by March 10. All donations are welcome, and the contact is Sherry Conley, who can be reached at 715-889-4362 or at [Sherry\\_Cnly@yahoo.com](mailto:Sherry_Cnly@yahoo.com).

You can see all the options by going online at: [RuffedGrouseSociety.org/Events](http://RuffedGrouseSociety.org/Events).

If you have anything you would like to donate, like a grouse picture you are tired of looking at or a hunting vest that doesn't fit, or any other outdoor related item, feel free to tell Sherry and donate the item to this event.

The cost of one ticket with membership and a dinner ticket is \$60. One membership and two dinner tickets is \$85. A Junior membership (17 and under) with a dinner ticket is \$25.

## Wabeno Area Players Launch 2024 Season



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

The Players' first show of 2024 is *The Seasonal Psychologist: A Comedy Murder Mystery*. The play was written by the late Dr. Daniel Boatright. This show is a tribute to Daniel who wrote many plays for The Players and performed in many with the group. Rehearsals for the production have already begun. The comedy is set for Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 @ 7:00pm and Sunday, April 14 @ 2:00pm. All performances will be at the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno.

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## Happy 100th Birthday Bette Conway!



Bette was born in Alvin, WI on 3/13/1924 and is turning 100 this month! Bette married her husband, Steven Conway, on March 23<sup>rd</sup> of 1946 and had 5 kids together (2 boys and 3 girls).

Bette worked with her husband for many years as a typist and doing insurance titles. She is very family oriented and always has a smile on her face.

Bette was very involved in the community and is an inspiration to many. She enjoys the company of others and has a passion for sports, roller skating, needle work and dancing. She enjoys being outside when the weather is nice enjoying the company of family and friends.



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**Help Shape the Future of Conservation in Wisconsin**

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) reminds Wisconsinites there's still time to take part in its annual spring hearing process.

The WCC is an independent organization of residents that advises the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources.

Each year, residents have an opportunity to submit ideas as resolutions to the WCC. Wisconsinites can submit proposed resolutions online now through Feb. 26, 2024. Resolutions must meet the following criteria:

- The concern must be of statewide impact.
- The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
- The concern must be within the mission and vision of the WCC.

An individual resident may submit up to two resolutions per year and must present their resolution in person during the annual spring hearings on April 8. Resolutions will be accepted until Feb. 26, 2024.

At the close of the submission process, the resolutions will be reviewed by a committee of WCC delegates to ensure they meet the criteria for inclusion and will be prepared for the online input, which begins on Wednesday, April 10, and closes on Saturday, April 13.

Those interested in submitting a resolution are encouraged to reach out to the resolution review committee or their WCC county chair for guidance in drafting a resolution.

Additional tips on preparing a resolution are available on the WCC and DNR's Spring Hearings webpage.

For further information or questions, contact Terri Roehrig, Executive Committee Member of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, at 920-540-2775.

**Sappy Days** Cont. from pg. 1

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, local businesses will be offering specials at each location. Some of the bars and restaurants will be offering drink and food specials with a maple syrup flare. Some establishments are offering customers a chance to win door prizes. Stop in and see what the local businesses have to offer!

Area sugar camps will be hosting tours of their woods and maple syrup production. This unique opportunity will allow guests to see how maple syrup production can vary from a family owned operation to a commercial business operation. Participating operations include: Hedmark's Maple Ridge in Fence, WI, Lumberjack Maple Syrup Co. and Maple Syrup from Forest's Forest in Armstrong Creek, Marsh's Place, Jeff Nooyen's Sugar Hill, Northwoods Unicorn in Blackwell and Flannery's, Snowshoe Maples and Stonewall Sugar Bush in Goodman. Tours go from noon to 5 o'clock on Saturday. Inquire at each location for their sap cooking times. Syrup will be available to sample and purchase along with other maple infused treats and offerings. Guests are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and the snowy, muddy woods.

On Sunday, March 24, 2024 8:00 am-12 pm at the Armstrong Creek Community Center. The Lion's Club will be sponsoring a pancake/porky breakfast featuring local maple syrup. A bean bag toss tournament will follow the breakfast at the community center. The cost for the tournament is \$25/team and registration starts at noon. All proceeds will be donated to the local fire department and rescue squad. Prizes awarded by Millan's Custom Butchering.

Bingo will also be happening at 8- Hi in Goodman. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. A portion of the card sales will be donated to the local fire and rescue departments. For further event information check out the "Sappy Days" events page on Facebook. Maps and the list of participants can be found on Facebook or on the fliers in local establishments. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled event!



**Wabeno Elementary's Mid-Year Celebration**

Wabeno Elementary students attended the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Community Center recently celebrating their mid-year goal of earning logs to fill half of Larry's Log Truck! Students have been working hard all year focusing on following classroom/school-wide expectations and having **P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior In School)**! We appreciate the FCP Community Center for having activities planned for our students and, most importantly, we appreciate the staff and students at Wabeno Elementary for having...

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Application materials, including the position description and summary of benefits 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 or by calling (715) 478-2422. Applications will be reviewed as submitted. Forest County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

## Forest County Commission on Aging Looking to Fill Committee Vacancy

The Forest County Commission on Aging is looking for one (1) interested Forest County resident to apply for a vacancy on the Commission on Aging Committee. The Commission on Aging Committee is the policy-making group that oversees the Forest County Commission on Aging and is an official county committee that reports to the Forest County Board of Supervisors.

The Commission on Aging represents Forest County residents regarding programs and county policy for older citizens. The nine-member committee meets monthly to approve Office on Aging financial and program reports, make policy decisions on older adult issues and plans for future needs. The Committee oversees all programs and staff of the Office on Aging.

The Forest County Commission on Aging consists of up to nine members nominated by the Forest County Board of Supervisors. Two of the Commission on Aging members are County Board Supervisors, appointed for a two-year term in conjunction with supervisory elections. The other members of the Commission on Aging serve three-year terms. As nearly as practicable, the terms of one-third of the members expire each year. Members may serve for a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. Individuals over 60 shall constitute at least 51% of the membership of the Commission. Efforts are made to have broad geographic representation.

Membership of the Commission on Aging does require regular meetings that are held at a minimum of bi-monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Special meetings of the Commission on Aging may be called by the chairperson, or by 51% of the membership.

Applications may be obtained by calling or stopping in the Office on Aging (Courthouse) and must be returned to the Office on Aging on or before 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Committee will review the applications and candidates will be selected to submit to the County Board Chairperson for official appointment. Applicants may be requested to meet with the selection Committee.

No prior government experience is required, only a sincere desire to work cooperatively on a team to provide quality services to older adults.

For more information contact Kathy Fohrman at the Office on Aging at 715-478-3256 or email [officeonaging@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:officeonaging@co.forest.wi.us).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER VACANCY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA

The School District of Laona is seeking a full-time Middle School Science teacher beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. This position will be responsible for science instruction and curriculum for students in grades 6-8. Candidates must have a valid and appropriate Wisconsin DPI license. The candidate must exhibit a desire and ability to work with and relate to middle school students. They must also be able to communicate effectively with students, parents, colleagues and the community as well as utilizing building technology for instructional purposes. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license and 3 current letters of recommendation on WECAN or submit to:

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PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
<b>Lauren Littleton</b>	Crandon	11
Lily Palubicki	Crandon	11
<b>Isabella Millan</b>	Florence	12
<b>Kamdan Johnson</b>	Florence	11
<b>Rylee Yaeger</b>	Laona/Wabeno	12
SECOND TEAM		
PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Alexis Schallock	Crandon	12
Madelynn Erdmann	Crandon	11
Rebekah Strietzel	Goodman/Pembin	12
Allison Albrecht	Laona/Wabeno	11
Lily Terry	Laona/Wabeno	10
Malerie Krawze	Laona/Wabeno	12

HONORABLE MENTION		
PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Samara Kane	Crandon	12
CeCe Mills	Florence	09
Holly Gilligan	Laona/Wabeno	11
Jenna Erikson	Three Lakes/Phelps	12
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Kaya Szews	Three Lakes/Phelps	12

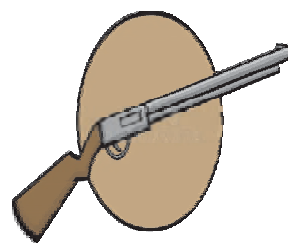
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### Wabeno Elementary Special Education receives grant



The Wabeno Elementary Special Education Department is excited to announce they received the TRAIN-WI Regulation Space grant. Special Education Staff Ashley Cleereman (R) and Shelley Ponton (L) applied for the grant through CESA 10. They were awarded \$2,500 to buy sensory equipment for the Special Education Environments. A regulation space/sensory room can have significant benefits for students with sensory processing disorders, autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, anxiety, and other conditions that impact regulation. Having access to a dedicated regulation space within the educational environment can enhance students' ability to self-regulate, improve their focus, reduce anxiety, and ultimately support their academic and social-emotional development.

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# Death Notices

**John Ralph Kopecky** died January 13, 2024 in Portland, Oregon after battling cancer. He was born in Doniphan, Missouri April 27, 1958 to Frank Joseph Kopecky and Renee Baker Kopecky.

Because his father worked for the U.S. Forest Service, John lived in many states growing up. He eventually settled in Portland, Oregon working as a butcher in a grocery store.

John is survived by his sister, Laurie Kopecky Anderson of Bellevue, Iowa; and brother, Gerald Joseph Kopecky of Henrico, Virginia.

John will be buried in the Wabeno Cemetery, where his father was born and raised.

**Bob Opsahl**, age 79, of Wabeno and formerly of Menasha, passed away on February 29, 2024. Bob was born in the state of Washington on June 3, 1944, son of the late Clarence and Elsie (Depner) Opsahl. He retired from Kimberly Clark Corporation in order to enjoy life in the Northwoods.



Survivors include two children, Jackie (Bryon) Arndt and Clayton Opsahl; beloved companion, Mary Kemps; six grandchildren, Aurorah Arndt, Ambrosia Arndt, Arieonna Arndt, Olivia Opsahl, Izabella Opsahl, and Amelia Opsahl; a brother, Beryl Opsahl; and a brother-in-law, Dale Siebers.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Bernadine (Don) Kain and Bernice Siebers; and a brother, Bernard Opsahl.

In keeping with Bob's wishes, a celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Old Grog, located at 546 Broad Street in Menasha, beginning at 3 p.m. All are invited to join us in remembering Bob.

Wichmann Laemmrch Funeral Home in Menasha is serving the family.  
www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com

**William "Bill" Joseph Lang** of Crandon, passed away with his loving daughter by his side on February 28, 2024, at the age of 94. He was born in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin on September 5, 1929, to LeRoy and Alice (Gorecki) Lang.



Bill attended high school at Lincoln High School in Manitowoc. Following school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 17. He served in active duty from October of 1946 through August of 1949. He also served in the Reserves from 1949-1952. While still serving in active duty, he married the love of his life, Connie LaBelle in Reno, Nevada on July 30, 1949.

Together, he and Connie were blessed with two children, Michael and Debra. They lived in Manitowoc area while their children were young. Bill worked security for many years for the Manitowoc Company. He was able to retire in his early 60's which led to purchasing a motor-home so he and Connie could travel the country. He enjoyed spending time at their family cottage on Squaw Island of Door County, Wisconsin. There were many memories made there, from boating, fishing, hunting and just spending time with his family.

In 1999, Bill and Connie moved to Mole Lake in Forest County to be closer to extended family and friends. While living in Mole Lake, he became involved in the Glens Program, a program dedicated to area senior citizens. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 94 in Crandon as well as a life member of Amvets Post 99. He also worked for the local Boys and Girls Club. He became known as an honorary Grandpa/close friend to many area children while living in Mole Lake often sharing candy and worldly knowledge to those who would come to visit him. Children always had a special place in Bill's heart.

Bill was a man of strong Christian faith. He was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church both in Manitowoc and later in life at St. Mary Catholic Church in Pickerel.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Debra (Craig) Kubnick; grandchildren, Jesse, Jericka and Andrew; and great-grandchildren, Connor, Ayanna and Marcello.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Connie; and son, Michael Lang.

A private family committal service will be held in the spring of 2024 at Calvary Cemetery of Manitowoc.

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



### A note from the three busmen (Mike, Bob & Kevin) ...

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Please call 715-784-1497 if you would like to join us for these trips or for any other rides you'd like to attend.

#### Tuesday and Thursday Trips

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**Thursday, March 7:** Iron Mountain

**Tuesday, March 12:** Rhinelander

**Thursday, March 14:** Antigo

**Tuesday, March 19:** Iron Mountain

**Thursday, March 21:** Rhinelander

**Tuesday, March 26:** Antigo

**Thursday, March 28:** Iron Mountain

## Wabeno Area Players Cont. from pg. 1

The Wabeno Players are very excited to host the award-winning bluegrass band, *The Special Consensus* on Saturday, May 4 @7:00pm in the Nancy Volk Auditorium. The band is sure to get toes tapping with their GRAMMY nominated music. Tickets are already on sale. Patrons can save \$5 per ticket by buying them in advance. Go to [www.wabenoareaplayers.org](http://www.wabenoareaplayers.org) and follow the prompts to purchase adult tickets for \$15 and student tickets for \$10. All seats will be \$20 at the door the night of the performance.

The fifth annual Huisman Honors Recital is on Saturday, May 18 @ 7:00pm in the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno. Our audiences are sure to enjoy the exceptional talents of high school students from throughout the state of Wisconsin. The students will be performing their Class A vocal and instrumental solos in hopes to win substantial scholarships offered by the Wabeno Area Players and the Huisman family.

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

The Players will close out their 2024 season with the play, *Mom's Gift: A Warm-Hearted Comedy*, by Phil Olson. The show offers the warmth of "Steel Magnolias" and the humor of "Four Old Broads." It is sure to be a hit with audiences. The show is set for Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 @ 7:00pm and Sunday, October 6 @ 2:00pm. All shows will be performed at the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno.

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

## Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191

The speaker for the February AARP meeting was Carol Lee Hughes who is an AARP Fraud Network volunteer. Carol Lee informed the members about the ways that scammers attempt fraud victimization. Several members were personally aware of scammer attempts at identity theft and monetary loss. The AARP Fraud Network reports that 8.8 billion dollars was lost to scammers in 2022.

The AARP Chapter will have a social dinner at Mulligans on March 11 starting at noon. Contact Carol Butrymowicz at 715-276-3468 for reservations. A new member, Susan Bessert, joined the group at the February meeting.

AARP meetings are social and informative. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church starting at 1:30 PM. Contact Janice Tetzlaff Membership Chairperson at 920-323-6734 for information.

Photo: Carol Lee Hughes & Susan Bessert  
Submitted by Richard J. Culver, Public Relations Chairperson

## Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



# SENIOR MEALS

### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

**Monday - March 11** - Spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed greens with dressing, garlic breadstick, mandarin oranges, pineapple cake

**Monday - March 18** - Kielbasa with sauerkraut, German potato salad, peas, rye bread, diced mixed fruit

### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

**Tuesday - March 12** - Sliced turkey sandwich, Tuscan bean soup with chicken and sausage and crackers, peach slices, cookie

**Tuesday - March 19** - Beef chop suey, whole grain rice, Oriental blend veggies, pineapple, carrot cake

### CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

**Wednesday - March 13** - Ham, baby potatoes, carrots and cabbage, rye bread, Luck O' the Irish applesauce jello

**Wednesday - March 20** - Chicken bread, mushrooms and bacon sauce, brown rice, brussel sprouts, apple slices, fudgy black bean brownie

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

**Thursday - March 14** - Sloppy joe sandwich, scalloped potatoes, cucumber salad, banana, milk, pudding

**Thursday - March 21** - Pork chop, sweet potatoes, corn, bread with butter, milk, pound cake with strawberries

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

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

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

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

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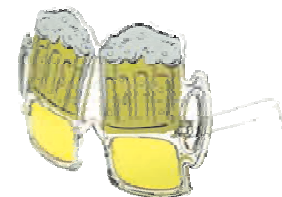
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Patients will probably hear me say very frequently that our body adapts to what we ask of it, and I am always amazed at how much further our body can be challenged.

Stay tuned as Doctor Gus Greife covers his other three recommendations, sleep, diet, and stress management!

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## Thank Yous and Personals

*I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the February election for school board. I appreciate it. I ask for your continued support in the next election.*

Thank You,  
Dawn Jakubiec

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Thank You to everyone that came out to vote for me in the primary School Board Election. Because of your support I am advancing to the next election on April 2nd to determine the next school board member for the Crandon School District

Sincerely,  
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**Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances**

Workshop explores preparing finances for dementia diagnosis

The Alzheimer's Association® is offering an education workshop covering tips for managing finances, how to prepare for future care costs, and the benefits of early planning. If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. This workshop provides a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be informed.

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- Offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

In the United States alone, more than 6 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. However, no one has to face this disease alone or without information.

The Managing Money workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at the ADRC of Oneida County (100 Keenan Street, Rhinelander) from 1:00-2:30pm.

To learn more about this program, or to register (registration is appreciated), please contact Julie St. Pierre at 715.352.4091 or jstpierre@alz.org. Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1.800.272.3900 or through this link: <https://bit.ly/ManagingMoneyMarch19>.

**Pearson-Pickerel Lions Scholarships**

Pearson-Pickerel Lions are again offering scholarships to high school seniors in the Pickerel area. For an application, email [PearsonPickerelLions@gmail.com](mailto:PearsonPickerelLions@gmail.com) or check with your guidance counselor. Deadline is March 17th.

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# Bids & Notices

## Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

President Chad Albrecht **Called the Regular Meeting to Order** at 5:30 PM. Present: Chad Albrecht, Samantha Hoffman, Melissa McLaughlin, Hope Gilligan, Larry Palubicki, Jason Bertrand, Tiffany Pakulski, and Lynsey Siggelkow to take notes. Ken Carroll arrived at 6:15. There were 12 guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Meeting called to order by Chad Albrecht at 5:30 p.m.

Chad Albrecht led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda amended to change date of meeting from February 14 to February 21. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the **Agenda** with the changes. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):**

Nothing Discussed.

**Consent Agenda** - Motion by Gilligan, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**A. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Announcement**

Mr. Bertrand announced Cameron Sorenson as Valedictorian and Rylee Yaeger as Salutatorian for the 23-24 graduating class.

**B. Senior Class Trip Final Approval**

Seniors presented a finalized itinerary and budget. Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve of the Senior Class Trip as presented. McLaughlin abstained from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

**C. Prom Update**

Mandi Stamper informed the Board of prom details.

**D. AGR Report**

Larry Palubicki presented the AGR Report.

**E. Staffing Discussion 2024-2025**

Discussion regarding the need to fill a M/S science teacher position. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hoffman to approve the posting of a M/S Science position. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**F. 2024-2025 School Calendar**

Larry Palubicki presented the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion by Gilligan, seconded by Hoffman to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**G. Project Updates**

Tiffany Pakulski presented possible project updates with accompanying quotes from bids received. Projects would be completed in the upcoming summer.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the elementary classroom cabinet and flooring remodel as bidded. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Gilligan to approve the business education classroom cabinet and flooring remodel as bidded. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Gilligan, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Smith Concrete bid for improvements of (1) storm drain; (2) Option 2 presented for dugouts; (3) curb at handicap entrance; (4) retaining wall; and (5) Entrance A. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by McLaughlin to approve of door quotes #412905, 412909 and 412906 to replace the main entrance door, small gym doors and Door B. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**H. Commencement Speaker Update**

Senior class has not decided yet.

**I. January Pupil Count**

Mr. Palubicki presented the January Pupil Count to the Board.

**J. NEOLA Update Vol. 33 No. 1 and Technical Corrections Vol. 33 No. 1**

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hoffman to approve of the language changes as presented. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**K. NLC Board of Education Spring Meeting**

The meeting will take place May 9, at Water's Edge, starting at 5:00 p.m.

**L. Co-Curricular Resignations**

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Carroll to approve the resignations of Nate Gilpin as 7th grade girls basketball coach, Dan Moravec as assistant football coach, Craig Kochendorfer as junior high golf coach, Andy Ostrowski as 7th grade girls basketball coach, Ryan Nelson as middle school football coach, and Chad Albrecht as 8th grade girls basketball coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**M. Co-Curricular Hires**

After returning from closed, motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Carroll to approve the hiring of Andy Ostrowski as 7th grade girls basketball coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

After returning from closed, motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the hiring of Dan Moravec as high school head football coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

After returning from closed, motion by Hoffman, seconded by Carroll to approve the hiring of Ryan Nelson as assistant high school football coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**N. Daycare Position**

After returning from closed, motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the hiring of Raeleen Worth for the part time daycare position. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**O. HUDL Purchase**

Larry Palubicki presented information on HUDL, a camera system for sporting events.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

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

Larry Palubicki submitted a written **District Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link. Attendance for January was at 89%.

**Committee Reports**

The Wellness Committee and School Forest Committee both held meetings.

**Board Member Reports**

The Board thanked all staff members for successful Parent/Teacher Conferences. Congratulations to Brady and Reegan for making it to State, and congratulations to all who made it to Sectionals. The Board congratulated Valedictorian Cam Sorenson and Salutatorian Rylee Yaeger.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Gilligan 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 governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried with Albrecht, McLaughlin, Carroll, Gilligan and Hoffman voting yes.

**After Returning to Open Session, the following actions were taken:**

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Carroll to approve the hiring of Andy Ostrowski as 7th grade girls basketball coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the hiring of Dan Moravec as high school head football coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Carroll to approve the hiring of Ryan Nelson as assistant high school football coach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the hiring of Raeleen Worth for the part time daycare position. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried 5-0. (8:26 p.m.)

### School District of Wabeno Area Child Development Day

Wabeno Elementary will be holding Child Development screenings on Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 3:30-5:30 and Friday, April 5, 2024 from 12:00-3:30 at the Elementary School. You and your child, ages 2 1/2 to 4 years, are invited to attend. As a parent or guardian, we understand you want the very best for your child. We are excited to assist in this beginning phase of your child's school experience.

During this screening, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to find answers about your child's development and general well-being, as well as developmental resources for your family. Current play date attendees do not need to sign up as we have already gotten to know your child through our playdate program.

To register your child for developmental screening, please call Wabeno Elementary at 715.473.3633 by March 22. Please allow for approximately 30 minutes for your child's screening.

**\*\*ATTENTION UPCOMING 4K FAMILIES\*\***  
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### Laona Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 • 5:30 p.m.  
Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Samantha Hoffman
3. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Bills and Claims
  - B. Meeting Minutes
6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
  - A. Co-Op Meeting Agenda
  - B. Kitchen Administrative Review
  - C. DPI School Inspection Report - Kitchen
  - D. Co-Curricular Resignation
  - E. Mental Health Student Leadership Summit
  - F. Future Health Professionals Conference
7. Informational Items:
  - A. Business Manager's Report
  - B. Middle/High School Principal's Report
  - C. District Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report
  - D. Committee Reports
  - E. 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.

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## Crandon High School hosts 7th Annual Career Fair



Lt. Ryan Wilson of the Crandon Police Department spoke to students about a career pathway in law enforcement.

The School District of Crandon welcomed more than 80 different entities from all over the state of Wisconsin on Wednesday, February 28, as it hosted its 7th annual career fair. Students from Crandon Middle and High School were able to attend the career fair along with students who travelled to the event from Elcho, Three Lakes, Wabeno, Laona and Goodman-Armstrong Creek schools. Organizers estimate as many as 600 students were able to attend informational presentations and visit booths hosted by Wisconsin and Michigan businesses, government and tribal entities as well as technical colleges and universities. In addition, several branches of the military were represented as well.

According to organizer Jessica Keao, a school counselor at Crandon High School, "the career fair gives students a chance to network and learn about potential job opportunities for their future. Whether it be for summer employment or for long term career opportunities, it's a nice opportunity for students to see what's out there". To begin their day, upper-classmen were able to take in two 30-minute presentations put on by guest speakers on a broad range of topics, followed by an hour in the gym to mingle and explore the booths. Crandon student Mavrik Mayer attended the career fair and said his favorite thing to experience was the Channel 12 news booth. Mayer stated, "It was cool to use the green screen and be able to talk to sports reporter Sol Mayer and meteorologist Geoff Weller". Lauren Littleton, also a junior at Crandon, thought it was a great opportunity to "see what colleges are out there and also see what jobs you can work at afterwards".

The career fair is a great example of mutually beneficial collaboration between the educational system and the community. According to stylist Cassidy Votis, "Kate and I were happy to represent Nicole Jean Salon and share our knowledge in the industry that we love with so many students". Craig Deer of Cleereman Industries added, "it was great to be a part of an event that showcases all of the pathways to employment to the students not only in Crandon, but in the surrounding districts as well. This allows businesses like Cleereman Industries a chance to showcase opportunities for success in Northern Wisconsin." Jenny Gretzinger, who along with Amy Krause, represented Parsons of Antigo and Eagle River, has been coming to the career fair since it began, commented that "it's great to see how interested and polite the students are; this year has been the best one yet!"

-Article by Tressa Votis/Photos by Nicole Hansen



Crandon student and Northern Lakes Service employee Marissa Flannery manning the NLS booth at the Career Fair.



A wide-array of booths from local businesses, colleges and the military were present to chat with students about their options after high school.

## WHAT'S TO EAT

**LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT BREAKFAST MENU MARCH 11-15**

**Mon.** - Whole grain cereal, string cheese, peaches, juice  
**Tues.** - No school  
**Wed.** - Hard boiled egg, whole grain toast, peaches, juice, milk  
**Thurs.** - Biscuit and gravy, pineapple, juice, milk  
**Fri.** - Whole grain cereal, yogurt cup, assorted fruit, juice

**Wabeno School Breakfast Menu March 11 - 15**

**Monday** - Early risers, kiwi, fruit juice, milk  
**Tuesday** - No School  
**Wednesday** - Muffins, oranges, fruit juice, milk  
**Thursday** - Belgium waffles, sausage patty, strawberries, fruit juice, milk  
**Friday** - Breakfast pizza, pears, fruit juice, milk

**LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH MENU MARCH 11-15**

**Mon.** - Scalloped potatoes and ham, carrots, applesauce, breadstick  
**Tues.** - No school  
**Wed.** - Breaded chicken patty, whole grain bun, cheesy broccoli, grapes, lettuce, tomato, bug bites  
**Thurs.** - Nachos grande, corn, pineapple, garden bar  
**Fri.** - Pizza dippers, marinara sauce, mixed vegetable, strawberry, rice krispy bar

**Wabeno School Lunch Menu March 11 - 15**

**Monday** - Chicken patties, garden vegetable pasta, mixed vegetables, apple slices, garden bar, milk  
**Tuesday** - No School  
**Wednesday** - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, broccoli, apple crisp, garden bar, milk  
**Thursday** - Hot ham & cheese, chips, green beans, berry cups, garden bar, milk  
**Friday** - Asian rice bowl, chicken/shrimp, oriental vegetable, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk

## Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

Another hallmark of Wisconsin's El Niño winters is the erratic nature of snowfall patterns. While El Niño typically correlates with reduced snowfall in the region, it does not guarantee a snow-free season. Instead, Wisconsin may witness sporadic snowstorms interspersed with stretches of unseasonably warm weather, leading to a patchwork of snow cover across the landscape. For winter sports enthusiasts and businesses reliant on snow-related tourism, such variability poses challenges in planning and operations.

The implications of Wisconsin's weird El Niño winter extend beyond recreational activities to the agricultural sector. While milder temperatures can mitigate some of the challenges associated with winter farming, such as frost damage, they also disrupt the natural rhythms of plant growth and pest populations. Farmers must navigate the uncertainty of fluctuating weather conditions, adjusting their practices and timing accordingly to optimize yields and minimize losses.

Wisconsin's diverse ecosystems are intricately linked to the state's winter climate, making them particularly sensitive to El Niño-induced fluctuations.

Wildlife species may experience disruptions in migration patterns, breeding cycles, and habitat availability, impacting populations at various trophic levels. Moreover, changes in snow cover and temperature regimes can alter the composition and dynamics of plant communities, with cascading effects on associated fauna and ecosystems.

As Wisconsin grapples with the challenges posed by its weird El Niño winter, adaptation and resilience emerge as critical strategies for mitigating risks and maximizing opportunities. Building climate-smart infrastructure, implementing adaptive agricultural practices, and fostering ecosystem resilience can help buffer the state against the impacts of future climate variability.

## For Old Times Sake



This is the Catholic Church in North Crandon, or Argonne after 1921. The building is no longer a church, but is still standing in decent shape. What is interesting, is that the church was built before there was a street built. Notice that the congregation went to church on board sidewalks, and that the sidewalk in the foreground would have stopped horse or car traffic to the front of the church. Makes you wonder what kind of political battle it was to get the town to put the street in.

# NOTICE

The Town of Townsend will have an informational meeting regarding the plans for an addition & renovation of the existing town hall. Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Town Hall.

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**Area students compete in Nicolet College High School Competition Day**

Hundreds of students competed in the Nicolet College High School Competition Day on March 1, 2024.

Over 200 students from 12 Northwoods high schools were invited to campus for the day-long event including Crandon, Goodman, Elcho, Lakeland Union, Laona, Mercer, Northland Pines, Rhinelander, School of Options and Applied Research (SOAR), Three Lakes, Tomahawk and Wabeno High Schools.

Students went head-to-head to compete in 15 different areas in their program of choice, ranging from culinary to ceramics to cosmetology, and everything in between. The event was an opportunity for students to visit the Nicolet College campus and enjoy a day of fun competition.

Winners were awarded prizes and bragging rights! In addition, four students won scholarships from the Nicolet College Foundation.

The first-place winners of each competition are as follows:

**Hands-On Business Jeopardy** – Ian Mouw, Kaya Szews, Jenna Erikson, Traeton Fogerty and Jared Kaufman (Three Lakes High School)

**Physiology & Biology** – Sarah Marshall and Nicole Brunette (Rhinelander High School)

**Beauty Behind the Madness** – Rachael Reilly (Tomahawk High School)

**Reading to Children** – Olivia England (Lakeland Union High School)

**Crime Scene Investigation** – Mason Waters and Hayden Flanders (Lakeland Union High School)

**Ceramics** – Lovey VanZile (Laona High School)

**Still Life Drawing Competition** – Emma Hinton (Northland Pines High School)

**Public Safety Challenge** – Lydia Ziert, Caleb VanDeWeerd and Montgomery Framke (Tomahawk High School)

**Health Occupations Mind & Body Challenge** – Lily Palubicki, Ava Cebe, Matthew Jahnke, Alayna McCorkle (Crandon High School)

**Automotive Technician** – Team winners: Tyler Miller, Ben Letsinger and Breydon Peterson; Individual winner: Tyler Miller (Northland Pines High School)

**Flash Fiction** – Kael Oates (Tomahawk High School)

**Build a Website** – Samuel Kurth and Samuel Nelson (Tomahawk High School)

**Robot Pickup and Place Competition** – Cameron Schmidt, Mika Rempp and Liam Jelinski (Lakeland Union High School)

**Cupcake Challenge** – Hailey Connor, Walker Winkelman, Timber Cronauer and Colten Cooper (Laona High School)

**Welding Competition** – Individual winner: Brett Borchardt (Tomahawk High School); Team winners: Conner Lawrence and Ryan Schunk (Crandon High School)

The Nicolet College Foundation scholarship winners are as follows: John Groat, Tomahawk High School; Laynee Dwight, Goodman High School; Krystal Moddie, Goodman High School; Hayden Flanders-Holcombe, Lakeland Union High School

## Dining & Entertainment

# Senolihh's Bar

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**Dear Governor Evers,**

As members of the Legislature who represent portions of Northern Wisconsin, we're respectfully asking you to work with the United States Small Business Administration to properly declare an economic injury disaster area for our areas of that state that are experiencing substantial economic injuries due to the lack of snow.

During the winter months, our Northern Wisconsin economy relies primarily on the tourism industry. From restaurants to lodging, and everything in between, our constituents need snow to attract the tremendous influx of traffic that comes with the snowmobiling season. When people visit our neck of the woods in the winter time, they aren't just renting snowmobiles and hitting the trails, they're staying in our hotels, eating in our restaurants, buying from our stores, and keeping the dollars flowing throughout the season. The lack of snow this year has left a tremendous hardship on our small businesses, which has the potential to destroy our Northwoods economy.

The United States Small Business Administration, upon the acceptance of a declared disaster area, can offer Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses, small agriculture cooperatives, and most private nonprofit organizations. These loans provide the necessary working capital to help small businesses that are impacted by a disaster survive until normal operations resume. With generous terms and maturity options, these Economic Injury Disaster Loans could make or break our northern communities.

We appreciate you taking this request into consideration. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Senator Mary Felzkowski 12th Senate District  
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**Asian Pulled Pork Power Bowl-** Asian Pulled Pork served on a bed of white rice with fresh cucumbers, Daikon (Japanese White Radishes), Jalapeno, Pickled Carrotes, Peanuts and Fresh Cilantro with side of Asian Souce.

**Reuben Pretzel Slider-** Sliced Corn Beef, Fresh Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese with Thousand Island, served on two Pretzel Buns, served with chips and pickle, upgrade to Fries.

**Homemade Orange Chicken-** Homemade Hand Dipped Tempura Chicken Breast, Fresh Orange, Sweet Chili, Red Pepper Flakes on white rice.

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**Aspirus seeks participants for worldwide cardiovascular disease Clinical Trial**

Aspirus Research Institute is seeking participants for a clinical study that has the potential to improve future treatment options for people living with cardiovascular disease. If you have had a heart attack or stroke, or have poor circulation, you may be eligible for the study.

The REDEFINE 3 Study will look at the safety and potential benefits of cagrilintide and semaglutide (CagriSema) on cardiovascular events, like heart attack and stroke, in people living with cardiovascular disease. During the study, researchers will track cardiovascular events (heart attack, stroke, or heart-related deaths) as well as changes in body weight and A1C.

**Participants may qualify if they:**

- Had a stroke, heart attack, or have poor circulation (peripheral artery disease)
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- Have type 2 diabetes
- Can have chronic kidney disease
- Can attend regular clinic visits and receive phone calls over 4 - 4.5 years, depending on study start date

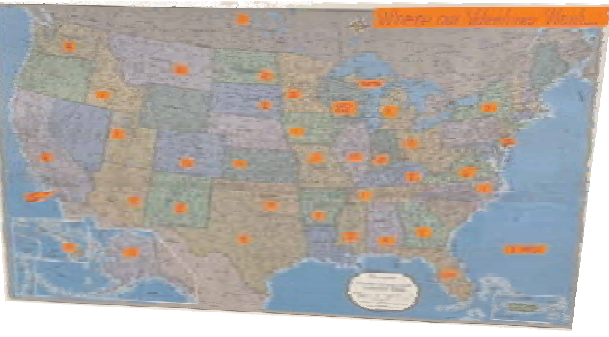
The study sponsor, Novo Nordisk, expects the study to last up to 4.5 years and enroll 7,000 participants in the United States and across the world.

"We are honored to be selected and participate in this important clinical trial that applies the latest research discoveries to help advance medicine," said Aspirus study principal investigator, Interventional Cardiologist, German Larrain, MD. "Study participants can know they are helping others by contributing to this important research."

All patients enrolled in the REDEFINE 3 study will be followed closely for up to four and a half years. There are no costs associated with participation and patients are reimbursed for all study-related visits.

For more information about the REDEFINE 3 study, please contact visit [aspirus.org/redefine3](http://aspirus.org/redefine3) or call Aspirus Research Institute at 715.847.2273.





## Valentines for Veterans at Wabeno Elementary 2024

Wabeno Elementary School has been putting our hearts into the Valentines for Veterans Project for over 20 years. This project started out small with submitted names and addresses and has grown over the years. We asked for names to be sent in on the back of our 'purple calendar' and now we include the local newspaper and our Facebook page to advertise the project. We still have some of those first submitted names on our list! Our local Legion Post gives us their membership list so we have the up-to-date addresses for the men and women that have connections to Wabeno. We appreciate the American Legion Post #44 for your help with this project! They also bring in and serve ice cream and cookies to the students and staff at the elementary school in appreciation for the time and effort put into this project.

The veterans that come in to serve the treats like to touch base with the student that made their card. This year, we sent out 1,024 Valentines for Veterans cards. Thankfully, only a handful of those have come back for an address change or a little detective work. These cards have been received in 34 states in the United States, 1 APO address, and 1 in Canada. We have sent or dropped off to the veterans in nursing homes at Iron Mountain, Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, Suring, Lakewood, and Blackwell. The All Women Membership Veterans of American Legion Post #539 in Green Bay receives cards from Wabeno Elementary School also. The ladies really appreciate us thinking of them. It is also good for the students when they receive a card or letter back from a female veteran reminding them that men and women both serve in the military.

Along with the 1,024 Valentines for Veterans made by the 4K through 5th Grade along with some help from Miss Ohloff's FCE classes, the Kindergarten students lent a finger to make heart prints on one side of a bookmark valentine delivered to Chaplain Erik Neider by his parents, Sue and Howie Neider of Wabeno. Chaplain Neider is working with the Marines at this time and hand delivered 800 Valentine for Veterans Bookmark valentines to the personnel that he works with at Camp Pendleton. They were out at 29 Palms on training and drills when he handed them out on the last day. They were very happy to receive them and sent pictures and thanks to our Facebook page. We even received one note from a mother after her son let her know how much that simple valentine touched his heart.

We sincerely hope that we have been showing our love and gratitude to the men and women that have given their all for the freedom of each and every one of us. We appreciate our Veterans for your sacrifice and service for our country. We appreciate everyone who donated to this project to get the Valentines delivered to these men and women.



Our local veterans provided a wonderful ice cream social in appreciation of all the students' hard work.

### Evers Vetoes Middle Class Tax Cuts

#### Wants to keep your surplus tax dollars in Madison

Madison, WI – On Friday afternoon, Governor Evers vetoed three of the four GOP middle class tax cut bills, confirming what we already knew - he believes your surplus tax dollars are better spent by bureaucrats in Madison, instead of returned to Wisconsin families who are struggling to keep up with federal inflation.

Throughout this session, the GOP-controlled Legislature has been working on different proposals that would return hard-earned tax dollars back to Wisconsin families, who can decide how to spend them based on their own particular household needs. The Governor has continued to veto every tax cut that has reached his desk with an overarching message that it targets too high of an income - claiming the true middle class are families making less than \$150,000. In the most recent tax cut plan, the Legislature addressed his concerns and targeted it towards families making less than \$150,000. Governor Evers took it upon himself to once again veto these cuts and keep that money in Madison.

Senator Felzkowski commented: "When the state has a surplus and we're discussing tax cuts, we have to remember that we're specifically talking about money that does not belong to the state - these are your hard-earned tax dollars that are sitting in an account in Madison. In an effort to get those dollars out the door and back into your family budgets, we drafted four bills that would cut income taxes for families making less than \$150,000; exempt up to \$150,000 of retirement income from income taxes; increase the married couple credit; and expand the child and dependent care credit. The Governor made the unilateral decision that middle class families - including single moms who make \$28,000, retired Wisconsinites, and married couples - are doing just fine and don't need tax relief. Frankly, that's a slap in the face to the majority of Wisconsin."

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