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### Townsend Festival Association donates to the community



Cindy Bronold President of the Townsend Festival Association presented a check to Scott Wycherley President of the Christian Food Pantry, above and to Townsend Fire Chief Dawn Herlache, below.

The Association donates to help the local community.



### **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 Icc@co.forest.wi.us.

Did you know Pollinators are responsible for helping aid in over 80% of the world's flowering plants reproduce, along with wind and water? Without pollinators, animals and humans would not have much food at all, or beautiful flowers to enjoy.

Pollinators are animals that move pollen from the male structures (anthers) of a flower to the female structure (stigma) of the same plant species. Pollinators include species of ants, bats, bees, beetles, birds, butterflies, moths, and wasps. In Wisconsin, our common pollinators include the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee, Monarch and Karner Blue butterflies and the Silphium Borer Moth. Most of our pollinators are state and federally protected species. Pollinators have been facing catastrophic threats such as habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation. In Wisconsin, these losses threaten our wildflowers, ecosystems, our many natural areas, and of course, our crops. As landowners our help is needed by these pollinators more than ever. More than 85% of Wisconsin's landscape are under private ownership. Planting native plants in our woodlands and openings creates habitat, feeds insects and helps our pollinators. You can review Native Plants for Beginners for a list of species in Wisconsin to grow throughout the year. You can also chose to be specific in planting for Monarchs and Birds in Wisconsin. Landowners can apply for The Seed A Legacy Pollinator Habitat Program through the Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund, which works with private and public landowners and managers to establish high-quality pollinator habitat to improve the health of honey bees, Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators in a 12-state region throughout the Midwest. The Spring Deadline has passed, but you can apply for a Fall 2020 project.

### Time to enjoy the Northwoods!



Waiting for your canoe!

It is shaping up to be a quiet summer in the Northwoods. We have carried numerous articles about summer events that have been put on hold until the summer of 2021 due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The 4th of July festivities won't be happening in any of our communities. Events like Community Soup in Laona aren't happening, along with the Kentuck Day celebration in Crandon and the Kentuck Klassic Car Show. The list goes on, but there are things to do in the Northwoods!

We are blessed with lakes and streams in abundance, and there will be fishing, swimming, water skiing and other water sports.

For those who own a shotgun or a variety of shotguns, there are gun ranges open. The Padus Gun Club shoots on Tuesday evenings, and new shooters are always welcome. Crandon also has trap shooting at the Brush Run grounds just west of Crandon, and trap shooters gather there on Thursday evenings. The sporting clays range at Heritage Hunt Club, in Laona, is open whenever you get some shooters together and call KJ to schedule a shoot. There are also rifle ranges at the Padus club and just east of Crandon across from Bear Road. You might get the dust off that .22 that you haven't fired for a few years or improve your pistol shooting.

A ride around the countryside with a camera to try for that great wildlife photo is also a possibility. This can be tougher to do than you think, but even if you don't get that perfect deer or eagle shot, you will have looked at some great scenery.

Restaurants are opening up to indoor seating with proper distancing between customers, as are bars. The specialty shops around the area are also open, usually with limits to the amount of customers at one time, but still there for a shopping experience.

Hopefully, this plague on the land will subside sooner rather than later, and in the meantime, let us make the most of it!



### 34 cases of Covid-19 confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed one additional person has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 34 cases in Forest County. The individual is linked to the current public health investigation with The Bay at Nu-Roc.

We continue to work closely with The Bay at Nu-Roc leadership and staff, along with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease, Division of Quality Assurance, and Emergency Management to ensure all appropriate measures are in place to keep the residents and staff safe and healthy. We continue to work with these state departments for assistance with staffing, securing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), coordinating testing efforts, and ensuring all proper infection control practices are in place.

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, and stay alert for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms, 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 with current COVID-19 case counts. This will include the number of negative and positive cases in Forest County. Please call our office

### Reducing stigma and coping with stress during Covid-19

#### By the Forest County Health Dept.

Public health emergencies and infectious disease outbreaks, like COVID-19, can be very stressful for individuals and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can lead to social stigma toward people, places, or things. Stigma and discrimination can occur when people associate a disease, such as COVID-19, with a population or nationality, certain professions, like healthcare workers and emergency responders, and towards a person after they have been released from COVID-19 isolation even though they are not considered a risk for spreading the virus to others.

This stigma hurts everyone by creating fear or anger towards other people. It can greatly affect the emotional and mental health of those groups being stigmatized along with the communities in which they live. Everyone can help stop stigma associated with COVID-19 by sharing these facts with others:

• For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID is thought to be low

• Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity

• Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy like, washing your hands, staying home when you are sick, covering your cough and sneeze, avoiding large gatherings, and practicing physical distancing
 You can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms and getting tested if you have any symptoms or have been identified as a close contact of a positive case.

### You can read the Pioneer online

at pioneerexpresscrandon.com

### Not for everyone, but social distancing is not a problem! Catholic United Financial awards scholarship to Morgan Mattern

Congratulations and best wishes are extended from Catholic United Financial to the young scholar Morgan Mattern of Wabeno.

Since 1955, Catholic United has supported more than 5,000 of our members with scholarships to help defray the costs of tuition and expenses of post-high school education. This year, the association awarded more than \$150,000. Scholarship recipients range in age from 17 to 44 and will attend college, trade school or a diploma program in the fall of 2020. Stopping stigma and helping yourself and others cope with stress is important in making communities and community members stronger and resilient. Some ways to cope with stress during this difficult time include:

• Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.

• Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate, try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol and drugs.

• Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.

• Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

For more information visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-lifecoping/reducing-stigma.html or call the Forest County Health Department with any questions or concerns at 715-478-3371. PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 02, JUNE 15, 2020

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# THANK YOU!

The Crandon High School Class of 2020 would like to thank everyone involved in the Senior banners project on main street as well as the drive-thru graduation that took place on May 30th.

Although not a traditional graduation, we truly appreciated the efforts that were put forth to make the day special for us. Thank you to Crandon School District, Crandon School Administration, and the Class of 2020 advisors for your help in planning the drive-thru ceremony. Thank you to the entire community of Crandon for the overwhelming support during our parades down mainstreet. Thank you also for the wonderful tribute made with the banners on each lamp post. Thank you to K2 Pro Signs/Craig Kircher and Kain Kulinski for designing and making the banners. Thank you to Nicole Hanson for donating her time to take pictures during the drive-up graduation. Thank you to the city workers - Jeremy, Mike and Riley for hanging the brackets and banners. Thank you to all of the generous donors that made this incredible experience possible including Crandon International Off Road Raceway, Tri County Heating and Cooling, Tim and Cindy Bahr, Crandon Educational Support Staff Jean Fund, Forest County Stop the Dealing! Start the Healing (Jorge Cisneros), Forest County Chamber of Commerce, Crandon Lions Club, Palubicki's Eats & Treats, Yeti's Drive-In, Covantage Credit Union, Jamie & Nancy Conway, Mark & Carol Daniels, Nevaeh Salon/Kim Colburn, Beaver Votis, Shauna McIntosh, Joseph & Agnes Shokto Brown, Bruce Okrasinski & Tia Shampo, Dennee Food Service/John & Linda Dennee, Michael & Jane Gruett, Lois & David Hoppe, Jodi & Jeff Jaeger, Christine Kincaid, Ron & Winnie Krueger, Jarod & Tina Littleton, Palubicki Construction, Pickerel Auto Body, Samz Concrete, Breed & Deanna Shepard, Kimberlee Soldier, Andee Eastman, Bob & Irene Keller, Childers Appraisals, Kurt & Jessica Keao, Dave & Sally Lyons, Charles McGeshick, Ike & Ashley Palubicki, Pitts Bus Service, Sue Reeder, Tony Smith & Emy Belland, Darold & Gloria Spencer, Associated Bank - Crandon Branch, Micah & Michelle Dewing, Joe & Melissa Jahnke, Jason Brown, Gene & Sue Carlson, Keith Eveland, Luke & Merilynn Flannery, Jim & Anna Gumm, Joe & Agnes Keller, Rob & Stacey McCorkle, Northern Lakes Custom Builders, Lana Palubicki, LB & Terri Palubicki, David & Donna Polkoski, Neil & Jean Schallock, Chrystal Turra & Patrick Kegley, Kay Coates, Janet Bartz, Mary Cochrane, Daniel and Jean Culbertson, Denise Eveland, Jim & Kami Geske, Rob & Lori Jaeger, Eric & Mary LeMaster, Jake & Erin Mayer, Linda McMillon, Rick & Sue Mullins, Scott Poler, Dave & Sue Pratt, Craig & Tanya Schallock, Eric & Cara Shepherd, Larry & Krystal Statezny, Mike & Brandy Ginter, Jack & Mary Jensen, and Rick & Vicki Larson. Your support and generosity to create this once in a lifetime experience for us will never be forgotten.

## Thank Yous and Personals

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### CONGRATULATIONS WABENO CLASS OF 2020

Wabeno Area Chamber of Commerce wants to thank all those involved in making this strange, unprecedented year a special one for the graduating seniors. The smiles on their faces during the parade were priceless! HUGE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

**\*SENIOR BANNERS ON LIGHT POLES\*:** 

Student Council

Scooter Shaffer & Brad Champine for putting them up

\*LAWN SIGNS BY BANDSHELL\*:

Wabeno Area Chamber

Kylie Higgins

Dick Morrison for mowing around them.

Dawn and Tony Jakubiec

**Roller Booster Club** 

**Michelle Boor** 

Class of 2020

PRAYER TO SACRED HEART AND ST. JUDE May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Loved, Glorified, and Preserved throughout the World now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, Pray for us. St, Jude, help of the hopeless, Pray for us. St. Jude, protect of children, Pray for us. P10



\*THE GRADUATION DAY PARADE\*: 3 Ladies who got the ball rolling - Raletta Ashbeck, Emy Belland & Debbie Fronek



 Wabeno Fire Dept
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 Laona Rescue Squad
 Townsend Rescue Squad

 Laona Fire Dept
 Forest County Sheriff's Dept

#### **\*THE GRADUATE'S GOODY BAG\*:**

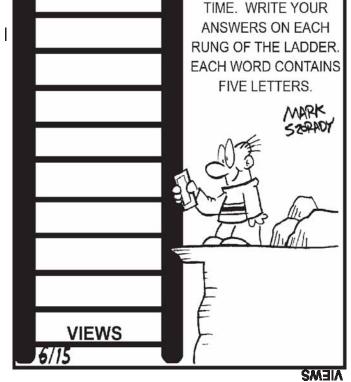
Debbie Fronek	Lakewood Super Valu
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Marilyn's Greenhouse	Tony's Redi Mix
Nicolet Plastics	Tony & Emy Smith
Mike's Supermarket	Sweet Memories Candy Shop
Nicolet Pharmacy	Krist Oil- Wabeno
Northern D'lites	Jean Kerscher

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The Chamber wants to give a special shout out to Debbie Fronek for all her hard work on designing the yard signs for The Chamber and graduate's goody bags!!

And Thank You to the Wabeno Town Board for letting us put the banners and yard signs up in town.

In times like these , everyone coming together and showing their support for these graduates is very much appreciated !



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## **Death Notices**



Patricia Joan (Kincaid) Kirker was born June 19, 1936, in Crandon, Wisconsin to Ruth Elizabeth (Sharpe) and Olanzo Kincaid. The second of five children, she grew up in the city of Crandon to a family that raised their own food (chickens, cows for milk, fresh fruits, and fresh vegetables) and always had an extra place at the table for those in need.

Joan, as she is known to most, started working in Carpenter's grocery store in Crandon and then the A & P Store. When the last baby was born, she also worked at Twist Drill and eventually retired from the USDA. In addition, she taught Sunday school, participated in the ladies group at the Methodist Church, assisted with many Christmas programs, subbed in the Crandon Elementary lunchroom, and worked with the Lucky Badgers 4-H group.

At a barn dance in 1956, she met Ken Kirker by accident and pure luck. A gentleman kept asking her to dance, and she refused. She finally said, "I'm with him" and pointed at the stranger sitting next to her. And the rest, as they say, is history. They married later in 1956.

The newlyweds lived for several years in the city of Crandon before buying the farm in 1965 from Ed and Freida Wagner. Here she continued to cultivate a large garden using the heirloom seeds from her greatgrandfather who brought them from Kentucky. They lived at the farm for 55 years, surviving one house fire in town and one at the farm.

Along the way, they had five children: Katherine Ruth, Kenneth Arthur, Patricia Lynn, Alicia Ann, and Mary Beth. They have 12 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren. They always had room for one more at the table and grandkids spent many a weekend, vacation, or summer at their home entertaining them with farm chores and gardening.

Joan will join in heaven her parents, brother Lonn; sister, Sharon, great-grandson Austin, and many other friends and family. She is survived by sisters Ruby Bourdon and Carol Janikowski, her husband of over 63 years Ken, and all five of their children, Katherine Carpenter, Ken (Belinda), Patricia, Alicia (Grant) Bradley, and Mary Beth (Dave) Desens, as well as grandchildren Jeff (Katie) Carpenter, Elizabeth (Tom) Fischer, Nora Houghton, Jason (Drew) Kirker, Zach Kirker, Christina Garcia, Joshua West, Josh (Sarah) Bradley, Keith (Darcy) Bradley, Katelin Bradley, Ty Bradley, as well as 14 greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 26, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Crandon. Funeral services will follow at 12:30 p.m. with Pastor Adam Woods officiating. Interment will be at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com



**Beverly Jeanne Scheuerman**, was called home by her Heavenly Father on June 5, 2020 at the age of 92. Bev was born in Aurora, IL on July 17, 1927 to Herman & Lydia Stoffregen of Glen Ellyn, IL. Bev graduated from Wauconda High School in 1946 and was employed by Illinois Bell Telephone Co. in their North **Division Revenue Accounting** department in Chicago until her marriage to Mel Scheuerman on May 15, 1948. They lived one year in Zion, IL before moving to Waukegan, IL where their first son Gary was born in 1950. They later moved to Silver Cliff, WI where they built a new home and raised their 5 sons. Bev was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings; Calvin, Donald, and Marjory; her husband Mel and one son, Dale. She is survived by Gary & Mary Scheuerman of Silver Cliff, Donald Scheuerman (Marcy Hennessy) of Townsend, Gerald & Patty Scheuerman of Lakewood, Lee Scheuerman (Joleen Houts) of Wabeno, 8 Grandchildren, Lisa, Carrie (Rich), Jake (Melissa), Stacy (Dean), Angela, Melissa (Rob), Savannah, and Dana, and 10 Great Grandchildren, Dominik, Vivian & Donovan Prince, Erik Kruchten, Parker, Hadley & Rykar Scheuerman, Dade Marthaler, and Caleb & Colton Maurer. Bev is survived by 3 nieces, Carol Kitchmaster, Shirley Scheuerman, Linda Gross and one nephew, James Stoffregen. She will be missed by her family and her many friends who loved her dearly. The family will greet relatives and friends, Sunday, June 14, 2020 from 9 am until 11 am at their residence, W16424 Deer Trail Lane, Athelstane, WI 54104 (County Highway C to Deer Trail Lane near King Lake). The Funeral Service will be held at 11 am at the residence with Pastor R. Lee Jennings officiating. Interment at Lakewood Forest Cemetery at 10 am Monday. Lloyd A. Fulcer – Funeral Director (715) 473-2541.

#### **Rapp, Susan Carol**

Susie passed away peacefully on June 3, 2020. She is preceded in death by her parents Florence and John Rapp, stepfather Ralph, brother Thomas, best friends Everett Reddick and Pat Exferd and Scott Rodriguez. She is survived by her niece Linda Rapp, great-niece Tina (Nick) Lawrence, great-great nephew Ben, great-great niece Maisy, brother William, amazing friends Cathy Reddick, Mary Prausa, Ann Hagmeyer, Pam Kuczynski, Ruth Benoit, Claude Bowman and Lois Fisher. Also, a special part of her life, and who she considered her children, were Steven Rodriguez (Amy), Sean Rodriguez (Tracy), Deb Rodriguez, and Judy (Mel) Goldbach.

Susie was born in Milwaukee in 1946. After graduating high school, she continued her schooling to work towards a degree in accounting. She worked at Louis Allis until she lost her eyesight and could no longer crunch the numbers. In 1981 Susie and her friends made the move to Townsend, WI, which she called "God's country", to start on a new journey.

Susie had many roles and volunteered in a lot of areas of the town. She volunteered her time at St. Mary's parish where she worked funeral dinners, cleaned, and performed various duties as needed. Another area, which she considered her baby, that she helped to cultivate and incorporate was the Townsend Festival Association. She was the president and treasurer at one point and made it her mission to make sure that Townsend had its place on the map every summer. From baseball tournaments to the biggest fireworks in Wisconsin, she was passionate about making the summer a great one and one that visitors and locals could have a good time. Her voice could be heard far and wide on the PA announcing someone's order from concessions or the countdown to the fireworks.

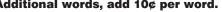
In April of 1991 Susie became the first, and longest running, female Town Chairperson in Townsend. She continued her work in the festival committee as well as helped pave many roads, figuratively and literally, for the town. She got Townsend and four other towns to combine to be the Five Most Northern Towns. This meant that people could conduct many activities without having to travel 60 + miles to do so.

A memorial will take place in Townsend in the fall, guidelines permitting. The family hopes to have a bench made and dedicated to Susie at the ballpark and do something special for her on July 4, 2021, this was her favorite holiday in Townsend. Special thanks to everyone at St. Luke's South Shore for making sure her last moments were not alone and were peaceful. Thanks, as well for all of the calls and texts of kinds words and funny stories. Susie was a talker and a character, and the world will not be the same without her.



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### Safe Summer - Community Covid-19 Message

As we enjoy another beautiful Wisconsin summer, leaders and clinicians at Ascension Wisconsin would like to remind everyone of the care and services available if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Here are ways to can seek care in the Northwood's:

Call your primary care physician first. Unless it is a 1. life-threatening emergency, do not go to an Ascension emergency department or urgent care facility without calling first. Your primary care physician will be able to assess you by phone, or through an online visit and determine the best options for care and testing.

Video chat with a physician 24/7 through 2. Ascension Online Care without leaving home. Ascension is offering online urgent care visits (also called telehealth or telemedicine). No insurance is required. In the online urgent care visit, explain your symptoms and if it is something more, we'll advise you what to do next.

3. Visit healthcare.ascension.org/covid-19 and use the COVID-19 self-assessment tool. This site also includes detailed information about COVID-19 and Ascension resources.

If you are unable to use Ascension Online Care. 4. please call our Ascension Wisconsin dedicated toll-free COVID-19 hotline at 833-981-0711. Our nurses and care teams have the most up-to-date screening information and can guide you to the best options for care and testing.

For individuals experiencing symptoms of a heart attack, stroke, respiratory distress, emergency mental health concerns, or other acute illness or injury, a hospital emergency room is still the safest, most appropriate place to get care. It is critical to not delay care in an emergency dial 9-1-1 immediately.

It's still important to practice safe, everyday preventative actions to limit the spread of COVID-19. This includes:

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a face mask/cloth covering in public places

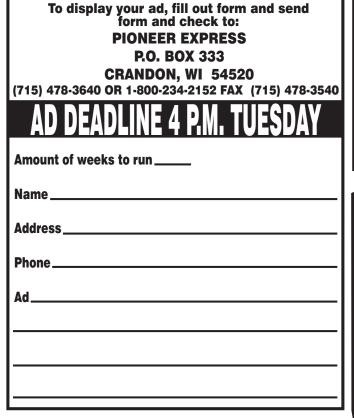
\*\* Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet apart from others

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Susan Moore, MD, is Medical Director of Primary and Specialty Care for the North Region of Ascension Wisconsin.







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## REAL ESTATE



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WANTED- Elderly couple looking to purchase a ranch style home in the City of Crandon. Minimum 2 bed/ 2 bath with an attached garage. Call or text 307-689-9186 P10

Estate Sale at 8026 Hwy 55. House is also for sale if anyone is interested in a tour of the house. Friday, June 12th starting at 2pm -6pm and Saturday, June 13th 8am - 4pm.



It is 1914, and workmen are busy building the new Connor company store after fire destroyed the wooden structure that sat on the same site. These days, people are working diligently to restore the classic old store and put it back to good use for the community. The building to the left is gone now. It was the Gordon Hotel, and is now a grassy park, as is the foreground of this old picture.

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#### **CHILD CARE TEACHER** SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA

We are looking for an enthusiastic, kid-friendly lead teacher in our child care program. The position is full-time. This person should have the qualifications to be a lead teacher. We offer a competitive hourly wage and some benefits. The position is for 40 hours per week and reports directly to the Daycare Director.

To apply for the position, please contact the District Office for an employment application or go to www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/Employment

Opportunities/Employment Applications. Send the application and registry level, along with any recommendations to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane/ P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

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### DNR fish stocking boosts natural fish populations

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continues to boost natural fish populations through stocking to provide anglers with high quality and diverse fishing opportunities.

"From large lakes and rivers to small streams and ponds, Wisconsin has some of the most diverse fishing opportunities in the country," said Justine Hasz, DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management Director. "We are committed to maintaining and sustaining these fishing resources for the use and enjoyment of all anglers and are happy to announce the spring fish stocking numbers."

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the DNR made a variety of short-term management decisions earlier this spring to protect the health and safety of the public and DNR staff. As such, stocking operations have been altered to comply with public health guidelines.

Additional management decisions that were necessary to protect the public, DNR staff, and fishery resources include the temporary suspension of the following operations:

"We realize some of these decisions impact our partners and result in temporary changes to the way we manage our public trust resources," said Hasz. "However, we believe these decisions are necessary to protect our most important resource which is our staff and the public we serve." These suspensions have not impacted Lake Michigan and Lake Superior stocking numbers. Currently, no fish surveys or creel surveys are being conducted. The department recognizes the importance of urban and small pond fishing opportunities. Anglers who normally utilize these resources should contact their local fisheries biologist for alternate fishing locations this year. Normal stocking partnerships and collaborations, fisheries surveys and creel surveys will resume once the public health emergency has subsided. Wisconsin waters continue to offer some of the most diverse and high-quality fishing experiences in the country. Anglers are encouraged to enjoy these fisheries resources responsibly and adhere to the most recent public health and safety guidelines and fishing regulations. Complete Fish Stocking Summaries are available on the DNR fisheries webpage.



3256. Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-

0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-

View the 2020 Spring Fish Numbers As Of May 29, 2020 [PDF] the Bureau of Fisheries Management has safely and efficiently stocked and remaining stocking numbers.

4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). Meals canceled until further notice.

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 Thursday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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

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### **CITY OF CRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT** FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF PACKARD

MAY 2020 CPD Activity Report: 2 - Accident(s) (1 CITATION) 1 - Alarm Call(s) 11 - Animal Incident(s) (1 CITATION) 2 - Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business 15 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. 6 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drug 2 - Assist Rescue 4 - Assist Other Agency 4 - ATV/UTV Incident(s) 1 - Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s) 3 - Civil Matter/Dispute(s) 1 - Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s) 3 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para and/or Poss. (1 ARREST) 5 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (2 ARREST) 1 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance 2 - Fire Complaint(s) (1 ARREST) 1 - Garbage/Littering/Illegal Dumping Incident(s) 4 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s) 16 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls 4 - Noise/Disturb Peace Incident(s) 1 - O.W.I. (1 CITATION ISSUED / 1 ARREST) 1 - Ordinance Violation 1 - Property Damage Complaint(s) 2 - Property Dispute Incident(s) 21 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences 6 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle

- 3 Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
- 1 Tobacco Law Violation (2 CITATIONS)
- 3 Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 1 Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
- 2 Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 1 Unauthorized Use of Vehicle Incident(s)

- 2 Violation of Executive Order
- 2 Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s)
- 2 Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 4 Warning(s) to ATV/UTV Operator(s)/Passenger(s)
- 41 Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)



## By Mark Szorady

### COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 13 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS.

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### IRS warns against COVID-19 fraud; other financial schemes

Chicago, IL The Internal Revenue Service today reminded taxpayers to guard against tax fraud and other related financial scams related to COVID-19.

"In the last few months, the IRS Criminal Investigation division (CI) has seen a variety of Economic Impact Payment (EIP) scams and other financial schemes looking to take advantage of unsuspecting taxpayers. Cl continues to work with law enforcement agencies domestically and abroad to educate taxpayers about these scams and investigate the criminals perpetrating them during this challenging time.

"Criminals seize on every opportunity to exploit bad situations, and this pandemic is no exception," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "The IRS is fully focused on protecting Americans while delivering Economic Impact Payments in record time. The pursuit of those who participate in COVID-19 related scams, intentionally abusing the programs intended to help millions of Americans during these uncertain times, will long remain a significant priority of both the IRS and IRS-CI."

Criminals are continuing to use the COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments as cover for schemes to steal personal information and money. Scams related to COVID-19 are not limited to stealing EIPs from taxpayers, however. CI has already seen scams related to the organized selling of fake at-home test kits, offers to sell fake cures, vaccines, pills and advice on unproven treatments for COVID-19. Other scams purport to sell large quantities of medical supplies through the creation of fake shops, websites, social media accounts and email addresses where the criminal fails to deliver promised supplies after receiving funds.

"Criminals try to take advantage of our most vulnerable times and our most vulnerable populations. But because we have seen many of these criminals and schemes before, we know how to find them and we know how to expose them," said Don Fort, Chief of IRS Criminal Investigation. "And because COVID-19 is a global problem, it requires a global solution. Not only are we leveraging our financial investigative expertise domestically, we are working hand-in-hand with our J5 partners on those COVID-19 cases that cross borders. There truly is no place for criminals to hide."

At the IRS, we take protecting taxpayer money extremely seriously", stated Kathy A. Enstrom, IRS-Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Field Office. "The object of these COVID-19 schemes is to defraud the government and the taxpaying public. IRS Criminal Investigation agents will continue to be on the front lines fighting tax fraud and other financial scams related to COVID-19. When a scheme is detected, we know how to find the fraudsters and expose them; and we are prepared and equipped to do just that."

Other COVID-19 related scams involve setting up fake charities soliciting donations for individuals, groups and areas affected by the disease. Some criminals are offering opportunities to invest early in companies working on a vaccine for the disease promising that the "company" will dramatically increase in value as a result. These promotions are often styled as "research reports," make predictions of a specific "target price," and relate to microcap stocks, or low-priced stocks issued by the smallest of companies with limited publicly available information. Finally, CI has also seen a tremendous increase in phishing schemes utilizing emails, letters, texts and links. These phishing schemes are using keywords such as "Corona Virus," "COVID-19", and "Stimulus" in varying ways. These schemes are blasted to large numbers of people known by the bad actors in an effort to get personally identifying information or financial account information to include account numbers and passwords. Most of these new schemes are actively playing on the fear and unknown of the virus and the stimulus payments.

We encourage the public to report coronavirusrelated (COVID-19) scams to the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or to submitted the schemes through the NCDF Web Complaint Form. The NCDF is a national coordinating agency within the Department of Justice's Criminal Division dedicated to improving the detection, prevention, investigation and prosecution of criminal conduct related to natural and manmade disasters and other emergencies, such as the coronavirus (COVID-19). Hotline staff will obtain information regarding your complaint, which will then be reviewed by law enforcement officials. Taxpayers can also report fraud or theft of their Economic Impact Payments to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). Reports can be made online at TIPS.TIGTA.GOV. TIGTA investigates external attempts to corruptly interfere with federal tax administration, including IRS-related coronavirus scams. Also, taxpayers can always report phishing attempts to the IRS. Those who receive unsolicited emails or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), should forward it to phishing@irs.gov. Taxpayers are encouraged not to engage potential scammers online or on



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Learn more by going to the Report Phishing and Online Scams page on IRS.gov. Official IRS information about the COVID-19 pandemic and economic impact payments can be found on the Coronavirus Tax Relief page on IRS.gov, which is updated frequently.

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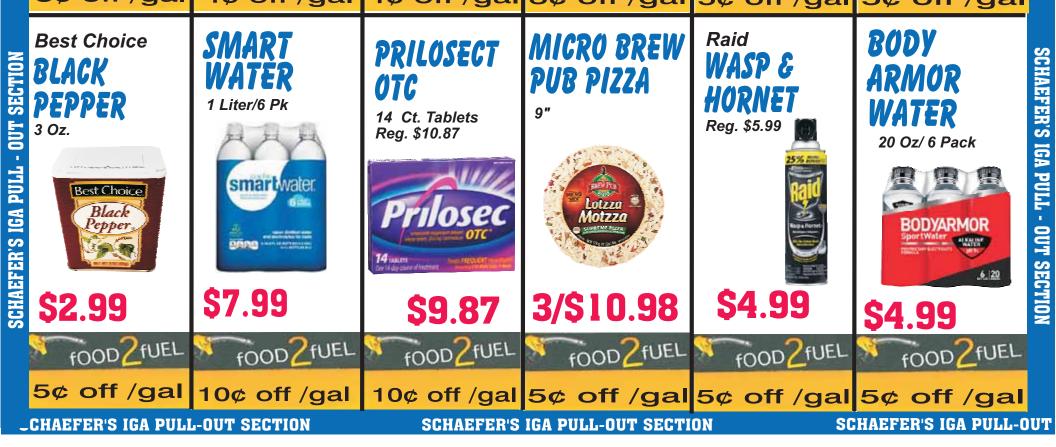
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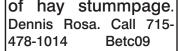
### Nicolet's Three for Free program offers college credits at no cost

Qualifying students attending Nicolet College can now earn three credits for free thanks to a generous donation from the college's insurer, District Mutual Insurance.

To qualify, individuals must be new students at Nicolet and unemployed for any period of time after March 13,

"These are difficult and challenging times for many, and this is yet another opportunity to help individuals looking to better their lives with a college education," said Nicolet Dean of Enrollment Erika Warning-Meyer. "Even in a struggling economy, those with a college education are more likely to keep their jobs. And those who have lost their jobs are more likely to return to work more quickly

than 60 certificates, technical diplomas, or associate's degrees the college offers. Funds will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. To qualify, students must present proof of unemployment, earn a grade of C or better in the class, and must be a new Nicolet student. For more information, and to complete the online application, visit nicoletcollege.edu/threeforfree. Prospective students can also call the college at (715) 365-4493 for more information about this program and to get guidance on the admission and enrollment process. Nicolet also has other financial assistance programs available for both new students and students currently attending Nicolet. This includes the Emergency Student Financial Assistance program for students facing unexpected and immediate financial hardship. Funds from this program, administered by the Nicolet College Foundation, can be used for gas cards, automotive repairs, utility bills, childcare, food, medical care, and other expenses. To apply for student emergency assistance, visit https://nicoletcollege.tfaforms.net/96 or call the college at (715) 365-4493.



Other forms of financial assistance available to students include general scholarships issued by the Foundation and federal financial aid administered by the college's Financial Aid Dept.

For more information about these opportunities, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the college at the phone number above.







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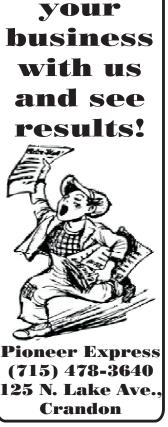
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### EQUIPMENT BID

The School District of Laona has a piece of equipment for sale. If you are interested in placing a bid on the equipment listed below, bids will be accepted until July 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Equipment – 7' x 8' Hobart Walk in Cooler (This unit includes a compressor and condenser)

For further details regarding the specifications of the cooler, please contact John "Gus" Klementz at 715-674-2143 ext. 207. You can set up an appointment with him to review the equipment.

Bids will be opened at the July 13, 2020 board meeting. The winner of the bid will need to remove and pay for the cooler no later than July 17,2020.

Please send sealed bids to:

School District of Laona Attn: Walk in Cooler Bid 5216 Forest Ave Suite A Laona, WI 54541

### **Proposal for Metal roof** replacement/repair

Town of Nashville is requesting proposals for metal roof replacement or repair.

To request a package contact town clerk at townnash@frontier. Com or phone: 715-889-1127

## **Bids & Notices**

School District of Wabeno Area **Special School Board Meeting** Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 6:00 P.M. Wabeno Junior High/High School Library Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by School Board President Dave Seeber. Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katrvna VanEperen. Dawn Jakubiec, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator. Board Members Absent: Trinity Shepard, Janet Opiela. Administration Members Absent: William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director (in order to keep number of attendees down due to COVID 19). Others Present: None. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2)). Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the agenda. Carried 5 to 0. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the 26" Nobles scrubber purchase from Victory Janitorial, Inc. Carried 5 to 0. Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to hire Presley Keeble as an elementary teacher. Carried 5 to 0. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Student Assurance Services, Inc. as our student insurance carrier for the 2020-2021 school year. Carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Lori Mattern to adjourn at 6:06 P.M. Carried 5 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

## MORE BIDS **PAGE 15**

### Invitation for Quotes WABENO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The School District of Wabeno Area is accepting sealed quotes for the scrappage of a 2004 International 65 passenger school bus, 7.3 International diesel engine, standard Eaton transmission. Upon delivery, a 3" x 3" hole will need to be drilled into the engine block and the frame rail will need to be cut in half per scrappage requirements. Minimum bid \$500.

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 Friday, June 26, 2020 to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope "Bus Scrappage".

For further questions about this quote, contact Lee Mattern at 715.473.2603.

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

### Notice request for Bid - Sokaogon **Chippewa Community**

**Requesting bids to complete the construction** of an existing building located at 3053 Hwy. 55 Scope of work consists of;

Connection of sewer and water lines.

HVAC

Electrical

Concrete floor in the basement

Finish of parking lot around the building Landscaping around building

Steps to one entrance and steps with ramp to the main entrance

If interested please contact the Sokaogon Chippewa housing office 715-478-2001, to make arrangements to view the project.

Deadline to bid on the project will be June26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### **School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 5:47 P.M.

Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela (virtually), Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator. Administrative Members Absent: William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director (in order to keep number of attendees down due to COVID 19)

Others Present: Joe Westimayer. Diane Ashbeck

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2)). Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Public Participation: None.

Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes on April 1, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes on April 15, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 80942 to 81017 for \$318,054.92 and payroll checks 900040293 to 900040478 for \$181,270.92, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$109,911.52.

Carried 7 to 0.

Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, shared his updates and upcoming events with the Board. He also presented updates from William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director. Katryna VanEperen had the opportunity to ride along on a bus performing food deliveries stated it is nice that the District is able to provide this service and how well managed it is. Lori Mattern recognized and thanked all staff in honor of Staff Appreciation Week. Everyone has stepped up during this difficult time and done a great job. Congratulations to Ashley Baugnet on being selected as one of the most outstanding special education teachers in the CESA 8 Region by the Wisconsin Council of Administrator of Special Services for the 2019-2020 school year.

Phy Ed teacher. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to rent portable bathrooms from Harding Portables at the football field for the 2020 football season (contingent upon football season occurring). Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve Alternate 2 HSA as the health insurance plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Carrie 4 to 0. Lori Mattern, Katryna VanEperen, and Dan Christianson abstained.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Safe Routes to School resolution as read by Dave Seeber. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the amended information in Policy 6111 - Employee Compensation - Unexpected or Extraordinary Circumstances, temporarily from March 16, 2020 through June 5, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the LED lighting project at the elementary building. Carried 6 to 1.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to go into closed session at 7:02 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e). Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:

- a. Discuss and take action regarding board members joining closed session remotely.
- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding teacher contracts.
- c. Discuss and take possible action for CPI or a percentage raise for our teaching staff beyond step raises.
- d. Discuss and take possible action on Letters of Intent for support staff

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the new Mission Statement,

"We inspire confident, creative, and responsible individuals to develop their full potential," as worked on in Strategic Planning. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the School District of Wabeno Strategic Plan as our Blueprint for Success. Carried 7 to 0.

Formal graduation has been postponed. No action at this time.

Senior trip has been cancelled and the band trip is on hold. No action at this time.

Prom has been postponed. Suggestion was made to do a senior prom in fall and then junior prom in spring. No action at this time.

Summer school has been postponed. Hoping to offer to all students for 3 weeks in August 2020 if children are allowed back in school. No action at this time.

Grading was discussed. No action at this time.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to continue the current school food program delivery through July 2, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to compensate coaches that started their spring sports on a prorated basis. Coaches that did not perform any coaching will not be compensated. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to apply for an Educator Effectiveness Waiver. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to hire Paige Ganser as the Elementary Phy Ed teacher. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Katryna VanEperen to hire Colin Schubert as the Jr./Sr. High School

e. Discuss and take possible action on administrative contract(s).

f. Discuss and take possible action on vacation carryover or payment to staff.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to return to open session at 8:50 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dave Seeber seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to accept Nicole Rabitz' resignation with thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve teacher contracts for the 2020-2021 school year. Carried 6 to 0. Dan Christianson abstained.

Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve a 2% raise for teaching staff that are beyond their step raises for the 2020-2021 school year. Carried 6 to 0. Dan Christianson abstained. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Lori Mattern to approve letters of intent for support staff for the 2020-2021 school year with a 2% raise on base pay. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Dan Christianson to approve a 2% raise for administrative staff and direct support staff contracts for the 2020-2021 school year. Carried 5 to 0. Katryna VanEperen and Lori Mattern abstained.

Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Katryna to approve a \$3,000 stipend for the HR/Business Director for additional duties assigned. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve a sell back of 5 additional vacation days (above contract) for administrative staff and direct support staff for the 2019-2020 school year, due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Carried 5 to 0. Katryna VanEperen and Lori Mattern abstained. Next boarding meeting will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 8:57 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

## **Bids & Notices**

#### School District of Wabeno Area Organizational School Board Meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2020 High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela (virtually), Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator.

Administration Members Absent: William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director (to keep attendance numbers down due to COVID 19).

#### Others Present: Joe Westimayer, Diane Ashbeck

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the Agenda. Carried 7 to 0. Dan Christianson nominated Dave Seeber for President. Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Katryna VanEperen to elect Dave Seeber for President. Carried 7 to 0.

Janet Opiela nominated Katryna VanEperen for Vice President. Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dave Seeber to elect Katryna VanEperen for Vice President. Carried 7 to 0.

Dave Seeber nominated Lori Mattern for Clerk. Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Katryna VanEperen to elect Lori Mattern for Clerk. Carried 7 to 0.

Katryna VanEperen nominated Dan Christianson for Treasurer. Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to elect Dan Christianson for Treasurer. Carried 7 to 0.

Lori Mattern nominated Dawn Jakubiec for Deputy Clerk. Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Janet Opiela to elect Dawn Jakubiec for Deputy Clerk. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to designate the Laona State Bank as the official depository for the District. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to designate the Laona State Bank for the District's checking account. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to designate the Lakes/Forest Beacon and Pioneer Express as the official newspapers for school board publications. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve affiliation with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) for 2020-2021. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve affiliation with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) for 2020-2021. Carried 7 to 0

Motion by Dave Seeber seconded by Janet Opiela to designate Trinity Shepard as the District's WASB representative for 2020-2021. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to designate Janet Opiela as the District's WASB alternate for 2020-2021. Carried 7 to 0.

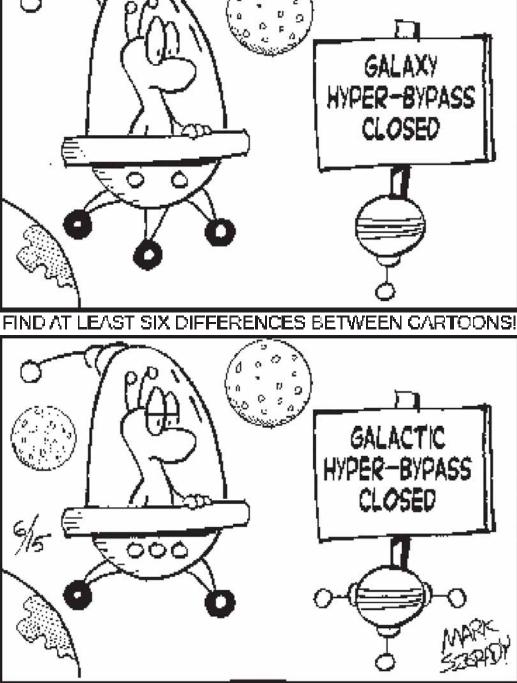
Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to set regular board meetings for the 1st (first) Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. except the board will reschedule Lenten meetings to 7:00 P.M. Special meetings, when necessary, will start at 6:00 P.M. with the regular board meeting to follow. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dave Seeber to designate Trinity Shepard as the District's CESA 8 representative for 2020-2021. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to utilize Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) for professional development opportunities for school board members and administration. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to adjourn at 5:46 P.M. Carried 7 to 0. Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

# DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szorady



### Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education Monday, May 11, 2020– 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

President Scott Reeves **Called the Regular Meeting to Order** at 5:34 p.m. Present: Scott Reeves, Jim Aschinger, Melissa McLaughlin, Samantha Hoffman, Frank Shepard Jr, Jim Bradley, Melissa Chrisman, Tiffany Pakulski, and Katie Shepard to take the minutes. There were (3) three guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Scott Reeves led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Motion by Aschinger, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the amended Agenda,

adding J. WIAA Contract, Co-op Contract.. All in favor, motion carried.

#### PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Shelly Chitko would like to thank the board and administration for everything, doing the best we can with virtual schooling.

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, April 20,

2020 and Public Hearing Minutes dated April 20, 2020.

Purchase Orders from 04/17/20 - 5/8/20 - \$10,627.73

Disbursements & Wires from 04/1/20 – 04/30/20 - \$ 153,167.92

Cash Receipts from 04/01/20 – 04/30/20 - \$ 14,544.01

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Aschinger to approve the **Consent Agenda**. All in favor, motion carried.

#### OPENACTION ITEMS:

The Reorganization of the School Board was done:

Melissa McLaughlin nominated Scott Reeves as President. No other nominations heard. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Aschinger to close nominations and elect Scott Reeves as President. All in favor, motion carried.

Scott Reeves nominated Jim Aschinger as Vice-President. No other nominations heard. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Reeves to close nominations and elect Jim Aschinger as Vice-President. All in favor, motion carried.

Jim Aschinger nominated Melissa McLaughlin as Treasurer. No other nominations heard. Motion by Aschinger, seconded by Reeves to close nominations and elect Melissa McLaughlin as Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.

Jim Aschinger nominated Samantha Hoffman as Clerk. No other nominations heard. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Aschinger to close nominations and elect Samantha Hoffman as Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Jim Aschinger nominated Frank Shepard, Jr. as Deputy Clerk. No other nominations heard. Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Aschinger to close nominations and elect Frank Shepard, Jr. as Deputy Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Aschinger, seconded by Hoffman to approve two students for the **Start College Now Program**. Motion carried with Aschinger, Hoffman, and Reeves voting yes. McLaughlin and Shepard abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding Lamers Bus Company. Will continue to communicate with Lamers.

New guidelines for **2020 Graduation** were discussed. Will continue with a drive up graduation.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Aschinger to approve temporary **Grading and credits** for Semester II of the 2019-2020 School Year. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by McLaughlin to approve Neola Policy 29-1. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Aschinger to approve **Health Insurance** Aspirus Arise Alternate Option #2 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Aschinger, seconded by Shepard to approve to prorate **Spring Sports Contracts** that were started before Covid-19 Pandemic. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on **Virtual Summer School for 7-12 Grade Students**. Mr. Sorenson will be the virtual summer school teacher if needed for 7 - 12 grade students on June 3 - June 30th, 2020 for core classes.

Motion by Aschinger, seconded by Hoffman to approve the **WIAA Co-op Contract** for Baseball/Softball for the 2021 season. All in favor, motion carried. **INFORMATIONALITEMS:** 

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.

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

Jim Bradley Administrator/High School Principal's Report

• Congratulations to Ethan Westimayer for being nominated for the WIAA Scholar Athlete Award.

• Thank you to everyone involved with the meal pickups. Greatly appreciate everyone involved.

• The flooring project looks great.

• Thank you to Lori Enders and Paula Fox for helping clean out the lockers in the high school.

• There will be drop off days for chromebooks and books by Door B.

• May 22nd will be the last day of contact for the students with staff.

• Saturday May 30th at 1:00 will be graduation.

• Kitchen project will start the first couple of weeks in June

• Will continue with staff meetings via Zoom video, nice to have face to face. Board Member Reports

• Samantha Hoffman - thank you to all staff for putting in extra time by reaching out to the students via video chat.

• Frank Shepard - thank you to all staff for keeping the kids engaged. Thank you to the lunch ladies for the meals and all staff for their hard work.

• Melissa McLaughlin - thank you to everyone involved with cleaning the lockers out. Thank you for the communication via the Remind texts.

•Jim Aschinger - Than you to staff, teachers, and administrators. Talking with other districts it seems we are doing a great job. Keep up the great work.

• Scott Reeves - Tank you to the Forest County Health Department, they have done such a great job keeping the District well informed. Thank you to all staff included in the Kindergarten Graduation, making the day special for the students.

No Need for Closed Session.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Aschinger to Adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

(6:42 p.m.)

ADDED 2. Stored for District Mean and Maxwerks: 1. MOON ADDED 2. LANDING GEAR MISSING 3, EYES DIFFERNET 4. SIGN BASE DIFFERENT 5. SIGN DIFFERENT 6. HEADLIGHT DIFFERENT 5. SIGN DIFFERENT 6. HEADLIGHT DIFFERENT 5. SIGN DIFFERENT 4. SIGN BASE PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 16, JUNE 15, 2020





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