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### Conservation Corner

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The Forest County Conservation Dept. hosted a poster contest at the beginning of 2022. The poster theme was "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life."

We received 25 posters from local students ranging from grades 2 to 9. Winners received certificates from the Forest County Conservation Dept. and gift cards.

First place winners were advanced to the North Central Area contest where Hailey Brown (4th to 6th grade), Faith Novak (7th to 9th grade), and Bryn Montgomery (2nd to 3rd grade). All placed 2nd in their respective grade categories. They will receive a trophy and another gift card.



Arianna Daniels, 3rd Place, and Hailey Brown, 1st Place, 4-6 Grade, Crandon



L to R: Ryder Cronauer, 3rd Place-7-9 Grade, Faith Novak, 1st Place-7-9 Grade, Bobbie Janczewski-2nd Place, 4-6 Grade Front: Allie Sohweide, 3rd Place-2-3 Grade, (Not Pictured) Penelope Towne, 2nd Place- 2-3 Grade



Bryn Montgomery, 1st Place, 2-3 Grade, Crandon Wynter Montgomery, 2nd Place, 7-9 Grade, Crandon

### Paul Bunyan Ski Hill open again after a long closure



Front row: Bianca Banie, Aubree Linssen, Bella, Bath Back row: Lily Habeck, Vera Dailey, Talulah Banie, Braylee Linssen,

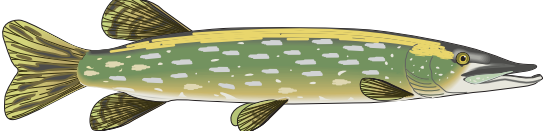
The Paul Bunyan Ski Hill in Lakewood is open for it's second season after being closed for over 25 years.

The hill offers a home town, family feel, affordable skiing and ski/snowboard rentals, and an exceptional safe place for local youth to spend the day with family and friends. Recently a young group of skiers and snowboarders took their time and talents to do a fund raiser for the Ski Patrol at Paul Bunyan.This group of young ladies made bracelets and went around the hill selling them.The asking price for a bracelet was only \$1.00. A huge shout out to this group of young ladies and also to the customers who now proudly wear their colorful, home made bracelets.

The Ski Patrol was given more than \$150.00 to put towards equipment such as an AED, oxygen tanks, and replenishing medical supplies. The Paul Bunyan Ski Patrol is part of the National Ski Patrol, a nonprofit membership association dedicated to serving the outdoor recreation industry by providing emergency care and safety services.

Take a good look at this group of young ladies with such big, giving hearts.You may be looking at a future Olympic hopeful.

### The Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree



The Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree will be this weekend at the Trump Lake Pavilion, on Saturday, February 12. The fun begins at 11 a.m., and the raffles start at 12 p.m.

There will be food, drinks, meat raffles, cash raffles and plenty more to keep you occupied and entertained.

You might even want to fish!



### Elcho Fieldhouse named in honor of Charlie Flood

Charlie Flood was a lifelong community pillar. His quick wit and sense of humor was always present and he enjoyed keeping all ages on their toes. The passion he had for the Elcho community, the school, the people he met, was unmatched. Charlie never met a stranger, just friends he hadn't encountered before.

A 1951 Elcho graduate, he coached both girls and boys basketball at all levels for many years, a custodian, mentor, manager, and anything that was needed at a moment's notice, Charlie was there. Whatever it took to help, Charlie was willing and ready to help. This commitment and life service to this entire town is why this Fieldhouse is named in his honor.

The naming will be formal at the Boys/Girls Basketball Parents Night on February 15th.

### Wabeno Area Players Open Fine Arts Series with The Madhatters from UW-Madison



Did someone say live performances are returning to the Northwoods? Indeed! On Saturday, February 26 at 7:00PM, audiences will experience sheer delight as the Wabeno Area Players kick off their 2022 Fine Arts Season with The Madhatters, from UWMadison. The high-spirited, a cappella group returns to the Nancy Volk Auditorium stage in Wabeno High School. In February 2020, the Madhatters left the audience begging for more, so WAP enthusiastically pursued their return.

The Madhatters, dressed in their sporty, red suitcoats, are not just an a cappella group, but a troupe of electrically charged entertainers who have played to sellout audience throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest. As an a cappella group, like the world-famous Pentatonix, the Madhatters sing without instrumental accompaniment. The 18 young men use only their voices to layer their harmonies into the fullest musical sounds you will ever hear! One of their members is a beatboxer who shapes the dynamics, tempo, and rhythms of the songs with only his mouth.

The Madhatters guarantee a show that will make the audience joyfully lose themselves in the performance. They fill the evening with humor, dance and just great fun that make the audience clap their hands, stomp their feet, and smile from ear-to-ear.

These young men are extensively rehearsing to perfect their harmonies and bring something unique to each song. On February 26, the Madhatters will belt out songs of decades past to Top 40 present. Songs, like Miley Cyrus' "Party in the U.S.A.", and Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream", and classics like "New York, New York", will be filled with new melodic blends and the energetic personalities of the Madhatters!

Tickets are on sale now for \$15.00/adults and \$10.00/students at [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com). Tickets will also be sold at the door one hour prior to showtime. For more information call 715-473-5466 or 715-889-0306 or email us at [wabenoareaplayers@gmail.com](mailto:wabenoareaplayers@gmail.com).

### Mole Lake Rod & Gun Club Fish-O-Ree

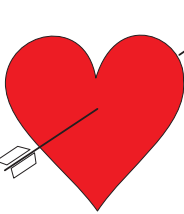


The 44th Annual Mole Lake Rod & Gun Club Fishoree will be this Saturday, February 12th, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Mole Lake.

There will be raffle ticket drawings at Junior's Saloon in Mole Lake. There will also be cash prizes for the largest northern pike for adults and the kids.

Keep on the tradition! The photo above is from one of the Mole Lake Fish-O-Ree events many years in the past. An ice house was built for shelter. While the girl in the picture is unknown, the other two are Curtis Decorah and Jim Landru, Sr. Will the unknown girl come forward!

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The Lily Sno-Birds Club was formed as a place to gather for those who shared a love for snowmobiling and to promote the sport to a wider base in the community. Snowmobiles were used to reach the 'Back country', places where everyone normally was unable to access in winter.

Now, half a century old, the Club has changed in every aspect, from the machines being ridden to the members who ride them. The one constant has been the love of snowmobiling. Snowmobiling became a way of life. You live and die by the amount of snow.

We are here because of the interest of the snowmobile owner. The toughest part about keeping a Club going for so long is keeping active members. The most basic and forgotten aspect to all of snowmobiling is the important fact; without the generosity of "landowners", we would be no where today!

The Sno Birds have been a big part of the Langlade County community and a lot of people's lives for a long time. The Lily Sno-Birds Snowmobile Club is still going strong with just a few original founders in the area and a good mix of new members to carry on the traditions. While the sleds, the clothing and the weather may have changed over the years, one thing has stayed the same the camaraderie of the club members as well as their love for the outdoors and snowmobiling.

Jerry Graves, one of the original members, shares this information with us:

In 1972, we held our first meeting attended by Hilbert Cook, Ken Brittenham, Allen Wolf and I went into filing for a corporation with the State of Wisconsin. It took 2-\$20 and a \$40 donation to fund the application of \$80. We enrolled more members, Ed and Wayne Burkhardt families and Larry Gaudette joined in with an idea to build a

clubhouse. The Raymond & Vinnie Gibbs family also were very supportive.

The first meeting was held at the Lily School House. As the memberships grew, the meeting moved to the Town Hall. Fundraising was a top priority and a dance in a barn was held. Racing was also involved on the Town Hall grounds with young Quentin Strong. Construction began on a new clubhouse in 1976 or 78? Harold Irwin drove a well free of charge. Heating was donated by Warren Fuller. Ed LaMay donated a liquor license from his closed bar at Hwy 52 and County A. William Wolf was Town Chairman for the Town of Langlade and helped tremendously on completion of all legal documents needed for the club to operate the clubhouse. After opening, racing was the new fundraiser. Top performing racers came from all over Wisconsin to participate. Insurance costs over time put an end to the club racing. Leasing the track over to Neva Club brought in ATV racing.

Back in the day, the snowmobile trail system was so narrow that if you met another rider, one would have to stop and let the other pass through. The use of a bed box spring was used to groom the trails. One sled would drag the trail to Pickerel and drop off, while another rider would return the drag back to Lily.

The first two machines used by the Club were donated by Bill Priem as the new drag equipment. Then later Bill Priem went on to donate land to the Sno-Birds which is now Priem Park adjacent to the Clubhouse. This Park is being used by the Triple R Horse Riding Club for over 30 years for the Fall Ride. Again, our appreciation to the land owners for your unselfishness to contributing to the Sno-Birds success!

I need to mention, that it was a great and worthwhile cause to turn a dream into the existence of a clubhouse for all to enjoy. A reality that would not be possible without the many people that have contributed over the years. This includes all landowners, members, non-members, the volunteers that bartend, work in the kitchen, and last but not least, the groomers in the Tucker, with 'no heat' and to all who enjoy snowmobiling.

~ Jerry Graves

As we look back, we recognize that without the dedication of the original founding members, the Lily Sno-Birds Snowmobile Clubhouse would not have achieved the success that it has. With that in mind, this new generation of leaders will carry on traditions of old, embracing change for the future, and help contribute to the commerce of Langlade County.

*Written by retired President Judy Peterson, 25+ year member with service in multiple capacities*  
*Jerry Graves interviewed by current Vice President, Tim Marmes 25 year member*  
*Respectfully edited and submitted by Director, Tara Warwick 5 year member*

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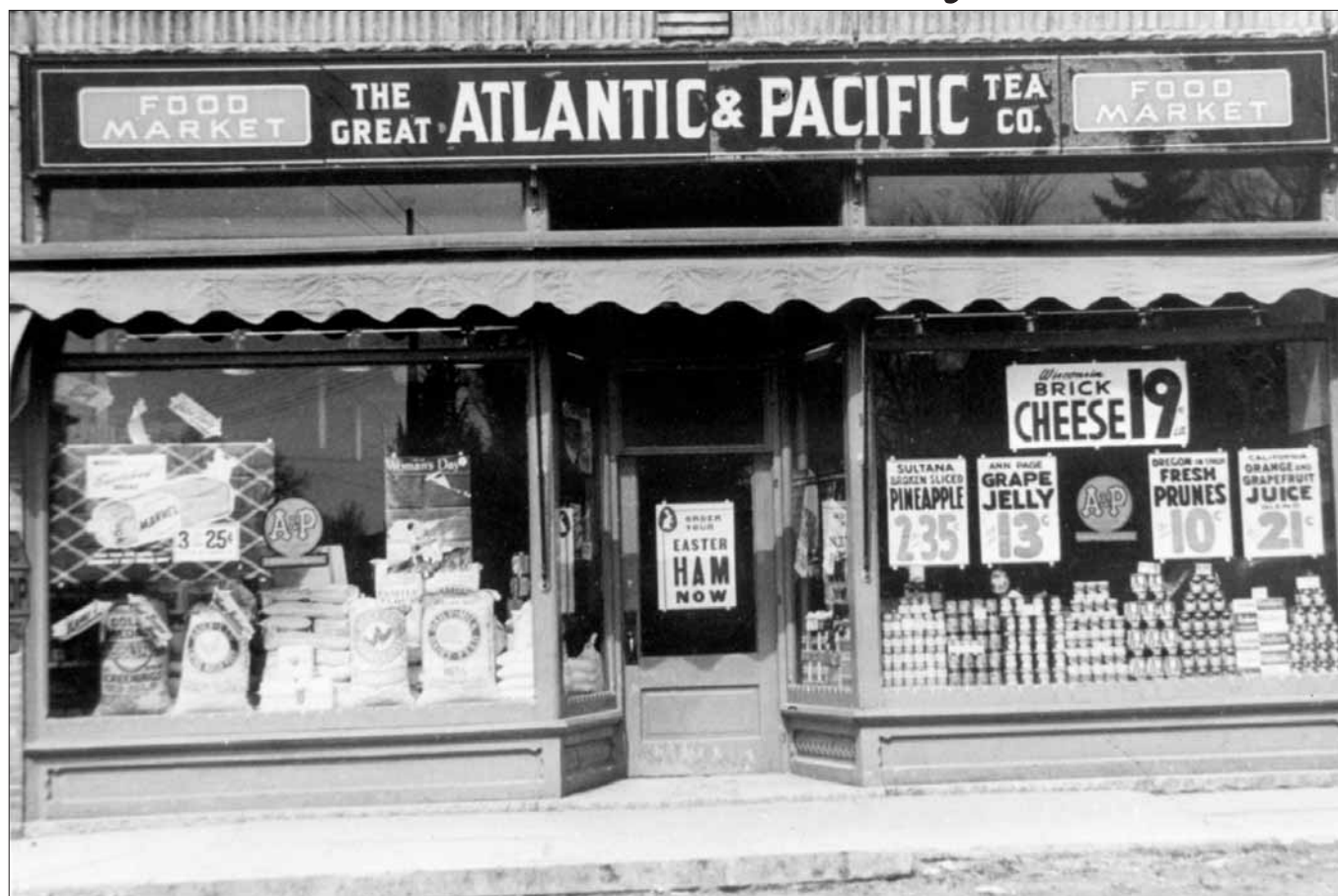
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This is a sale that can't be beat. There is one drawback however. The A&P went out of business years ago, and the prices are, we think, from the years of the Great Depression. It has to be factored in that a job that paid \$30 per month wasn't too bad, if you were lucky enough to find one.

One bright spot is that you can still get food here. The Subway, in Crandon, is now located in this spot.

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# Letters to the Editor

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

To the Editor:  
**Random Acts of Kindness** week is February 13th to the 19th.

If you're ever down and you want to lift yourself up, go do something kind for somebody. People often forget that kindness is free. A person becomes ten times more attractive, not by their looks, but their acts of kindness, respect, honesty and the loyalty they show. Jan Leschke

## Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA**  
**Monday - February 14** - Beef tips, mashed potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, raspberry lemon bar  
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**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**  
**Tuesday - February 15** - Pork chop, roasted potatoes, carrots, Italian bread, applesauce  
**Tuesday - February 22** - Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, dinner roll, apple pie square  
**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**  
**Wednesday - February 16** - White bean chili, turkey sandwich on whole wheat, fruit, Oh Henry bar  
**Wednesday - February 23** - Pulled pork on a bun, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit, banana cake  
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**Thursday - February 24** - Pulled pork on a bun, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit, banana cake  
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Crandon site manager Debbie Brock is at 920-946-3020. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.  
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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.

## Forest County Office on Aging hires a bus driver

The Office on Aging has hired Mark Gatton as their new bus driver. He will be driving on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The routes will vary the month of February to meet the needs of riders on the bus. Please be patient as they work on creating a monthly schedule that will provide the best services for the community. They will have a structured bus schedule for March.

At this time, Mark will plan the routes according to where people live. Therefore, if there are individuals who want to ride the bus in Alvin and/or Armstrong Creek, he will plan those routes on two different days. Priority is given to riders who are 55 or over and/or persons with disabilities. The cost to ride the bus is \$4.00 per day. The bus will be leaving the bus garage no earlier than 8 a.m. The bus driver will pick individuals at their homes and drop them off. He can assist with carrying packages to your door. If you would like to call and schedule a ride to go shopping, please call Mark at 715-889-0859.

They are still looking to hire another bus driver. If you are a people person who enjoys driving, please contact Tammy at 715-478-7712 for more information.

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# Death Notices



**Loren H. Cooper**, 86, of Laona, Wis., passed away on February 2, 2022, at home surrounded by his family.

Loren was born on June 15, 1935, in Menominee, Mich., to Thomas and Frieda (Willison) Cooper. Loren proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the

Korean War for three years until being Honorably Discharged in March of 1957. On August 13, 1960, Loren married the former Bonnie Lu Kniess in Crandon, Wis.

Loren enjoyed fishing, berry picking, hunting, gambling, and joking around with family and friends. Loren always had a story to tell about his younger years. Loren's passion was playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his four children: Yvonne Gullickson, Laurie McDougal, Tammy (Tony) Jansen, Karl (Nikhila) Cooper; many grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, many nieces, and nephews; sister: Mary Perosa; sisters in law: Carol Cooper, Millie Cooper, and Betsy Cooper.

Loren was preceded in death by his wife: Bonnie Lu Cooper; children: Lynn and Frieda; parents: Thomas and Frieda; siblings: Dick (Jane) Cooper, Betty Olsen, Tom (Rose) Cooper, Wally Cooper, Roy Cooper, Pat (Bill) Uren, and Roger Cooper; stepfather: Sam Cooper; sons-in-law: Bobby Gullickson and James Juech; and great-grandson Gregory DeVerney.

Loren's daughter's Tammy and Laurie, would like to thank Luke Peterson, Jennifer Spencer, Jessica Thornton, Tom, and Scott Cooper for your assistance during this extremely difficult time in our lives.

The family would like you to join them in celebrating the life of Loren at Laona Community Building on February 19, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Burial service will be a private service held later in Newald, Wis, with Military Honors.



### Bus Schedule for February 2022 We hired a Bus Driver!!

Bus routes will be available Tuesdays and Thursday the month of February. Route times will vary to meet passenger needs. If you want to ride the bus, please call Mark Gatton at 715-478-7712 to reserve your spot! Cost to ride the bus is \$4 per day.

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**Patricia Ann Verbruggen** of Kimberly, WI, was welcomed into the arms of the Lord on her 70th birthday, February 4, 2022. Pat fought two courageous battles against breast cancer and won both times. She was as tough as nails and relied on the Lord for her strength and courage.

Pat was born on February 4, 1952 to Robert (Windy) and Regina (Peg) DeCoster in Appleton, WI. She spent her childhood years in Kaukauna and graduated from Kaukauna High School in 1970. Pat worked many years at the Little Chute/Kimberly Public library and loved serving her patrons. She married the love of her life, Dave Verbruggen, on July 21, 1973. Together they shared many adventures taking road trips across the country and stopping at the casinos along the way. Over the years, they spent many hours together building their cabin in Pickerel where they made their retirement.

Pat enjoyed sharing her time and talents with those around her. She spent much of her days crafting with her friends, knitting blankets for loved ones, and creating personalized scrapbooks for her kids and grandkids. Pat was a devoted Christian and her faith was incredibly strong. She prayed her rosary daily and filled the heavens with her prayer requests for those in need.

In her retirement years, she truly enjoyed life to the fullest. She and Dave were members of the Pickerel Geezers UTV club, spent time fishing on their pontoon boat in the summer, ice fishing in the winter, and putting many miles on the snowmobile. She enjoyed spending her weekends in Pickerel with her family celebrating the 4th of July, telling stories around the campfire, playing cribbage, and making many lasting memories. Pat enjoyed swimming with her "Noodlettes" and cheering her grandchildren on at all their sporting events. She never missed a beat and was always there for those who needed her.

There was nothing that Pat loved more than her family. She had the most beautiful heart and gave all she had to her husband, children, grandchildren, family and friends. She was always checking in with a phone call and finding little ways to show her love for her family. Perhaps one of the most cherished memories her children and grandchildren will have is when Pat would call on their birthday and sing. She always found a way to make each of her children and grandchildren feel special. She was the most faithful and loving wife and devoted her life to the man who blessed her with her family.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 48 years, Dave Verbruggen; children, Eric (Lynne) Verbruggen, Ryan (Julie) Verbruggen, Adam (Emily) Verbruggen, and Carrie (Todd) Berken; grandchildren, Issac and Sam Verbruggen, Matthew and Alex Verbruggen, Molly, Evan and Elliot Verbruggen, and Blake and Caleb Berken; siblings, Judi (Fred) Kiar, Tim (Burr) DeCoster, Bill (Kara) DeCoster, and Donna Schmidt; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Bill Verbruggen, Robin Verbruggen, Pam VanGompel, Dan (Billie) Verbruggen and Ken (Karen) Verbruggen; many nieces and nephews and countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; mother- and father-in-law, Casey and Mary Jane Verbruggen; and brothers-in-law, Lee Verbruggen and Alan Schmidt.

Funeral services was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 600 E. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly, with Msgr. Jim Vanden Hogan officiating. Visitation was at the church on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established in Pat's honor to the Spierings Cancer Foundation. For online condolences, please visit [www.verkuilenfh.com](http://www.verkuilenfh.com).

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## Nicolet to kick off Arts & Enrichment program featuring classes for a variety of interests

Nicolet College is set to launch many dozens of classes and events in coming months geared for those looking to learn new skills and also for individuals looking for activities that enrich their lives.

In all, the upcoming Arts & Enrichment program will feature 50 different offerings that include many theater events, art exhibits, creative art classes, offerings in the Learning in Retirement program, and several outdoor adventures.

“Nicolet exists to serve all residents in the college’s district and this collection of classes and events is geared to do exactly that,” said Jodi Fox Engelman, manager of Professional and Community Education at Nicolet. “Not everyone is looking to earn college credits, but they are looking for the opportunity to expand their knowledge and engage in unique experiences that add to the quality of life.”

A sampling of non-credit classes in the Community Enrichment suite include Mindfulness and Meditation, Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Storycatching: Community Record Keeping Through Oral Histories, Sweetgrass and Pine Needle Basketry, Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera, Make Your own Peace Pole, Spring Herb Walk and Medicine Making Class, and Natural Dye Study Lab Outdoors, along with many others.

For more information on Community Enrichment classes, visit [nicoletcollege.edu/community/community-enrichment](http://nicoletcollege.edu/community/community-enrichment), or call the college at (715) 365-4544.

The Nicolet Live! Performing arts series is emerging from its pandemic hiatus with seven events which include concerts, films, and production by the Nicolet Players community theater troupe, which will present the play *The Understudy*.

“People have been itching to get back into the Nicolet Theatre to enjoy a wide variety of performances,” said Mike Effinger, Theatre and Events Services manager at Nicolet.

“We’re bring some productions back with reduced seating to allow for ample social distancing. We’re hoping for the best, but as we all know the pandemic is not predictable and we will make all necessary adjustments as conditions dictate.”

Concerts on the docket include the Wisconsin Brass Quintet's A Night at the Movies, and two concerts through a partnership with WXPB Public Radio, country artist Darrell Scott and the bluegrass band Henhouse Prowlers.

For more information about theater events, visit [nicoletlive.com](http://nicoletlive.com) or call the college at (715) 365-4544.

The Nicolet College Art Gallery will also reopen this spring with several in-person events and exhibits.

These include the popular and prestigious Northern National Arts Competition, the Wisconsin Regional Arts Program (WRAP) Exhibit, the Nicolet College Student Art Show, and a return of the Empty Bowls Food Pantry Fundraiser, which will also serve as the opening reception for the WRAP exhibit.

Details and the full schedule of events can be found at [nicoletcollege.edu/community/art-nicolet](http://nicoletcollege.edu/community/art-nicolet)

The Learning in Retirement program will be featuring a variety of offerings in both an in-person and virtual format.

Upcoming classes include the Ced Vig Nature Series, the Motorcycle Travelogue documenting a 5,000-mile trip through the United States, Women in American History, and Great Masters of Western Painting.

Cost is \$45 for annual membership, which runs from July 1 to June 30. Members can take as many or as few classes as they like.

More information about the Learning in Retirement program is available at [nicoletcollege.edu/lir](http://nicoletcollege.edu/lir) or by calling Brenda Pelltier, Nicolet 50Plus coordinator, at (715) 365-4544.


For those who like to get outside, the Outdoor Adventure program has several classes remaining in the Winter 2022 season.

These include the Winter Animal Tracking on Snowshoes, Maple Syrup Making, a Sylvania Wilderness Backcountry Ski Outing, Basic Tree Felling, several Permaculture classes to get ready for spring gardening and planting, and the two-day Musky Seminar that will go in depth on how to catch these piscatorial giants of the Northwoods.

"In all of these classes individuals will expand their knowledge and skills on any given activity which then translates into more enjoyment while partaking in their pursuit of choice," said Terry Rutlin, Outdoor Adventure coordinator.

For details on any of the classes, visit [nicoletcollege.edu/outdooradventure](http://nicoletcollege.edu/outdooradventure) or call the college at (715) 365-4544.

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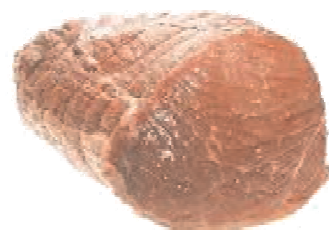
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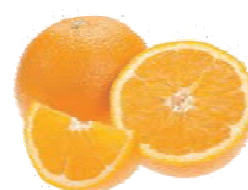
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### Nicolet College Learning in Retirement kicks off Winter/Spring 2022 session

The Learning in Retirement program at Nicolet College has launched a new season of offerings designed for active retirees looking to pursue new interests while staying engaged with like-minded individuals.

"It's always exciting to see new ideas for classes come together and see the enthusiasm in the people taking these classes as well as the presenters who developed the topics at hand," said Brenda Peltier, Nicolet 50-plus coordinator.

Some classes will meet only once while others will meet once a week over several weeks from early February through May.

Peltier noted that the LIR is still cautiously transitioning out of pandemic mode with some in-person offerings and other presentations staying in the virtual world.

"The pandemic has been challenging for everyone and I know many of our members enjoy getting together in person," she said. "The social aspect of LIR is a big draw for many so we have decided to have some of the classes in-person where people can safely gather. We did have some face-to-face classes in our last session and that went well so we are continuing with that model."

All of the rooms where in-person classes will meet are large spaces to ensure adequate physical distancing. Nicolet also requires that masks be worn when inside college buildings.

The upcoming slate of classes covers a wide variety of topics that include one that explores the many aspects of You Tube, another that delves into the intricacies of Wisconsin English, a tour of the Almon Bog just south of Rhinelander, and the physically active "Sole" Mates series where people get together once a week for a hike in the scenic Northwoods.

Other classes include an Introduction to Computer Basics, Great Masters of Western Painting, Square Dancing, the popular Ernie's Matinee Movies, a 5,000-mile Motorcycle Travelogue with Petra Pietrzak, a look at the History of the Veterans Administration, and Women in American History.

Cost is \$45 for an annual LIR membership, which runs from July 1 to June 30. Members can take as many or as few classes as they like.

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### Wabeno Women's Bowling League

(February 2, 3, 2022)

TEAM STANDINGS WEEK 19

Whitetail Logging, 28

Bruce's Mistakes, 27

Cassidy's Café, 18

Splits N Giggles, 18

Rusty's, 17

Prospect Lodge, 17

Sassy Kwe's, 13

IND HIGH GAME

Jody Jensen, 194

Dana Pichotta, 181

Lisa Mermuys, 180

IND HANDICAP GAME

Dana Pichotta, 231

Jody Jensen, 230

Lisa Mermuys, 218

IND HIGH SERIES

Lisa Mermuys, 525

Penny Carter, 465

Jody Jensen, 465

IND HANDICAP SERIES

Lisa Mermuys, 639

Dana Pichotta, 602

Georgia Dinkelman, 574

TEAM HIGH GAME

Whitetail Logging, 613

Cassidy's Café, 562

Rusty's, 553

TEAM HANDICAP GAME

Prospect Lodge, 796

Bruce's Mistakes, 751

Cassidy's Café, 741

TEAM HIGH SERIES

Whitetail Logging, 1777

Cassidy's Café, 1642

Rusty's, 1578

TEAM HANDICAP SERIES

Cassidy's Café, 2179

Prospect Lodge, 2170

Bruce's Mistakes, 2156

6Pack: Dana Pichotta, 231

6Pack: Lisa Mermuys, 639

Pizza: Cassidy's Café, 2179

HIGH AVERAGES

Frankie Marrese, 161

Chris Geske, 156

Penny Carter, 153

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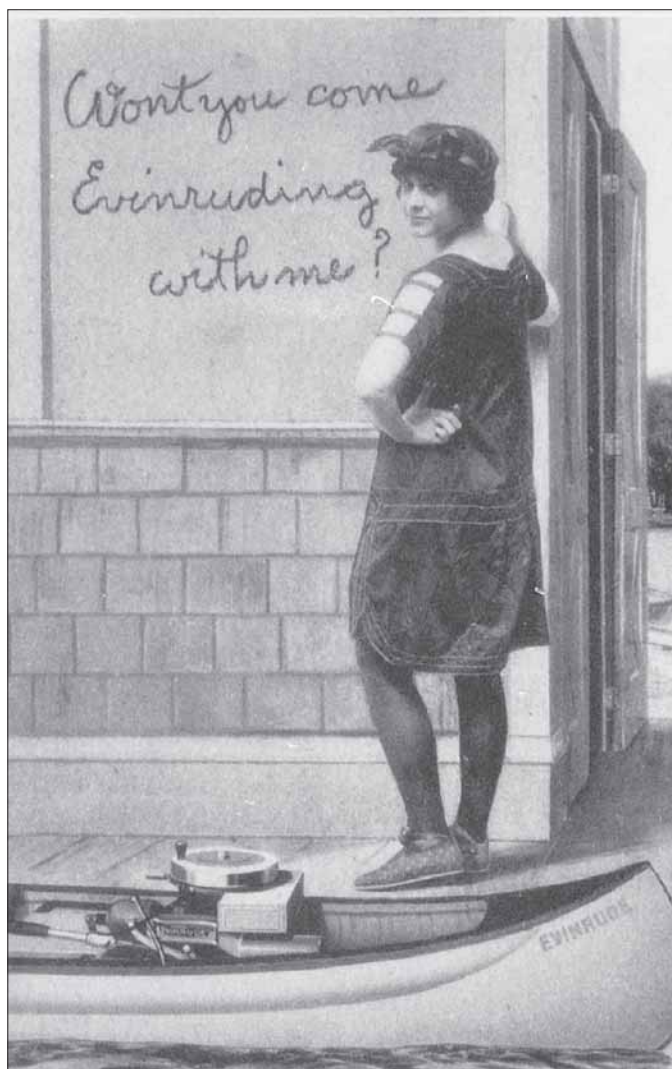
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Scenes From Yesteryear



This picture has been used in the past, but not the recent past, so here it is again. This is Leona Johnson. Leona was the first white child born in the new town started by the Connor Lumber & Land Co. The town was name for her.

Presumably, the popular usage and pronunciation was Laona, and so it is today.

Leona was, as can be seen above, a model and a good looking young woman. From what we have been told, she did not enjoy a long life, but died in her 30's.

### Positive cases of Covid-19 in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 49 persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since February 1, 2022 with either a PCR, antigen, or home test. County health officials and local partners are contacting individuals who tested positive as able. There are 0 deaths related to COVID-19 to report this month. This is just a snapshot of the numbers as they are continuously changing throughout the day.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to avoid large gatherings, get vaccinated, practice good hand hygiene, wear a mask or cloth face covering when necessary, and stay alert for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please contact your health care provider and ask to be tested. If you are interested in a COVID-19 vaccine, please call our office or your primary care provider.

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 weekly and local newspapers as we are able. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

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### Wabeno Women's Bowling League

(January 26, 27, 2022)

#### TEAM STANDINGS WEEK 18

Whitetail Logging, 20  
Bruce's Mistakes, 21  
Splits N Giggles, 18  
Rusty's, 17  
Sassy Kwe's, 13  
Cassidy's Cafe, 11  
Prospect Lodge, 10  
IND HIGH GAME  
Frankie Marrese, 203  
Kris Anderson, 189  
Jody Jensen, 182  
IND HANDICAP GAME  
Julie Pommering, 223  
Frankie Marrese, 221  
Jody Jensen, 220  
IND HIGH SERIES  
Frankie Marrese, 525  
Kris Anderson, 505  
Kellee Gallion, 498  
IND HANDICAP SERIES  
Kris Anderson, 592  
Guada Cisneros, 584  
Tiffany Miller, 583  
Lisa Sacerich, 583  
TEAM HIGH GAME  
Whitetail Logging, 671  
Rusty's, 658  
Bruce's Mistakes, 567  
TEAM HANDICAP GAME  
Rusty's, 847  
Whitetail Logging, 791  
Prospect Lodge, 739  
TEAM HIGH SERIES  
Whitetail Logging, 1850  
Rusty's, 1640  
Bruce's Mistakes, 1627  
TEAM HANDICAP SERIES  
Whitetail Logging, 2210  
Rusty's, 2207  
Prospect Lodge, 2122  
6Pack: Julie Pommering, 223  
6Pack: Kris Anderson, 592  
Pizza: Whitetail Logging, 2210  
HIGH AVERAGES  
Frankie Marrese, 164  
Chris Geske, 156  
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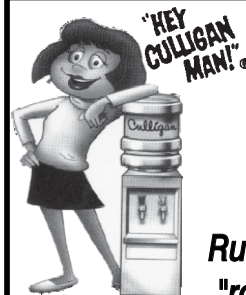
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BIDS AND NOTICES



2022-2023 PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PERIOD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO

The School District of Wabeno Area will be accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2022-2023 school year from **February 7 to April 29, 2022**. Applications must be received in the District Office no later than **4:00 P.M., April 29, 2022**. Parents may also fill out and submit the application on-line. The on-line application will be available from midnight **February 7 until 4:00 P.M. on April 29, 2022**. You may submit an on-line application at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Wisconsin’s inter-district public school open enrollment program, often referred to as “school choice”, allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Parents must apply to the non-resident school district they would like to have their child/children attend.

This program is open to Wisconsin residents who have students in grades Kindergarten to 12. There are no tuition costs to parents for their children’s participation in Open Enrollment. However, in most cases, parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the non-resident school.

Additional information may be obtained from the School District Office.

INVITATION FOR QUOTES

The School District of Wabeno Area is requesting sealed quotes for lawn care. 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 P.M. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022** to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope **"Lawn Care Quote"**.

The lawn care provider must provide proof of liability insurance and commercial pesticide application business license with the quote. Lawn care quotes should be written to reflect monthly charges. Lawn care is required for a period of six months and the District will make payments for the service once a month for the months of May through October.

Lawn is to be mowed and trimmed around the elementary and high school buildings, elementary playground, the lot next to the bus garage, and the area around the parking lots. Lawn is also to be mowed and trimmed at the football and baseball fields (behind the elementary school) and at the softball field (located downtown).

The lawn care provider is expected to check on the lawn and mow regularly, keeping the grounds looking neat and well kept.

For further questions about this quote, contact Lee Mattern, Transportation/Maintenance Director, at 715.889.0607.

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

2022-2023 Open Enrollment Application Period School District of Laona

The School District of Laona will be accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2022-2023 school year from February 7, 2022-April 29, 2022. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Wisconsin’s inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Additional information from an open enrollment consultant is available toll-free by calling (888) 245-2732, or by emailing [openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov).

*\* Please note: If your child is already attending the School District of Laona through Open Enrollment, you **do not** need to reapply.*

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Feb. 14 - 18

**Monday** - Breakfast sandwiches, yogurt, grapes, fruit juice, milk  
**Tuesday** -French toast sticks, bacon, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk  
**Wednesday** -Granola bar, Banana bread, cereal, yogurt, Mandarin orange cups, fruit juice, milk  
**Thursday** - Belgium waffles, strawberries, sausage patty, yogurt, fruit juice, milk  
**Friday** - NO SCHOOL

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Feb. 14 - 18

**Monday** - Chicken patty, potato wedges, corn, pears, garden bar, milk  
**Tuesday** - Assorted pizza, garlic bread stick, green beans, apple sauce, garden bar, milk  
**Wednesday** - Sloppy Joe, potato wedges, peas & carrots, peaches garden bar, milk  
**Thursday** -Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk  
**Friday** - NO SCHOOL

School District of Wabeno Area PL81-874 Impact Aid Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 5, 2022

High School Library – Wabeno Junior High / High School

Meeting was called to order by School Board President, Dave Seeber, at 6:00 P.M.  
Board Members Present: Dave Seeber, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Lori Mattern, Katryna VanEperen, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal  
Board Members Absent: Janet Opiela  
Administration Absent: Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services.  
Others present: None.  
No corrections were made to the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes.  
Jeffrey Walsh explained the Impact Aid Program. Jeffrey Walsh was not contacted regarding any changes to School Board Policy 2112.01-Tribal and Parental Involvement.  
Building Updates:  
Elementary School Principal, Tim Brauer, reported on American Indian participation, events, and goals at the Elementary School.  
Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Bill Taylor, reported on American Indian participation, events, and goals at the Jr./Sr. High School.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.  
*Lenora Mattern*  
Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District Honor Roll Term 2 2021 2022

High Honors:

**Seniors:** Natalie Balcerzak, Nathan Balcerzak, Emily Goode, Erik Kalkofen, Landon Kalkofen, Jacob Kessel, Shelby Loback, Ethan Roff and Owen Wysocki  
**Juniors:** Lucas Barribeau, Ryan Erickson, Ethan Johnson, Samuel Niven and Layla Yang  
**Sophomores:** Wyatt-Paul Champeau, Pietro Ipsa, Katelyn Kalkofen, Abigail Roff, Jasmine Slawinski and Rikki Snyder-Hamilton  
**Freshmen:** Kyle Braaten, Sean Cassidy, Erin Goode, Joshua Knutson and Krystal Moddie  
**8th Grade:** Lauryn Dwight, Nicholas Niven and Joseph Stec  
**7th Grade:** Marie Bruders, Quinn Cassidy, Evelyn Pyrcz and Zachary Roland  
**Honors:**  
**Seniors:** Grace Kowalkowski and Boone Larison  
**Juniors:** Marlie Bednarz, Bryson McVay, Aiden Snyder and Joshua Wysocki  
**Sophomores:**  
**Freshmen:** Sarah Bruders, Austin Domine, Laynee Dwight, Nora May Kamke, Hailey Moore and Minna Yang  
**8th Grade:** Jaivyn Brunette  
**7th Grade:** Hawk Davis, Vincent Ipsa, Brayden Lewis and Ethan Squires

Laona Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 • 5:30 p.m.  
Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Chad Albrecht
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
5. Consent Agenda

- A. Bills and Claims
- B. Meeting Minutes

6. Items for Discussion and/or Action

- A. Junior Prom Update
- B. Commencement Speaker Announcement
- C. Boiler Projects
- D. Cabinet quote
- E. Locker Project
- F. Elementary bathroom flooring
- G. Neola Policies - First Look
- H. New Hires
- I. January Pupil Count
- J. AGR Data
- K. 2022-2023 Calendar
- L. COVID update
- M. Staff Handbook Discussion
- N. Business Manager’s Contract

7. Informational Items:

- A. Business Manager’s Report
- B. Middle/High School Principal’s Report
- C. Administrator/Elementary Principal’s Report
- D. Board Member Reports

8. Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.

- A. Personnel

9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.

10. Adjourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

Post 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot Firelite Lounge, Lakewood

Don’t miss the next American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Firelite Lounge, Lakewood, starting at 1 pm.

Bring along your friends, they will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles. Come on in, win a prize and help a veteran. Everyone is welcome.

The American Legion Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno is composed of veterans who are committed to helping veterans, their families and the community.

Maple Syrup program at Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center

An International program on maple syrup techniques will be held on Thursday, February 17th, 2020 at the Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. Our panel of experts is Fred Hedmark and Ernie Dagostino.

These two men are maple syrup producers of varying production, so we will have all levels of production present from small to very big. Both men have been making maple syrup their entire life and are vastly knowledgeable in the production of maple syrup. Hedmark’s Maple Ridge, who is a maple supplies dealer, will also have maple equipment and supplies on display and for sale. This program should be of interest to those considering making maple syrup, those who want to compare experience and techniques and to those curious about the process of obtaining this tasty and necessary pancake product

If you would like to learn more about maple syrup, please join us! The program will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room at the Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center located on the corner of U.S. 2 and Highway 101/70 in Florence.

The Environmental Stewardship Program Series are put on by the Friends of the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center and are open to the public and free of charge.

For more information on this or any programs, contact Lori Moore in the Florence Natural Resource and Interpretive Center at (715) 528-5377.





# Bids & Notices

## School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, January 5, 2022 High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.  
Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela (at 6:05 P.M.), Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson.  
Administration: JeffreyWalsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal  
Board Members Absent: None  
Administration Absent: Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services  
Others Present: Vicki Pintsch, Katie Pintsch  
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 6 to 0.  
Motion made by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Regular School Board meeting minutes of December 1, 2021. Carried 5-0-2. Katryna VanEperen, Dan Christianson abstained.  
Motion made by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Laona/Wabeno School Board Co-op meeting minutes of December 8, 2021. Carried 6-0-1; Katryna VanEperen abstained.  
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 82895 to 83029 for \$228,061.23 and payroll checks 900044549 to 900044861 for \$381,559.39, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$227,525.74. Carried 7 to 0.  
Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, shared updates and upcoming events with the Board.  
Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, previously shared his report.  
Dawn Jakubiec thanked the choir and band directors as she heard the Christmas concerts were good. Katryna VanEperen thanked the bus drivers for getting the students to and from school safely with all the snow we’ve had recently. Janet Opiela thanked the towns and counties for getting up early to plow.  
NEOLA Policy 2112.02 (Tribal and Parent Involvement) – no action required.  
Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve NEOLA Policy po8600. Carried 7 to 0.  
Public Hearing Esser III input. Need to set up listening sessions.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to accept the annual audit report as presented by Jackie Nielson of Kerber-Rose (via phone). Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to accept the guideline to determine the number of seats available for regular and special education, as presented, for the 2022-2023 school year:  
Regular Education/4K-9 seats; 5K-7 seats; 1st grd-0 seats; 2nd grd-2 seats; 3rd grd-8 seats; 4th grd-6 seats; 5th grd-12 seats; 6th grd-11 seats; 7th grd-20 seats; 8th grd-18 seats; 9th grd-14 seats; 10th grd10 seats; 11th grd-12 seats; 12th grd-19 seats; Spec. Education/LD elem-1 seats; LD jr/sr high-0 seat; EBD elem-0; EBD jr/sr high-0 seat; ID elem-0 seats; ID jr/sr high-0 seats; SL K-12th grds-7 students total; Early Childhood Program-2 students total. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve administrative contract rollovers for one more year effective January 31, 2022. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to approve hiring Meri “Kris” Moser as a 6th grade teacher. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Emma Harris as a 7th grade girls basketball coach. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Chad Albrecht as a 6th grade girls basketball coach (unpaid). Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to approve hiring William Rabe as Assistant Track Coach. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Janet Opiela to approve hiring Sasha Shepard as a part-time childcare assistant teacher in Little Logrollers Daycare. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Lori Mattern to accept Rebecca Shelhammer’s retirement resignation as a Certified Aide with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dave Seeber to approve changing the language on the compensation schedule from CPI to “as determined annually.” Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the female overnight wrestling trip in LaCrosse on January 28-29, 2022. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the girls basketball overnight trip to Wisconsin Dells on February 5, 2022. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to go into closed session at 6:56 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f). 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. District Administrator evaluation and contract rollover.  
b. Discussion involving possible addition of staff positions and individuals for the position(s).  
Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to return to open session at 8:01 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; Janet Opiela, yes/no; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.  
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.  
*Lenora Mattern*  
Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

## Back to Back Conference Champs



This past Friday, February 4th, Three Lakes High School hosted the 2021-22 wrestling conference duel tournament.Crandon,Elcho,Florence,andLaona-Wabeno-Three Lakes dueled it out for the conference title. Both the Cardinals and the Rebel Jays came into the final round undefeated for the night. It was a chess match of a duel with many wrestlers shifting weight classes, but the Cardinals still came out victorious winning by a score of 44-26. The Crandon Cardinals have now secured the title for the past two years.  
Congratulations to all the conference teams and best of luck in Regionals!  
WIAA Regional Wrestling will be held at Coleman High School on Saturday, February 11, 2022.  
Picture: Back Row (L-R)  
Kolton Keao, Coach Isaiah Doane, Ethan Thorbahn, Carter Bissonette, Rowyn Pagel, Silas Dennee, Brett Palubicki, Caden Palubicki, Conner Lawrence, Carsyn Mayer, and Coach Paul Cleereman  
Front Row (L-R)  
Coach Eric Shepherd, Richard Pitts, Ty Dennee, Eian Wilson, Elias Glinski, Mason Dewing, Cole Shepherd, and Wyatt Wilson

## Cronauer and Taylor Receive All-State Awards



The Wisconsin All-State ceremony and banquet was held this past weekend at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI. The weekend started on Saturday evening with all recipients and families receiving a tour of Lambeau Field and the Packer Hall of Fame. The weekend continued Sunday with the Awards Ceremony for all of the All-State Players in Wisconsin.  
The State is broken down into three divisions based on school size: 8 Player, small school, and large school. In the 8 Player division, two local players received recognition for all their hard work throughout the past year. Connor Taylor & Hunter Cronauer, both part of the Laona/Wabeno Rebel football team, were two of the eleven players earning the All-State title this year.  
Connor Taylor, a Senior at Wabeno High School, received his All-State award for his spectacular performance as quarterback for the Rebels. In his first year as quarterback, he had 1858 passing yards with 32 touchdowns and 1032 rushing yards with 16 touchdowns. Taylor etched his name into the Wisconsin State record book 6 times this past season and led his team to a nearly flawless season with their first and only loss coming to Luck in the State Semi-final game.  
Hunter Cronauer, a Junior at Laona High School, was a force to be reckoned with this season. Leading the Rebel defense (and proving why teams feared him) he ended his season with 162 tackles, 19 sacks, and 46 tackles for loss. Cronauer broke three previous Wisconsin State records and now holds the new title. He also tied two previously held state records in both tackles and sacks in a season.  
Both Taylor and Cronauer were nominated for Player of the Year by Wis Sports. The Rebel football team had many talented and dedicated players this past year and look forward to next year.  
Congratulations to both Connor Taylor and Hunter Cronauer on their All-State







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