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American Legion Auxiliary Unit #44 donates to Lakes Country Library



American Legion Auxiliary Unit #44 Wabeno treasurer Lorry Runge (R) presents a donation of \$500 to Lakes Country Public Library. Accepting the check is Library Director Katie Essermann.

Public meeting on expansion of Lakes Country Library to be held

A public meeting to discuss the proposed renovation and expansion of Lakes Country Public Library will be held at 5:30 P.M. on April 5, 2023. The meeting will be held at the library located at 15235 State Highway 32, Lakewood. LCPL Building Expansion Co-Chairs Tom Thielke and Kathleen Marsh will be on hand to explain the project and assist in answering any questions.

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.

Heavy winter rains are happening more often in Wisconsin. That's a problem. Here's why we should care.

Many southeastern Wisconsin residents woke to a downpour early last week.

More than two inches fell before 1 p.m. in Milwaukee, which broke a record last set in 1913 for rainfall in a single February day. The city's sewerage district allowed overflows of untreated wastewater into local waterways to prevent sewage backup into homes and businesses. Some roads flooded.

Heavy rainfall on top of bare, frozen ground can cause another problem, especially on farmland: It erodes soil, causing dirt and other pollutants to run off into streams and rivers. It's a particular concern in the Midwest, where researchers estimate topsoil is eroding 100 times faster than it is forming.

Here's what to know about how it happens.

How does rain cause soil erosion?

When soil warms up and thaws, rain soaks in until the ground becomes saturated. Only at that point, does it run over the ground, carrying loose soil particles with it as it heads to the nearest body of water.

When the ground is cold and hard, however, no rain can seep into it.

"When you have frozen soils, you get runoff immediately," said Dennis Todey, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Midwest Climate Hub in Ames. lowa.

Farm fields also are more likely to be bare in the wintertime. When a few inches of rain falls during growing season, the crops can help block some of the raindrops from falling directly onto the soil, and their roots help hold soil in place.

Todey stressed that it's not just torrential rain that can be damaging — even a half-inch of rain in the winter can cause problems.

Is climate change making it worse?

Anecdotally, Todey said, winter rain and soil erosion seems to be happening more frequently.

A 2022 study from the University of Vermont found that the upper Midwest is particularly at risk of increased water pollution from runoff because warming winters mean more heavy rainfall on top of snow. The study looked specifically at flooding that occurred on the Mississippi River in winter and spring of 2019, finding that "rain-on-snow" events released massive amount of nutrients and sediment into the river.

Climatologists and farmers alike are noticing bigger rainfalls occurring during times of the year when

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Candidate Spotlight

Anyone seeking political office is invited and encouraged to announce their candidacy in the Candidate Spotlight. It is an opportunity to tell the voters why you are running, goals if elected, etc. It is not a forum for bashing an opponent, and there is no charge.

Jason Headson Candidate for **Town of Lincoln Chairman**

My Name is Jason Headson and I am the current Town of Lincoln Chairman, even though I am running unopposed I thought it would be best to share the accomplishments of the last 2 years and what the next 2 hold for the township. I worked hard on grant writing and applying for grants, it's exciting to announce that the town has received more than \$68,000 in the last 2 years! My plan is to continue with this model and pursue all grants for the township. I made the promise to work for the base salary and take no meeting per diems or mileage costs and I have stood to that saving the town money. I will continue to do so in the future, these funds will be used to help pay for other services that benefit all taxpayers.

I have written seasonal updates and I plan to continue with this so stay posted on Facebook and the local papers for those. I also filled in multiple days plowing this winter and I donated a weekend operating a bulldozer leveling off the pavilion area. We have widened all the roads we have room for to make more space for today's larger vehicles with our paving projects the last 2 years and this will continue. Over the next few years, I hope to pave, repair, or seal more mileage of road than we have done historically. I, as well as the other board members are committed to the Town and doing what's right for all citizens in our great community! It's been my pleasure and honor to represent you all and to continue to represent our Township.

Town Chairman of Lincoln Jason Headson

Re-elect Mark Chrisman for Laona Town Chairman

During his first term, he worked closely with the Laona Beautifying Committee to bring signs to our Main Street, a Christmas tree lighting event, Summer Rock the Block event, and several fun family events! He also worked to organize town clean-up days and keep taxes stabilized for the past two years. He led the partnership with the Forest County Potawatomi tribe to secure grant funds to better serve our youth.

Mark is an active community member. You can see him at local events to support our volunteers, Lions Club, Quarterback Club, and our school district. Mark helped to create a Laona Grant Committee that works diligently to seek grant funding for projects to enhance the Laona community. Vote to re-elect Mark on April 4th!

Forest County Health Department **Updates**

National Public Health Week is April 3rd 9th, 2023

and we want you to join us in celebrating!

The theme this year is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health." The Forest County Health Department is taking part in the week by visiting our communities to connect with people to make our communities healthier, stronger and safer. We want to work together to ensure all communities have access and connections to food, transportation, healthcare, housing and education.

Health Department staff will be offering free pressure screenings, community resource blood information, health education, and a chance to win a few prizes. More importantly, staff wants to connect to community members, listen and learn about important health issues and how we can work together to improve community health.

Please take a few minutes to stop by and visit with us at the following locations:

- April 4th Armstrong Creek Community Building at 11:00 a.m. and Wabeno Town Hall at 10:45 a.m.
- April 5th Crandon Community Building at 11:30 a.m. and Laona Community Building at 11:30 a.m.

• April 6th Alvin Town Hall at 12:00 p.m.

Steve Watson, Digital Navigator, from UW Extension will be joining us at several meal sites to offer educational information on computer use and internet

Stop by the Forest County Health Department to sign up for your chance to win a Jackery Portable Power Station. Please call 715-478-3371 with any questions.

> Online at pionexp@newnorth.net

Is this a new strain of giant ruffed grouse

See us online at pioneerexpresscrandon.com



This is the first known photo of the giant ruffed grouse that has been seen east of Argonne. It is hard to determine the actual size of this genetic aberration, but it would appear to be close to ten feet tall. What caused this strain of grouse to develop is anybody's guess at this

This bird raises questions. Are there other grouse of this size. Will the DNR hold a special season on them if the numbers increase? Will you have to pay to be in a drawing for the giant grouse hunt? Can they be hunted with a shotgun or will it take a deer rifle to take them down? How long will a family of five be able to feed themselves on a grouse of this size? How much damage will they do to aspen stands when they feed? Will the radical enviros try to protect these birds from hunters? (It seems likely).

We will have to wait to find out. The first report will be issued on April 1st.

Welcome to the Northwoods!



The rumor is out there that there are thoughts of planting a new species in area lakes and rivers. This alligator may have a happy life in the Peshtigo River if given a fair chance. Louisiana has no problem in supplying alligators to Wisconsin. They have more than they need.

The question is will the alligator learn to go into hibernation during the winter months? Or, will he learn to make breathing holes through the ice, which could be a hazard to ice fishermen? Will the alligator make a dent in the sport fish populations in our lakes and rivers? Will he be good for the tourist industry? Will we have to keep kids away from the waters edge if they learn to thrive in the north? Will canoeing be a life risking sport?

One thing is for sure. Should we get a viable population of alligators, there will be money made selling hunting permits to those who want to make their own alligator skin luggage or shoes. All of this is exciting to our sportsmen.

National Forest Youth Employment

Students aged 15 to 18 can apply now through April 15, 2023 to be part of the Youth Conservation Corps team that will work on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest this summer. The team will monitor trail conditions and maintain popular recreational sites including campgrounds, picnic areas, and boat launches.

The employment period is a ten-week term. Pay is 15 dollars per hour. Students will report to district offices for eight-hour workdays, Monday through Friday. Positions are available in the Eagle River, Florence, Lakewood, Laona, and Park Falls districts. Each student must provide a teacher letter of recommendation along with their application. Apply no later than April 15, 2023. You can submit your application and letter of recommendation from your teacher by mail, email, or in person at your local district office.

Blank applications are available at district offices. Mailing Address: ATTN: Karen Katz, USDA Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, 500 Hanson Lake Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501











Hey Wabeno!

If you want peaceful resident-friendly government as much as I do....

Vote Lloyd Fulcer, Chairman of Wabeno Town Board!

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GAC Lions free Pancake & Porky Breakfast a big success



The Goodman-Armstrong Creek (GAC) Lions Club provided a free "Pancake and Porky" breakfast on Sunday, March 26 as part of Armstrong Creek's 2nd Annual "Sappy Days". The turnout was great, with many hungry people coming from as far away as Green Bay, Sheboygan, and Milwaukee. Pictured above, from left to right, are Ashley Orth, Lion John Marsh, Lion Karijo Marsh, and Lion Doyle Weishar.

The GAC Lions, in their community support efforts, continue to honor the Lions motto. "We Serve" Submitted by Lion Joanne Weishar









Demmer Library Hosts Engagement Workshop

Forward Three Lakes, a project of the Three Lakes Community Foundation, HoneyRock Camp and Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library invite members of local organizations to participate in a free organizational engagement workshop Monday, April 3, from 2pm-5pm in the Maple Room at the Demmer Library.

The workshop "Engaging People in your Organization," will be presented by Rob Ribbe, HoneyRock Camp executive director, and will guide leaders of organizations through discussions of recruiting and retaining members, donors, and volunteers.

The workshop will be held in-person and online via Bluejeans. In-person participation is open to the first 30 registrants.

To learn more about the program content and presenter or to register, visit demmerlibrary.org/engageme ntworkshop/ or call 715-546-3391.

Crandon Public Library Storytime

The Crandon Public Library Storytime. Storytime is for ages 0 to pre-school, and is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the library.



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April 1st, 2023 Starting at 2:00 PM

Preventing sport overuse injuries

Having children in sports is a great way to keep them healthy. However, it's important to remind them to rest and recover properly to avoid an overuse injury.

An overuse injury is damage to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon caused by repetitive stress without allowing time for the body to heal. This can cause inflammation, muscle strain and tissue damage.

"Overuse injuries happen most commonly in joints and connective tissue. Injuries may include shoulder impingement, tennis elbow and stress fractures," says Aspirus Athletic Trainer Erin Sparks. "We typically see it in our athletics that participate in the same sport year-round or those that participate in multiple sports with similar mechanics such as volleyball and softball."

An overuse injury can start out as a slight ache that worsens over time leading to extreme pain and discomfort.

According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, because young athletes are still growing, they are at a greater risk for injury than adults. The consequences sport can include injuries that impair growth and may lead to long-term health problems

Prevention is the best medicine when it comes to overuse injuries. Here are a few ways to avoid them.

- · Get a preseason physical
- Encourage cross training and a variety of sports
- Stress the importance of warming up, proper technique and form
- Make sure they rest and recover
- Provide a healthy, well balanced diet
- Recognize injuries and get help

Overuse injuries can take weeks and sometimes months to heal completely. The sooner an overuse is suspected or diagnosed, the sooner the body can heal.

"Typically, the first thing we recommend people to do if an overuse injury is suspected is to rest and ice the affected area. Otherwise, if it's something that has been going on for a long time, seek medical attention to get a close and more specified treatment plan," says Erin.

It's important that young athlete understands that he or she should talk with a parent or coach and seek help if experiencing pain or something that just doesn't feel right. If overuse is expected don't push through the pain. Rest and recover. If symptoms persist, talk

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Dr. Tom Williams will be preaching all services and men's spirit sessions. Mrs Williams will be speaking for the ladies' split sessions



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Centennial Park

Jordan **Blanchard**

8/4/2023

Presented by the Laona **Beautifying Committee**

2nd Annual

Town Wide Rummage Sale

Hosted by the Laona Beautifying Committee

May 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2023

If you wish to participate with increased advertising, complete the below registration form, drop off or send in the form to the Laona Town Hall by Friday April 7th, 2023 Or email your form to laonabeautifyingcommittee@gmail.com and pay via PayPal QR code below

The \$10 fee secures a place for your Rummage Sale address on the event map and Town Wide Advertising. Friday and Saturday will run 9AM-4PM, Sunday open at your own time

Newspaper, Laona Beautifying Committee Facebook Page, Forest County Chamber Page, and Forest County Chamber Website

Printed maps and digital maps will be available to your Thrifters, leading them to your treasurers.

Thank you for supporting the Laona Beautifying Committee

If you have any questions, please reach out to the us via Facebook or email at laonabeautifyingcommittee@gmail.com

Complete this registration form, drop off or send the form and \$10 registration fee to the Laona Town Hall at 5146 Linden Street, Laona Wi 54541 by April 7th, 2023. Or email us the form at laonabeautifyingcommittee@gmail.com and use the PayPal QR Code below for payment.

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"It's the little things...



By Paul Leverson, MSPT at Health in Motion

Have you ever known you needed a change but just didn't know where to start? Or, were afraid to fail in the process of trying? Or maybe just too discouraged to begin?

Did you know your body can get like that?

Resistance to change is a common thing among us. Often, when dysfunction or pain strikes, it doesn't go away. Because of that, it becomes our new normal. We compensate for it...change our lives for it...rationalize for it...try to ignore it.

Studies have even shown our brain actually changes to accommodate this "new normal" life of pain.

Change can appear to be a big thing at first. But, really, most problems in life – and your body -- have solutions that start with the little things -- especially if they're caught earlier than later. Wouldn't it be nice if you had someone to give you solid advice and to come alongside you for encouragement in the process? Our job is to help identify those little things that need to change that will produce big improvements and to show you ways to make those changes so your life gets better.

Let us help. That's what families do. Stop in and see us at Health in Motion 501 W Lincoln St, Crandon, WI 5452

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Baldwin Joins Effort to Review and Strengthen Medicare Advantage, Protect Taxpayers Dollars and Improve Care for Seniors

Recent federal audits show widespread overcharges and errors in payments across Medicare Advantage plans

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) joined Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and a group of Democratic colleagues in sending a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), supporting CMS's efforts to thoroughly examine current Medicare Advantage (MA) practices to improve care delivery for beneficiaries. Specifically, the letter urges the Administration to engage with stakeholders to strengthen and finalize proposals related to MA to reduce excessive payments to plans and bolster the Medicare program for all seniors and other beneficiaries.

The senators raised their concerns about reported overpayments that threaten the solvency of the Medicare program and jeopardize access for Medicare beneficiaries.

"As you are aware, multiple federal audits and reports published over the last few years have identified a troubling trend of overpayments to MA plans, which are administered by private insurance companies. Federal audits made public in October 2022 revealed widespread overcharges and other errors in payments to these plans, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars in overcharges to the government in a manner that some have described as 'cross[ing] the line into fraud,'" wrote the senators.

"We recognize that not all MA plans are engaged in unscrupulous or inappropriate care management, and that the number of Americans enrolled in MA plans continues to grow each year approaching 50 percent of eligible beneficiaries. However, this shift in enrollment should not jeopardize the future of the Medicare program," the senators continued.

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Explore Automotive, Manufacturing careers April 12 at Nicolet College

Anyone interested in learning about the training necessary for successful careers in the Automotive and Manufacturing fields is invited to attend a career exploration event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Nicolet College. "Both of these career sectors are experiencing a shortage of workers and, as such, people with these sought-after skills are in quite high demand," said Dwight Webb, Nicolet Admissions representative.

The event for Manufacturing sector jobs will be held in the Birchwoods Center and Automotive will be in the Automotive Lab located on the lower floor of the White Pine Center. Interested individuals will be able to explore the facilities and talk with instructors and employers about virtually any aspects of careers in these fields.

Nicolet's Manufacturing program offers college credentials in five different areas, which include Electromechanical, Industrial Mechanical, Welding, Metal Fabrication, and Forestry Equipment.

The college's Automotive program offers two one-year technical diplomas, which include Automotive Service Technician and Automotive Technician.

The college also offers these programs in the highly-flexible Competency-Based Education, or CBE, format.

Under this structure students complete a combination online instruction and hands-on lab work in a flexible open lab setting with instructors on site.

"Each program is also broken into a series of skill competencies," Webb explained. "When students complete one competency, they then move on to the next, and so on until they earn their college credential. The curriculum is the same as in the old, traditional format, and is just as challenging, only now it's in the flexible CBE format where students complete the work at times that are best for them."

For more information, contact Webb at (715) 365-4470 or at dwebb@nicoletcollege.edu. Individuals attending the event are asked to pre-register at nicoletcollege.tfaforms.net/456. Glen was born on March 12, 1937, in the Town of Crandon, the youngest of six children of James and Marie (Johnson) Barker. He



attended grade school and high school in Crandon. He was a proud Army veteran, serving from 1954-1957, including 16 months in Korea. After his discharge he married Ethel Carol May on Oct. 12, 1957. He was a member of the American Legion Post #44 of Crandon.

After working for American Motors in Milwaukee, and the Forest County Highway Dept., Glen returned to logging, which he had done with his dad while growing up. In 1960 Glen and Carol built a home in "The Valley" west of Crandon, where they raised their five children. They lived in this same home until moving to Evergreen Terrace in April 2022.

In 1970 Glen used his GI Bill and attended Nicolet Technical College in Rhinelander, receiving an Associates Degree in Forestry in 1972. Thereafter Glen worked as a land surveyor for the next 27 years, retiring as District Surveyor for Consolidated Papers Inc. in 1999.

Glen loved nothing more than being in the woods and he enjoyed his work immensely. He enjoyed being at "the cabin," and looked forward every year to deer, grouse, and turkey hunting, as well as fishing for trout, bluegills and crappies. He loved his Brittany and Springer Spaniels Roxy, Buddy, and Woody, who were his buddies over the years. He enjoyed being surrounded by his large family and was known for coming up with nicknames for his grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of which became permanent!" He was also a die-hard Packers and Brewers fan.

Besides his parents, Glen was preceded in death by his five siblings: George, Boyd (Garnett), Eunice (Orville) Wagoner, James Jr. (Dolly), and Claude (Mary).

Along with Carol, his wife of 65 years, Glen is survived by his five children, Peggy Sue (Bill) Foltz of Hiles, WI, Mary Gail of Crandon, Beth (Duane) Wentz of Little Suamico, WI, Vincent Boyd (Stephanie), Major General, US Army, of Appleton, WI, and Tina Marie of Hiles; as well as 10 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren.

A private family memorial service was held at Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon, on Saturday, March 25. A graveside burial service, with military honors will be held later in May at the Town of Crandon Cemetery. The family would like to thank all the visitors Mom and Dad received this past year while at Evergreen Terrace, where Mom will continue to reside.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Letters to the Editor

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Stylz Brycen Moses Holmes, age 19, of Menasha, formerly of Crandon passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, March 20, 2023.

He was born on April 17, 2003 in Rhinelander, WI the son of Chad Holmes and Megan Stahl.



Stylz had many interests in life to include riding his side-by-side, gaming on his P.C. and hunting. First and foremost, he had a very caring heart and always put others needs before his own. He was always being sarcastic and loved to crack jokes. To many he was known as a gentle giant. He was always watching out for his siblings and made sure they were safe. He had a very special bond with his grandfather, JR., oftentimes they would celebrate their birthdays together as they were only one day apart. Above all else, he loved his mother very much.

He will be missed by many but he will never be forgotten.

In addition to his parents, Stylz is survived by his brothers, Westin, Phoenix and Enzo Holmes; sister, Aiyanna Goerke; paternal grandfather, JR. Holmes; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Building in Crandon on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Native American Services were held Friday, March 24, 2023 at 10 a.m. Mr. Ian Waubanascum officiated. Interment will be at Stone Lake Tribal Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



Happy Easter from the Four Busmen (Mike, Mark, Christ & Bob) of Forest County...

Since we've started Monday trips, it seems that riders are hesitating to call me on Sunday to schedule a pick up for Monday. While I appreciate you not wanting to bother me on a Sunday, we are ending up with empty buses on Mondays!! Please call me on Sunday. I promise to be nice and won't be at all irritated. Also, snow cancellations may still occur, being up-north and all. We still want your calls. We will usually reschedule the next day. Get off your bunny and me a call or send a text to 715-889-0859

We haven't heard a peep from those of you interested in a local Crandon area trip for shopping at local stores and other stops or trips to the Nu-Roc facility so riders can visit residents there. We can also drop riders at other nursing facilities in any of our regular destinations to visit loved ones. CALL MARK! 715-889-0859.

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - April 3 - Swiss Steak, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Carrots, Whole Wheat Bread, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - April 4 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Squash, Oat Bread, Grapes

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - April 5 - Chicken Alfredo over Linguini, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Berries

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED, ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - April 6 - Baked Ham, Green Beans, Garden Salad w/ Tomato, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Butter, Apple Pie Dessert, Milk

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at

715-545-3323.

Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-

3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

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

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Ardyce Mae (Cronce) Duff was the 3rd child of Edward and Mildred (Rogers) Cronce. She was born November 21, 1928. When her mother went into labor, Ed hitched up their team of horses to a wagon and headed out for Elcho to get DR. Dailey, a 20 mile round trip. While he was gone, Ed's mother Mary delivered Ardyce into the world. She joined



her sister Deloris and brother Eddie. Over the years, brothers Jerry, Roger, and Barry and sisters Jenny and Kathy were added to the family.

Ardyce graduated from Crandon High School, class of 1946, and attended Oshkosh School of Business. She married Elmer Duff on December 7, 1948. They traveled to Alaska and built a homestead cabin on 80 acres of wilderness land near Anchorage. Ardyce peeled the logs herself. Their first child, Diane Sue, was born in 1950 in Anchorage. Their second child, Michael Lee, was born a year later in Crandon and Peggy Ann was born in Anchorage in 1959.

In her lifetime, Ardyce worked at the Crandon National Bank, First National bank of Alaska, Forest County Dept. of Social Services, Crandon Rexall Drug Store (part time), Dane County Social Services in Madison and Stoughton. After retiring from there, see moved to Venice Florida and started a house cleaning business, returned to Crandon and opened a small Ice Cream shop. From there she opened "This Is Mrs. Duff's" restaurant with her sister Kathy. She named the business "This is Mrs. Duff" because that was how she answered the phone all the years she worked for Social Services. Her last job was her favorite...cooking at the Mole Lake Casino. Not only did she like the work but she loved the people she worked with (and she liked to gamble a little). She officially retired at 80 years old and moved to Gadsden Alabama to be near Diane and husband Tom Robertson (who became her best friend and Personal tour guide to all of Alabama). She loved her flower gardens and Alabama in general.

As her health began to fail, she returned to her roots on the land of her youth that she often spoke of and missed so much. Her sister Kathy took her into her home and cared for her until Ardyce required more than Kathy could do. Spending that time with all her family was very special to her.

Ardyce's life on earth ended March 9, 2023 at "The Bay at Nu Roc" Nursing home where she had resided for a year. The love and respect shown her by the staff and hospice professionals will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her children Diane Sue, Mike and Peggy, her grandchildren Shannon, Megan, Mathew, and great grandchildren Cole, James, Nolan, Natalie, Nadia, Brennan, Addison and Azara. Sisters Kathy and Jenny and brother Barry. Also her dear lifelong friend Lorraine Sparks Kline and her very special friends Tom Robertson and Linda Duff.

She was proceeded in death by her Parents Edward and Mildred Cronce and sister Deloris and brothers Eddie, Jerry and Roger, and grandchildren James Michael Duff and Billy and Mia Tyler and her former husband Elmer Duff.

It is impossible to sum up 94 years of living with just a few paragraphs....but Mom did it in just a few words when she said: "I have had a wonderful life... I have no complaints."

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon with Mr. Tom Robertson officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to time of service.

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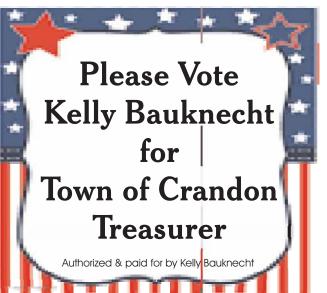
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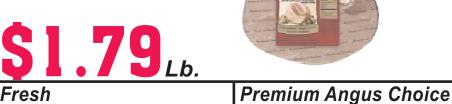
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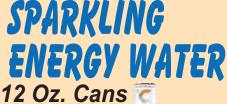
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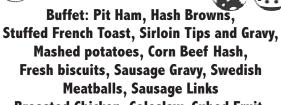
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Baldwin, Braun lead bill to require transparency for skyrocketing drug Prices

Bipartisan FAIR Drug Pricing Act comes as median price of a new drug costs more than \$222,000/year

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As more families deal with skyrocketing prescription drug prices, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Mike Braun (R-IN) today introduced the Fair Accountability and Innovative Research (FAIR) Drug Pricing Act, bipartisan legislation to require basic transparency for pharmaceutical corporations that increase drug prices.

From July 2021 to July 2022, the price of more than 1,200 medications increased greater than inflation—with an average increase of almost four times the inflation rate—and the median annual price of a new drug in 2022 costing more than \$222,000. In January 2022 alone, drug companies increased prices on over 800 different drugs. While big drug companies took in record profits, more than one quarter of Americans struggle to pay for their prescription medications and over 15 percent of patients report either delaying a refill after running out of medications or rationing medications due to cost.

The FAIR Drug Pricing Act would require drug manufacturers to notify the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and submit a transparency and justification report 30 days before they increase the price of drugs that cost at least \$100 by more than ten percent over one year or 25 percent over three years. For drugs that have a list price that is higher than median family income, or \$70,784 in 2021, manufacturers will also be required to submit a transparency and justification report.

"While big pharmaceutical companies are turning record profits, too many Wisconsin families are struggling to afford the cost of prescription drugs, forcing some to ration or forgo their medication. And when drug prices are jacked up and budgets are stretched thin, there is no systematic transparency for the Americans who are forced to pay more just to access the medications they need to stay healthy," said Senator Baldwin. "This common-sense legislation will provide basic transparency for consumers by requiring pharmaceutical companies to explain to the public why they are raising prices on working families."

"Transparency is the key to lowering prescription drug prices," said Senator Braun. "The FAIR Drug Pricing Act will help push Big Pharma into the right direction by requiring that drug companies notify the HHS Secretary and submit a transparency and justification report before they increase the cost of certain drugs by more than 10 percent over one year or 25 percent over three years."

The FAIR Drug Pricing Act brings basic transparency to the market for prescription drugs that currently does not exist. For the first time, manufacturers will be required to provide information on manufacturing, research and development costs for the qualifying drug; net profits attributable to the qualifying drug; marketing and advertising spending on the qualifying drug; and other information as deemed appropriate. The bill will not prohibit manufacturers from increasing prices, but it will for the first time give taxpayers additional information on how drug prices are initially determined and give notice of price increases. HHS will make all of the information from these reports publicly available within 30 days in an understandable online format, and will submit an annual report to Congress summarizing the information submitted by drug manufacturers.

In addition to Senators Baldwin and Braun, the FAIR Drug Pricing Act is also co-sponsored by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN).

The FAIR Drug Pricing Act is supported by Marshfield Clinic Health System, Blue Shield of California, the Campaign for Sustainable Rx Pricing, the Alliance of Community Health Plans, AARP, Security Health Plan, and the National MS Society.

"This kind of price transparency is an important step toward holding drug companies accountable for pricing decisions," said Bill Sweeney, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, AARP. "Patients, providers, and policymakers deserve to know why the price of the drugs continue to increase - which makes it even more difficult for older Americans to afford the medications they need."

"Senator Baldwin has been a health care champion since day one. For too long, drug companies had free rein to hike prices year after year with no transparency all while lining the pockets of their CEOs and shareholders," said Leslie Dach, Chair of Protect Our Care. "The FAIR Drug Pricing Act fights back against Big Pharma's greed and is an important step in helping Americans get the medications they need to thrive at a price they can afford. Senator Baldwin is once again showing the American people who's fighting for them."

"In 2016 I chose to stop taking my Multiple Sclerosis prescription drug because it was simply unaffordable. The drug was keeping me mobile, but the annual retail cost of \$82,500 was too much for a retired couple on a fixed income. Today, seven years later, the unchanged drug retails for over \$110,000," Diane Whitcraft, MS Society Activist and retired educator from Webster, Wisconsin. "Senator Baldwin & Braun's FAIR Drug Pricing Act will hold pharmaceutical companies accountable and responsible, not just self-serving. Extraordinarily unaffordable medications for most Americans cannot be tolerated.

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With Senator Baldwin's bipartisan legislation, no one should have to stop taking prescription drugs because of the price tag."

"We applaud Senators Baldwin and Braun for reintroducing this market-based solution that will help hold Big Pharma accountable and expose egregious pricing practices," said Lauren Aronson, Executive Director of CSRxP. "The FAIR Drug Pricing Act will shine a light on the worst price-gouging offenders, help arm patients and policymakers with insight into Big Pharma's pricing decisions and alert the public to looming price hikes."

"Affordable access to medications is still one of the top challenges faced by people with MS," said Bari Talente, Executive Vice President of Advocacy and Healthcare Access at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. "While the Inflation Reduction Act was a great first step in lowering prescription drug costs, more work remains. The FAIR Drug Pricing Act is another important step to require basic transparency, justification and notice of price increases above certain threshold amounts or when companies price their medication over the median family income. With 11 MS DMTs now priced over \$100,000 a year, people with MS continue to express concern with their ability to afford their medications over the next few years. We applaud Senators Baldwin and Braun for reintroducing this important legislation."

"We commend Senators Baldwin and Braun for introducing the Fair Accountability and Innovative Research (FAIR) Drug Pricing Act," said Sarah Kaminer Bourland, Legislative Director for Patients For Affordable Drugs Now. "This bill takes a step in the right direction by bringing much needed transparency and accountability to our broken drug price system, especially the challenge of unjustified price hikes and high launch prices. We urge Congress to move quickly to advance this legislation."

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fields are bare. Wisconsin is expected to grow warmer and wetter through the mid-21st century, and experience more extreme precipitation events, according to the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts.

Why is soil erosion a concern in the Midwest?

The Midwest is known for rich, fertile topsoil good for growing crops, making agriculture a star industry in the region.

But that surface layer is disappearing, worn away both by extreme weather events and farming practices that routinely disturb it. Tilling, for example, which turns the soil to prepare it for seeding, can increase the likelihood of soil erosion and runoff.

Researchers at the University of Massachusetts Amherst estimated that the rate of soil erosion in the Midwest is between 10 and 1,000 times greater than it was prior to the rise of modern agricultural practices, and that the region has lost more than 57 billion metric tons of topsoil since farmers began tilling a century and a half ago.

If it continues, all types of agriculture will suffer a drop in productivity, which will have an impact on local economies that depend on farming and on the food we see at our dinner table.

How can erosion be reduced?

Because soil erosion tends to be a bigger problem for farm fields, Todey said it's largely up to landowners to manage their land as best they can, generally striving not to leave fields bare when rain and wind could move topsoil around.

One way to do that is with cover crops, which are planted for the specific purpose of covering the soil between seasons when other crops, like corn, are grown for harvest. These crops — like alfalfa, rye, red clover and mustard — shield the ground from the elements and also root down into the soil, helping it stick together.

Another practice is no-till farming, in which farmers plant seeds directly into undisturbed soil instead of churning it before planting, locking in nutrients and strengthening the soil. A 2021 study from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign found that switching to no-till in vulnerable areas can reduce loss by more than 70%.

More farmers are employing practices like these. In the latest U.S. Census of Agriculture, released in 2017, 37% of field acres used no-till, and the use of cover crops on Midwest farms increased from about 2% in 2011 to 7% in 2021



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BIDS AND NOTICES

Notice of Referendum and Sample Ballots April 4, 2023

Office of the School District of Laona, District Clerk,

To the voters of the School District of Laona:

Notice is hereby given of a referendum election to be held in the School District of Laona, on April 4, 2023 at which the question to be submitted to a vote for a referendum, is shown in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- State their name and address
- · Show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- Sign the poll book**
- If a voter does not have an acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of
- ** If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot,

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not be initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

A voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Marking the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is marked, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA FOREST COUNTY, WISCONSIN April 4, 2023

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk)

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes" like this X

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No" like this:X

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED REVENUE CAP COMMENCING WITH THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Laona, Forest County, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include the amounts set forth below in excess of the revenue limits imposed by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes each year for a period of four years on a nonrecurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs as follows: \$559,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and \$559,000 each year for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years.

Question

Shall the School Board fo the School District of Laona be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 fo the 2027 school years, on a nonrecurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs as provided in the foregoing

YES

NO

/S/ Frank Shepard Jr., District Clerk

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the School District of Laona on April 4, 2023, the following proposed resolution to exceed the revenue cap commencing with the 2023-2024 school year, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Laona, Forest County, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include the amounts set forth below in excess of the revenue limits imposed by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes each year for a period of four years on a nonrecurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs as follows: \$559,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and \$559,000 each year for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the School Board of the School District of Laona be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount \$559,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and \$559,00 each year for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years, on a nonrecurring basis of the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs as provided in the foregoing resolution?

A "yes" vote is in favor of the resolution set forth above and is a vote to approve exceeding the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount of \$559,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and \$559.000 each year for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years on a nonrecurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs.

A "no" vote is opposed to the resolution and is a vote to deny exceeding the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount of \$559,000 for the 2023-2024 school year and \$559,000 for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years on a nonrecurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs.

March 27, 2023

/S/ Frank Shepard Jr., District Clerk

ATTENTION: SBE/EBE/MBE/DBE/WBE DVB/SDVOSB/VOB

Subcontractors and Suppliers

Greenfire Management Services will be requesting proposals on the following project:

> New Laona EMS Building 3788 State Highway 32 Laona, WI 54541

for Bid Package #2 (Remaining Trades)

For Bid Schedule and Documents please contact Ed Person at: ed.person@greenfire.com

Greenfire Management Services 3215 W. State St., Suite 200 Milwaukee, WI 53208 Ph: 414.290.9400

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Notice of Election of School Board Members [Wis. Stat. 120.06 (6)(C)]

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 an election of one (1) school board member will be held. The names of the candidates as they appear on the ballot:

Hope Gilligan Kenneth F. Carroll

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2023.

/S/ Frank Shepard Laona School District Clerk

School District of Laona Official School Board Ballot **April 4, 2023**

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" in or other mark in the square next to the name, like this: X

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write a name on the line marked "write-in."

Hope Gilligan
Kenneth F. Carroll
Write-in:
Write-in:

Notice of Laona Board of Education

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that the Board of Canvassers will be meeting for the purpose of Canvassing of Ballots on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Laona School District Library.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2023.

/S/ Frank Shepard Laona School District Clerk

Bids & Notices

FACSIMILE BALLOT NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION **April 4, 2023**

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA CLERK TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA:

Notice is hereby given of an election to be held in the several wards in the School District of Wabeno Area on the 4th day of April, 2023, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a school district referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. Wisconsin now requires a photo ID to vote.

If you any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Address 3696 Flanner Ln	Laona, WI 54541 Wabeno, WI 54566
4473 N. Branch St.	Wabeno, WI 54566
N4393 Blue Goose Dr.	White Lake, WI 54491
N11929 Parkway Rd.	Silver Cliff, WI 54104 Mountain, WI 54149
	Lakewood, WI 54138
15471 Hwy 32	Mountain, WI 54149 Townsend, WI
17937 Front St	54175
	3696 Flanner Ln 918 MacArthur Trail 4473 N. Branch St. N4393 Blue Goose Dr. N11929 Parkway Rd. 14899 Cty Rd T 17181 Twin Pines Rd 15471 Hwy 32

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Ballot for Nonpartisan Office **April 4th, 2023**

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name, like this: χ

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

WABENO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Member – Forest County area includes parts of Forest, Langlade, & Marinette Counties
Vote for 1
☐ Emily Belland
write-in:
School Board Member – Oconto Cou . v Vote for 1
☐ Carlton Ross Stealer
write-in:

Public Notice April 5, 2023 – 12:00 P.M. Community Room 115 – Wabeno **Elementary School**

The School Board of Canvassers will meet to canvass the results of the Spring General election held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The canvass will include review of all ballots cast on Election Day as well as any late-arriving absentee or outstanding provisional ballots. Upon completion of the public canvass, election results will be certified.

Dave Seeber and Trinity Shepard

Wabeno School

Breakfast Menu

April 3 - 7

Monday - Assorted cereal.

Tuesday - Pancake on a

stick, pineapple tidbits fruit

Thursday - Breakfast sandwich, yogurt,

Wednesday - Late Start

oranges, fruit juice, milk

Friday - No School

Kiwi, fruit juice, milk

juice, milk

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order. I.

II. Roll Call - Verification of Quorum.

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law III.

Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2)).

IV. Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda Approval.

VI. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3

- a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person)
- b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit

for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community.

c. Public Participation

Approval of Minutes: a. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on March

1, 2023.

b. Approval of the closed session minutes of the Special School Board Meeting on March 13, 2023.

VIII. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll.

IX. Informational Items:

VII.

- a. Jeff Walsh, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
- b. Bill Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will present updates and
- c. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
- d. Bob Tucker, Director of Special Education, will present updates and information.
- e. Board Member Reports.

X. Action Items:

- a. Discuss and take possible action on resignation(s).
- b. Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s).
- c. Discuss and take possible action on Start College Now applications for the fall semester.
- d. Discuss and take possible action on 2023-2024 CESA 8 Service
- e. Discuss and take possible action on boys basketball overnight trip.
- f. Discuss and take possible action on paraprofessional special education licenses being paid for by the District again.
- g. Discuss and take possible action on NEOLA policies: po0100, 0144.5, 0175, 2210, 2430, 3215, 4215, 5200, 5330, 5340, 5410, 5430, 5512, 5517, 5771, 7434, 7440, 7544, 8305, 8420.01, 8431, 8450, 8600, 8800, 8802, and 9700.01.
- h. Discuss and take possible action on issuing a contract for Full Length Play Technical Support (Spring) to Janet Newton.
- XI. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda. Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.

Adjourn.

NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

Approved for Publication/Posting by:

District Superintendent

Upon reasonable notice, the District shall make reasonable accommodation to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities through appropriate aids and services including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting. For additional

information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 715.473.2592.

Sent to:

-Board of Education

-Administrative Team

Pioneer and Lake/Forest Beacon Newspapers

The agenda as noted above was sent more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on the Distric

Website: https://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/#

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** April 3 - 7

Monday - Baked potato bar, chili, broccoli, sliced apples, garden bar, milk Tuesday - Sub sandwich. chips, carrot sticks watermelon, assorted cookies, garden bar, milk Wednesday - Asian rice bowl, chicken, oriental vegetable, mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk Thursday - Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk Friday - No School

BID NOTICE

Headwaters Inc. is accepting bids on the following bus that is being retired.

2012 Ford Bus E450

This vehicle can be seen by appointment at Headwaters Inc, 1441 East Timber Dr, Rhinelander WI, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To make an appointment call 715-369-1337 ext. 1241 or ask for Becky Wilson.

Bid sheets can be obtained by stopping in at Headwaters Inc, located at 1441 East Timber Dr, Rhinelander between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or can be sent via email to bwilson@headwatersinc.org. All bids must be sealed and received at the Headwaters Inc office by 4:00 p.m. on April 12,







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