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Laona/Wabeno Rebel Musical



Top Row: Madi Smitz-Craw, Yukon Volk, Autumn Warden, and Ezekiel Sarratt Middle Row: Trenton Vladik, Lauren Harris, David Nelson, Adele Sattler Bottom: Zechariah Sarrat

The Laona and Wabeno Rebel Drama and Music Departments are presenting *Stuart Little*, a full length musical in the Nancy Volk Theatre at Wabeno High School on March 7-10, 2024. Bring the whole family to the Rebel Drama and Music Department's production

About the Show: Author E. B. White wrote the classic children's novel, *Stuart Little*, in 1945, and the tale of a mouse-like human boy eventually became a childhood favorite. In 1993, the story of *Stuart Little* was adapted into a full length musical by Joseph Robinette and Ronna Frank. This fun-for-the-whole-family-show features many of Stuart's adventures that White wrote into the original story. The show also includes several melodies that audiences will surely be humming afterwards.

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Conservation Corner

2024 Forest County Conservation Poster Contest
Each year the National Association of Conservation Districts has a poster contest open to grades K-12 for public, private, or home school students. Each poster created must go through a Local/County contest before advancing on to Area, State, and Nationals. We hosted ours here at Forest County in January and had a good turnout for posters entered. We received 74 posters from students K-12 in the Laona School District and the Crandon School District. The theme for the 2024 Poster Contest this year was "May the Forest be With You, Always." The students that took 1st Place at the local level advanced to the Area Contest which was hosted in Oneida County on February 6th, 2024. The North Central Land and Water Conservation Association consists of 9 area counties. We had 3 students place at the Area Contest and they were Jayden Seiler (2nd place), Madelyne Tilton (1st Place), and Arian Peterson (2nd Place). Because Madelyne Tilton took 1st Place at the Area Contest, she will advance to the State Contest which will take place at the 2024 Wisconsin Land + Water Conference in Green Bay, WI on March 6-8.

The Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department would like to extend appreciation to all of the participating schools, teachers, parents, and students for a successful 2024 Poster Contest!

Winners of the local contest are: Kindergarten - 1st Grade

- 1st Place – Danny Hoffman (Laona)
- 2nd Place – Annie Bertrand (Laona)
- 3rd Place – Hudson Harrison (Laona)

2nd – 3rd Grade

- 1st Place – Jayden Seiler (Laona)
- 2nd Place – Nariya Hackey (Laona)
- 3rd Place – Olivia Shepard (Laona)

4th- 6th Grade

- 1st Place – Emmalyn Seiler (Laona)
- 2nd Place – Penelope Towle (Laona)
- 3rd Place – Thomas Perry (Laona)

7th- 9th Grade

- 1st Place – Madelyne Tilton (Laona)
- 2nd Place – Cash Teschner (Crandon)
- 3rd Place – Jazmine Weso (Crandon)

10th – 12th Grade

- 1st Place – Arian Peterson (Crandon)
- 2nd Place – Allison Albrecht (Laona)
- 3rd Place – Kaylee Kegley (Crandon)

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Four Crandon wrestlers qualify for State Tournament



L to R: Elias Glinski, Cruz Palubicki, Mason Dewing, Samara Alloway

Crandon wrestlers are heading to the WIAA state tournament in Madison! According to Head Coach Paul Cleereman, "The team is sending four wrestlers to the state tournament for the third consecutive year." Cleereman is hoping his wrestlers "make some noise and find the podium." Crandon sent nine sectional qualifiers to Shawano on February 17 and three were able to find the podium which resulted in qualification for the state tournament. Senior Elias Glinski (138#) won his third straight sectional championship and will be making his fourth consecutive trip to Madison; the only wrestler in school history with those credentials. "It's my last year and I'm going to give it all I got to make it to the finals match. My goal is to win the state championship," said Elias Glinski. Taking second and also qualifying, included junior Mason Dewing (120#) and sophomore Cruz Palubicki (165#). Dewing, who is making his second trip to the state tournament stated, "I've worked hard all year and during the off-season and I'm happy to see that it's paying off." Cruz Palubicki stated he's "looking forward to giving it my all and finding the podium." Joining the gentleman in Madison is Crandon's first female state qualifier, Samara Alloway. Alloway locked up her sectional championship by pinning her opponent in 2:17. On heading to Madison, Alloway commented, "I'm excited and nervous at the same time, but I'm also very proud to be the first girl to make it to state in Crandon High School history." The WIAA state tournament will be held at the Kohl Center with action kicking off on Thursday, February 22.

Northern Legislators announce Federal Loan availability for small businesses

On Tuesday, Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland), Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk), and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) announced that federal loans are available for small businesses that have been impacted by the lack of snow in northern Wisconsin.

"On Monday, 14 of us northern legislators wrote a letter to Governor Evers asking him to work with the United States Small Business Administration to properly declare an economic injury disaster area for counties in Wisconsin that are experiencing substantial economic injuries due to the lack of snow. Today, the Governor and Senator Baldwin announced that some of our counties are still covered under a previous drought disaster declaration – but Florence and Marinette Counties will not have access to these loans unless the Governor declares a new disaster."

Businesses who have been economically impacted by this drought may submit applications to the US Small Business Administration by visiting the following website: <https://lending.sba.gov>. These Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) are up to \$2 million for actual losses, allow for a deferred payment for the first 12 months, are interest-free for the first 12 months, and have further interest rates that will not exceed 4%. In addition, the loan period has a maximum life of 30 years, but will be determined by your ability to repay the loan.

Applications for an EIDL have the following deadlines based on which county you're in:

Forest May 29, 2024 Oconto May 13, 2024
Langlade May 13, 2024 Oneida May 29, 2024
Lincoln May 13, 2024 Shawano May 13, 2024

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Benefit for Mark Pitts

Sunday, February 25th 12-5 p.m.
Nashville Town Hall Cty B & Hwy 55
Help Mark in his fight with cancer!
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Great Food & Some Great Prizes!

The Forest County Referendum details you should know

The Forest County Board of Supervisors approved a referendum question on April 2, 2024, to increase the tax levy limit to cover increased operating costs and balance the county budget.

If passed, the tax impact for a resident with a property value of \$100,000 would be less than \$10 per month. This referendum is a last resort to provide a stable funding source that will allow the county to keep providing core services like public safety, highway maintenance, and social services that our residents expect. These funds will also help cover operating costs that have increased due to inflation and the rising cost of goods and services.

What Happens if the Referendum Fails?

If the referendum fails, we must evaluate non-mandated services for potential reductions starting in 2025. Mandatory county services may also need to be scaled back as ongoing staffing shortages and other budgetary shortfalls may impact them.

Services at Risk of Reductions

The following are some of the non-mandated services that could be reduced

- **UW Extension**
-4H Program
-Training and other services
- **Forest County Fair**
- **Economic Development Efforts**
-Partnership funding, matching grants, etc.
- **Elderly Support Services**
-Meal sites
-Transportation for the elderly

Mandatory County Services

The following are just some of the mandated services that could be scaled back

- **Public Safety**
-Sheriff's Department, jail, etc.
- **Highway Maintenance**
-County and State highway/road repairs, plowing, etc.
- **Social Services**
-Child and Adult Protective Services and Juvenile Justice
-Economic Services: support and screening
- **Courthouse Services**
-Zoning, Register of Deeds, Veteran services, Treasurer's
Oce, County Clerk, Child Support, etc.
- **Health Department**
-Clinic services and health fairs

It should be remembered that Forest County is unique from other counties because about 17% of the county land supports 100% of the county's operations.

About 83% of the land is owned by government agencies like the Forest Service, and therefore is not taxable.



Laona Cook Elfors VFW Post and LFD Auxiliary Fish-O-Ree

The Fish-O-Ree is Saturday, February 24th on Silver Lake in Laona. The fishing is from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., with no weigh-ins after 4 p.m. Weigh-in and raffles to be held at Silver Lake Beach Pavilion. The raffle wheels start at noon, and the Raffle ticket drawing will be at 5 p.m.

If you are fishing and hope to win, you must purchase at least one Fire Department raffle ticket to be a participating fisherman.

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The lower level offers a large flex area with a freestanding electric fireplace and 100 gallon fish tank; this area may be used as a playroom, extra bedroom, or family/media room. Additionally, on this level is another master bedroom with an attached closet and full bathroom. It also has two utility rooms and a laundry room with a vanity and toilet.

This house has been recently updated with a new drain tile system around the entire house, a new roof, new siding, new rain gutters, and new soffits. Other buildings on the property include a two stall garage with tandem door openers and a 12x16 storage shed. Amenities include; central air conditioning, natural gas furnace, blacktopped driveway with a cement apron and fresh paint throughout.

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Wild Rivers Quilt Guild meets Feb. 27

The Wild Rivers Quilt Guild would like to invite all area Quilters to join us for our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, beginning promptly at 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Florence, Wisconsin, 900 Central Avenue, intersection of US 2 and 101 at the west end of Florence. Member Lynda Plamann will present a demonstration on making cute, zippered pouches out of candy or potato chip bags that have been covered with HeatnBond vinyl.

Member Karen Hallenbeck will present a demonstration on making "string" quilts – a great way to use up leftover fabric scraps. Join us for an evening of all things quilting! For more information about the Wild Rivers Quilt Guild or to contact us, visit our website at www.wildriversquiltguild.org. Guests and new members are always welcomed.

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The Rebel Musical

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The Rebel Musical Student Cast: The ten member ensemble cast plays several roles during the show including narrating the action and participating in the chorus numbers. David Nelson plays Stuart Little; Lauren Harris plays the "Woman with a Newspaper," Babbette (a cat), a pigeon, and the storekeeper; Xavier Maass plays Mr. Little and Mr. Clydesdale; Ezekiel Sarratt plays the doctor, Snowbell, the Bus Driver, Dr. Carey, the School Superintendent, and the Telephone Repairman; Zechariah Sarratt plays Hank; Adele Sattler plays a Dog, Tige (a cat), and Harriet Ames; Madi Smitz-Craw plays Mrs. Little, Miss Swenson, and Angie (a cat); Trenton Vladik plays George, Leroy, and Maltz (a cat); Yukon Volk plays Zeke and is the principal understudy; and Autumn Warden plays the Referee and Margalo.

The Rebel Musical Student Crew: Wabeno High School students provide all of the design and technical assistance for the show. Sarah Gouge designed the poster art and painted most of the scenery. Drama class students—Bailey Blasing, Allisia Cisneros Tuckwab, Brock Gouge, Sarah Gouge, Lauren Harris, and Jake Mason—assisted with the musical design process, including the poster layout, costume selection, and prop design and construction. The audio managers are Brian Sears and Elise Harris, and the lighting manager is Kyra Beaber. Running crew members include Levi Beerntsen, Kaydin Chojnacki, Jaden Danielson, Onikah Martin, Jedidiah Sarratt, and Madison Thomson.

The Rebel Musical Directors and Musicians: Directing the production is WHS English and drama teacher, Janet DeJean Newton. Under the direction of WHS Band Director, Michelle Boor, members of the WHS band will accompany several of the musical numbers. The student pit members are Alison Hansen, Joseph Lampereur, Luke Lampereur, Mitsuki Nelson, and Treyton Schaefer. Both Michelle Boor and her husband, Jason Boor will also perform in some of the numbers. WHS music teacher, Charisa Statezny, has been teaching the cast the music and will play some of the piano accompaniment. The set construction was completed by Michael A. Newton.

All School Project: "It takes a village to raise a child," and our village at Wabeno High School has come together for this show. Several WHS Academic Departments have collaborated to create this all-school musical production including the Drama, Music, Art, Foods, and the Fab Lab Departments. The Drama Class students assisted with the musical design and production process, the Band students worked together to create a small pit orchestra for the show, the Art Department created several ceramic bowls that may be purchased as part of the Dinner Theatre Package, the Foods Department is preparing the Dinner Theatre Package meal, and the Fab Lab printed professional quality posters for the show.

Performance and Ticket Information: Performances will be held at the Nancy Volk Auditorium located in Wabeno High School, 4325 Branch Street, Wabeno, Wisconsin 54566, on Thursday-Saturday, March 7-9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. and on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. General Admission tickets for every performance are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the door.

Dinner Theatre Package Reservations: A special Dinner Theatre Package has been created by the WHS Art and Foods Departments. The Dinner Theatre Package is available on Saturday, March 9 at 5:30 P.M. and Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 P.M. for \$15.00, which includes one admission to the show and dinner: soup served in a student handcrafted bowl that may be kept with purchase, chips, beverage, and a dessert bar. To reserve a Dinner Theatre Package ticket, please contact Janet DeJean Newton at jnewton@wabeno.k12.wi.us by Monday, March 4. Proceeds from the dinner will help fund the Art and Foods Departments project expenses.

For more information or questions, please contact Wabeno High School at (715) 473-5122, extension 3439, or send an email to the show director, Janet DeJean Newton at jnewton@wabeno.k12.wi.us.

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

Please let us know if there are any special trips on your bucket list and we will see if we can make it happen.

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

Tuesday and Thursday Trips

Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain. We will pick you up at your home sometime between 8 and 9 a.m. and typically arrive at the destination town around 9:45. Walmart is a popular stop but we will attempt to take you wherever you wish. Then...LUNCH!!! (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1:00 and 2:00 most days.

Thursday, February 22: Antigo
Tuesday, February 27: Iron Mountain
Tuesday, March 5: Antigo
Thursday, March 7: Iron Mountain
Tuesday, March 12: Rhinelander
Thursday, March 14: Antigo
Tuesday, March 19: Iron Mountain
Thursday, March 21: Rhinelander
Tuesday, March 26: Antigo
Thursday, March 28: Iron Mountain

Forest County Commission on Aging
Nutrition Program
**SENIOR
MEALS**

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Feb. 26 - Beef vegetable stew, biscuit, whole kernel corn, tossed romaine/spinach salad, dressing, cookie

Monday - March 4 - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, squash, rye bread, pineapple, chocolate cake

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Feb. 27 - Chicken Florentine, penne pasta, cauliflower, mandarin oranges, banana and vanilla pudding

Tuesday - March 5 - Italian rigatoni casserole, green beans, mixed greens and dressing, garlic breadstick, strawberries and yogurt

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - Feb. 28 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, 3-bean salad, rye bread, ambrosia fruit salad

Wednesday - March 6 - Chicken broccoli casserole, Pacific veggie blend, whole wheat bread, grape juice, gingerbread cake

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

Thursday - Feb. 29 - Lasagna, breadstick, salad with tomatoes and carrots, corn, pears, blueberry muffin

Thursday - March 7 - Chicken and rice, carrots, calico beans, applesauce, milk, cupcake

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.

Thank You's and Personals

The Crandon Cardinal Trap Team would like to thank the businesses and community members for donating and attending our Annual Predator Hunt Fundraiser.

We appreciate all the hunters that participated and all the volunteers who helped make this a success.

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Friday, March 1 from 7:35 - 9:15 a.m.

- Events:**
7:35 - 8:15 Breakfast: Join your child and elementary staff for a celebration breakfast.
8:20 - 8:40 Title I Informational Session
Learn about Wabeno Elementary's Title I program
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8:45 - 9:15 Classroom visits to read with your student

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Tuesday - Pancakes, sausage links. oranges, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Cereal bar, yogurt, pears, fruit juice, milk
Thursday - Breakfast pizza, pears, fruit juice, milk
Friday - French toast sticks, sausage links
Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School
Lunch Menu
Feb 26 - March 1**
Monday - Asian rice bowl chicken/shrimp, oriental vegetable, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk
Tuesday - BBQ pork sandwich, mac & cheese, broccoli, mixed fruit, garden bar, milk
Wednesday - Chili dog, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, peaches, garden bar, milk
Thursday - Cheese burger, chips, baked beans, sliced apples, garden bar, milk
Friday - Crispito, Spanish rice, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk

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The man who says, "I may be wrong, but -" does not believe there can be any such possibility. - Kin Hubbard

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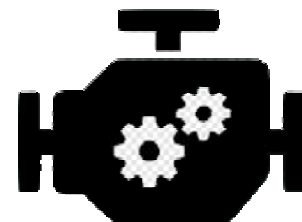


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 Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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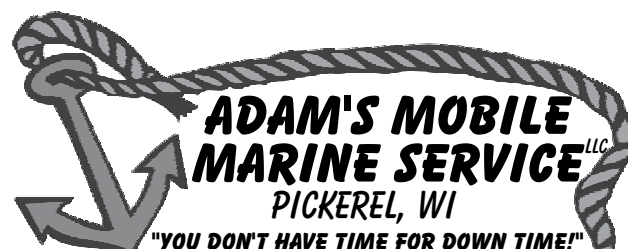
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This Wisconsin law was passed in 2023 for the safety of first responders when dealing with electric powered vehicles in emergency situations. First responders will be able to quickly identify the vehicle as having electric components by the orange and black "EV Hybrid" sticker.

All current owners of electric or hybrid vehicles with valid registration will automatically be sent their EV Hybrid sticker(s) and should receive their sticker(s) by June. Starting this summer, those who apply for title and registration for a new electric or hybrid vehicle (including those purchased at a dealership) will be provided a sticker(s) with their new plate(s). Anyone who purchases an electric or hybrid vehicle ahead of that time will receive their sticker by mail. There is no need to contact the DMV for EV Hybrid stickers.

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Back Row L to R: Madelyne Tilton, Emmalyn Seiler, Thomas Perry, Penelope Towle, Allison Albrecht, and Forest County Conservation Technician Kayla Littleton

Front Row L to R: Jayden Seiler, Nariya Hackey, Annie Bertrand, Danny Hoffman, and Hudson Harrison. Not Pictured: Olivia Shepard



L to R: Cash Teschner, Aria Peterson, Jazmine Weso. Not Pictured: Kaylee Kegley



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<div>15 CHEVY TAHOE</div> <div>LT, 5.3L - 129k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>K-5716</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$19,993</div>	<div>15 CHEVY SILVERADO</div> <div>LT1, Crew, 5.3L - 112k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>K-5744</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$19,994</div>	<div>17 TOYOTA RAV4</div> <div>Limited, AWD - 89k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>240142A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$20,491</div>	<div>14 RAM LARAMIE</div> <div>Crew, 3.0L Eco Diesel - 122k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>K-5767</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$20,990</div>	<div>21 GMC TERRAIN</div> <div>SLT, AWD - 33k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>P4345</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$23,492</div>
<div>20 CHEVY TRAVERSE</div> <div>LT Leather, V6, AWD - 79k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>G1517B</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$23,697</div>	<div>16 CHEVY SILVERADO</div> <div>LT, Dbl Cab - 71k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>P4338A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$24,344</div>	<div>20 BUICK ENVISION</div> <div>Essence, AWD - 21k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>H1286B</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$24,591</div>	<div>21 TOYOTA RAV4</div> <div>LE, AWD - 33k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>240129A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$25,991</div>	<div>20 FORD EXPLORER</div> <div>XLT, 4x4 - 79k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>240118A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$26,491</div>
<div>18 CHEVY SILVERADO</div> <div>LT, Dbl Cab - 83k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>H1231A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$27,591</div>	<div>23 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER</div> <div>RS, AWD - 07k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>H1397A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$27,990</div>	<div>19 GMC ACADIA</div> <div>SLT2, V6, AWD - 34k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>H1212A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$27,990</div>	<div>19 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER</div> <div>Hybrid, Limited, AWD - 78k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>240099A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$27,994</div>	<div>21 CHEVY BLAZER</div> <div>RS, V6, AWD - 73k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>G1501B</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$28,299</div>
<div>21 AUDI Q5 QUATTRO</div> <div>Premium, AWD - 39k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>H1385B</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$28,490</div>	<div>22 GMC ACADIA</div> <div>SLE, AWD - 31k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>T0876</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$28,990</div>	<div>22 BUICK ENVISION</div> <div>Essence, AWD - 28k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>G1605A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$28,993</div>	<div>18 TOYOTA TACOMA</div> <div>TRD Off Road, 4x4 - 74k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>230451A</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$29,993</div>	<div>23 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER</div> <div>LE, AWD, 2.4L - 26k Miles</div> <div> </div> <div>1273W</div> <div>BEST PRICE \$29,998</div>

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