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#### Goodman Armstrong Creek Lions Club Hosted Free Pancake & Maple Porkie **Breakfast**



From left to right: Three future maple syrup producers, and Fred Hedmark, Owner Hedmark's Maple Ridge, who donated all of the maple syrup for this year's breakfast

The Goodman Armstrong Creek Lions Club hosted a free Pancake and Porkie breakfast on Sunday March 24th as part of the Third Annual Sappy Days celebration. Local residents, as well as tourists from around the state and beyond, gathered at the Armstrong Creek Community Center for a wonderful breakfast and some homemade sweets. They enjoyed pancakes and maple porkies topped with rivers of maple syrup donated by Fred Hedmark, owner of Hedmark's Maple Ridge. Last year's maple syrup was donated by David Kowalkowski, owner of Lumberjack Maple Syrup Company. We are fortunate to have such generous, community-centric businesses in our part of the North woods.

Diners were also able to shop for local goods and experiences at the Sappy Days Market. Twelve vendors set up their wares around the dining area and offered: maple syrup from several local businesses, maple syrup bakery goodies, hand crocheted stuffed critters of all kinds, hand crafted cards, jewelry, pillows, and custom tshirts as well as hand carved wooden mushrooms and wooden fishing lures. Local hunting and Airbnb opportunities were also on display with knowledgeable folks on hand to answer questions. And we had a local author share his newest book which is chock full of wonderful stories and life lessons - a great read for kids of all ages! All 12 vendors offered something special and unique. There was a lot of visiting and chatting before, during and after their meals as people reconnected, or in some cases, connected for the first time. Rumor has it that planning for next year's celebration is already in the works!

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#### 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 lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

#### WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS ANNUAL SPRING **HEARING AND PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY**

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will once again offer their annual opportunity for the public to provide input on a variety of natural resource-related questions with an in-person opportunity April 8, 2024, at 6 p.m. (which will be over by the time you read this) but in case you miss the in-person meeting, you can vote online starting at noon April 10 to noon on April 13, 2024.

Respondents need only answer questions that pertain to their interests. Not all questions need to be answered. With the online option available starting on April 10 at noon, it is quick and easy for stakeholders to weigh in on these questions, as well as any other in which they may have a stake.

To vote, go the website listed below and follow instructions. voting https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing

I had a chance to look at the questions that will be presented and I've included some that may be of interest to citizens of Forest County and the Northwoods:

2. Do you favor changing the statewide general open season for trout and salmon in inland streams, springs, and spring ponds to the first Saturday in April at 5 a.m. through October 15? Continued on page 11

#### **American Legion Post 44 donates** to Wabeno High's Skills USA



American Legion Sylvan Post 44, Gordy Kimball, 3rd Vice Commander presented a check of \$1500.00 to Wabeno High School's Skills USA Program.

Skills USA is a showcase of career and technical education students that will participate in a competition in Madison, Wisconsin

Some of the trade contests are drafting, electronics, welding, precision machine, culinary, and electrical to name a few.

Pictured left to right is Brad Champine, Tech Ed Teacher, Gordy Kimball American Legion 3rd Vice Commander, Brian Van Eperen, Fab Lab Director.

# PIND US

#### TIES THAT 10th Annual Ties That Bind Us Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Kentucky Derby Party Fundraiser! Proceeds from this year's event will be given to the Forest County Ties That Bind Us (TTBU). This family-focused festivity will take place on May 4, 2024, under the big tent behind Pack Em Inn, just off of main street in Crandon, WI. There will be basket raffles throughout the day. Food will be available for purchase. Sponsorship Opportunities:

Triple Crown Sponsor \$350, Secretariat Sponsor \$250 Memorial Sponsor \$150 Basket Raffle Sponsor \$100/\$125/\$150 Basket Raffle Donation Forest County Ties That Bind Us PO Box 511 Crandon, WI 54520

If interested in donation or volunteering, please contact: Ties That Bind Us at 715-902-0168 or email fcttbu@gmail.com

By supporting the 10th Annual Kentucky Derby Party, you are providing an opportunity to contribute not just financial, but also emotional support to our community members and their families who have been impacted with cancer. The Forest County Ties That Bind Us is a 501 (c)(3) local non-profit organization started in 2013 to support cancer patients in the communities of Forest County.

#### The Oreo Solar Eclipse



For those of you who are upset over the cloud cover during the eclipse this past Monday, here is a simulation for all to enjoy. It isn't quite the same, but it gives you an idea of what happened and also for some reason, it is making me hungry for Oreos.

The Oreo Eclipse is also much more dependable than the natural eclipse, and it can be watched whenever!

#### Mole Lake Clinic to receive funds for expansion



Mole Lake is happy to be included in the funding recently secured by Senator Baldwin.

Senator Baldwin successfully included \$3.5 million for the Sokaogon Chippewa Health Clinic in the annual government funding package that was signed into law last month. The funding will support the expansion of the Sokaogon Chippewa Health Clinic to improve access to essential health services in Forest County.

"I was proud to deliver direct support to meet the needs of communities in every corner of our state," said Senator Baldwin. "For too many Wisconsinites in rural communities, accessing essential health services means long drives and wait times to get the care they need. This funding I secured for Sokaogon Chippewa Health Clinic will help families in Forest County access the care they need to lead healthy lives."

Senator Baldwin worked with localities or nonprofits across the state to secure over \$260 million in direct support for dozens of community-driven projects in the annual funding package.

On a visit to Mole Lake to talk with Chairman Robert Vanzile, he said that they have been working on this expansion for several years. He added that this benefits the entire Forest County area, not just the tribe. He added that they see patients from about a 35 mile radius.

Vanzile said that this will provide better health services for the entire area. He added that they want to improve the quality of services and add departments to their clinic, and said that currently mental health issues are a big issue.



Nurse Katchko and Chairman Vanzile

Suzette Katchko took me on a tour of the current clinic. Katchko is a APNP, which stands for Advanced Practice, Nurse Practitioner. She said that they will be adding on 3 to 4,000 square feet, and that currently, they are "...bursting at the seams." They are using two mobile homes for spare office space at the present time. She also said that there isn't enough storage space nor room for equipment, and they would like to expand the pharmacy and pediatric care.

Katchko took us on a walk around the clinic. She said that the clinic isn't just for tribal members, but already provides health care for people from all over Forest County and beyond.

The goal is to provide better services for the tribe and the entire area.

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#### Crandon Senior Spotlight -Madison Thurow



Madison Thurow, daughter of Whitney and Jason Headson, said her best high school memories are volleyball, homecoming, winterfest and prom each year. She is a part of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, the Global Scholars Program and she made the high honor roll all four years of high school.

In the past twelve years, he's learned to not procrastinate, enjoy school because it will fly by. Try your best in everything you do because it matters, and push yourself to try new things, even if they are out of your comfort zone.

She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire this upcoming fall with a major in either chemistry or pre-denistry and a minor in Spanish.

She would like to thank her parents, teachers and her friends for helping her make it this far.

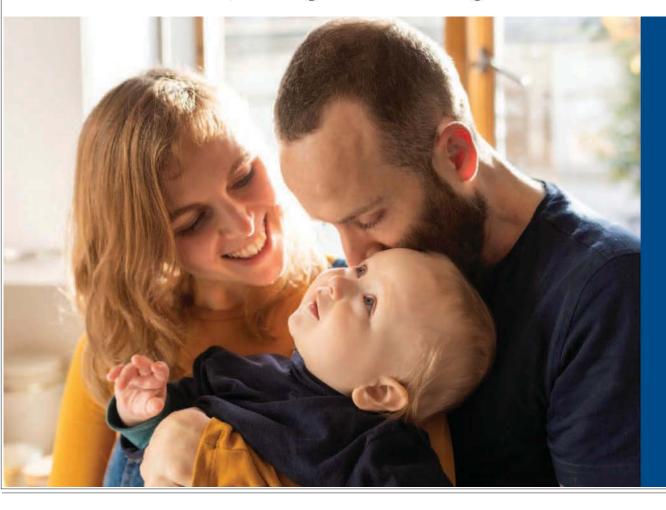


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Terms: \$10,000 down payment non-refundable, cash/cashier's check. Closing 45 days or upon paper completion. (10% buyer's fee added to winning bid). Bidders must request bid form by calling St. Louis Auctions LLC. 715-367-1668. (6728 Whitefish Lk. Rd., Three Lakes, WI 54562).

R.W.A.'s: Col. Rene Brass #424, Col. Robert St. Louis #450.

#### ONLINE AUCTION ANOTHER AUCTION WITH COL. RENÉ BRASS www.colrene.net

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SOPHOMORES- Summer Moravec, Mitsuki Nelson,

Bailey Van Eperen, Autumn Warden

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8th GRADE- Keira Godin

7th GRADE-Lily Habeck, Luke Lampereur

6th GRADE- Gracelyn Brugger

High Honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA)

SENIORS- Hailey Monnot, Leja Ravaite, Brian Sears, Lawton Webb

JUNIORS- Kiana Beaber, Cheyanne Blasing, Carter Champine, Edgar Christianson, Jaden Danielson, Elise Harris, Donovan Prince, Ezekiel Sarratt, Rayanne Schwartz-Licht, Jade Sommer

SOPHOMORES- Destiny Dudek, Abigail Enchautegui, Niya Frank, Miley Godin, Breanna Harris, Nolan Milham, Jedidiah Sarratt, Yukon Volk, Mazzie Williams

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FRESHMAN- Jaydon Bolssen, Jayse Demerath

8th GRADE- Payton Shampo, Carter Towne

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE- Timothy Arrigo, Kyla Barea, Elijah Beerntsen, Robert Hartung, Finlee Popp

6<sup>th</sup> GRADE- Payten Brehmer, Lilianna Bulmer, Chloe Erickson, Laden Flores, Onikah Martin, Mason Towne, Trenton Vladik, Jackson Walton

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DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH TIME: 5PM TO 7PM

LOCATION: CRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

This sign up is for any children living in the Crandon School District area for the following teams/levels:

T-Ball - Current 4K Students/Kindergarten - boys and girls

Minor League - 1st Grade/2nd Grade boys and girls 10U - Boys in 3rd/4th Grade 9/10U Girls

age as of Jan. 1st 12U - Boys in 5th/6th Grade 11/12U Girls age as of Jan. 1st

This is the **only** sign-up there will be for these teams so you do not what to miss it! You will need to register and pay \$10 on the night of the sign-ups. This is for all players interested in playing - new players and existing players. Checks can be made payable to Forest County Little League. If you do not sign your child up on April 17th, there will be no other opportunities for signup, so plan to be there.

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A lifelong resident of the Antigo area, Chantelle is deeply rooted in the fabric of our community. Her intimate knowledge of the area, coupled with her passion for helping others, makes her an invaluable asset to our team. Chantelle is a licensed real estate agent in Wisconsin, ready to serve clients in Langlade, Shawano counties, and the surrounding areas. With a background as a dedicated corrections officer and 911 dispatcher for the past three years, Chantelle brings a unique blend of professionalism, empathy, and problem-solving skills to her role as a real estate agent.

She is eager to transition her career into real estate, where she can continue to make a positive impact by assisting buyers and sellers in achieving their real estate goals. Chantelle is dedicated to providing exceptional service, guiding clients through every step of the buying or selling process with care and expertise.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Chantelle is an avid outdoors enthusiast who enjoys kayaking and exploring the natural beauty of Wisconsin. Her love for the outdoors reflects her adventurous spirit and appreciation for the diverse landscapes our region has to offer.

Please join us in welcoming Chantelle Korbisch to the Century 21 Northwoods team. We are excited to have her on board and confident that her dedication, integrity, and enthusiasm will make her a valued member of our real estate family.

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

The first is on April 9, 2024 to Winter Bingo at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Bingo begins at 12:30 sharp and finishes around 3 p.m. Price for each bingo cards is 50¢ each with option of up to four cards. There are 50/50 raffles for purchase and concession stands are available for food and beverages. The more people that attend, the bigger the pots! So grab a friend and make this a successful day!

We will also be going to the Rouman Cinema Theatre on April 24, 2024 as requested by my friends in Wabneo. Jump on the bus, get to the movie and enjoy popcorn and soda while watching a good movie.

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

**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, April 11: Rhinelander Tuesday, April 16: Antigo Thursday, April 18: Iron Mountain Tuesday, April 23: Rhinelander Wednesday, April 24: Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander

> Thursday, April 25: Antigo Tuesday, April 30: Iron Mountain

#### **Forest County Commission on Aging**



#### **Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS**

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA** 

Monday - April 15 - Crab pasta salad over mixed greens, tomato wedges, dinner roll, peaches, lemon bar

Monday - April 22 - Boneless BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, cinnamon applesauce

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - April 16 - Hamburger on a bun, grilled onions, ketchup, German potato salad, baked beans, mixed fruit Tuesday - April 23 - Monterey chicken with veggies, broccoli, brown rice, pineapple, blueberry coffee cake

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - April 17 - Chicken breast, mushroom and bacon sauce, mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, biscuit, banana

Wednesday - April 24 - Salmon, diced seasoned

potatoes, creamed peas, rye bread, grapes ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday - April 18 - Pork chop, sweet potatoes, green peas, bread with butter, pears, milk, cupcake

Thursday - April 25 - Beef tips and gravy over noodles. garden salad, green beans, buttered bread, milk, pudding

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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Alvin nutrition site manager lammy 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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#### Death Notices

Mary Lou Jaeger of Crandon passed away at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital on April 2, 2024, with her family by her side following a courageous battle with dementia. She was 86 years old.

She was born on June 23, 1937, in Ashtabula, Ohio to the late Raymond and Emmaline (Woods)

She was married to Charles "Sonny" Mihalko of Crandon. Together, she and Sonny raised three children, Linda, Chuck and Brad. Following Sonny's death in 1984, she remarried the late Robert Jaeger Sr., he preceded her in death in 2001.

Mary Lou loved to travel frequently visiting family in Florida and Oregon. She also liked to vacation in Las Vegas, and Biloxi, Mississippi. She was very passionate about her finely manicured lawn. In her years spent on Lake Metonga, she enjoyed fishing, boating and family fish fries. She also enjoyed going on picnics with the kids.

As a youngster, she played the guitar. She liked dancing with her late husbands. Despite her petite stature, she could throw a mean game of horseshoes and a strike or two while bowling. Many great times and laughs were shared around card games such as Keno and Rummy, just to name a couple. Family was of the utmost importance to

She is survived by her children, Linda Mihalko, Chuck (Pattie) Mihalko and Brad (Cheryl) Mihalko; grandchildren, Zack (Christine) Mullins, Bradley Mihalko, Lindsey Mihalko, Laura (David) Chadwick and CJ (Mary) Mihalko; great-grandchildren, Ethan Chadwick, Quincey Chadwick, Logan Chadwick, Corrie Mihalko, Noah Mihalko, Kessiah Mihalko, Michael Emery, Joszlyn Messenger, Cameron Messenger and Mayson Mullins; sister, Shirley Franklin; and brothers, Billy (Marti) Keyes and George Keyes.

In addition to her parents, Mary Lou is preceded in death by her first husband, Charles "Sonny" Mihalko; second husband, Robert Jaeger Sr.; grandson, Jeremiah Mihalko; sisters, Jenny (Chuck) Walden, Gloria (Bill) Williams, Grace Keyes and Virginia Keyes; brothers, Raymond (Nancy) Keyes and Ralph (Lizzy) Keyes; brother-in-law, Tony Franklin; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Keyes.

Private family services will be held at Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home in Crandon.

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

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James J. Merschdorf, age 82, of Antigo, WI, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Tomahawk Health Services in Tomahawk, WI. Jim was born in West Allis, WI, on April 28, 1941, to the late Peter and Anne (Pintrich)



Wabeno, WI, where he was

a 1958 graduate of the Wabeno High School. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and being in nature. Jim was also a talented artist who loved to paint.

Survivors include his son, Jeffrey Merschdorf; and his brother, Paul Merschdorf. His is further survived by his grandson, Kyle James; and his great-grandson, Colson James. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Anne; his sisters, Joan Hackney and Carol Merschdorf: and his brother. Richard Merschdorf.

In accordance with James' wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

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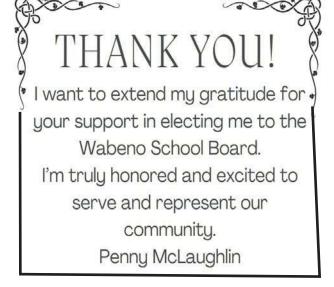
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4. Do you favor allowing trolling with 3 "lines" (i.e., hook, bait, or lure) per angler on all inland waters of Wisconsin? 8. Do you support allowing hunters who quarter their deer in the field to leave non-edible parts at the site of harvest?

16. Do you support making it illegal to use submerged artificial light sources for the intent of attracting and schooling fish and other aquatic life in Wisconsin waters for the purposes of fishing?

22. Would you support banning the use of live scopes, and similar 360° imaging electronics in all Wisconsin waters? 24. Would you support a 10 panfish aggregate bag limit for panfish, but only 5 may be crappie for the DNR's toolbox? 26. Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to designate the monarch butterfly as the Wisconsin state butterfly?

29. Would you support eliminating lead, statewide, from firearm ammunition used for hunting by 2030?

31. Do you support the DNR and other conservation groups creating an awareness campaign focused on the adverse impact outdoor cats have on Wisconsin's wild bird populations?

32. Would you support the WCC and legislature creating a new statute that prohibits the use of wake boat ballast systems on Wisconsin's lakes and rivers?

33. Should the Legislature, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Health develop and enact protective limitations on PFAS compounds for acute and chronic toxicity in surface water, wildlife health, groundwater, fish consumption, and human health?

42. Would you support regulations by DNR to require that all ballast systems used in boats shall have a reasonable practical means of inspecting the system to confirm that no water is retained in the system (tanks, piping, valves,

43. Would you support the WCC and legislature modifying existing statutes to prohibit generation of intentionally magnified wakes for wake surfing through the use of ballast, design features, operational procedures or any other means on lakes smaller than 1500 acres and less than 20 feet deep and maintain a distance from shore and other lake users of 700 feet?

There are 49 total questions presented to the Congress this year. I've only listed a few of them. Once again, if you missed the County meeting on Monday, April 8th, you can vote online beginning at noon April 10 to noon on April 13, 2024. To vote, go the website listed below and follow the voting instructions.

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# Senator Cowles, Representative Mursau's Bill to Improve Electronic Recycling Signed into Law

MADISON - Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) released the following statement after the Governor signed Senate Bill 866 into law yesterday as 2023 Wisconsin Act 108:

"Wisconsin's E-Cycle program has been massively successful in keeping millions of tons of obsolete electronic waste out of our local landfills, and putting these valuable materials into newer devices," Senator Cowles stated. "But as targets for recycling shift, the state should be able to adapt and keep the program operating efficiently without unnecessarily punishing program participants. Updating our guidelines under Act 108 will keep E-Cycle Wisconsin a modern, practical tool that benefits manufacturers, collectors, recyclers, and consumers across Wisconsin."

Through the E-Cycle Wisconsin program, we collect and recycle certain electronics and keep them out of our landfills", Representative Mursau stated. "To date, more than 370 million pounds of electronics have been recycled. The Wisconsin program is a great success story, and often recognized across the country as being one of the best!'

Act 108 makes a series of changes to current statutes overseeing the E-Cycle Wisconsin program. Under this new law, the annual manufacturer recycling target is amended - per a recommendation from the Department of Natural Resources - to make the target more realistic and prevent the need for shortfall penalties. These changes also adjust necessary reporting requirements, slightly increase manufacturer registration fees, update the eligible list of collected electronics, and require rulemaking to provide more clarity on shortfall penalties to program participants. Act 108 follows 2021 Wisconsin Act 79, also authored by Representative Mursau and Senator Cowles, which made other changes to the E-Cycle Wisconsin program last session.

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#### Take steps now to avoid potential conflicts with bears



As the weather warms and people across the state begin spending more time outside, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to be bear aware and take steps to prevent potential conflicts with black bears this spring.

Every spring, black bears emerge from their dens in search of food and potentially new territory. These explorations sometimes cause unexpected interactions between black bears and the public. Although black bears are much more common in the northern half of the state, southern Wisconsin has seen more black bear activity in recent years.

Bears are normally solitary forest animals, but their powerful sense of smell can lead them into urban areas in search of food, especially in the spring and fall.

To avoid potential conflicts, it's important to recognize what attracts black bears and take steps to reduce these attractants whenever possible. Black bears are known for returning to locations where they've found good food sources, so prevention is the best tactic.

Follow these steps at home to avoid attracting black bears:

· Completely remove bird feeders, even during daytime hours - Bird feeders provide a high-density food source for black bears, so bears might frequent a bird feeder for several weeks to see if it is refilled. Areas around bird feeders also have accumulations of seeds that should be cleaned up when removing a feeder. Black bears are also active during throughout the day, so removing bird feeders only at night is not sufficient.

· Reduce smells from trash and recycling containers -Black bears have keen noses and are attracted to all types of food waste. Rinsing food cans and bottles before throwing them away, as well as storing meat scraps in the fridge or freezer until garbage day, can reduce the intensity of odors emanating from your garbage and recycling containers. Storing containers in a closed building can also reduce access to food waste. Commercial dumpsters should also be locked whenever possible.

· Limit the amount of time pets and pet food are left outside unattended - Black bears can be skittish, but they are highly food-motivated. They may also defend themselves or attack pets when provoked. Prevent potential conflicts by limiting how long pets are left alone outside or keep them on a leash when recreating. Pet food should not be left outside, as it may attract bears.

• Be conscious of attractants in public spaces like grills and picnic tables - Barbeque grills and picnic tables often have leftover food scraps or residues on them that can attract black bears. Clean surfaces after use in public spaces to

reduce negative human-bear interactions. · Avoid feeding or interacting with black bears - Never feed a bear, whether intentionally or not. The risk of unexpected interactions increases when bears begin to associate people with food. If bears find a consistent food source around people or people actively feed a bear, the bear will make a habit of visiting the area or approaching people.

Know What To Do If You Encounter A Bear

If a bear is near your home or cabin, from a safe location, try to scare the bear away by making loud noises (like clanging pots and pans together) or throwing objects in the bear's direction. Black bears tend to avoid interactions with people if escape is possible, so make sure it has a clear escape route - never corner a bear. Do not turn your back to a bear or run away.

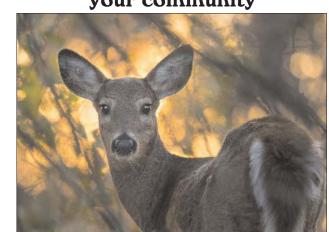
If you encounter a bear while in the woods, stay calm and do not run. Wave your arms and make loud noises to scare it away. Back away slowly and seek a safe location from where you can wait for the bear to leave. Never approach a bear. For your safety, do not attempt to break up a fight between a pet and a bear.

If unable to resolve a recurring issue with a nuisance bear, contact the USDA Wildlife Services toll-free line at 1-800-433-0663 for properties in southern Wisconsin or at 1-800-228-1368 for properties in northern Wisconsin.

For more information about avoiding unexpected interactions with black bears, visit the DNR's Black Bear Management webpage or download the printable Living with Black Bears pamphlet.



**PIONEER EXPRESS PAGE 13, APRIL 15, 2024** Help shape deer season for your community



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and County Deer Advisory Councils are seeking public input to prepare for the 2024 deer season.

Each county in Wisconsin has a County Deer Advisory Council that meets annually to provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management in its

The online public comment period will be open April 6-14, 2024. Complete the public input questionnaire to help provide feedback for your County Deer Advisory Council.

County Deer Advisory Council recommendations are based on deer metrics, county deer population objectives and public feedback. Information on each county's harvest and population metrics can be found on the Wisconsin Deer Metrics System database.

The online public comment period is an opportunity for anyone interested in helping shape local deer herd management. Local County Deer Advisory Councils will consider public comments when creating recommendations for the DNR.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to participate in the discussion at their local County Deer Advisory Council meeting. At these meetings, councils review county data on fawn-to-doe ratios, harvest trends, herd health, deer impacts on agriculture, forest health, vehicle collisions and hunter experience. This information is reviewed annually to respond to deer harvest, winter severity and other factors that impact the upcoming deer season.

The 2024 County Deer Advisory Council meetings will occur between April 22 - May 2, 2024.

You can search for and view the County Deer Advisory Council meeting info on the DNR's Meetings & Hearings calendar.

Following the County Deer Advisory Council process, the DNR will bring recommendations for the 2024 season to the Natural Resources Board for consideration in June.

#### The rise of early-onset cancer in young Americans

#### Aspirus noticing increase in cancer prevalence younger patients

In recent years, a concerning trend has emerged in the United States. A 2023 study reveals that certain types of cancer are being diagnosed more frequently among younger adults.

Aspirus Health's data over the past three years aligns with this national trend, showing a steady increase in patient visits related to cancer treatments among 30 to 39-year-olds. These trends have researchers looking into connections between cancer rates and biological aging.

"We generally think of chronological aging in numbers," said Christoper Platta, MD, Aspirus Radiation Oncologist. "Biologic aging not only takes into account age, but also lifestyle factors such as physical activity, smoking and blood pressure."

Aspirus data indicates that younger cancer patients are receiving treatment more frequently, but providers say they've also noticed an increase in the number of younger cancer patients.

"What we're seeing here in the Aspirus system is consistent with what other centers are seeing around the nation," Dr. Platta said.

To counteract this trend, medical professionals such as Dr. Platta recommend simple but effective lifestyle changes: maintain a healthy weight, engage in regular physical activity, eat a diet rich in fruits and vegetables. and reduce processed food intake. These measures, aimed at combating the rise in early-onset cancer, emphasize prevention and healthy living as key strategies.

The best way to prevent and detect the spread of certain types of cancer is through screening. People at higher risk of developing cancer may want to start getting annual screenings earlier than the average recommended age. Talk to your primary care doctor; they'll provide recommendations and help you schedule a screening, if













# Bids & Notices

# TOWN OF LINCOLN ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:00 PM

\*The previous notice stated the date was Tuesday, April 19.

# Wabeno School Board election results

Official vote totals for the School Board Election held on April 2, 2024 for the School District of Wabeno Area as reported by the towns are as follows:

Forest County Area: Dawn C. Jakubiec 574
Penny McLaughlin 512

Oconto County Area: Jason Boor 781

Dawn C. Jakubiec was elected to a 3-year term, representing the Forest County Area including parts of Forest, Langlade, and Marinette Counties.

Penny McLaughlin was elected to a 3-year term, representing the Forest County Area including parts of Forest, Langlade, and Marinette Counties.

Jason Boor was elected to a 3-year term, representing the Oconto County Area.

# WHAT'S TO EAT

#### Wabeno School Breakfast Menu April 15 - 19

**Monday** - Early risers. kiwi, fruit juice, milk

**Tuesday -** Scrambled eggs, tator tots, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Muffins, oranges, fruit juice, milk Thursday - Belgium waffles. sausage patty,

strawberries,fruit juice, milk **Friday** - Breakfast pizza,

pears, fruit juice, milk

#### Wabeno School Lunch Menu April 15 - 19

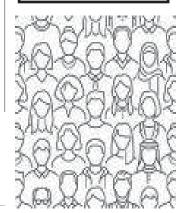
Monday - Chicken patties, garden vegetable pasta, mixed vegetable, apple sauce, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Turkey croissant, chips, green beans, berry cup. garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, broccoli, apple crisp, garden bar, milk

**Thursday** -Hot ham & cheese, chips, green beans, berry cup, garden bar, milk

Friday - Asian rice bowl, chicken/shrimp, oriental vegetables, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk



# School District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2024 High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Dan Christianson, Emy Belland, and Carlton Stealer (virtually). Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal

Board Members Absent: Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services

Others Present: Raletta Ashbeck, Lee Mattern, Brent Young, Penny McLaughlin Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2)).

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion made by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 85887 to 85996 for \$1,709,337.28 and payroll checks 900050698 to 900050933 for \$267,352.39, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$132.846.20. Carried 7 to 0.

William Taylor, District Administrator, Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services previously shared her updates.

The Board commended/thanked the following:

-Thank you to Peggy Christianson, Bellin Health, for once again providing donation boxes for the No Girl Without project (personal hygiene products for teenagers).

-There are spots still available for the Rebel Supporting Athletics Club 9 pin bowling tournament April 12-14, 2024 in Wabeno. There will be bowling, meat raffles, and 50/50 raffles. Please join us for this fun event to raise money; great bowling skills not required! -Congratulations to our state wrestlers, state fishing team, and basketball teams on great seasons.

-Congratulation to the Class of 2029 for raising \$1670 at their Pickerel Lake Jump In fundraiser. Great job!

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Emy Belland to accept Andy Ostrowski's resignations from middle school girls basketball coach and Jr./Sr. high school math

teacher with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Keith Williams resignation from bus driver with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to accept Ryan Nelson's resignation

from middle school football coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Chad Albrecht's resignation from 8th grade girls basketball coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Emy Belland to approve Ryan Nelson as assistant varsity football coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Tim Albertson as Jr./Sr. high school math teacher. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve Lorna Weyenberg as bus driver. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve Patrick Collins as middle school football coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Skills USA overnight trip to Madison April 9-11, 2024. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Trinity Shepard to reject all lawn care bids. Carried 6-0-1. Dave Seeber abstained. Invitation for Quotes will be reposted requesting charges per occurrence by area.

Discuss NEOLA policy po 5851. Discussion only.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve NEOLA policies po0100,0122, 0144.3, 0171.3, 1211, 2250, 2413, 2415 (rescinding), 2460.03, 5517, 5610, 6325, 6610, 6611,7440, 7540, 7544, 8120, 8310, 8330, 8431, 8700, 9130, and 9140. Carried 7 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on advertising. Policy must be followed. Advertisement will be removed.

Dave Seeber and Carlton Stealer were appointed to canvass the April 2, 2024 School Board Election results on April 3, 2024 at noon in the District Office Community Room. Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to go into closed session at 7:20 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f). Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes, Carlton Stealer, yes. Carried 7 to 0. The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:

ard may convene in closed session for the a. Discuss employee compensation.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Emy Belland to return to open session at 7:59 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; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes, Carlton Stealer, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Emy Belland to adjourn at 8:04. Carried 7 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

# The Town of Townsend will hold an informal

meeting regarding the plans for an addition & renovation of the existing town hall on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.



#### Laona-Wabeno Winter Sports Co-Op Meeting Laona/Wabeno Boards of Education Monday, March 18, 2024 5:30 P.M.

#### Room 24 - C.L. Robinson Elementary

School Board Vice-President, Katryna VanEperen, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Board members present: Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, and Dan Christianson. Administration: William Taylor, District Administrator and Robert Tucker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Board members absent: Dave Seeber, Emy Belland, Carlton Stealer Administration absent: Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Shelly Dotson, Director of Pupil Services

Others present: Michelle Boor, Larry Palubicki, Chad Albrecht, Lynsey Siggelkow, Melissa McLaughlin, Hope Gilligan, Ken Carroll, Mandi Stamper, Jason Bertrand Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the amended agenda. Carried 4 to 0.  $\,$ 

Winter sports updates

Boys Basketball: Varsity 8-2; 14-12 overall. Eliminated by Tigerton in the second round of Regionals. All Conference selections: 1st team: Canton Chrisman; 2 nd team: Walker Winkelman & Cooper Albrecht; Honorable Mention: Preston VanZile. JV was undefeated in conference playand ended with a record of 16-6. Girls Basketball: Varsity Regional Champs 8-2; 19-9 overall. Lost to Lena in Sectional Semis. All Conference selections: 1st team: Rylee Yaeger-joins the Elite 1000 point club; 2nd team: Allison Albrecht, Lily Terry, & Malerie Krawze; Honorable Mention: Holly Gilligan. JV record was 16-6 overall, which included JV2 games going 2-3.

<u>Wrestling:</u> All Conference selections: Reegan Roy & Levi Newman. Coaches of the year: Colin Schubert & Seth Center; State Qualifiers: Reegan Roy & Brady Shepard-joined the Elite 100 wins club. Regan finished 4th in State Tournament. Brady lost his first match to end his career.

Winter coaches' report

Motion made by Dan Christianson seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve renewing the following contracts: Kendric Allen, Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach; Scott VandeHey, JV Boys Basketball Coach; Mitch Woulf & Ryan Nelson, Middle School Boys Basketball Coaches; Andrew Harrison, Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach; Ashley Seiler, JV Girls Basketball Coach; Colin Schubert, Head Wrestling Coach and Dan Moravec, Jr. High Wrestling Coach. Carried 4 to 0. Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the HUDL Athletic Department Package 3 year contract as presented. Carried 4 to 0. Discuss coaching hiring process.

Discuss coaching evaluations. Larry and Bill will collaborate and present proposed language at respective May board meetings.

Discuss coaching non-renewals and process of challenging a non-renewal. Larry and Bill will

collaborate and present proposed language at respective May board meetings. Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the proposed Athletic Director evaluation rubric. Carried 4 to 0.

Discuss approval of overnight trips. Coaches to be sure they get documentation to District Offices in a timely fashion to make upcoming agendas for approval. Discuss upgrading Meal Compensation for State Participants at sporting events. The school will now pay \$50/day (\$15 breakfast; \$15 lunch; and \$20 dinner).

Administrative Guideline; motion not necessary. Next meeting will be at 5:30 P.M., Monday, July 8, 2024 at Wabeno Jr./Sr. High

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 6:43 P.M. Carried 4 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

# Bids & Notices

#### NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF **NASHVILLE ELECTORS**

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE NASHVILLE TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 4265 STATE HWY 55, CRANDON

Sandy Frank, Clerk/Treasurer

### **Forest County Contractor Training**

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town of Lincoln Town Hall 8:30am-12:30pm **Lunch Provided** 

If you are a contractor that does landscaping or excavating, please attend this informational training hosted by the Forest County **Zoning Department and the Forest County Land and Water** Department.

Please call 715-478-3893 or 715-478-1387 to RSVP

#### Laona School District quarter 3 honor roll

**Top Honor Roll 4.00** 

Seniors: Gavin Connor, Marissa McLaughlin, Abagail Peterson, Cameron Sorenson, Rylee Yaeger Juniors: Allison Albrecht, Timber Cronauer,

Holly Gilligan, Nate Gilpin

Sophomores: lan Niggeling

Freshmen: Ryder Cronauer, Faith Novak 8th Grade: Stella Albrecht, Addison Seiler, Victoria Winkelman

7th Grade: Nora Tinsman

6th Grade: Leilani Collins, Chase Fatla

#### High Honor Roll 3.5-3.99

Seniors: Melvin Engles, Malerie Krawze, Galen Schumacher, Brady Shepard

Juniors: Ave Cleereman, Michael Collins, Isabel Lincoln, Aiden McLain, Bluesky Meshigaud

Sophomores: Maddie Foltz, Autumn Lane, Grevson McClain, Nathan Mihalko, Lily Terry, Lovey VanZile, Precious VanZile, Zoey Weso

Freshmen: Hailey Connor, Reese Connor, Brody Hoffman, Tyberius Smith

8th Grade: Kayla Bocek, Maya Cleereman, Jessony Cook, Alyssa DeMore, Braiden Kelley, Ali Niggeling, Michael Yaeger

7th Grade: Florence Albrecht, Arianna Belland, Brooklyn Labarge, Emma Perry, Joslynn Samuelson, Molly VanZile

6th Grade: Olivia Adkins, Brooklyn Albrecht, Elizabeth Biedermann, Luke Biedermann, Landon Connor, Sydney Connor, Flora Dehart, Aurora DeMore. Colt Hoffman, Wanda Kelley, Addie Matuszewski, Charli Nacius, Jaxson Nelson

#### **Honor Roll 3.0-3.49**

Seniors: Alexander Jenkins, Evan Vander Velde Juniors: Colten Cooper, Dylan Wirth

Sophomores: Kayona Hawkins, Ike Johnson, Lily Kulpa, Marshal Smith, Boone VanOoyen, Hunter VanZile, Walker Winkelman

Freshmen: Cooper Albrecht, Canton Chrisman, Jaxson Cleereman, Isabelle Johnson, Braelyn Matuszewski, Wynter Montgomery, Naaman Stanley, Aubrey Tinsman, Brooke Vander Velde, Brynn Yaeger

8th Grade: Lillian Craw, Emmalina Eisenhart, Linkin Grant, Carson Lemerande, Gavin Peterson, Michael Ritchie, Levi Shepard, Mathias Smith, Madilynn Smits-Craw, Skyler Stewart, Cameron Tilton

7th Grade: Mary Ehlinger, Skye VanZile

6th Grade: Anthony Cook, Noah Egan, Waylon Frank, Daniel Kraft



#### WCC Meeting April 8th

Shooting Range staff has been hired.

 20 New Conservation Wardens are at the Academy being trained. One of those will be allocated for Forest County arriving in December 2024. Presently, Forest County is being shared with Wardens from other counties. A Federal Grant was received allowing hires.

 Classes in Hunter - Safety resulted in over 21,000 people being trained. Other classes were conducted, as well. During Hunting Season, there were 210 Incidents. The number 1 violation was baiting, 2nd was Recreational Vehicles.

• In 2025, there will be a new Ranger Station in Crandon.

--Wildlife Updates:

· October, 2023 the Natural Resource Board approved a Wolf Plan. Wolves are still Federally Listed. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife is working on another Wolf Plan

• Deer - There are two Legislative Bills in the WI Assembly and Senate regarding Deer. Deer Hunting will be the same

• Wild Rice - seeding is taking place for Water Fowl.

· Hunter Walking Trails on State and County land is being worked on and expanded, ; for example, that includes the David Uihlein Reserve 3 miles of Trail improvement

• There will be a Deer Meeting on April 24, 7 p.m. at the Crandon Library.

--Fish:

• Budget was cut and jobs were lost.

• The U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the WDNR are working on a Sturgeon Assessment for potential Listing for **Endangered Species.** 

• 2025 - Pan Fish Special Regulations. WDNR is gathering Pre and Post Data.

• Whirling Disease )sp.) in the Trout in Langlade County was from a private fish farm

--Local Updates:

• WDNR is studying Walleye in a Flowage and Musky in a 2 year study in Florence County. Bullheads that were going to be removed for Fay Lake and Winterkill issues were reduced with the introduction of an aeration system.

• In Florence and Forest County, there is going to be a Stream Survey for Waubikon and Riley Lakes, as well.

 Jungle Lake Study was not completed because of milld Winter conditions.

Jim Englebretson - Chair spoke

Gregg Hoffman:Delegate - went through the Delegate **Election process** 

3 Year Term Elected; Jim Engebretson 9 re-elected)

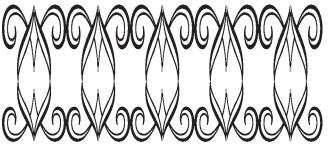
2 year terms Elected - Mike [Krautz] sp.? Hiles Open Delegate Elected 2 Year Term - Sara Connor, Laona

· Resolution - Votes -Citizens can Vote Online beginning April 10.

• A Potential Forest County Resolution was presented to: To Eliminate Compensation for Dog-Wolf interaction resulting in dog deaths.

Discussion followed: Last year the WDNR paid \$52,000 for dog deaths. The USDA does the investigation. The funds come through the WDNR.

The WCC advises the NRB through action Information is gathered through research, education, and conservation.



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