

# THE SPARTAN SENTINEL

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Rosendale-Brandon School District Newsletter

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## NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ROSENDALE-BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT: APRIL 7, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Rosendale-Brandon School District on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Two candidates will be elected from the former Rosendale area. One candidate will be elected from the former Brandon area. The electors of the entire district will elect all candidates at large.

**Incumbents:**

- Ryan Basler (Rosendale area)
- Beth Redecker (Rosendale area)
- Craig Mulder (Brandon area)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, in the office of the school district clerk located at the Rosendale Primary School, 300 W Wisconsin St. Rosendale, WI.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

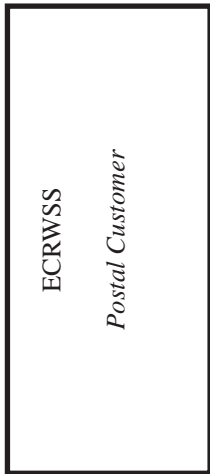
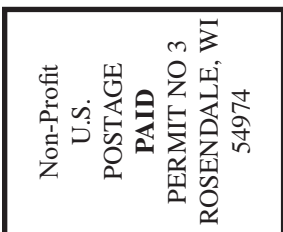
A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Rosendale on October 11, 2019

Jennifer Riedeman, Clerk  
Rosendale-Brandon School District

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## FBLA Attends Leadership Lab

Submitted by FBLA Adviser Beth Kwakkel

On Monday, October, 7th the Future Business Leaders of America club students attended Leadership Labs in Madison, WI, with FBLA advisor Mrs. Kwakkel. Students were coached on leadership strategies and participated in activities to develop their skills. Students were required to wear professional dress clothing to develop professionalism. The student's attendees represented the Rosendale-Brandon School District with great pride and demonstrated their excellent character.



From left: Anna Bartz, Megan Ott, Sadie Zacharias, Elizabeth Lemiesz, Jayda Janeczko, Maria Horvath, Brielle Drews, Brianna Pflum, Kyle Lichtenwald, Jeb Loomans, Lauren Reilly, Dawson Drews, George Wager, Cole Zichert and Gwyn Bauer.

## A Tribute to a Life Well-Lived

Submitted by Superintendent Wayne Weber

Jackie Robinson is credited for saying, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." With that thought in mind, it is safe to say Ron Milton lived an extremely important life. Mr. Milton worked in the Rosendale-Brandon School District for 40 years serving as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Mr. Milton retired in 2002. To give a small indication of the impact Mr. Milton had on the District, teachers annually select a recipient of the Ron Milton Friend of Education Award in recognition of that individual's contribution to the School District. Sadly, Mr. Milton passed away this past April, however, his legacy will live on.

Recently, I was contacted by Enie Halfman, retired Rosendale-Brandon teacher and friend of Mr. Milton, to see if it would be possible to do a tribute to Mr. Milton in the November edition of the *Spartan Sentinel*. Not only was Mr. Milton a dedicated member of the Rosendale-Brandon community, but he was also a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Enie felt November, the month of Veterans Day, would be an appropriate time to honor Mr. Milton. I couldn't have agreed more. What follows on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the *Spartan Sentinel* are articles submitted by those whom Enie contacted. Their thoughts in their own words.

Thank you to Enie Halfman for taking the lead on this endeavor. I know from the many stories I have heard over my time in the District that these are only a sampling of the stories that could be told. Thank you to those who shared their thoughts. And, most importantly, thank you to Ron Milton, for the positive impact he had on so many lives throughout his time with us. It was definitely a life well-lived.

## Yearbook Celebrates All-KEMPA Award

Submitted by Publications Student Netalya Challoner

Laconia's Publications class visited Whitewater College on Friday, October 11th for a journalism conference. This annual event, hosted by the Kettle Moraine Press Association, supports student journalists by offering a day-long conference with publication critiques. Students had the opportunity to attend classes directed towards their position in Publications class, learning skills tailored to them.

Students accepted an All-KEMPA award for the 2019 Laconian yearbook, Pause. An All-KEMPA is the highest award that is achievable for a high school level yearbook.

They also met Mary Beth Tinker, free speech activist, public speaker, and journalist. Tinker discussed the importance of free speech and student rights, as well as discussed the New Voices legislation that guarantees student press freedoms. Illinois recently passed this legislation, but Wisconsin is still debating it.

After achieving a great deal with last year's Laconian, the Publications class aims to attain the same, or greater, level of success with the 2020 yearbook.

To purchase a 2020 Laconian yearbook for \$45, visit yearbookforever.com or fill out a form outside of Mrs. O's classroom and submit with cash or a check payable to Laconia High School. After December 1, prices will increase.



Publications students celebrate winning the All-KEMPA award for the 2019 Laconian yearbook, Pause. Front: Anita Stafford, Shaylin Challoner, Olivia Meyer, Netalya Challoner; back: Harmony Snellenberger, Miranda Boyd, Ryan Bailey and Michael Lonnee. Not pictured: Sam Hamm.

## Old Laconia Band Uniforms Available

Submitted by Band Director James Blashe

There are old Laconia Band Uniform pieces available to the public for free on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Availability is based upon what is left in boxes. Items available include hats, coats, pants, dickeys, and cummerbunds. These items are being offered free to the public until Friday November 15.

If you are interested in uniform pieces, please contact James Blashe at blasjam@rbsd.k12.wi.us.

Old Laconia Band Uniform



# Counselor's Corner

Submitted by Laconia High School Counselor Molly Serum

With the start of the second quarter, it's a good time to evaluate your study habits and the time you're spending on homework. It's natural for the work to begin getting gradually harder, making this a great time to hit your "reset button" and organize your priorities once again.

On October 16th, Laconia had 16 students take the PSAT/NMSQT. They deserve some recognition as they took time out of their day to complete the test and showed great effort it taking the exam. Great job to all!

Finally, Beth Kwakkel (Laconia Business Teacher), and myself were able to take close to 30 students to "Green and Gold Day" at Lambeau Field on October 30th. Attendees were able to learn about careers in professional sports that did not include being an athlete. Some fields included Human Resources, Finance, Public Affairs, Marketing, Information Technology, Sales, and more! To top it off, we had the chance to take a private tour of Lambeau Field. It was a great experience and we hope to go again next year.

## Looking Ahead!

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences:** Conferences are scheduled at the high school for Monday, Nov. 11th, 4:00-7:30 pm. Regardless of how your student is performing in school, conferences are an important part of the educational process. No appointments are necessary at the high school; just come when it's convenient for you and meet with your child's teachers who can be found in their classrooms.

**Junior Planning Conferences:** Juniors and parents will be receiving invitations to attend their Junior Planning Conference. Please be sure to RSVP for the time and date that works best for your family. This meeting is designed to help get you and your child pointed in the right direction for their post-secondary plans. Group or individual sessions are available so that you may determine what best fits your needs.

**MPTC Application Opportunity:** Katie VandeSlunt, our MPTC representative, will be here on November 21st to oversee an application drive. This is a chance for any current seniors to complete their application to MPTC for free. All seniors will receive an email invitation to this event.

**Senior Meetings:** Throughout November and December, each senior will have an individual meeting to check on their progress for their post-secondary plans. Parents, now is a great time to talk with your child about making plans for their future. If they are considering higher education, plan a college visit, spend some time looking over scholarship applications, and talk about what next year will bring.

**Scholarships:** All scholarship information is posted on Google Classroom, which all seniors have access to. Seniors should be in the habit of checking it periodically for new updates. Applying for scholarships during senior year is a part-time job that will pay off!

Please contact Molly Serum at 872-5302 or serumol@rbsd.k12.wi.us for more information about any of the above events.

## Class of 2023 Fundraiser!

Submitted by the Freshman Class Lead Adviser Kaytie Storms

The annual Laconia Freshman Fundraiser is upon us! This fundraiser has been a successful tradition at Laconia High School for a number of years; however, our students need your support. This year students are working with Club's Choice to sell cookie dough and gift items (at the perfect time to help you with holiday gifts!). The sale runs from October 28 - November 11. This fundraiser is the only opportunity for freshmen to raise money for many important events and costs throughout their high school years. The fundraiser goal is 12 orders per student.

Estimated Costs for the Class of 2023

- Homecoming supplies for sophomore, junior, and senior years: approx \$150
- Junior Prom: Avg. \$2,000
- Senior Class Trip: \$1,000-\$2,250 (depending on location)
- Senior Homecoming Dance: \$600\*
- Graduation (Flowers/Media): \$450-600\*
- Senior Banquet: \$600-2,000\*
- Total: \$7,000

\*Should be able to pay for these with Prom Ticket Sales profits (avg. \$3,000).

As a parent, I understand that the amount of fundraising our kids have to do can be overwhelming. If you would prefer to support a student with a monetary donation in lieu of (or in addition to) placing an order, please feel free to do so. We want our students to have as many great experiences as possible, and unfortunately, those experiences come with a cost.

Any leftover monies post-graduation, per Policy 376.1, will be deposited into one of the following accounts via class vote:

1. Alumni Scholarship Fund
2. Laconia Student Council
3. Class Reunion Fund

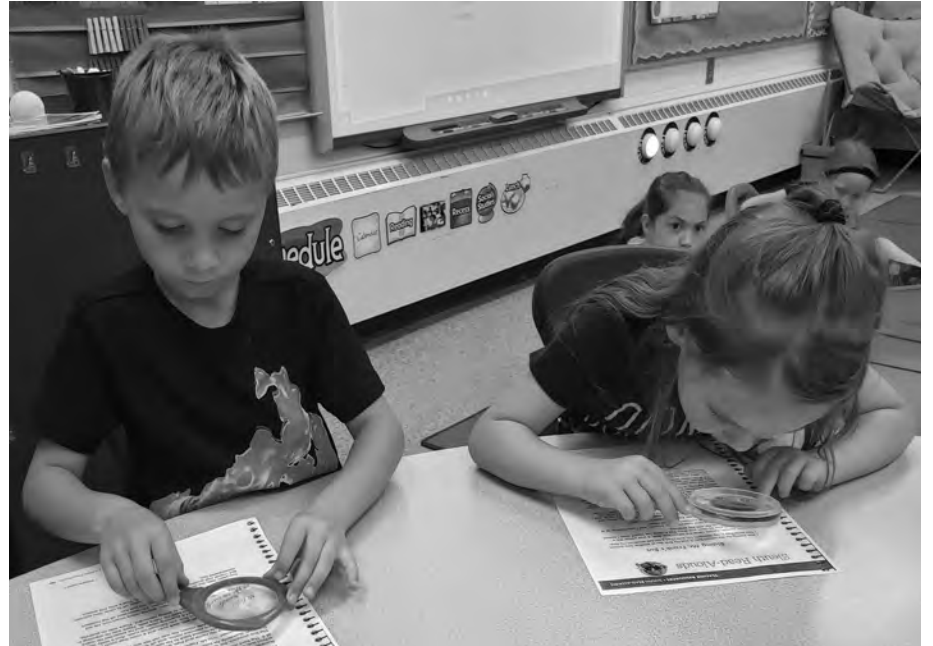
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Storms (storkat@rbsd.k12.wi.us or 872-5467). Thank you for your support!

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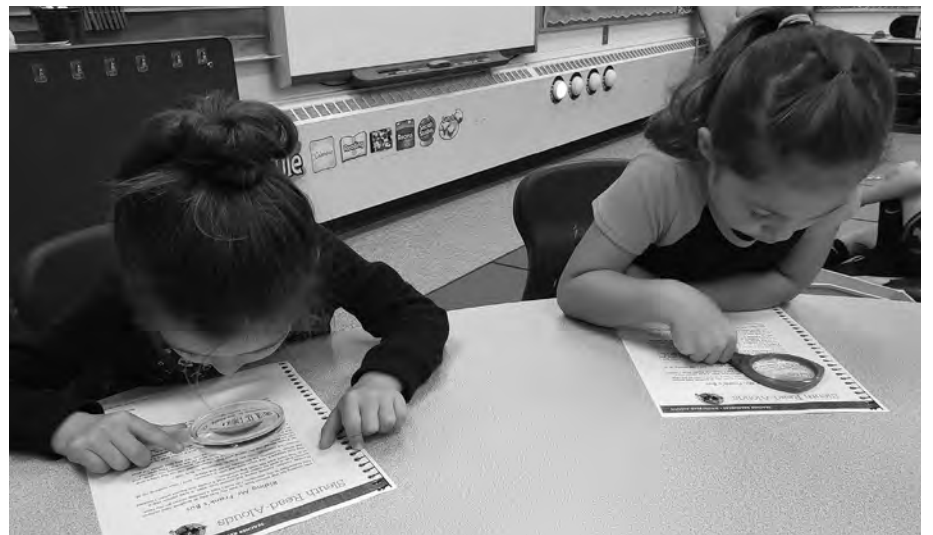
## Kindergarten Detectives

Submitted by Torie Grade

In Mrs. Grade's Kindergarten class the students turn into detectives. After they listen to a story, they have to search for words that are on our word wall.



Noah Taplin and Elise Erickson



Kwynn Kastein and Jules Quade

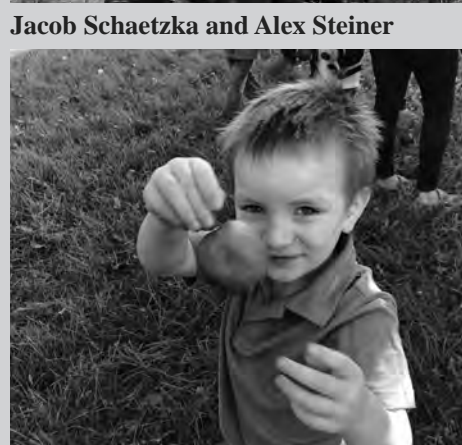
## Apples!

Submitted by Amanda Kinyon

Mrs. Kinyon's 4K classes were given a tour of the apple trees from Mrs. Sattler and her Ag students! 4K students had lots of fun with their 'big friends' and loved learning about types of apples and how they grow!



Remington Hawkins



Sam Tynan



Maria Horvath and Eisleigh Madigan

## RP and RI Grandparent's Day 2019

Submitted by RP Teacher Jeanne Moore and K-5 Music Teacher Tammy Vande Berg

October 17 was a beautiful fall day for K-5 students of Rosendale Primary and Intermediate to bond with their grandparents and enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Over 500 grandparents of Rosendale Intermediate and Rosendale Primary students filled the RI gym with bright smiles and warm hearts to spend some time with their grandchildren.

The afternoon began at 12:45 with delicious treats provided by both Rosendale Primary and Intermediate parents while watching a photo montage of students and their grandparents, created by music teacher, Tammy Vande Berg and Joshua Barthuly. Mrs. Vande Berg's music students entertained grandparents and special friends afterwards with singing, readings, dancing, and musical instruments. The students presented how they incorporated various core subject work into their musical performances. In addition, they provided a sneak peek of the theme for the January 20 concert about the life of P.T. Barnum and "The Greatest Show on Earth." After the program, children joined their grandparents in an activity planned by the classroom teachers.

Rosendale Intermediate Student Council, under the direction of Art Teacher and Student Council Advisor, Jaci Wigchers, guided grandparents and teachers throughout the afternoon to their designated parking and activity locations and organized the food for all to enjoy. They were also instrumental in setting up and cleaning up for the day, under the direction RI Head custodian, Paul Hundorf.

Thank you to ALL who made the day run smoothly including RP and RI Administrative Assistants, Jean Marchant and Sarah Britton, RP and RI principal, John Hokenson, Eldorado Traylor Sales for the loan of golf carts to transport guests, Pamela Mumm and Paul Hundorf for setting up equipment and the gym along with running the sound for the entertainment, Joshua Barthuly for his help with the grandparent's video, and the K-5 staff for their flexibility in scheduling and assistance in organizing the children through their activities and musical numbers.

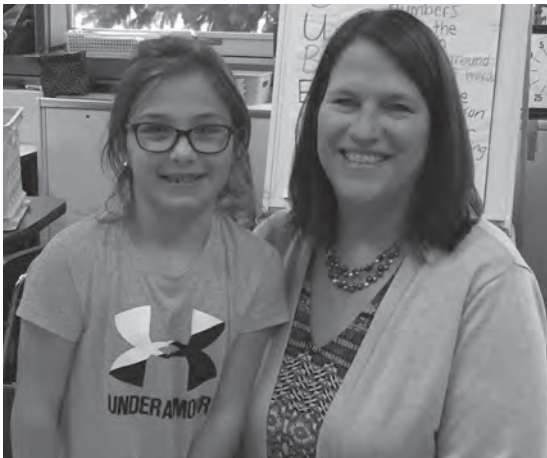
The village that it takes to raise children was proudly and wonderfully displayed at the Grandparent's Day Program on October 17 and new connections were created between the students and the families who support them.



Pierce De Vries shows off his reading skills to his grandparents.



Emery Parduhn receives a hug from Grandma at the end.



Kylie Stierna is thrilled to share the afternoon with her grandmother.



Katherine Pontow shares time with her grandmother and sister.



Molly and Jacob with their grandmother.

# Mental Health Matters

Improving Mental Health Education in the RBSD

Submitted by the AMHE Team

### What is AMHE?

For the past year, educators in the RBSD have been working to improve the mental health education for students in the RBSD as part of Allies in Mental Health Education (AMHE). AMHE is a partnership between schools and CESAs 6 and 7 that was formed with a mission to improve systems to better support the mental health and wellness of students.



The RBSD AMHE team is committed to developing schools that support the health and well-being of all learners through a collaborative model that includes school, family, and community by increasing awareness and willingness to collaborate, plan and implement multi-level systems of support. The vision of this team is to collaborate within The RBSD schools and community to support ALL learners' mental health so that they feel safe, supported, accepted and valued and have the tools to facilitate their own lifelong health and wellness.

During the 2018-19 school year, the AMHE team surveyed staff on their perceptions of social-emotional learning (SEL), explored several SEL programs and identified a need to pilot some of these programs this year, and presented about self-care at staff meetings. Within the RBSD, staff were trained on trauma-sensitive schools and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) last year as well.

AMHE goals for this year include choosing curriculum for K-12 social-emotional learning to be implemented in the 2020-21 school year and to continue to raise awareness and increase knowledge within staff and community members in regard to mental health and self-care.

### Website Resources

Part of RBSD's AMHE mission is to provide our community with a pathway to mental health resources. One way that RBSD is accomplishing this is by utilizing the school website, which now contains a Mental Health Matters webpage. On this webpage, you can find more information on what mental health means, mental health screeners, and a list of community resources that are there to help those in need. Through the website links provided, individuals can screen themselves for a multitude of mental health conditions, including depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, PTSD, alcohol/substance use, and more. After completing a screener, more information is provided based on your results.

Navigating to the Mental Health Matters webpage is simple. Go to the Rosendale-Brandon School District homepage. Under the "District" tab, you will find the "School Counseling" tab. Hover your mouse over the "School Counseling" tab and the option to select the "Mental Health Matters" page will appear. Once you are here, you can access all of the features listed in this article.

If you or a loved one are experiencing an emergency, always call 911.

## Shop the Book Fair Nov 1 and 2!

Submitted by RI/RP Library Media Specialist Pamela Mumm

Visit the Rosendale Intermediate School library for an arctic adventure! The library is hosting a Scholastic book fair to raise funds to purchase additional titles, STEM materials, and other items for the library. The fair will be open today, Friday, November 1, until 4:00, and tomorrow from 9:00-2:00.

You can also shop the fair online any time. Our school will earn 25% back in profit when you shop online between now and November 6. You can shop the Scholastic book fair online after November 6 and all year round, and 2% of your purchase will come back to the school.

Your support from past book fairs have allowed the library to purchase hundreds of new books, STEM materials, furniture including seating and a rug, a CoverOne book repair system, and more. Thank you for supporting our library!



Greyson Johnson enjoys listening to an audiobook on one of the new couches the RP library was able to purchase with funds raised from a previous Scholastic book fair.

# Tribute to Ron Milton



## Tom Halfman Family

In the past few weeks, I have talked to many people that have had such positive experiences with Ron. My experiences with Ron and family began in the 60's.

Ron wore many hats in our community. His involvement with education was as a fifth grade teacher at Rosendale Elementary School. Then Ron became principal of Rosendale Intermediate School before becoming superintendent for the district.

Ron affected the lives of many students and parents in a positive way, including my three children. The community benefited from his involvement in the Rosendale Lions Club, of which he was a charter member in 1968. As president of the club, Ron took over the chairmanship in this community to raise funds for a needed heart transplant recipient, Brad Westenberg, who was an 8th grade student at Rosendale Middle School. The needed funds were raised and Brad received his new heart, but unfortunately it was rejected and Brad passed a short time later.

Our family lived next door to the Miltons for 25 years, and we have remained friends. We all miss his great sense of humor and the pranks he has played on friends and fellow educators. I only know of a few because he was so good at not getting caught.

I know Ron's circle of friends was spread throughout the area with fellow educators. Raising, training and competing with Beagles in field trials was a great passion of his for years. It was a way for Ron to relax on some weekends, and he cherished the time spent with the fellow "Beaglers" from different parts of the state.

Ron's commitment to God, his country and his family was evident in his career and having been a dedicated marine. My family misses him as many others do.

## Sharon Borchardt

My first acquaintance with Ron was when I was hired to become his Rosendale Middle School secretary in July of 1976. Ron had a great sense of humor and was a great practical joker, which I soon learned to go along with and "pull the wool over" many people's eyes. However, right before school was to start, I broke my leg playing softball. Ron was not happy and his sense of humor was not there having a secretary in a full leg cast and the extra burden it would put on him. However, 25 years later I was still his secretary and we had a very compatible working relationship. Over the years, I was victim to his many jokes – a person you'd never get "one up on." It made working with him a pleasure.

Seventeen years into my employment, Ron was chosen to become the District Administrator and I was honored to have him invite me to become his secretary in his new role. I believe we both missed contact with the kids. However, we did endure a district building referendum in four schools, surviving many stressful hours only to have our compatibility see us through with success.

He was a very trusting and wise man, teaching me so much about life, education, and kids. He was a very fair and straight forward man, respected by so many in the education world, as well as the community. Ron was a man who, no doubt, "walked his talk." It was an honor to have known and worked for such an admirable person.

## Robert Sullivan

As an employee of CESA 13/6, I worked directly with Mr. Ronald Milton for twenty years and was associated with him for over forty-five years. During the course of my thirty-five years with CESA, having worked in a total of twenty-three different school districts, I did not encounter a finer educator than Ronald Milton.

Ron Milton was a man of integrity and humility; kindness and caring were emblematic of how he lived. He was as trustworthy as can be and never willing to sacrifice the best interests of others to achieve his goals. In his manner and approach to the conduct of his responsibilities, he was absolutely consistent.

Ron had a clear vision of what he was about and what he was trying to accomplish. He did not hesitate to demonstrate leadership or to exercise authority but never in a self-serving manner and always with the intent to support his staff and to realize positive outcomes for his students. His commitment to the students and families of the Rosendale-Brandon School District was always in evidence and never in doubt.

I had the greatest of respect for Mr. Milton and so much positive regard for his professionalism and work ethic. Talk about a role model for all of us; couldn't find a better candidate, in my judgement. One of Ron's daughters labeled her father a great man; for me, this assessment as real merit. And so we offer tribute to this gracious gentleman for all that he contributed to the betterment of our lives.

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## John Hokenson

For many years the Rosendale Brandon School District has enjoyed a reputation for having schools that provide a solid education. Many families tell us they move here, or School Choice their children here, because they feel we value the same things that they are looking for in a school: strong academics, a nice choice of extra-curricular opportunities and a commitment to providing an atmosphere that is welcoming to all. I am writing this not to brag, but to honor a man who was instrumental in instilling those values and working hard in the district for over 40 years to ensure the RBSD was always committed to them and getting better at them. His name was Ron Milton and he was my first boss when I arrived in 1998.

Ron was an ex-marine and loved to tell stories from his days in the service in the 50's. When he first began regaling me with his stories of and quotes from a general named Chesty Puller, I thought he was pulling my leg. I had to look him up and found he was one of the most decorated Marines in the history of the Corps. If you want a good laugh, or are feeling particularly patriotic, I highly suggest you Google "Chesty Puller Quotes." Ron obviously loved the man and what he stood for.

In our administrative meetings, what struck me most was Ron's commitment to family. Often during the years I worked with him, a teacher or custodian or other employee had some sort of problem occur with their health or their family that impacted the school's operation. Ron always said the same thing, "Family first." He understood that when we are at work but our mind is somewhere else worrying about a loved one, we are not doing the children the service they deserve. He instilled in me the need to take care of your employees beyond the school walls and to value their struggles outside of the buildings. That was not a concept I held when I first became an administrator.

The other areas that Ron stressed beyond family were service and patience. I think the Marines had a profound impact on him in those two areas. As a young administrator I was usually in a rush to "get things done." Ron generally laughed at my impatience and counseled me that if I was proposing something that would positively impact the children, then I should just stay the course and eventually it (whatever it happened to be) would happen. Only once do I recall him losing his patience with me and closing the door to remind me, in a manner any former Marine would appreciate, of the errors of my impatience.

As a superintendent Ron always kidded that he essentially only responsible for the 3 B's of school: Beans, Balls and Buses. At first I found this funny, but after several years of school board meetings I understood the truth of that quip. When parents get upset with the schools it is very often something to do with sports, transportation or lunch.

At the conclusion of every administrative meeting Ron led, he would ask, "What have we done for the children today?" It was important to him to remind us who we were there to serve, and to ask ourselves how we are improving the education and the lives of our children. It is something I still try to think about every day and in every meeting I have with children, their parents and my staff. Ron Milton was my boss, my friend and one of the most influential mentors I ever had, and I am honored to write about him. Our schools are all better because he served here.



John Hokenson and Ron Milton

## Fran Crain

The Rosendale-Brandon School District lost a fine leader this past spring. He had been with the district for many years.

I knew Ron as a teacher, principal and administrator. I found him understanding both to the students and teachers. If we had a problem, he was helpful in solving it. He encouraged us to improve our credentials and to become a better teacher. He even took some of the classes with us. He was always helping us understand newer techniques, especially in the field of Special Education. He was understanding if we had a problem in our classes and encouraged new solutions.

I was fortunate to have had three excellent principals in my teaching career, and Ron Milton was one of the best.

## Gary Hansen, Superintendent 2001-2016

How appropriate to be remembering Ron Milton. There are so many ways Ron was important to the Rosendale-Brandon School District, but perhaps one of the ways that was least known to the public was how hard he fought during the district's formative years. In fact, without Ron Milton there may well not have been a Rosendale-Brandon School District.

During my time as superintendent, for legal purposes I needed to study the archives to determine the original wording when the school district boundaries and the boundaries for school board member representation, be it Rosendale or Brandon, were created. It was during this research that I came across numerous petitions by citizens who wanted to withdraw from the newly forming district. Ron Milton was driving to Madison almost weekly to represent the new district regarding these petitions. While many citizens back in the late 60's wanted out, as demonstrated by today's open enrollment numbers, Rosendale-Brandon has become an attractive district with students joining from all of our neighboring districts. Without Ron Milton's steadfast watch, determination and fight, what has become of the Rosendale-Brandon School District may very well have not happened, and the area may have instead been absorbed by the surrounding districts.

To the district, Ron was instrumental in survival but on a personal level, Ron was my mentor, my inspiration, and above all, my friend.

# Continued

## Darrell Paul

I once read that “it is not an exaggeration to say that a great teacher can change a student’s life.” Additionally, although I do not recall the exact quote, I also read somewhere that when some teachers are asked why they chose teaching careers, they respond by claiming, “. . . If I can help just one student, I will consider my career successful.” These two short quotes capture the essence of Mr. Milton’s teaching career and his life-long dedication to his students.

I was in Mr. Milton’s first class following his graduation from college. As a 6th grade elementary student who only had middle-aged women as teachers in my previous years, I was immediately awe-struck with his classroom demeanor, his appearance and his ability to control the activities within his classroom. In thinking back, he looked, acted and carried himself as a Marine in civilian attire. He had a close-cropped military-style haircut, was young and physically fit and had that undeniable military bearing. While he had a relaxed interacting teaching style and was well respected by his students, he also expected his students to act appropriately, complete homework assignments on time, etc. While everyone in his very first classroom likely believes we somehow helped mold Mr. Milton into the caliber of educator he became, we probably only accelerated the start of his gray hair. In looking back, he faced more challenges in that first year than most teachers do in their entire career.

Mr. Milton also taught me many things outside of the classroom. He taught me about trust and responsibility when he periodically asked me to care for his beloved pure-bred Beagles during weekends when he and his wife were away. He would simply tell me what he wanted me to do and then expected me to fulfill that responsibility and complete the tasks as instructed. He would often invite me to go with him when he trained and exercised his dogs in the local fields. I don’t think we ever discussed school or homework, but he would listen and comment as I shared personal things with him and he subsequently taught me to trust in another person. He shared about his experiences as a Marine in the U.S. Marine Corps and even loaned me his coveted Marine Corps Boot Camp Book so I could review it at home for several weeks. I also recall that he even invited me to his home on one or two weekends to watch football games together and share a couple of pieces of his wife’s world-famous homemade pies during the games.

The more I interacted with Mr. Milton, the more I learned and the more I wanted to be just like him. Following my high school graduation, I joined the United States Marine Corps as a way to follow in his footsteps. My interaction with Mr. Milton ultimately led to a 14-year career in the Marine Corps, which led to a 22-year career as a Special Agent of NCIS, followed by three years as a full-time college instructor and a seven-year career as a contract investigator with the Department of State. All because Mr. Milton took an interest in me.

While a student in Mr. Milton’s class, I remember that my father passed away and the entire family was at the funeral home during the viewing. I did not care that family friends, my father’s co-workers or associates came to pay their respects. I just kept watching and hoping that Mr. Milton would attend the viewing. When he finally arrived, he offered his condolences to the immediate family and then took me to a quiet area to talk to me in private for a short time. He was that kind of individual.

Throughout my adult life, I lived and worked extensively in foreign countries and routinely became friends with many DOD (Department of Defense) Teachers at the various overseas military installations. I would often bring Mr. Milton’s name up in conversation and tell the group of educators what a great teacher and mentor he was. During a couple of those conversations, DOD teachers asked me if I ever told Mr. Milton what I thought about him. When I admitted I hadn’t, they encouraged me to reach out to him, claiming Mr. Milton needed to hear it directly from me and that it would likely mean a lot to him.

Shortly after I retired from federal law enforcement, I kept thinking about the comments made by those DOD teachers and finally decided to call Mr. Milton and tell him direct how he impacted my life. I must admit that I was nervous as I dialed his number and even hung up once or twice to get my thoughts together before I redialed and contacted him. Once he answered the phone and I explained my recent retirement and the reason I called him, I told him that I wanted to tell him direct that he was the greatest influence in my life. As was his character, he simply listened and at the end told me he really appreciated hearing those comments from me. We ended up talking for several more minutes before I thanked him once again and we ended our conversation. I did what I had to do and I felt great following that conversation.

I would periodically call Mr. Milton while I was assigned overseas and also stopped to visit him during one of my latest trips to Wisconsin. After hearing of his passing, I felt good about altering my vacation schedule to ensure I made time to see and talk with him for a couple of hours. I hope he enjoyed it as much as I did.

It has been over 56 years since I was in his very first class, but to this day, I have never addressed him or referred to him as anything but “Mr. Milton” and never will. Even after the passage of that much time, I still have him placed on a pedestal and still look up to him.

I can only hope that those reading this have had similar experiences with one of their teachers and that at some point in their lives, they too make that all-important phone call to tell that teacher how they have had a positive impact on your life as well. I guarantee that you will feel better for having done so and the teacher may just realize that s/he “did” have a successful teaching career after all.

## DuWayne Belling

As a former board president of the Rosendale-Brandon School District, I had the opportunity to work closely with Ron for his entire tenure as our district administrator. I can truly say that it was a pure joy to interact with him in our district’s educational endeavors. Ron was a fun loving guy and a dedicated family man.

The quality that I admired first and foremost about Ron was his honesty. Throughout his many years in our community, that honesty earned him a tremendous amount of respect and trust from the general public, from his peers, from the school staff and anyone else who knew him. In my opinion it was that extreme public trust in Ron that played a huge role in the passing of our first referendum back in the 1996-97 time frame - a time where very few referendums were successful. That successful referendum is to me a testament to the respect and faith that the people of our district had for Ron.

Certainly Ron set high standards for those administrators who have followed in his footsteps. He always gave a one hundred percent effort and expected no less from all who were involved in our educational process. The Rosendale-Brandon School District is truly a great district and my friend Ron Milton should always be remembered for his honesty, foresight, and dedication in helping us to be where we are today. Whenever an issue arose and there were differing opinions, Ron would always say “What’s best for the students?” In the Rosendale-Brandon School District, those words are words that we still live by and hopefully always will.

Ron’s favorite saying used to be “no good deed shall go unpunished.” In other words, no matter how hard you try to help someone it may come back to haunt you. Well, Ron, today I want to pay tribute to you for all of those good deeds anyway, and as a friend I also want to say thanks for the memories.

# Students of the Month

## Brandon



Elise Erickson, Kindergarten; Noah Taplin, Kindergarten; Cameron Hiemstra, 1st Grade; Maria Ramsey, 2nd Grade. Bennett Slager, 3rd Grade; Jayda Rens, 3rd Grade; Cyrah Schroeder, 4th Grade; Emrick VanBeek; 5th Grade.



Jaelyn Henke, 6th grade; Karsyn Buteyn, 8th grade; Camden Smit, 7th grade.

## Rosendale



4th Grade: Alivia Lichtensteiger, Maryn VanZon, Elliot Rowley. 5th Grade: Abigail Stibb, Rowan Sievert, Leah Mess. 6th Grade Owen Leonard, 7th Grade Tierney Madigan, 8th Grade – Alyssa Schuler.

## First Grade Trip to Little Farmer

Submitted by Rosendale Primary School First Grade Teacher Sarah Hartgerink

First graders from Rosendale Primary School spent a beautiful fall day visiting Little Farmer in Fond du Lac. The students were taken on a tour by Farmer JR who taught them so many interesting facts about bees and apples. The first graders started their trip in the apple orchard. They learned about oxidation and that 50 leaves provide nourishment for each apple on the tree. Each student was able to pick their own fresh apple.

Next the first graders went inside the largest refrigerator any of us had ever seen! This is where they store the apples to make pies, apple sauce, muffins, and caramel apples. We were shown where the apples are washed and prepared.

First graders were then brought into the bee house. The bee house contains an observational bee hive. Students were told about the importance of bees in nature, their life-cycle, and how they relate to the food we eat. Some of the students were able to see the queen bee inside the hive.

The last part of the tour was a hay ride through the woods. We stopped along the way at a pumpkin patch to pick our very own special pumpkin. The first graders were very excited to bring these home. We had a fantastic day at Little Farmer. Thank you, Farmer JR!



First graders in Mrs. Hartgerink's Class went to Little Farmer to learn all about apples and bees, to pick apples from the orchard, and to pick their own special pumpkin to bring home.



Farmer JR discussed with the first graders the importance of bees in nature, their life-cycle, and how they relate to the food we eat.



First graders were brought to the apple orchard by Farmer JR to learn about bloom and how the leaves provide nourishment for each apple on the tree.



First graders were brought to the apple orchard by Farmer JR to learn about bloom and how the leaves provide nourishment for each apple on the tree. First graders. Front row: Mikaila Penn, Caden King, Ben Ronson, Shelby Hinz, Kelcie Ebert, Myla Schultz. Second row: Jesse Schumacher, Galileo Demski, Jayden Abitz, Griffin Vis, Andrew Edmunds, Pierce DeVries, Lydia Woxland, Addalyn Tavs, and Arik Smith.

## Teachers Learn Trauma Informed Practices

Submitted by Brandon School Principal Leanne Greff

In classrooms across the district, we often tell our students that learning never stops. This is true for not just students, but for educators, too. This year, teachers in the Rosendale-Brandon School District are learning about trauma informed care. Essentially, that means they are learning about how we can structure our schools and classrooms to recognize and respond effectively to students who have been impacted by traumatic stress.



During professional development time after school on October 9, CESA 6's Tim Borud met with middle and high school teachers to discuss strategies for working with students affected by trauma.



During professional development time after school on October 2, CESA 6's Becky Wright and Tim Borud led discussions about trauma informed care practices with teachers of grades 4K-5.

## Laconia FFA Fruit Sale

Submitted by Linda Settler

Sale begins: Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Sale ends: Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> (Orders and Money are due!)

Delivery Date: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Checks need to be made out to the Laconia FFA.

Yes, this is the same fruit company we have been working with for the last few years!

### Cheese from Knaus Cheese

Colby	2 pounds = \$10.00
Mild Cheddar	2 pounds = \$10.00
Pepper Jack	2 pounds = \$10.00
Aged Cheddar	2 pounds = \$12.00
24 oz. Summer Sausage	for \$9.00 (plain or garlic)

### Cold Pack Cheese Spreads

Sharp Cheddar	14oz = \$5.00
Port Wine	14oz. = \$5.00
Swiss Almond	14oz. = \$5.00
8 oz. Beef Sticks	for \$6.00

### Fruit

Navel Oranges: 88 count = \$30.00  
44 count = \$15.00

Ruby Red Grapefruit: 48 count = \$26.00  
24 count = \$13.00

Mixed Box: 44 oranges and 24 grapefruit = \$28.00

2 Fruit Gift Box = \$18.00  
(12 Gala apples + 12 oranges)

3 Fruit Gift Box = \$18.00  
(6 grapefruit + 10 oranges + 8 Gala apples)

Wisconsin Apples  
10 lbs. = \$10.00

Christmas Special - 20 oranges, 10 Grapefruit, 20 Apples, 10 Pears, and 1 Pineapple  
For \$35.00

Clementines 5lbs. = \$10.00

\*\*\*BACK THIS YEAR \*\*\*

10 lbs. Red Potatoes B-Size (Salad Potato)	= \$10.00
20 lbs. Red Potatoes A-Size (Mash & Baking Potato)	= \$10.00
20 lbs. Russet Potato (40 count)- (Bakers)	= \$12.00
10 lbs. Sweet Potato	= \$14.00
10 lbs. Yellow Onions (large/medium)	= \$9.00

Any questions see a FFA Member or call Mrs. Sattler at 872-2161 ext. 5373

# Community Section

## October Busy Bees 4H

Submitted by Harley Langenfeld

Busy Bees 4H Club had a busy night Monday, October 7th. Club Members Harley Langenfeld, Emmersyn Langenfeld, Kaylee Mess, Leah Mess, Jessica Francis and Megan Ott promoted 4H at Rosendale Intermediate School and Rosendale Primary School.

Busy Bees also had their money meeting and had guest speaker Alyia VanLoo from Weeping Willow. She came to share her experience in Japan.



Alyia Van Loo reports on her trip to Japan.

Jessica Francis, Megan Ott And Emmersyn Langenfeld promote 4H and Busy Bees at Rosendale Primary.



Harley Langenfeld, Kylee Mess and Leah Mess promote 4H and Busy Bees at Rosendale Intermediate.

## Brandon Tanagers 4H Club: Join Us!

Submitted by Susan Bruins

### Reasons to Join:

- Develop life skills
- Make new friends
- Try new projects
- Be a leader
- Show others what I can do
- Have fun!
- Community Service Involvement
- Travel to new places
- Work with leaders who care
- Build your future Resume
- Scholarship opportunities
- Enjoy various camps
- Meet new people, our club represents FOUR school districts

### Upcoming Meetings:

(Most) Club meetings are held at Brandon School the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Join us on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, for a Club Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at Oehmcke's (W10161 County Road T) to see what we are all about and enjoy a hayride, snacks, bonfire, etc. New members welcome!!

Monday, November 11th Achievement Program and Meeting at Brandon School 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Currently we have around 45 members and 28 certified leaders.

We are very family oriented.

We do community service projects.

We go on club trips.

We exhibit at Alto Fair and can also show at the Fond du Lac County Fair.

We have lots of fun...even when it's hard work!

Ask your friends about 4-H (2018/19 members)...

Brianna Asmus, Ryan Bailey, Billy & Harley Block, Conner Bruins, Morgan Ehrhardt, Andrew, Alex & Caleb Hopp, Dylan & Isabel Kastein, Tate Kimble, Isabella Lohry, Megan Merkel, Sammy & Sydney Morgen, Lincoln, Benson & Maxwell Nebl, Sophie Newbury, Abby Oehmcke, Wayne Peachy, Blaise & Brock Post, Macenzie Powers, MacKenzie Rahn, Machaia Rhoades, Will, Noah & Luke Riedeman, Yitta & Zach Sina, Dakota Sisk, Berkley & Reid Vossekuil, Kendra, Eyon and Landen Yunto, and Cora, Eve and Leah Williams.

...or Call Sue Bruins (346-2373) or Cindy Bailey (346-5868) for more information.

## Community Blood Drive

Submitted by Judi Post

Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Bethel Reformed Church, 305 W Main St, Brandon, WI. For appointments call Judith Henker at 920-346-2966.

## Community Adventures in Advent

To be held at the Methodist Church  
107 East Washington Street, Brandon, WI

When: November 13, November 20, November 27, December 4  
December 11, December 18 (Family Supper and Program). Time: 5:30-7:00

Come one, come all and learn about the Christmas Story through Stories, music, crafts, experiments, cooking, and movie time

Questions - please call Renae Lind at 346-5810 (ext. 16)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Eldorado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

Submitted by Peggy Zickert

### SERVING:

Sausage Links, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Homemade Applesauce, Doughnut Holes, Milk, Coffee, Juice, & ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
ELDORADO COMMUNITY HALL

Cost: \$7.00 per person, Free for children 6 and under

All proceeds will benefit Lions community efforts.

## Weeping Willow 4-H Club

Submitted by: Reporter Brandon Smith

Weeping Willow 4-H Club members passed out cheese samples at the Brandon Meat Market on Saturday morning October 12th. In the afternoon we met at the TAG Center in Mayville where we enjoyed swimming following our monthly meeting. Members were reminded that the deadline to re-enroll in 4-H is October 31st. New members are always welcome to join us and new member deadline is January 31st. Our November 16th meeting will be held at the Waupun Town Hall with a potluck supper. For more information, call 920-346-5357 or 920-517-8508.



Amelia Steffes, Alisabeth Perr, Lydia Smith, Ben Weber and Mitchell Ludtke

## Rosendale 4-H

Submitted by Reporter Eve Clark

Rosendale 4-H held their October meeting at Rose Eld Farms with pumpkin carving and a short meeting.



Carving pumpkins are Grace Kichure, Connor Kichure, Eve Clark and Levi Clark.

Peace Lutheran Church Rosendale – Men's Group will be hosting a

## Spaghetti Supper

Wednesday, November 6, 4:30-7pm  
Adults \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door,  
Kids 5-12 \$4, Under 5 – Free

A Thrivent Action Team Project

## Tech Tip of the Month:

The Importance of Keeping Computers Up-to-Date  
Submitted by the RBSD Technology Committee

Whether we want it to or not, technology often creeps into almost everything we do. From cars to phones to smart watches, we are surrounded by and use technology every day. Although technology varies from home to home, a personal computer is still very common. Most people have a love-hate relationship with their computer: they love it when it works, but hate it when it does not. When technology fails or becomes corrupt, it can be very frustrating and expensive to fix. One way to make sure your computer continues working as best as it can is to keep it updated.

A very real concern that is a direct result from not keeping your computer up-to-date is identity theft. Identity theft can occur when hackers attempt to steal your personal and financial information from companies for their own gain. Companies try to prevent these data breaches from happening by keeping their software up-to-date. Your personal computer is no different. Updates offer security fixes that prevent malicious software from corrupting programs and gaining access to your personal information.

Important programs like operating systems and Internet browsers require regular updating to keep them stable. This will help to protect your personal information. Updates do not only offer security fixes, they can offer new or improved features, as well as better compatibility with different devices and applications. This is why updating your computer is so important.

Windows is one type of operating system that can be vulnerable if it is not regularly updated. See the graphics below to learn how to install Windows updates to your Windows device.

### How to Check and Install Windows Updates:

1. Click on the Action Taskbar
2. Click All settings
3. Click Update and Security
4. Click Check for updates
5. If any updates are available, press Install now
6. Restart the computer

## November Menu

Fri, Nov 1	Ravioli, Baked Potato, Celery Sticks, Dinner Roll, Pears
Mon, Nov 4	NO SCHOOL
Tues, Nov 5	Hot Dog, Bun, Baked Beans, Sliced Cucumbers, Apple-sauce
Wed, Nov 6	Tator Tot Casserole, Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Pears
Thurs, Nov 7	Orange Chicken, Rice Bowl, Stir Fry Vegetables, Spinach Salad, Mandarin Oranges
Fri, Nov 8	Toasted Cheese, Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Salad, Broccoli, Peaches
Mon, Nov 11	Beef Stew, Baking Powder Biscuit, Tossed Green Salad, Pineapple
Tues, Nov 12	Chicken Patty on a Bun, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable Tray, Fruit Cocktail
Wed, Nov 13	Meatball Sub, Sun Chips, Baby Carrots, Potato Salad, Applesauce
Thurs, Nov 14	Taco, Shredded Lettuce, Refried Beans, Fresh Cauliflower, Pears
Fri, Nov 15	Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fresh Broccoli, Graham Snacks, Mandarin Oranges
Mon, Nov 18	Cheeseburger on Bun, Tator Tots, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Spinach Salad, Peaches
Tues, Nov 19	Spaghetti with Italian Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Garlic Toast, Pineapple
Wed, Nov 20	Diced Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Corn, Fruit Cocktail
Thurs, Nov 21	French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Hash Brown Potatoes, Fruit Juice, Cinnamon Donuts, Applesauce
Fri, Nov 22	Pizza Dipper, Marinara Sauce, Marinated Vegetables, Baby Carrots, Pears
Mon, Nov 25	Chicken Nuggets, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Peas, Cole Slaw, Mandarin Oranges
Tues, Nov 26	Pizza, Cooked Carrots, Spinach Salad, Peaches

## Distinguished Alumni Award Nominees Needed

Submitted by Laconia High School Principal Diane Raue

Laconia High School is once again seeking nominees for its Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes and honors outstanding Laconia High School graduates who have excelled in their profession and/or made significant contributions to their communities.

In order to be considered for nomination, an individual must have graduated at least ten years prior to nomination and have contributed to the betterment of humanity or have attained a high level of achievement after graduating from Laconia High School. The nominee's high moral values, good ethics, character and discipline during high school and post high school years should symbolize the qualities we desire our students to emulate.

Nomination forms may be found on the district website, [www.rbsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rbsd.k12.wi.us), under the "Laconia" tab. Nominations will be accepted until November 30th. If you have further questions, please contact Diane Raue, Laconia High School Principal at 920-872-2161, or by email at [rauedia@rbsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:rauedia@rbsd.k12.wi.us).

## Rosendale-Brandon School District EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### SECOND SHIFT CUSTODIAN

Rosendale-Brandon School District has an immediate opening for a second shift custodian. The hours for this position are 2:30pm-10:30pm. Wage range is \$12.77-\$16.93 based on experience. The following competencies are required:

- Self-starter and work independently
- Follow oral and written instructions
- Establish and maintain good working relations with supervisors, teachers, students and outside activity personnel
- Possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license
- Maintain confidentiality
- Lift 50 pounds on a regular basis

A letter of interest and completed application should be submitted to Human Resources, Administration Office, 300 W Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from [www.rbsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rbsd.k12.wi.us) or at the Administration Office. Position remains open until filled.

### LUNCH SERVER

The Rosendale-Brandon School District Food Service is accepting applications for a Lunch Server, hours are 10:45 am to 1:15 pm at Laconia High School. Duties include food prep, serving, computer scanning and general kitchen duties. Interested parties should send letter of interest, and completed District application (online at [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us)) to Andrea Schneider, District Food Service Manager, 301 Division St. Rosendale WI, 54974. Position remains open until filled.

### PART-TIME GROUNDSKEEPER

Rosendale-Brandon School District is accepting applications for a part-time Groundskeeper position. This position includes preparing ball diamonds, cutting grass and general grounds upkeep tasks including routine maintenance of grounds keeping equipment. Must be at least 16 years old, detail-oriented and able to work independently. The wage range for this position is \$7.25-\$10.17 per hour based on ability and experience. Letter of interest and completed District application should be submitted to Human Resources, Administration Office, 300 Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us) or at the Administration Office. Position remains open until filled.

### VAN DRIVER

Rosendale-Brandon School District is currently accepting applications for Van Drivers. Hours for this position vary from 1-5 hours per day depending on the assigned route. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and be available to transport students by school van in the morning before school starts, and/or during the afternoon, and/or at the end of school day. Interested parties may obtain an application from any of the school offices or on the district website, [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us). Please send completed application, letter of interest, and resume to Jeff Thomas, Laconia High School, 301 W Division St., Rosendale, WI 54974. Position remains open until filled.

### SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS

The Rosendale-Brandon School District is accepting applications for substitute custodian help. Shifts will vary depending on need and applicants must be able to lift 50lbs. Starting wage is \$11.07/hr. A letter of interest and completed application should be submitted to Wayne Weber, Administration Office, 300 W Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us) or at the Administration Office. Positions remain open until filled.

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