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Bring in old or damaged cell phones, smart phones, iPods/iPads, tablets, and charging accessories to the Go Bananas Box in the LHS IMC by April 1. A donation earns you a chance to win a school store item. Each donation helps save gorilla habitat.

FBLA Competes at Regionals - Two Teams Qualify for State

Submitted by LHS FBLA Advisor Beth Kwakkel

The Laconia FBLA chapter had seven students compete in the Regional Competition in January. All seven students scored in the top eight in the region. We are so proud of our hardworking students! Two teams qualified for the State Competition on April 12th scoring in the top 3 in the region. Competing at State in Banking and Financial Systems: Makaylee Nimmer, Madison Lemke, and Emily Balson, and competing in Management Decision Making: Brianna Pflum, and Sophia Walters. Good luck; we know you will represent us well!

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Madison Lemke, Makaylee Nimmer, and Emily Balson



Brianna Pflum and Sophia Walters

Middle Schools Combined Next Year

Submitted by Superintendent Wayne Weber

At the February 15 regular meeting, the Rosendale-Brandon School Board voted to consolidate middle schools at Rosendale Intermediate School starting next school year. It was a decision that garnered much attention throughout the state and was met with both support and strong opposition within our district. The question before the Board dealt with what they believed was best for the district moving forward - academically and socially for students and the ability to effectively staff and fund our district now and in the future.



Our current and past boards have done the best they could to provide a quality education and opportunities to all students in the district. Tough decisions have been made in the past and future tough decisions lie ahead. Currently, enrollment changes and aging facilities present challenges to work through. As decisions are made, there are those who are in favor of the outcome and those who are not. The Board represents the citizens of the district in making many of those decisions. As those decisions are made and the final votes are counted, my hope is that regardless which side of a decision we fall on, we can stay united in working to do what we feel is best for our children and our district as a whole.

We have a district with a strong history of academic excellence and extracurricular success. I am confident that will continue as we navigate this consolidation. The district has had to evolve due to many changes since the late 1960s. The only constant is change. The Rosendale-Brandon School District is a great place for children to learn and grow regardless of the building they attend. That continues to be the number one focus of our Board and school staff.

Our administrative team has already begun working on a transition plan for consolidation. There are staffing considerations and logistics to iron out. As those transition decisions are made, information will be shared in the *Spartan Sentinel*, on our website, and through our parent emails.

TYPE D NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Rosendale-Brandon School District that on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, an election of school board members will be held in the following places.

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| Village of Rosendale | Municipal Building - Grant Street |
| Village of Brandon | Village Hall - Center Street |
| Town of Rosendale | Town Hall - County Road M & Olden Rd |
| Town of Springvale | Town Hall - County Road T |
| Town of Eldorado | Community Center - Hwy C |
| Town of Lamartine | Village Hall - Schaefer Drive |
| Town of Alto | Community Center - County Road AS |
| Town of Metomen | Town Hall - Hwy 44-49 |
| Town of Oakfield | Town Hall - Oak Center |
| Town of Waupun | Town Hall - County Road M |
| Town of Nekimi | Town Hall - Hwy 26/County Road N |

The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. All polling places are accessible to the elderly and disabled voters.

The electors are directed to vote in their normal or regular polling place. All electors should vote for one candidate from the Brandon area and two candidates from the Rosendale area.

The candidates from the Brandon area are:

- Mandy Lemmenes
- Ryan Arndt

The candidates from the Rosendale area are:

- Brenda Zickert
- Mark Kottke (Name will appear on ballot, but has officially resigned)

Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.

Jennifer Riedeman
District Clerk

