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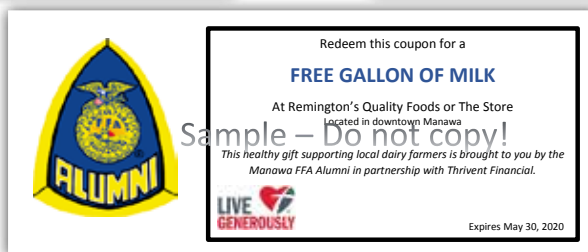
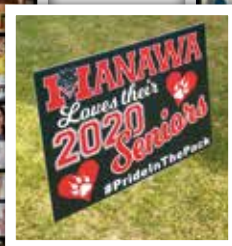
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Lean on Me!

DR. MELANIE J. OPPOR
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

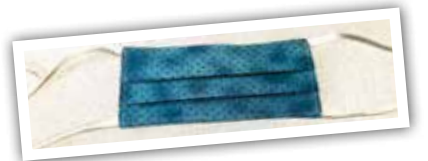


On more than one occasion these days, the familiar 1970s tune and lyrics of "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers has run through my head. The words really seem to speak to the feelings many people are experiencing.

*"Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow..."*

*You just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on*

*Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on"*



When students left school on the afternoon of March 17, the staff had no idea that it would be the last time we would see the students and some of our colleagues face-to-face for this school year. We are all feeling the loss of not having proper closure.

Over the past few weeks, school personnel have been working diligently to provide alternatives to the usual spring events we would all normally enjoy together. While we are sad to break with some long-held traditions, staff members and the community have joined forces to design creative ways to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Class of 2020, honor the members of sports teams and activities for their dedication, transition students from MES to the new Manawa Middle School, recognize eighth-graders entering their high school years and prepare for an August Summer School, to name but a few.

It is such a blessing to be part of the School District of Manawa community where there are so many caring, helpful people to lean on.

There are too many names to mention here for fear of forgetting to include the name of any of you who have supported the students, families and staff.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for allowing us to lean on you.



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Come Sit Under the Poetree With Me

BY JENNIFER KRUEGER
LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

April was Poetry Month and students in grades K-6 at Manawa Elementary School were challenged to create some poetry to share on the Poetree.

Each grade was assigned a different type of poetry.

Kindergarteners wrote an "I Am..." poem. Here is Minton Rausch's poem:

I Am...
I am a boy.
I like to eat ice cream.
I like to see mom.
I like to go to the park.
My favorite animal is a bull.
My favorite color is orange.
I am Minton.

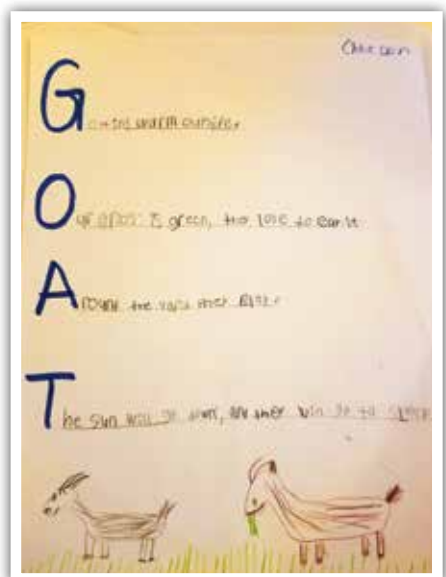
First-graders explored their senses and were asked to write a sensory poem about a food, a season or a place.

Hailey Claussen, a student in Mr. Johnson's class, wrote this sensory poem about ice cream:

Ice Cream
I see the sprinkles.
It's colorful.
I touch the cold ice cream.
It's squishy.
I smell the chocolate.
It's sweet.
I taste the mint.
It's yummy.
I hear the cover open.
It's time to eat!

Second-graders learned what an acrostic poem is. An acrostic poem uses the letters of a word as the beginning of each line of a poem about that word.

Chloe Dain wrote this poem about a GOAT:



Third-graders constructed cinquain poems. A cinquain poem is an unrhymed poem consisting of five lines arranged in the following order: line 1, one vague word; line 2, two vivid adjectives; line 3, three -ing verbs; line 4, four-word phrase expressing feeling; line 5, one specific synonym all about one topic.

Bryn Buschke from Mrs. Stormoen's class wrote this poem:

Dog
Playful, soft
Running, jumping, snoring
Cute animal of joy
Pug

Fourth-graders designed concrete poems. Concrete poems take the shape of their subject. For example, a poem about a lollipop is arranged in the shape of a lollipop.

Can you guess what Brody Rosin's concrete poem is about?



Fifth-graders read and wrote limerick poems. Limericks are meant to be funny. They follow an AABBA rhyming pattern and have three beats in lines 1, 2 and 5 and two beats in lines 3 and 4.

Here is Oden Stroesenreuther's limerick:
There once was a girl named Jane.
Who lived on Melberry Lane.
She went for a walk.
She stopped to talk.
And she realized she forgot her cane.

Sixth-graders explored haiku, a Japanese poetry form.

A haiku uses just a few words to capture a moment and create a picture in the reader's mind. It is like a tiny window into a scene much larger than itself.

Haiku poets are challenged to convey a vivid message in only 17 syllables. In Ja-

pan, these poems are valued for their simplicity, openness, depth and lightness.

Here is an example of a haiku:

A broken tree cut
Brings no shade to the weary
Then what good is it?

Manawa Elementary students created so many wonderful poems during April. A virtual Poetree on Mrs. Krueger's Digital Learning website showcasing all of the poems will be available soon. Look for it at <https://sites.google.com/manawaschools.org/manawa-digital-learning/home/mrs-krueger>.

She hopes to put up a real Poetree when school opens again.



CLASS OF 2024 OFFICERS
Class of 2024 officers this school year at Little Wolf Junior/Senior High School are Bailey Ort, Treasurer; Isabella Ferg, President; Ricky Pingel, Secretary; and Nolan Hoyord, Vice President.



The Manawa School District has provided meals to families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meal Delivery Recognition

The following are recognized for their involvement in meal delivery to families:

- **Bus drivers:** Kim Beyer, Ruth Boerst, Jacob Elsner, Zach Kriesel, Jim Quinn, Vern Shover, Cynda Spatz, Alicia Stiebs, Randy Steingraber, Jamie Stroud, Sue Suehs.
- **Food service:** Sharon Baldwin, Jennie Beyer (has also been filling in for routes), Denise Buschke, Sue Loughrin, Brenda Suehs, Donna Wheeler.
- **Support staff:** Jenny Bessette, Dana Bonikowske, Stephanie Flynn, Tori Gast, Jessie Ort, Julie Peterson, Connie Sell, Marie Zirbel.

On the Move

The Safer at Home order closing school buildings and sites through June 30 created an interesting opportunity for Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction Inc. personnel and the contractors to begin working on the referendum projects rather than waiting for the summer school recess.

However, in order to begin the larger projects, almost all of the junior/senior high school classrooms needed to be emptied.

Items were either moved into the high school gym to ensure that furnishings and school supplies are maintained in a climate-controlled environment or into pods located behind the technology and agriculture education shops.

All of this work was completed in a single week by school personnel who were assigned on a rotating schedule to limit group size and to comply with Department of Health guidelines for proper social distancing and the use of face masks, (sewn and donated by Mrs. Julaine Botting). Mr. Curt Field

assisted Mr. Koehler in preparing the technology education woods and metals shops for the move. Mr. Brian Timm of Hawk Trailer donated his time and skills as a forklift driver and loaned the district the use of a pallet jack.

Thanks to this amazing show of teamwork, the building was emptied and the intensive demolition and construction work is underway.

Completion of all the referendum projects is still projected to be done just before the start of classes for students, slated for Sept. 8.

Hoffman personnel indicate the timeline will be tight due to contractors experiencing delays in receiving shipments of parts and equipment. Many manufacturers are focusing on equipment for medical facilities and some equipment coming from overseas may be delayed.

Everyone is crossing their fingers that businesses around the world will be able to resume production in this new type of normal as the effects of the pandemic subside.



A Warm MES Welcome

BY DANIELLE BRAUER
MES PRINCIPAL/
SPECIAL EDUCATION
DIRECTOR

Hello, School District of Manawa families.

It is with great excitement that I would like to introduce myself as the new Manawa Elementary School principal for the 2020-21 school year.



to think twice.

COVID-19 has changed so much about the way we have delivered our students' education. I cannot wait until we can all get back together again. The staff and I have begun to discuss options for closing the 2019-20 school year and the start of the 2020-21 school

year.

Many of you may know my name or face from working in the district as the director of special education and recent curriculum director. I now have the opportunity to serve the students, staff, families and community by being the special education director and elementary principal.

It was an easy decision to make when I was approached with this opportunity. I have gotten to know too many amazing kids, staff, parents and community members

Keep a lookout for more information as we receive updates from the Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Thank you to all the parents, family members, day care workers and everyone else who is supporting the students of Manawa during this unprecedented time. I look forward to working with you all to do what is best for kids.



Cindy Jaeckle
Sales Associate



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Ashley Kay Bierman



Michael Gene Boissonault



Emma Mae Brickey



Shatoya Lynn Chancellor



Jonathon C. Clinton



Travis Erwin Dailey



Alexis Rose Fenske



Kody Arman Fenske



Brett R. Fisher



Wallace Elijahua Fisher



Aiden James Flynn



Lance Josef Flynn



Nathaniel Gillette



CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations CLASSES OF 2020



Cole Anthony Griffin



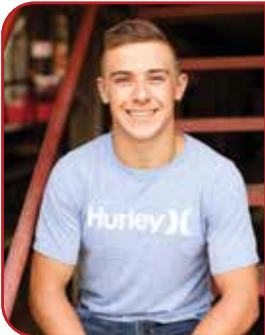
Alyssa Louise Hedtke



Mckenzie Jean Heineman



Clara Rose Hetzel



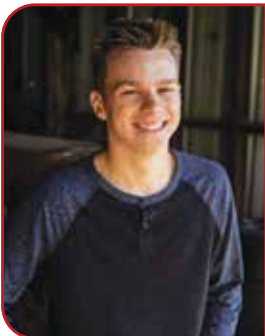
Jackson Frank Jaeger



Makenna Rae Jaeger



Jessie Rosalie Johnson



Lane Tucker Kreklow



Chloe Michelle Lambrecht



Sydney Anne Robinson Lee



Caden Oliver Lundt



Jeremy L. Miller



Nathaniel John Newton



Benjamin Thomas Niemuth



Madalyn Alice Nienhaus



Grace Lynn O'Brien



2020
CLASS OF
Congratulations



**Callie Ann
Oltz**



**Trevor Louis
Pelzer**



**Cassie Jane
Prill**



**Kenneth Gregrey
Reynolds**



**Jacob Matthew
Scheller**



**Kirstin Lea
Scherneck**



**Conor James
Schuelke**



**Logan Patrick
Schuelke**



**Brystal Elizabeth
Schulke**



**James Carl
Scott III**



**Ayla Sue
Stiebs**



**Tyler Daniel
Thontlin**



**Khirsanth
Mathew Thuecks**



**Mikayla Ann
Wegener**



**Hunter Wayne
Wendt**



**Alex James
Wepner**



**Garrett
Matthew Yohr**



**Brett James
Zielke**



Graduating Seniors Demonstrate Resilience

BY DANIEL J. WOLFGAM
PRINCIPAL

LITTLE WOLF JR./
SR. HIGH SCHOOL



For 49 graduating seniors, this year's fourth quarter and end-of-year celebrations have certainly looked different than anticipated.

The COVID-19 pandemic has closed school buildings across the state of Wisconsin and forced traditional culminating events to be reimaged. At the time of publication of this edition of the Wolfpack Express, the 131st commencement exercises in Manawa are under development.

As I reflect on our current situation, I am extremely proud of the resilience that the Class of 2020 has demonstrated. Their dedication to their virtual studies was challenging indeed. Parents of these students marveled at their ability to navigate a virtual world.

This experience has helped to hone their technology skills for the world they will soon be facing. I am equally as proud of the Manawa community for their support of these students through their many recognition efforts seen online and across town.

The senior with the top Laude score this year is Brett Zielke and he will be giving one of the commencement speeches. Sydney Lee, the senior class president, will also give a short address. The other speaker chosen by the staff from the remaining Summa Cum Laude seniors (with the highest honor) is Khir Thuecks.

While the future for the Class of 2020 will certainly look different than anticipated, the lessons learned through the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with the generosity of the community and the support of the School District of Manawa, have prepared the seniors for unexpected revelations.

These revelations include the importance of family, adapting in the face of adversity and helping those in need. Each of these lessons will serve them well for the rest of their lives.

Little Wolf High School Honor Roll

MANAWA – Little Wolf High School has announced its third-term honor roll for the 2019-20 school year.

High Honors

Seniors: Shawn Durbin, Alexis Fenske, Brett Fisher, Sydney Lee, Madalyn Nienhaus, Grace O'Brien.

Juniors: Andrew Elmhorst, Reese Poppy, Ethan Tellock.

Sophomores: Amber Fietzer, Kennedy Rosin.

Freshmen: Justin Buschke, Alexis Hedtke, Keither Jepson, Emily Loughrin, Morgan Rosenau.

Honors

Seniors: Emma Brickey, Kody Fenske, Aiden Flynn, Lance Flynn, Nathaniel Gillette, Alyssa Hedtke, Jackson Jaeger, Makenna Jaeger, Chloe Lambrecht, Benjamin Niemuth, Callie Oltz, Jacob Scheller, Kirstin Scherneck, Conor Schuelke, Tyler Thontlin, Khirsanth Thuecks, Mikayla Wegener, Garrett Yohr, Brett Zielke.

Juniors: Stephanie Besaw, Brystal Beyer, Katie Buschke, Joshua Durbin, Bryan Griffin, Ireland Griffin, Grace Johnson, Kyle Kons, Riley Krenke, Kayla Loughrin, Madeline Meyer, Kaitlyn Miller, Colin Moser, Josie Nichols, Ngoc Pham, Emily Rausch, Abigail Riske, Mackenzie Robinson, Kortlyn Schachtschneider, Aubrie Seeger, Sawyer Strebe, Mason Wiesner, Brooklyn Zielke.

Sophomores: Grant Bristol, Sheldon Cravy, Hailee Fenske, Alaina Gast, Jaden Jaeger, Rylee Kettleon, Mckenna Kriesel, Makenzie Jo Krueger, Sawyer Lew, Alex Meidl, Kaydence Pagel, Maleah Pirk, Zachary Schertz, Alexandra Scheuermann, Grace Tohm, Jessica Velie, Mikenna Wegener, Angelo Wiesner.

Freshmen: Noah Bortle, Ella Buchholz, Angelina DePaoli, Caitlin Fuhs, Xochitl Grimm, Tishnya Johnson, Ethan Krueger, Gavin Lettau, Xyrus Lonewolf, Lillyana Rausch, Emma Riske, Alivia Trinrud, Margaret Westphal, Lisa Yoder, Adam Zielke.

Honorable Mention

Seniors: Daniel Beyer, Ashley Bierman, Michael Boissonault, Cassie Prill, Brystal Schulke, Ayla Stiebs.

Juniors: Nicholas Gorman, Blake Millard, Tanner Peters, Samantha Scheuermann, Deion Stroud, Kaylee Truax, Jeffrey Wilson.

Sophomores: Kadence Andersen, Rudy Drozd, Jasmine Fisher, Andrew Niemuth, Conner Scheid, Andrea Wentworth, Isaac Westphal.

Freshmen: Brandon Bierman, Theodore Emmert, Alfredo Garcia Jr., Kirsten Greenwood, Ariana Holsten, Bradon Jossie, Michael Lobianco, Tanner Nienhaus, Kelsey Rosin, Jacob Timm, Kyle Wepner, Madalyn Wepner.



Several Little Wolf Junior/Senior High School students participated in the school's Art Team and competed in the Visual Arts Classic.



Senior Emma Brickey created this Zantagle Portrait, her entry for Youth Art Month.

Art Students Singled Out

The following students should be recognized for their participation in Art Team and competing in the Visual Arts Classic.

Out of eight school's Manawa's Art Team placed second in critical thinking, second overall and first in Quiz Bowl.

Art Team students include Madalyn Nienhaus, Katie Buschke, Kathleen Phelan, Aspen Linjer, Stephanie Besaw, Kaylee Truax, Grace Tohm, Garrett Yohr, Emma Brickey, Morgan Rosenau, Xochitl Grimm, Emma Riske, Tyler Thontlin and Gage Bristow.

Youth Art Month participants Emma Brickey, Grace

Tohm, Lisa Yoder, Xochitl Grimm and Mya Stephens were sent to Regional Youth Art Month at the Neville Art Museum in Green Bay. Xochitl's, Lisa's and Emma's projects were sent to the State Youth Art Month display in Madison in the State Rotunda.

Teacher Nancy Zabler should also be recognized for her leadership as the regional art chairperson for the Visual Arts Classic.

Her ingenuity and quick thinking helped salvage the festival for eight participating schools. The field trip went virtual overnight. Kudos to her for her dedication to the program, the Visual Arts Classic and her students.



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Fond Farewell

BY MICHELLE PUKITA

I write this article with heartfelt words to inform you my last day as MES principal will be June 30, 2020.

It has been my pleasure to serve you for the past five years. I have enjoyed my time at MES, but it is time to move forward to the next chapter.

I will treasure the many memories of the students, families, staff and the community. I feel very fortunate to have been part of the Manawa community. The students and staff are very special to me.

Thank you to everyone for your dedication and commitment to MES. MES will always hold a special place in my heart. It has been my pleasure to work with you and your children.

I wish you all the best and hope you continue to have that Wolf pride that I so admire.



Open School Board Seat

The Ogdensburg / St. Lawrence seat on the Manawa Board of Education remains open.

Helene Pohl was re-elected to the seat via write-in votes, but has graciously declined the position. The board will use Board Vacancy Bylaw 0142.5 to fill the seat.

Anyone residing within this municipality and wishing to be considered for appointment to this position should send a letter of interest by Friday, June 5, to: Dr. Melanie J. Oppor, Attn: Board Vacancy, 800 Beech St., Manawa, WI 54949.

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Regular Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except April – 4th Monday) in the Board Room located at the Manawa Elementary School at 7:00 pm. Any additional meetings are duly posted on the district's website, in the City Hall and at Sturm Memorial Library. For additional information please contact the District Office at 920-596-2525.

The Board of Education and Administrative Team would like to thank all the individuals, groups, and businesses that so generously contribute to the District. Your gifts of money, time, materials, and talents support and enhance programs for all our students and staff!

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Mission Statement:

The School District of Manawa is the place where students choose to excel academically and realize their strengths.

Vision Statement:

The School District of Manawa engages students to reach their full potential in a changing global society through highly effective instruction and leadership.

Website Accessibility

The School District of Manawa strives to be inclusive and responsive to the needs of all district residents. Anyone finding district information or website functionality to be inaccessible to persons with disabilities is asked to contact the District Webmaster, Mr. Cobarrubias, by telephoning 920-596-5737 or emailing him at: bcobarrubias@manawaschools.org

The following links provide direct access to the School District of Manawa Policies related to Section 504 and Title II along with the names and contact information for the District's 504/ADA Compliance Officers and can be accessed from the district website under Board of Education > Board Policies > Link to Policies:

- 2260.01 - SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY
- 1623 - SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
- 3123 - SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
- 4123 - SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
- 2260 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
- 1422 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
- 3122 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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Senior citizens can save on their property taxes by volunteering in the schools through the Senior Tax Exchange Program.

Contact Ruth Lord, Director at 920-596-5673 for more information.

The SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA is the place where STUDENTS choose to EXCEL academically and realize their STRENGTHS.