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on the cover Love is in the air (Valentine's Day), and hockey players are on the ice (Door County Pond Hockey Tournament). Keep an eye out for more cupids playing around this week's issue. Graphic design by Andrew Kleidon.



The grant will enable the completion of the tower's 10 floors of interactive, educational exhibits, some of which have already been completed. Photos by Rachel Lukas.

## Maritime Museum Receives \$1.75 Million Grant

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The Door County Maritime Museum and Lighthouse Preservation Society will receive a \$1.75 million state grant to finish the Jim Kress Maritime Lighthouse Tower's 10 floors of educational exhibits highlighting Door County's maritime history.

The news came to the museum via a phone call from the governor's office at 4:55 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 1, in advance of the press releases.

"We were stunned, overwhelmed," said Sam Perlman, deputy director and development manager.

Perlman finds and writes grants for the organization that's based at the museum in Sturgeon Bay. This grant for Tourism Capital Investment had a short window of application for the federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars that were received by the state and are allocated by Gov. Tony Evers at his discretion without input from the legislature. The latest grant awards ranged from \$29,000 to the maximum of \$3.5 million for shovel-ready, tourism-related investment projects that help to promote, maintain or bolster Wisconsin's tourism industry by building, expanding or maintaining travel-related infrastructure or public attractions. The grant program received 200 applications, and Evers

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## STURGEON BAY

## Memorializing the Music Maestro

Supporters are raising funds to restore the auditorium in memory of Bob Nickel

Find Nickel's obituary on page 8, or visit [doorcountypulse.com/obituary-robert-nickel](http://doorcountypulse.com/obituary-robert-nickel).

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Longtime business-education teacher, principal and musician Bob Nickel retired last summer before seeing many of the repair projects he'd requested for the Sturgeon Bay High School auditorium.



Known for his passion for music, former Sturgeon Bay High School Principal Bob Nickel was a multi-talented man with an interest in all fine arts who was also known for his organizational and planning skills.

Just months into his retirement, Nickel received a diagnosis of terminal illness, and less than a month after that, on Feb. 2, he succumbed to pancreatic cancer. He was 61.

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## Who's on the Ballot and Where to Vote

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Voters in several municipalities that feed into the Gibraltar School District and those who live within District 20 in Sister Bay

and Liberty Grove will be casting ballots on Tuesday, Feb. 15, for the spring primary election.

Polls will open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. Results for both races will be posted under Election Results on the County of Door's

website at [co.door.wi.gov](http://co.door.wi.gov) and at [doorcountypulse.com](http://doorcountypulse.com).

**District 20, Door County Board of Supervisors**

Voters in Ward 2 in Sister Bay and Ward 2 of Liberty Grove live within this district. On the ballot

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