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LOCAL

School board reviews unpaid student meals

Clintonville updates policy

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board has updated the district's food services policy on how the district handles negative meal balances for students in the district.

The board approved the second reading of the updated policy at its March 27 meeting.

The policy was updated for elementary, middle and high school students.

For elementary school students, the policy was amended to read, "Students PK-5 will be permitted to receive breakfast, snack, and lunch with a negative account balance."

For middle school and high school students, the policy was amended to read, "Students 6-12 will not be permitted to receive a breakfast or lunch if their Food Service account has a balance exceeding negative twenty-five dollars (-\$25)."

The policy was also amended to include, "Any family balance exceeding negative one hundred dollars (-\$100) will be applied as a fine to the eldest child who is an active Clintonville Public School District Student at the end of the school year in accordance with Policy 6152."

Feb. 13 meeting

The board originally discussed the policy at its Feb. 13 meeting.

At this meeting, Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn talked to the board about negative meal balances that students accumulate. He told the board he didn't want to make any decisions at the meeting, but asked board members to think about how they want to handle negative meal balances, and discuss it at a future meeting.

Kuhn further explained that one of the things that has changed for school districts since COVID is that

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The Waupaca Historical Society purchased the Hutchinson House in 1956 and moved it 10 blocks to its current location at South Park. Photo courtesy of WHS

Waupaca Historical Society turns 70

Group seeks funds for buildings

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Historical Society will hold an ice cream and pie social to celebrate its 70th anniversary in the same building where it held its first meeting.

The social will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca.

The event will feature free refreshments, information on WHS and self-guided tours of the Holly Center.

On April 27, 1953, WHS held its first meeting at the Waupaca Area Public Library, which at the time was located in what is now the Holly Center.

According to Tracy Behrendt, WHS director, Tom A. Browne, a Waupaca attorney, was elected the first president of the new group. Sophelia



The Holly History and Genealogy Center is located at 321 S. Main St., Waupaca. Photo courtesy of Waupaca Historical Society

Kurkowski, a teacher at Waupaca High School, was appointed as vice president and program chair. One of the oldest members of the new society, Jennie Browne Truesdell, was voted to be an honorary permanent member of the new board of directors.

"The purpose of the new Waupaca Historical Society was to preserve historical material of interest and value to the people of Waupaca

and the surrounding area," Behrendt said.

Hutchinson House

In 1956, WHS purchased the historic Hutchinson House and moved it 10 blocks to South Park. The Hutchinson House was opened as a public museum during the summer of 1957, the year the city of Waupaca celebrated its centennial.

Built in 1854, the Hutchinson House was originally located on the corner of West Fulton and Franklin streets. It had been the home of Chester and Susannah Hutchinson.

The white clapboard wood-frame Greek Revival farmhouse is 1 1/2 stories with a gable front in the center. The two wings each have a recessed porch.

Julia Hutchinson, the granddaughter of Chester and Susannah, was the last Hutchinson to live in the house. A Waupaca teacher, she was an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

WHS offers tours of the Hutchinson House Museum and its collection of vintage furnishings, clothing, glassware and textiles.

WHS also held meetings and used storage space at what was once Waupaca's City Hall and fire station.

Today, the building at 222 N. Main St. houses the Firehouse Apartments.

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New London Area First Responder April Schimke, right, compares notes with a Gold Cross EMS staff member at the scene of a fire at 1508 Cedar St. in March. The volunteer group responds to several calls daily. John Faucher Photo

First responders ask for funding

Volunteers seek city aid

BY SCOTT BELLILE
CORRESPONDENT

NEW LONDON – The all-volunteer New London Area First Responders requested aid from city officials who were surprised to learn the group is driven by donations.

"I thought you guys were state- and county-funded," Mayor Mark Herter told them.

"Not a lot of people know [we are not], so that's part of our plan is to get the word out," said Tiffany Strey, director for the first responders.

The nonprofit New London Area First Responders asked the city to begin providing annual monetary assistance at a pair of Finance and Personnel Committee meetings on Feb. 8 and April 5.

Fundraisers, grants and donations provide the income to pay for training, equipment and medications.

"There is no guarantee of funding through any of these means and it makes budgeting difficult," the first responders stated in a memo. "Equipment wears out and medical supplies are consumed. If we do not raise enough funds, we limit our spending."

The group started 2023 with about \$16,500 in cash on hand.

Its projected income and expenditures this year are \$4,248 and \$7,537, respectively.

Volunteers are paged at their homes and workplaces to assist the sick and injured throughout New London, Mukwa, and parts of Lebanon, Liberty and Maple Creek, first responder Jeff Handschke said.

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Hand-turned fundraiser

Good wood at the library

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – The Boy Scout slogan is "Do a good turn daily."

Frank Zaboj does 700 good turns per minute.

That's the RPM speed set on his mini lathe where he is turning chunks of wood into finely polished dishes and bowls.

Zaboj is donating his wood creations to the Weyauwega Public Library to raise funds for their new addition.

His handmade saucers, shallow bowls, edged plates, coasters and small dishes are of various shades and grains. Zaboj finishes them with a coating of food-safe butcher block oil.

He also has donated other woodworking projects: some decorative mushroom toadstools and small Christmas trees. These are currently for sale in a silent auction format that is displayed on the library counter. If this becomes popular they might offer Zaboj's cre-



Frank Zaboj is donating his wood-turned creations and other items made from his workshop to the Weyauwega Public Library in an effort to raise funds for the new addition. James Card Photo

ations for direct sale.

"This biggest reason is there are a lot of people in town that can't afford to come up with bigger donations. By bigger I mean \$500 or a thousand, but they are willing to pitch in where they can. So I thought give them a chance. If they can give five or ten bucks and they get something for it, good. This way everyone feels ownership.

We're going to have to raise about \$100,000 total," said Zaboj.

Currently the library has a little over \$200,000 for the new addition project and is anticipating extra funding will be needed. They do not have the exact final figure yet.

This week the library staff is meeting with the engineering firm in Appleton who will make some sugges-

tions and once they get state approval, the project will go out to bid.

Zaboj's workshop is part of his garage and inside are antique hand tools mixed with modern power equipment.

"This is the newest acquisition. It came about a year ago. This is my pride and joy. This is a mini lathe so

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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King Cottage

WHS's next major project was its purchase and relocation of a cottage from the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King to space behind the Hutchinson House in 1975.

Then, a porch was added and interior walls removed so the former dwelling could be used as a research library.

From 1997 until 2001, it was filled with photographs, books, maps and other research and genealogical materials.

In 2001, WHS relocated the research materials from King Cottage to the Holly Center. The building has since been used for storage.

The cottage has several Chain O' Lakes-related exhibits, including Whispering Pines Park and the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King.

Carnegie Library

In 1914, the Waupaca Free Public Library opened in a new building funded in large part by a \$10,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation.

According to an application to the National Register of Historic Places prepared by Mary Gordon in 1995, the building was designed by architects Bernard Parkinson and Albert Dockendorff of La Crosse and represents "an excellent local example of the influence of the American Arts and Craft and Tudor Revival styles."



The Waupaca Historical Society has restored the formerly abandoned train depot on Oak Street in Waupaca.

In the 1890s, the Monday Night Club, an early local women's club, began advocating and fundraising for a public library.

The group invited Lutie Stearns, a leader in the Wisconsin library movement, to speak in Waupaca. They provided donations for the city's first library books.

Later, the Waupaca Common Council appointed a library board and the Waupaca Electric Light and Railway Co. provided space to house the library's growing collection of books.

The library board and the women's club persuaded the common council to pass an ordinance that accepted the Carnegie grant and committed \$1,000 a year to fund library operations.

A petition signed by 135 citizens urged the council to suspend the ordinance. The city held a referendum and

citizens voted 2-1 in favor of funding of a public library.

The Carnegie building housed Waupaca's public library until 1993, when Waupaca built its current library and city hall on the site of the former county courthouse on Main Street.

WHS purchased the Carnegie building in 2001 and remodeled it into what has become the organization's offices, archives, research center and community meeting space.

The building is now named the Holly History and Genealogy Center, because the Holly family has had a major role in supporting the historical society.

As visitors climb the stairs from the Main Street entrance to upper level, they will see photos of A.J. Holly, Roy Holly and Tom Holly. On the lower level is the Cynthia Holly Meeting Room.

Train Depot

WHS's most recent building project has been the train depot.

Located at the top of a hill just past the Oak Street railroad overpass, the passenger station was built in 1907 by the Wisconsin Central Railway, then later leased by the Soo Line.

The sandstone building has a Spanish tile. Inside there is a

waiting room, ladies' parlor, smoking room, agent's office, baggage room and three fire places.

Before automobiles and interstate highways, Waupaca became a tourist destination due to train service.

Visitors would disembark at the depot, take a trolley through the city and out to the Chain.

In 1965, Soo Line ended passenger service in Waupaca. The station continued to be used as an agent's office and crew quarters until the new Wisconsin Central purchased the railroad in 1987.

The depot was abandoned and it became the target of vandals, who covered the walls with graffiti and burned a hole in the wooden floor.

In 2004, after four years of negotiations with the railroads that owned the depot, the Waupaca Historical Society purchased the building.

Mike Kirk led volunteers who worked tirelessly to restore the depot.

They repaired the roof, using what tiles they could save and purchasing new ones when needed.

They cleaned the grounds, cleaned soot from the exterior walls, repaired the fireplaces, repaired and painted the interior walls and replaced broken windows.

Kirk and volunteers also dug out a basement under the depot, using shovels and buckets. Today, a model train runs in the basement.

Capital campaign

The Waupaca Historical Society has an ongoing capital campaign with a goal of raising \$400,000.

WHS completed its first two capital campaign projects: a new roof and renovations and technology upgrades in the lower level meeting room at the Holly Center.

This year, WHS plans to renovate the kitchen and the collections storage space at the Holly Center.

Plans also include upgrading the HVAC system at the Hutchinson House.

For more information, go to waupacahistoricalsociety.org/ and click Capital Campaign in the navigation bar at the top of the page.

MEALS

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now students have to pay to receive breakfast and lunch at school. It was free during the COVID pandemic.

Once a student's meal balance reaches a certain amount, the district calls one of the student's parents to inform them about the meal balance, Kuhn said.

"Once it gets to a certain number then Karleen (Brei, the district's food service manager) makes personal phone calls, sends a letter home," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said for middle school and high school students, when they know their meal balance is negative, most of the time they won't even try to get a meal at school.

It's a similar process for elementary school students. But for elementary school students, Kuhn said if their meal balance drops below a certain dollar amount, they will receive a bagged lunch consisting of a cheese sandwich and a milk. They are charged for only the cheese sandwich and the milk.

"They don't get charged for what a regular lunch costs," Kuhn said. "However, they don't get breakfast, and they wouldn't get their milk break once they get to a certain level down at elementary."

Kuhn said school meals are a hot topic around the nation. He added that some school districts feel the district should cover the costs of all student meals, while others feel the costs fall on the parents of the students.

"I know one district, down way south of us, said, 'Sure, we'll pay for all the food but you parents can figure out how to get your kids to school because we're no longer going

to bus them," Kuhn said.

Kuhn acknowledged that the Clintonville School District can do some things better. He said currently, only one parent receives a phone call, and this can be problematic if parents of a student are no longer together. He said the district is working on creating a system that will call multiple parents.

If a student didn't pay for any meals from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year, Kuhn said the balance owed to the district would be more than \$1,000 per kid.

School counselors do have food available for students, Kuhn said. He added that middle school and high school students know this, but elementary school students may not know this.

"I just don't want a kid embarrassed," Kuhn said.

There are people in the community who are willing to donate money to pay negative lunch balances, Kuhn said.

"But then its, which ones do you pay off, and all of those different things as well," Kuhn said.

Lundt asked why parents aren't paying on the balance after the school contacts them.

Brei said some say they just forgot to pay. She acknowledged that a lot of times she can't get a hold of the parents, in which case she leaves a message.

Kuhn told the board that Brei isn't doing anything wrong.

"She's doing what she's supposed to be doing," Kuhn said.

March 24 meeting

During the discussion at the March 24 school board meeting, Lindsay Norder, business manager for the Clintonville School District, said there is

a process for a family to go through if they want to apply for the district to waive the meal fees for their children.

She added that the only person in the district who can tell her to waive meal fees for a family is Brei, because she is the only person in the district with access to that information. It is set up this way to prevent others from finding out who has had meal fees waived.

"There is nobody that should know, other than Karleen," Norder said.

Lundt asked if the district considered accepting donations to cover the cost of school meals.

Regarding donations, Norder said she doesn't recall the district receiving any donations to pay for school meals.

Board President Ben Huber said it's been a few years since such donations have been received.

Kuhn added that he has received some inquiries this year about such donations, but donations were never actually received.

"If somebody would donate, I would tell Karleen, 'Here's X number of dollars, you apply it where you feel it needs to go,' Norder said. "I wouldn't want anything to do with that."

Lundt asked how much in donations would be needed to get rid of all the negative food service balances for students in the district.

Norder said a report could be run to determine that number. She updated the board at its April 10 meeting, telling the board that the total dollar amount of negative meal accounts is ever-changing, but on March 28 the total of negative meal balances for students was negative \$2,044.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

A View To Love

Dear Reader,

Spending a few days with my newest granddaughter Madelyn, who was born just three weeks ago, has opened my mind to how we should engage with the world around us. Her tiny eyes are open and filled with innocence and a sense of wonderment. She has no opinions, no judgments, no prejudices, and no negativity; there is only a simple acceptance of everything within her view.

This newest soul is animated by curiosity about the world around her and an innate ability to love. This is precious and to be treasured; further, it would be good for us to foster and nourish this attitude among all children – and ourselves.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

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Waupaca NEWS

Election results in Waupaca County

Some offices remain unfilled

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – While voters statewide elected Milwaukee County Judge Janet Protasiewicz to the Wisconsin Supreme Court by a margin of 55.5% to 44.5%, in Waupaca County Dan Kelly received 8,982 (59.6%) votes to Protasiewicz's 6,095 (40.4%).

Dane County Judge Chris Taylor ran unopposed for Court of Appeals District 4 in Tuesday's election. She received 11,462 votes in Waupaca County.

Waupaca County Circuit Court Judge Troy Nielsen was unopposed in his bid for re-election. He garnered 11,715 votes.

Two write-in candidates ran for judge of the Joint Northern Waupaca County Municipal Court. Deborah C. Bendt was elected with 72 votes, while John D. Smith received 65 votes.

Municipal elections

In the contested race for Weyauwega mayor, Richard Luedke garnered 250 votes and Keith Najdowski got 121.

For Weyauwega Common Council, Chris Gunderson was elected to the District 2 seat with 98 votes. There were no candidates on the ballots for Districts 1 and 3.

According to Weyauwega City Clerk Becky Loehrke two write-in candidates received votes. The clerk contacted the write-in candidates to confirm they are interested in the office. One of the write-in candidates said she could not

attend the meetings and the other name written on ballots was incumbent Ald. Kaley DuCoeur who had filed her noncandidacy papers.

There were no contested races for city council in Waupaca, New London, Clintonville and Manawa.

In Dayton, Jeff Barlow was elected town chair. Barlow received 720 votes against Fred Silloway with 341.

Barlow and Jim Peglow were both elected to the Dayton Town Board, with 598 and 510 votes respectively. Candidates John Miller received 378 and Daniel Johnson 333 votes.

In Farmington, Carolyn Murphy was re-elected as town chair with 586 votes against challenger Kevin Will with 576.

In Iola, four candidates ran for three seats on the village board. Rick Meyers received 195 votes, James Rasmussen and Shannon Dane each garnered 187 votes, and Aaron Messier drew 133 votes.

In Lind, Kathy Nickel was elected town chair with 273 votes against Nathan Gall's 81 votes.

Zoey Nelson was elected town supervisor with 201 votes against Nathan Gall's 150 votes.

Faye Neumann was elected Lind town clerk with 235 votes against Dawn Hardy-Reith's 101.

Three candidates vied for two seats on the Weyauwega Town Board. Terry Wilz received 139 votes, John Neuman 104 and Gordon Vong 29.

School board elections

Three candidates ran for

two seats in the Clintonville School Board. Glen Drew Lund received 1,153 votes, Jason Moder 1,150 and Kris Strauman 889.

In the Iola-Scandinavia School Board election, no candidate registered for the seat that represents the village of Scandinavia. The county clerk reports a scattering of 47 votes.

In the Manawa School Board election, no candidate registered for the Zone 5 seat that represents Royalton and Mukwa. A scattering of 47 votes were reported.

For the Weyauwega-Fremont School Board, no candidate registered for the seat representing the town of Fremont. There was a scattering of 69 votes.

In the New London School District, four candidates ran for two seats. John Heideman and Chris Martinson were elected with 2,116 and 2,001 votes respectively, against 1,994 for Cathy Zaddack and 1,852 votes for Pete Bosquez.

The Waupaca School Board election was uncontested. Lori Chesnut, Bob Adams and Molly McDonald were elected.

Referendums

Two referendums related to conditions of release while a criminal case is pending and cash bonds were on the ballot. Both measure passed by significant margins at both the state and county level. Another referendum that requires able-bodied, childless adults to work while receiving welfare benefits also passed at both the state and county level.

Jim Card contributed to this report.



The city of Waupaca plans to build a new Public Works facility beginning in 2023. An open house regarding the city's plans will be held from 9:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Waupaca Area Public Library. Rendering courtesy of city of Waupaca

City plans open house on facility

WAUPACA – The city of Waupaca plans to build a new Public Works facility at 500 Harding St.

Construction is anticipated to start May 2023 and continue through May 2024.

Currently, the Public Works Department operates out of five buildings throughout the central and east side of the city. The average age of the buildings is more than 50 years old.

The new facility will house all of the Public Works Department except

the wastewater department, which will remain at the treatment plant on South Oborn Street.

The city plans to locate the new 40,000-square-foot facility on 8 acres of buildable land at Haberkorn Field, which it purchased from the Waupaca School District in 2017.

Common Council initially approved costs of \$7 million for the project, but in response to rising costs due to inflation and material shortages, they increased that amount to \$9 million.

Open house

An informational open house regarding the project will be held from 9:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Waupaca Area Public Library in Meeting Room A.

City staff will be available to answer questions and hear comments at the open house.

Residents who are unable to attend the meeting, can ask questions or share comments regarding the project by calling 715-258-4420 or by email to jberrens@cityofwaupaca.org.

Speaker discusses ancient canoes

WAUPACA – James Skibo will present "What a Find! Ancient Canoes Discovered in Lake Mendota" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 17, at the Waupaca Area Public Library.

Hosted by Winchester Academy, the program is free and open to the public.

Skibo is state archaeologist at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The WHS, in partnership with Wisconsin's Native Nations, is preserving a pair of historic dugout canoes recovered from Madison's Lake Mendota in 2021 and 2022.

Resting on the lake bottom 27 feet underwater, the first discovery contained seven notched stones known as net sinkers used to hold down fishing nets.

Photos of the canoe showed it to be in such pris-



Skibo

merged village sites.

Skibo received his bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University, where he was first introduced to archaeology, and a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Arizona.

A Michigan native, Skibo previously served in roles at Illinois state University for 27 years, first as a professor of anthropology and later as chair of the department.

Denny and Cindy Wandtke and The Waupaca Historical Society are co-sponsors of this program.

For more information or to receive email notification of future programs, contact Executive Director Ann Linden at 715-258-2927 or winchesterwaupaca@gmail.com. General information is available at winchesterwaupaca.org.

Library launches Little Free Pantry

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Area Public Library is now accepting food donations of unexpired nonperishables.

To visit the pantry, patrons should enter the library, turn left, and head towards the windows. It is just past the large print section.

The pantry will usually be stocked with nonperishable foods, but also check

the refrigerator for fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy items.

The Little Free Pantry is for anybody who feels they aren't able to put food on their table.

The pantry require no registration, income limits or checkouts.

The library requests that people only take items when and if they need the food.

Donations should be brought to the front desk. No glass.

To make a monetary donation, leave it with the staff at the service desk. Checks can be written to the City of

Waupaca Library with Little Free Pantry in the memo line. Funds will be used to purchase items that are most needed.

Al-Anon meets in Waupaca

WAUPACA – Waupaca Area Al-Anon meets twice a week at Faith Community Church, 2641 County Trunk K.

The meetings are held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Weight limits end April 16

COUNTY – Waupaca County Highway Commissioner Casey Beyersdorf announced that spring weight limit restrictions will end Sat 11:59 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

The county will begin to remove signs at that time and enforcement of the limits will end.

New Weyauwega Listing



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There will be a special evening set aside for all parents either planning or interested in sending their children next year to St. Peter's 3K & 4K preschools. It will be held on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm in the school commons. Information on both programs will be provided that evening. There will also be activities for the preschoolers. Please call St. Peter Lutheran School at 920-867-2200 to RSVP.

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New London & Hortonville NEWS



The north half of First State Bank's west parking lot is now gravel as construction progresses on a new bank building on St. John's Place.

Scott Bellile Photo

Parking lot offer debated

Alderman pushes for better deal

BY SCOTT BELLILE
CORRESPONDENT

NEW LONDON – An offer to purchase property from First State Bank advanced to the city council despite opposition from one alderman concerned about the cost.

The New London Finance Personnel Committee on April 5 recommended the \$92,530 purchase to council with Ald. Bernie Ritchie Jr. casting the lone no vote.

First State Bank owns a downtown parking lot between St. John's Place and Lincoln Court next to its drive-up building.

The bank tore up the north half of the parking lot for construction of its future headquarters up the block.

The city intends to purchase the undisturbed south half. This half will be incorporated into the adjacent public parking lot as part of a two-year downtown reconstruction project beginning this spring.

Ritchie said there is no competition for the property, so the city should

offer less than \$92,530.

"I think it's still too much money to pay for a [parking] lot that the bank wants to get rid of," Ritchie said. "And they ain't going to be able to sell it to somebody [else] to build something because it's off the beaten path, so it's a useless piece of property to the bank."

"I don't know if you can say it's a 'useless piece,'" City Administrator Chad Hoerth said, though he added he does not know if zoning regulations would allow new building construction there.

"I would have to say the parcel is invaluable to the city, as all we've been hearing since the day I started here is we need parking downtown ... and it's the first time something of this magnitude has become available for the city to purchase in a very long time," Finance Director Judy Radke said.

"I'm not saying that the city doesn't need parking," Ritchie said. "I just think it's too much money for that piece of property."

Radke said First State Bank's improvements to the block "will more than

pay for that parking lot."

The \$92,530 offer is lower than the bank's original asking price, Hoerth said.

The offer was calculated using the same cost per square foot as what the city paid to purchase the abutting former Wolf River Theatrical Troupe property on West North Water Street for the parking lot expansion, Hoerth said.

Ald. Robert Besaw said he agrees the property may be worth less than \$92,530, but the city also wishes to maintain a "goodwill relationship" with First State Bank.

The company last year announced plans to donate its 113 W. North Water St. headquarters, across the street from the parking lot in question, to New London Public Library when the new bank opens on St. John's Place.

The council will review the offer and vote on it Tuesday, April 18.

The committee also recommended to council an agreement to lease the south parking lot to First State Bank for \$1 through mid-January, when the new building is expected to open.

New London hosts Whopper Weekend

NEW LONDON – The New London Fish and Game Club will host its annual Whopper Weekend fishing tournament Friday through Sunday, April 14-16, in Riverside Park.

After a couple years of pandemic closures and two years with a modified shortened format, the club is returning to the traditional three-day event in the park shelter.

Prizes will be awarded

for the longest walleye, longest bass, longest one-day stringer and longest three-day stringer of walleye.

Fish registrations are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday.

Food and beverages are served around the clock and live entertainment will be featured in the shelter from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Raffle drawing

Forty-nine prizes totaling \$15,000 will be raffled-off with a grand prize drawing at noon on Sunday.

Advance raffle tickets are available at the New London Area Chamber of Commerce office and Johnny's Bait Shop.

Daily door prizes will also be awarded to anglers registering fish during the three-day tournament.



Runners and walkers will converge on New London Saturday, April 22 for the annual Sturgeon Shuffle held along the banks of the Wolf River. File photo

Sturgeon Shuffle returns April 22

BY JOHN FAUCHER
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The Sturgeon Shuffle is returning to New London.

The family-friendly 5K walk/run and competitive 10K road run is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, April 22. The event is open to all levels of athletes.

First State Bank is a presenting sponsor of the race named after the annual spring "Sturgeon run" (spawning season) on the Wolf River.

Lake Winnebago Fox-Wolf River Basin is home to one of the largest self-sustaining populations of Lake Sturgeon in the world.

Georgette Coppersmith, 2023 Sturgeon Shuffle Race Director says, "The annual activity of these incredible fish draws people from all over"

"The Shuffle Board works with the community and its race volunteers each year to provide an optimal opportunity to experience this walk/run event and welcome visitors, fishermen and families into our community," said Coppersmith.

The event promotes health and wellbeing in the community and directly affects several charitable organizations in the region.

Proceeds from the shuffle benefit community programs including Project Backpack in New London, Waupaca, Weyauwega-Fremont, Iola-Scandinavia and Amherst school districts.

Coppersmith said in addition, the race contributes to the Compassionate Connections Center and Nutrition Mission in Clintonville.

"These organizations are all working hard to stamp out hunger in our schools," she added.

Both the 10K race and the 5K walk/run will have earlier start times this year.

Both fully chipped timed events kick off from the New London Middle School at 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. respectively.

The course will take participants on County Trunk X along New London's Wolf River Sturgeon Trail.

Last year's event drew more than 300 participants.

Race organizers remind spectators and participants to please leave their pets at home on race day, as local ordinances prohibit pets during large gatherings of people.


For more information visit the Sturgeon shuffle Facebook page or contact 920-538-3862.

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Clintonville NEWS

Two new members join city council

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Voters elected two new members to the Clintonville City Council during the April 4 spring election.

New members of the council include Thomas Lederer in District 4 and Greg Rose in District 5.

Lederer won as a write-in candidate as there were no official candidates on the ballot for District 4. Lederer received 15 votes. There were 12 votes for other write-in candidates.

This is Rose's second tenure on the city council. He was recalled by voters in November 2014, ending his first tenure on the council.

Rose received 104 votes in the April 4 election.

Incumbents ran unopposed in the rest of the districts, and were all reelected. Mark Zachow received 188 votes in District 1, Tammy Strey-Hirt received 158 votes in District 2, and Kody Zempel received 81 votes in District 3.

Strauman voted off school board

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – After six years serving on the Clintonville School Board, Kris Strauman was not reelected, as she finished behind Glen Drew Lundt and Jason Moder.

The three candidates were vying for two seats on the board.

Lundt received 1,153 votes, followed by Moder with 1,150, and Strauman

with 889. Both Lundt and Strauman were incumbents.

At the April 10 Clintonville School Board meeting, Strauman was recognized with a plaque presented by Clintonville School Board President Ben Huber. Huber thanked Strauman for her years of service to the board as well as her time working for the district.

"Well done, and thank you for your years of service," Huber said. "We will miss your experience on the

board."

"All I want to say is, over the years, being an administrator, I realized that you have to make decisions for the good of the whole, not for individual specialized groups," Strauman said. "And sometimes that gets you into trouble. But, looking back, if I had to make those decisions all over again, I'd do it exactly the same because I know in here, I did what's best for the kids in our district."

Clintonville Rotary Student of the Week

Shaye Miller was named the Clintonville Rotary Student of the Week.

A senior at Clintonville High School, she is the daughter of Tammy and Jeff Miller.

Miller's extracurricular activities include two years of volleyball, four years of softball, two years of student council, two years of Youth Apprenticeship, one year each with FFA and prom committee.

Her achievements include



Miller

varsity and junior varsity letters, being named team captain and to the National Honor Society.

She has volunteered with the youth softball program for four years and as a Sunday school teacher for two years.

Miller plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College to pursue a career in veterinary medicine while continuing to work for the Walker Family Veterinary Hospital in New London.



The W-F High School Prom will be held at the Fremont River Deck on April, 29. The Prom Court from left to right: Ryleigh Farkas, Lulu Fernandez, Lily Baehman, Olivia Sedlar, Lauren Feltz, Grace Radtke, and Hailey Wohlt. Second row: Hunter Meisenhelder, Victor Kiedrowski, Parker Wilson, Caleb Abbey, Caleb Leschke and Seth Malueg. Prom court member Brayden Arndt not in photo.

Demonstrations at Sandy Knoll 4-H

CALEDONIA – The Sandy Knoll 4-H Club welcomed three new members at its February meeting at the Caledonia Town Hall.

The new members are Bronson Oehlke, Raelyn Oehlke and Kayden Friday.

The officers reported on their annual Christmas party and shared how they built gingerbread houses as a contest.

Some club members discussed the ceramic project meeting that took place at Brenda's Brushstrokes and Bisque shop and members shared what ceramic pieces they painted.

The club discussed the up-

coming soup dinner delivery for the elderly and the community Easter egg hunt.

Seven members who completed their demonstration.

Sophie Stueck did her demonstration on her watercolor painting that she took to the fair and also explained watercolor techniques.

During her demonstration on wrestling, Rozalyn Dorsey showed her favorite move and also her awards.

Kassidy Ruppel completed her demonstration on her swivel water ski, Ethan Ruppel demonstrated how to set up a chess board, and Justin Kong shared the music he created on his computer for demon-

stration. Reed Rynish shared his Lego sap shack that he built and for her demonstration, Josephine Rynish played Silent Night on her keyboard.

Wega-Fremont NEWS



Anglers Bar & Grill is building a 54-site campground. The plan is to be open by Memorial Day weekend. The lawnmower races will continue and the track will be rebuilt.

James Card Photo

Breaking ground for campground

Anglers Bar & Grill expands

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

FREMONT – The field behind Anglers Bar & Grill is 11 acres of mud but soon it will have 54 campsites with water, sewer and electric hook-ups.

The goal is to have grass seed down by the first week of May and be open by Memorial Day weekend.

Five rows of campsites are planned. The three middle rows will be pull-through sites for ease of maneuvering large recreational vehicles and will be friendly for campers towing fishing boats and ATV

trailers. All of the pads will be gravel with gravel connecting roads.

The sites will have picnic tables and fire pits. A playground is planned and there will be a bathhouse with showers, sinks and toilets. Trees will be planted in the future. Campers will check-in at the bar.

"We'll still have lawnmower races. We're rebuilding the track and it will be better than ever. We got rained out a lot last year. We're raising the track. We'll bank it towards the middle so it can drain in there. We're going to add permanent outdoor lighting for races later in the year," said co-owner Jeremy Griesbach.

Lawnmower races are every other Saturday, about 10 times per year depending on the weather. They will expand the parking area and also make a new pit for the lawnmower race crews.

"The cool part about Fremont is you're out but you're not," said Griesbach referring to Fremont's proximity to the Fox Valley and other urban areas. It's a quick weekend getaway for many people.

"Fremont's on the boom. It's always been a hidden gem and it's not so hidden anymore. It's getting more popular. It boosts the area and the whole economy," he said.

Weyauwega elects new mayor

Luedke seeks change though teamwork

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA - In the contested race for Weyauwega mayor, Richard Luedke garnered 250 votes and Keith Najdowski got 121.

"We've wanted to change the council to a committee of the whole. I just want us to work together as a team. That's what my stand was—to work together for a change. I don't think we've worked together in the last couple of years so if we work together, we'll get a lot of stuff done," said Luedke.

A committee of the whole is a governmental meeting that includes all members of the group.

In Weyauwega's case, there are committees for recreation, ordinance, police, planning, public works and finance and



CITY HALL

Weyauwega's new mayor is Richard Luedke. His first initiative is to move to a committee of the whole arrangement so council members and city staff are better informed of all of the discussions and decisions taking place.

James Card Photo

they meet at different times throughout the month. With separate meetings for each committee, it can be difficult to keep track of the discussions and deliberations of each group.

The committee as a whole model allows for more for interactions between committees and council members.

"Everybody's there. In a regular meeting, we don't find out anything until a council meeting unless

you're on that committee. We're going to get the meetings on the second Tuesday and the third Monday of every month except for the recreation and the planning committee. There will be a meeting before that because we have public input in those two. That's a big change that I think will help. We've got a good administrator and other good people in place. We've got to let them do their job," said Luedke.

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Local quilters donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – When Lynn Myers learned about an organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace, she thought it was a worthwhile cause to get involved with.

“Anything for kids is important to me,” the Iola resident said. “Just knowing that there are children out there that needed a bed really touched my heart.”

Myers enlisted the help of a local quilting group she belongs to, the Norske Needlers. The group, which is 36 members strong, were able to make 31 quilts for the organization.

“Everyone helped in one way or another,” she said. “From quilting, to providing material, a lot of people were involved.”

Amanda Rasmussen, president of the Waupaca chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, is thankful for the donation.

“These ladies truly put a lot of time and effort into making these quilts,” she



Amanda Rasmussen and Kimberly Kruse, who represent Sleep in Heavenly Peace, are pictured with the Norske Needlers, who recently donated 31 quilts to the organization. Holly Neumann Photo

said. SHP makes beds for kids who would otherwise be sleeping on the floor.

“So often, beds are something that is overlooked, but keeping the little ones off the floor is so important,” Rasmussen said. “We are filling that need.”

Under the program, families receive a free twin bed, sheets, blanket and pillow

for their child or children.

Delivery days are amazing, according to Rasmussen.

“To see the smiles on the kids’ faces, knowing that they will no longer have to sleep on the floor is a good feeling,” she said. “When we are ready to deliver the beds, we ask the parents if there is something special that their child may like on their quilt. We usually take along a

couple of quilts with us and the child gets to choose what they like. This makes it that much more meaningful.”

Anyone that needs a bed for their child ages 3–17 can visit shpbeds.org to fill out an application, which are sent to the appropriate chapter based on ZIP Code.

SHP is completely run by volunteers and donations. There are 10 core team

members that take care of fundraising and gather volunteers for community build days.

“There is always something for people to do,” Rasmussen said. “My hope is that people remember the value of community involvement that is wrapped around kids.”

The next Community Build Day will be held Sat-

urday, April 29, at Waupaca High School. Contact Kimberly at 920-841-6215 or Amanda at 920-268-7914 for more information.

Monetary donations are used to buy lumber, mattresses, sheets and pillows. Donations can be sent to SHP, P.O. Box 53, Waupaca, WI 54981. Checks should be made payable to SHP.

Blood donated in Iola

IOLA – Forty-three persons donated blood March 29 at the latest Iola Lions American Red Cross blood drive.

They included first-time donors Randy Bargo, Beverly Carter and Nancy Morris.

Two frequent donors hit new records. Tary Trepasso reached the five-gallon donation mark and Ruth Johnson gave her 47th unit.

The donated units will help 44 to 132 persons recovering from cancer, accidents or other medical situations.

“We really appreciate so many people coming out to donate,” drive coordinator Sandi Moore said. “I’d like to give a high five to the successful donors, as



Randy Bargo of Iola donates blood for the first time March 29 at the Iola Lions’ American Red Cross blood drive in Iola. Submitted Photo

well as the five persons who tried but were deferred for medical reasons.”

The next drive is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at the

Iola-Scandinavia Fitness & Aquatic Center.

Donors can preregister by calling 800-RED-CROSS or at www.red-crossblood.org.

Manawa NEWS



Zach and Tammy Pethke present a \$500 donation to Manawa Rural Fire Department members Mike Nash and Dennis Bonikowske. Holly Neumann Photo

Fire department receives donation

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa Rural Fire Department has received a \$500 donation from the Community Country Dinner Show, which is put on by the Pethke family.

“We are happy to be able to give the department some money,” Tammy Pethke said. “This is about community and we need to have the department here.”

“We feel honored that they felt we are deserving

of the donation this year,” Fire Chief Josh Smith said. “I know they donate to multiple organizations. We are grateful that they chose us this year.”

The money will be added to the department’s fundraising account.

“It helps us purchase life-saving and protective equipment for members of our department which we would otherwise have to pull out of our budget,” Smith said.

The most immediate need

is to outfit each member with updated wildland fire gear, which runs from \$700 to \$1,000 per person.

All future fundraising events by the department will also be applied toward this gear.

The Pethke family also gives scholarships to Manawa students that will attend technical college for a career in firefighting.

Anyone interested can contact Pethke at 715-281-4312 or stpethke@wolfnet.net.



Benefit held

More than 100 people showed up April 1 at a benefit for Tommy Boyle and his family at Par 4 Resort in Waupaca. Pictured with Boyle at the benefit is his wife, Heather. “I cannot believe the amount of support that is being shown to our family,” he said. “It’s incredible and it’s so overwhelming, but it does bring hope to Heather and me.” Holly Neumann Photo

Annual pancake breakfast benefits fire department

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa Rural Fire Department will host its annual pancake breakfast Sunday, April 30, in Manawa.

Drive-through serving will begin at 8 a.m. at the Manawa Fire Station, 500 S. Bridge St. Signs will direct customers where to go.

“You can enter Factory Street from either East Fourth Street, Second Street or Union Street, but the

easiest travel would be to turn onto Factory from East Fourth,” Fire Chief Josh Smith said.

The menu will include a choice of buttermilk or blueberry pancakes; scrambled eggs; sausage; and homemade maple syrup.

The cost is \$10 and all funds raised will go toward the purchase of new wildland firefighting gear that would otherwise be purchased with budget money.

“Our fundraisers have been a big part of how we

are able to have updated equipment and still operate within a zero budget increase for almost 10 years now,” Smith said.

“Fundraising has helped us purchase new helmets, structural firefighting boots, safety vests, a UTV and part of our utility truck, to mention just a few things. There are always pieces of equipment that need updating and if we can acquire these through fundraising efforts, then that’s a win for everyone.”

Arrest made in drive-thru

Suspect charged with 12th drinking and driving offense

Scott T. Hein, 52, Berlin, is charged with his 12th drinking and driving offense.

Shortly before 9:40 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Waupaca Police Officer Paul Przybelski responded to Hardee’s on West Fulton Street.

A caller reported that a blue car came into the drive-thru and the driver had slurred speech and may be intoxicated.

Przybelski located a running car and identified the driver as Hein.

Although a preliminary breath test indicated that Hein had only a 0.07 blood-alcohol level, he is restricted to 0.02 due to his prior drinking and driving convictions.

In August 2013, Hein was convicted of an 11th OWI

and sentenced to four years in prison and four years of extended supervision.

He was also sentenced to prison for drinking and driving offenses in 2005 and 2007.

After his March 25 arrest, Hein was released from custody after posting a \$25,000 cash bond.

He faces a minimum of four years in prison if convicted.

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Warhawks get pair of seventh-inning comeback wins

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – The bottom of the seventh turned out to be a big inning for the Weyauwega-Fremont softball and baseball teams in their Central Wisconsin Conference-East games with Manawa.

Jayden McCoy's double broke a 3-3 tie to give the softball team a 4-3 win over the Wolves April 6, while Connor Delwiche scored on a passed ball in the baseball team's 7-6 win.

W-F 4,
 Manawa 3



Weyauwega-Fremont's Kaden Baehman waits for the ball as Manawa's Dakota Stroud dives back to first base. Baehman and the Warhawks trailed 6-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, but came up with two runs to get a 7-6 win. Greg Seubert Photo

Warhawks
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A male lake sturgeon is measured and weighed after being netted last year on the Wolf River in Shiocton. The Sturgeon Guard, a group of volunteers that keep an eye on the spawning fish in the Wolf and Fox rivers, is back this spring. Greg Seubert Photo

Sturgeon Guard back in business

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

MENASHA – As far as Don Mielke is concerned, spawning lake sturgeon need all the help they can get.

That's why the Menasha man is behind an effort to revive the Sturgeon Guard program, a group of volunteers that help protect the large fish that make their way up the Wolf and Fox rivers from Lake Winnebago each spring to spawn and are vulnerable to poaching.

After overseeing the program since its inception in the 1980s, state Department of Natural Resources officials announced last year that the program would be discontinued for the foreseeable future due to fewer volunteers and a drop in illegal harvest cases.

That announcement came after the agency canceled the Guard in 2020 and 2021 because of COVID-19.

"To me, it gave an open invitation to anyone that was even thinking of the possibility of doing some il-



Leona Keuler, 6, of Madison reacts after seeing a lake sturgeon jump out of the water below the Wolf River dam in Shawano last year. She visited Shawano with her family to check out the annual sturgeon spawning ritual. Greg Seubert Photo

legal activity," Mielke said. "I know that we had a great number of people volunteering in the past. I talked to a few of them and they were equally disturbed that the river system was just not going to be watched any more."

Spawning sturgeon – some of them more than 7 feet long – have drawn big crowds for years, including along the Wolf River Sturgeon Trail near New London, Bamboo Bend in

Shiocton and below the dam in Shawano.

"I live on the shore of Lake Winnebago and have been an active sturgeon fisherman all my life," Mielke said. "If somebody would spear a 100-pound fish, people would travel 50, 60 miles to see it. Now, we have such a wonderful population of big fish and I feel a great part of that has to do with the Guard. I know (poaching) is still going on and I guess (the decision to

suspend the program) really struck a nerve with me."

Sturgeon For Tomorrow, a statewide organization that created the Sturgeon Guard with the DNR in the 1980s, is helping fund the program, according to Mielke.

"The Sturgeon For Tomorrow group was adamant about trying to find someone to continue it," he said.

Mielke contacted all five of the group's chapter presidents, as well as DNR sturgeon biologist Margaret Stadig and conservation warden captain Ben Tremel.

Tremel came to Mielke's home to discuss Mielke's idea.

"He said, 'Don, I came here to your house for one reason: to talk you out of this,'" Mielke said. "He said, 'After I listened to your ideas, I don't see why it can't work.' With that, we were off and running."

Volunteers will be stationed along the Wolf River from New London to Shawano and along the Fox

Sturgeon

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CWD discussed at open house

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – A response plan that includes more testing is in place now that chronic wasting disease has turned up twice in Waupaca County's wild white-tailed deer herd.

The fatal, infectious nervous system disease that affects deer, moose, elk and reindeer turned out to be a major discussion topic April 3 during the county's spring hearing open house at Waupaca High School.

"We are in the surveillance phase of CWD based on detections last fall," DNR wildlife biologist Jake Fries said. "We have a CWD response plan. We hope to collect as many samples as we can in the county over the next two years to determine an actual prevalence rate for the county. For the next two years, we'd like to collect 400 samples per year and

that's a significant uptick from what we've been doing."

The disease showed up last year in two of 269 wild deer tested in the county during a hunting season surveillance.

CWD first showed up in a 2-year-old doe harvested during the nine-day gun deer season in the town of Harrison. The second positive came from a 3-year-old doe harvested during the holiday hunt in the town of Wyoming, about eight miles east of the first detection.

The state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection – an agency separate from the DNR – oversees Wisconsin's game farms, where several positive tests have been reported over the last 20 years, including at farms in Waupaca County.

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Athletes place at state indoor meet

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

WHITEWATER – Two local athletes turned in top-two performances at a state indoor track meet.

Teams from Hortonville, Iola-Scandinavia and New London competed April 8 at the Wisconsin State Indoor Track & Field Championships at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Hortonville's Ben Smith beat out 68 other competitors and won the boys' shot put event with a top throw of 67 feet, 8 1/4 inches.

Iola-Scandinavia's Char-

lie Vater finished second in the boys' 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:20.63. Oconomowoc's Zachariah Vance won with a time of 4:20.29 in a race that included 81 runners.

Hortonville went on to tie with six other teams for 13th place with 10 points in the boys' standings and Vater's finish helped the Thunderbirds tie with four other teams for 21st place with eight points.

Manawa, Hortonville and New London competed in a handful of events on the girls' side, but did not place in the final team standings.

Bulldogs drop season opener

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

NEW LONDON – It looked at first like the New London baseball team would open its season with a win over the defending Bay Conference champion.

Not so fast. Shawano overcame a 4-1 deficit April 10 and went on to post an 11-7 win over the Bulldogs at Hatten Park.

Bulldogs

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Easton Sievert slides safely into third base for New London April 10 during the Bulldogs' season opener against Shawano.



New London leadoff hitter Ayden Kanaman faces Shawano pitcher Ashton Henning in the bottom of the first inning of a Bay Conference game at Hatten Park in New London. New London fell to the Hawks 11-7 in the season opener for both teams. The teams also played April 11 in Shawano. Greg Seubert Photos

WARHAWKS

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Lily Krenke gave Manawa a 2-0 lead with a two-run single in the top of the third inning.

The Warhawks answered with a run in the bottom of the inning before both teams added single runs in the fifth.

Weyauwega-Fremont trailed 3-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Reil-

ly Claassen reached second on a dropped fly ball and scored on Olivia Witkowski's double. Witkowski then scored on McCoy's hit.

Witkowski and Manawa's Kelsey Behnke pitched complete games.

W-F 7, Manawa 6

Manawa took a 5-0 lead with three runs in the first inning and two more in

the third.

The Warhawks cut into the Wolves' lead with a four-run fourth-inning, but Manawa came up with another run in the fifth.

Weyauwega-Fremont added another run in the fifth inning, but still trailed 6-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh.

The Warhawks tied the game before Delwiche scored the winning run.



Olivia Witkowski got the win on the mound for Weyauwega-Fremont April 6 in the Warhawks' 4-3 win over Manawa.



Reilly Claassen heads to third base for Weyauwega-Fremont in the Warhawks' Central Wisconsin Conference-East game with Manawa.



Brady Zemple pitches for Manawa against Weyauwega-Fremont.



Manawa's Kelsey Rosin faces Weyauwega-Fremont pitcher Olivia Witkowski. Greg Seubert Photos

BULLDOGS

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New London opened the scoring with two runs in the first inning and another in the second. Both teams added a run in the third inning to make it a 4-1 game and the Hawks tied the game with a three-run fifth inning.

Shawano took the lead for good with four runs in the sixth inning before adding three more in the seventh.

The teams played again April 11 in Shawano.

New London will head to Seymour Thursday, April 13, for a Bay match-up with the Thunder before traveling to Appleton Thursday, April 20, for a nonconference game with Fox Valley Lutheran. The team also has a double-



Ethan Herzfeldt started on the mound for New London in the Bulldogs' season opener against Shawano. He pitched the first five innings, but New London fell to the Hawks 11-7. Greg Seubert Photo

header with Green Bay Bulldogs' next home game is set for Tuesday, April 25, against Menasha.

CWD

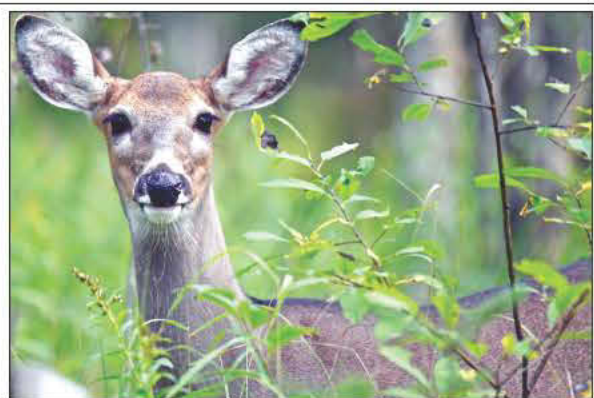
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"There are white-tailed deer within these farms, but essentially, they're domestic animals and therefore have to be handled through DATCP," local DNR conservation warden Jonathan Kaiser said. "At the end of the day, I think we're all recognizing that there are a lot of questions out there. We can only stay within the bounds of what we're authorized to enforce and regulate. It definitely leads to some interesting situations."

Bill Krostue of New London attended the open house. He is a member of Waupaca County's County Deer Advisory Council, which provides input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management within the county.

"What hunters and landowners that bought property for hunting should be concerned with is what it may or could do to the value of your land," he said. "Waupaca County has the highest deer numbers per square mile in the state. It could spread pretty fast. If that happens and if I was looking for land, I wouldn't want to buy land where there's a lot of CWD."

The DNR began monitoring the state's wild herd for CWD in 1999 and the first positive cases turned up near Mount Horeb in



Chronic wasting disease has shown up for the first time in Waupaca County's wild white-tailed deer population. Two hunter-harvested deer in the towns of Harrison and Wyoming recently tested positive for the disease.

Photo Courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

southern Wisconsin in 2002 in deer harvested the previous year.

The first cases of CWD in captive deer also turned up in 2002 at Buckhorn Flats, a former hunting preserve near Almond in southern Portage County. The positive tests led to the depopulation of the preserve's entire captive deer herd, which had a CWD prevalence rate approaching 80%. The DNR eventually purchased the 80-acre property in 2011.

In the past, the DNR used sharpshooters to remove deer in areas with high disease prevalence, high deer populations and low public harvest as a way to remove infected deer from the wild herd.

"If you do that and you depopulate the herd dramatically in Wisconsin,

you're going to have less people hunting," Krostue said. "It's hard to get kids to come out and hunt now, especially if they come out and just stare at trees. They need action, they need to see animals."

Krostue said he will probably mention CWD at Waupaca County's upcoming CDAC meeting, which is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Manawa City Hall.

"I don't think the DNR, DATCP and legislators were doing enough to stop (the disease)," he said. "They watch it and they only respond once you have it, which is an after-the-fact response. We have it in the wild. They want to issue more tags and have more hunts so we shoot more deer to try and control CWD."

STURGEON

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River in the Princeton and Montello areas.

"What (the DNR) would like to see us do is we will be their eyes," Mielke said. "We will write down things and take pictures. We are also on a mission to educate. All of these volunteers are going to have information sheets on why the fish are doing this. We are certainly going to continue the tradition of the Guard."

Mielke said he wouldn't be able to revive the program without help from others, including Josh Reitz of Scandinavia.

"There's no way one person can do it," he said. "We're dividing the areas up into quadrants. A gentleman named Ed contacted me and he lives in Montello. He sent me an email and has been involved with the Guard for years. He's going to be the

leader for the Princeton area and he has his group of volunteers."

Mielke already has several volunteers lined up for this year's spawning event, which typically happens in mid- to late-April and in the past has lasted from three to 11 days.

"The response I've gotten has been overwhelming," he said. "I'm answering emails now as I'm sitting at my desk. We have a gentleman from Park Falls, a lady from Stevens Point, people from Bloomer. I have other family and friends that I can tap into. We will contact people via phone approximately two days before we need them at various sites. After they serve their shift, we'll send them a thank you letter and a gift card that they can use for either fuel or food, whatever they choose. It was just an idea that came to me."

Anyone interested in

volunteering can call Mielke at 920-428-1386 or email him at amerimilk@aol.com.

"I prefer an email simply because I can print that off," he said. "When you send me an email, also include your phone number because that's the way we're going to be contacting people. I'm not going to turn down any volunteers."

Mielke doesn't want to think about what could happen to Lake Winnebago's sturgeon population without the Guard.

"No one has a crystal ball, but I can see the system deteriorating slowly when you take these massive fish - the extremely healthy males and females - out of production," he said. "There are a lot of people that want to abuse this sport, but I have found a lot of people that want to keep the tradition going."

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Hockey award

Liam Bloedow recently received the Waupaca boys' hockey team's Joe "Papy" Papineau Award. The award is presented to the team's most dedicated and hardest-working player. Submitted Photo

T-Birds strike out in Poynette

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

POYNETTE – Defending WIAA Division 3 state softball champion Poynette handed Iola-Scandinavia a 9-0 nonconference loss April 3.

The Thunderbirds fell to 2-2 with the loss.

The Pumas scored six unearned runs in the first inning and added three more in the sixth. The T-Birds were held hitless and 17 of their 21 outs were strikeouts.

Pitcher Julia Munoz started the game and lasted one inning, giving up four hits and

a walk. Maddie Much pitched the final five innings and allowed seven hits. The T-Birds also committed six errors.

Iola-Scandinavia will host Amherst Thursday, April 13, and Menominee Indian Friday, April 14, with both games starting at 4:30 p.m.

The T-Birds also have a doubleheader at St. Mary Catholic scheduled for Saturday, April 15, with the first game to get underway at 10 a.m. The team will also head to Weyauwega Monday, April 17, for a 4:30 p.m. game with Weyauwega-Fremont.

Parks, Recreation

Volleyball Clintonville Women's League

End-of-season tournament results: Rad Raddants 2, Been There, Dug That 1 (Been There, Dug That eliminated); Serves of Steel 2, A-OK Con-

struction 0 (A-OK Construction eliminated); Club 45 2, Rad Raddants 0 (Rad Raddants eliminated); Aces Down, Set Up 2, Serves of Steel 0 (Serves of Steel eliminated). Championship match: Aces Down, Set Up 2, Club 45 0.

Comets drop first three games

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – Wautoma and Fox Valley Lutheran picked up recent wins over the Waupaca baseball team.

The Comets headed to Wautoma April 6, but fell to the Hornets 14-0. Waupaca also opened the season April 3 at home by hosting a North Eastern Conference doubleheader with Fox Valley Lutheran and fell 10-0 and 3-1.

Wautoma 14, Waupaca 0 (5 inn.)

WAUTOMA – Logan Dunn and Brady Abitz combined to throw a one-

hit shutout in a five-inning game.

Dunn struck out 10 batters over 4 1/3 innings and also drove in three of the Hornets' runs.

FVL 10, Waupaca 0 FVL 3, Waupaca 1

WAUPACA – Waupaca opened the season at Lakemen Field, but ended up dropping a pair of games to the Foxes.

Fox Valley Lutheran opened the game with a three-run first inning before adding seven more

runs late in the game.

Jeffrey Nelson had to hits to lead Waupaca's offense.

Henry Williams gave up for runs over five innings and took the loss for the Comets, while Sawyer Bohm gave up six runs over the final two frames.

"I thought both guys threw well for our first time being outside," coach Rocky Mondello said.

The Foxes scored twice in the first inning of the second game and added another run in the fourth to go up 3-0.

Nelson took the loss on the mound and Brady Johnson struck out four batters over the final two

innings.

"We had some great opportunities getting a runner on, but really couldn't advance them into scoring position," Mondello said. "This was the first time outside on a field for both teams. We have some things that we can work on, but I'm extremely confident that we will get there sooner than later."

Waupaca will head to Clintonville Thursday, April 13, for a North Eastern matchup with the Truckers and are scheduled to host Denmark Monday, April 17. First pitch for both games is set for 4:30 p.m.

Polar Bears get pair of shutouts

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE – The Hortonville baseball team traveled to De Pere April 8 and returned home with a pair of nonconference shutouts.

The Polar Bears handed Green Bay Southwest a 10-0 loss before topping West De Pere 2-0.

Hortonville 10,

GB Southwest 0 (6 inn.)

Ethan Peters and Dylan Schroeder held the Trojans to two hits in the six-inning game.

Peters gave up a pair of hits in four innings of work on the mound, while Peters struck out five batters over the final two innings.

Joe Fischer had two hits and drove in three runs for

Hortonville, while Kolden Hunter added two hits.

Hortonville 2, West De Pere 0

Thomas Burns struck out 11 batters and held the Phantoms to one hit over six innings.

Camden Kuhnke pitched the seventh inning and struck out one to com-

plete the one-hitter.

Zach Tomlinson had two hits for Hortonville and Fischer drove in a run.

The Polar Bears improved to 3-1 on the season with the wins and opened Fox Valley Association play at home April 11 against Appleton West. Hortonville will host Fond du Lac at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Commercial Club Park.

State trail passes available

MADISON – State trail passes for 2023 are now available for purchase.

A state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, in-line skating, horseback riding or off-highway motorcycling on specific state trails, but is not required for walking or hiking.

Passes are valid from the date of purchase through Dec. 31, 2023.

Trails that require a pass are located in state parks, forests and recreation areas, as well as stand-alone

state trails such as the Tomorrow River State Trail, which runs from Plover to Manawa.

Signs are posted at trailheads on trails that require a pass. County and local trails may have their own fees and a state trail pass is not valid at those trails.

"Our 700 miles of equestrian trails and thousands of bike miles provide outside recreation, enjoyment and health and wellness opportunities to millions of visitors each year," said Steve Schmel-

zer, director of the state Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Management Bureau. "State trail pass sales help DNR staff maintain these trails – both our linear trails and those heavily used trails inside of parks and forests for bikes and horses – and it helps us continue to expand the network of available miles to residents and out-of-state visitors alike."

Annual trail passes cost \$25 for state residents and nonresidents. A \$5 state

trail day pass is also available.

State trail passes are available only at individual properties, licensed vendors or self-registration stations.

Trail fee revenues are used to maintain and operate state trails and trails in state parks, forests and recreation areas. These costs include dealing with erosion, trash removal, maintaining safe surfaces, trimming brush, removing fallen trees and law enforcement.

Park sticker deadline is April 30

MADISON – Entries are being accepted through Sunday, April 30, for the 2024 Wisconsin State Park and Forest Vehicle Admission Sticker Design Contest.

Now in its 33rd year, the annual contest is open to all high school students in Wisconsin attending public, private and parochial schools or home-schooled students. Artwork entries should focus on outdoor recreation, animals or plants in Wisconsin.

"The admission sticker design contest is a wonderful opportunity for high schoolers across the

state to blend their artistic creativity and interest in our natural resources and to see that creativity on hundreds of thousands of cars across the state," said Steve Schmelzer, director of the state Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Management Bureau.

"We are grateful for all of the students who submit artwork," he said. "It's always a pleasure to see the entries. It's never an easy choice to pick just one design."

Vehicle admission stickers provide access to more than 60

state parks, forests and recreation areas across Wisconsin, including Hartman Creek State Park near Waupaca.

All motor vehicles entering state parks and recreation areas must have a vehicle admission sticker, while some state forest and trail parking areas also require a sticker.

Materials for the 2024 sticker design contest are now available. Rules, submission guidelines, tips for a winning design and past sticker design winners can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/designcontest.

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Waupaca County sheriff's report

- April 3 – A Weyauwega woman on Haffner Road reported a suicidal man armed with a switchblade. He also threatened to harm the cat.
- April 3 – An Ogdensburg woman reported cardboard and other things flying out the end of a GFL truck on County Trunk T.
- April 3 – An Iola man on County Trunk G reported his motor home was stuck and blocking the road. Tow service

wasn't returning his calls.

- April 3 – An anonymous caller reported a small child was crying inside of a blue truck parked at a Dollar General. No adults were around.
- April 3 – A New London woman on Timber Lane reported she was having problems with neighbors throwing branches onto their property while the caller's children were riding their four wheelers.
- April 3 – A Green Bay woman

requested a welfare check on a woman who she believed was passed out and leaving a child unattended.

- April 3 – A Weyauwega man on Birdsall Street reported his front door and back door appeared to be tampered with. Pry marks were evident. Nothing was missing.
- April 4 – An anonymous caller reported the license plate number of a vehicle that she claims "runs her off the road all

the time." She said it has happened three times.

- April 4 – A Weyauwega woman on Military Road reported finding a note inside of a notebook of a female that wrote that she is struggling with her job and will either leave or kill herself and if the note was found, she has either left or committed suicide.

- April 4 – A Tigerton man on Mud Lake Road reported he paid someone \$1,000 of his stimulus money in 2021 to fix his vehicle. The person never fixed it. He got the vehicle back but not the money.

- April 4 – A Green Bay woman reported a woman was having suicidal ideations and there was a small child in the house.

- April 4 – A New London woman on County Trunk W reported a yellowish green snowmobile in the middle of the road that looks like it fell out the back of a truck.

- April 4 – An anonymous caller reported a child wearing a diaper outside next to a pit bull.

- April 4 – A Waupaca woman on Golke Road reported she was arguing with her boyfriend. He hit her and then her dog bit him.

- April 4 – A Clintonville man on Hemlock Street reported he suspects a man breaks bottles at the end of his driveway.

- April 5 – An Ogdensburg man on County Trunk E reported an engine in the roadway that looked like it fell off a trailer.

- April 5 – A female caller requested a welfare check on a woman that needed brain surgery and was depressed about it.

- April 5 – A Weyauwega man on White Lake Road reported a suspicious vehicle at an old abandoned farm. He didn't think anyone was supposed to be there.

- April 5 – A female cell phone caller called 911 and was yelling at a male in the background and saying, "Please, please ..."

- April 5 – An Iola man on County Trunk P reported a male laying on the side of the road wearing blue jeans, a blue sweat shirt and work boots. The man got up when the caller turned around to check on him and then he laid back down again.

- April 6 – A Weyauwega man on County Trunk X reported he was in a car accident and his insurance company was going to junk his vehicle and he would receive \$200. He thought he should be getting more money.

- April 6 – A Waupaca caller on Park Lane reported that while walking his dog, two other dogs attacked his dog.

- April 6 – A female caller reported a black pick-up truck was driving on their property and she and her children did not feel safe.

- April 6 – A Marion man on Much Street reported a 19-year-old male came into the house "screaming and not acting right." The male has a history of depression that comes and goes.

- April 7 – A New London man on State Highway 54 reported a woman was being threatened by her husband. He said he would take the kids and leave.

- April 7 – A Waupaca woman on Indian Valley Road reported people were driving at a high rate of speed, revving engines in the middle of the night and doing burn outs.

- April 7 – A male caller reported the death of an 82-year old female.

- April 7 – An anonymous caller reported a female driving with her knees while texting with a baby in the backseat.

- April 7 – A female caller reported she had an emergency. A male took the phone and said she had mental issues and was trying to call her son. No name or address was confirmed.

- April 7 – An Iola woman on Frogner Street reported she was visiting a friend and was outside picking up sticks. A neighbor came out and screamed at her. She now has anxiety and it is triggering PTSD.

- April 7 – A New London woman on Madden Road reported she and her husband were arguing. Nothing physical. She said her husband was drinking.

- April 7 – A Manawa caller on Walnut Street reported her 18-year-old friend texted her with the message that a male grabbed her by the throat and would not let her leave.

- April 7 – An anonymous male caller said he heard screams coming from a couple houses behind him. It was a female voice and he thought the person yelled for help.

- April 7 – A Clintonville woman on Sievers Road reported he thought she might have been scammed. She received a phone call and gave the caller all of the numbers off her checks.

- April 7 – A Weyauwega woman on Sumner Street reported she woke up and saw someone opened her bedroom door and a man was standing in her doorway. He ran through the apartment and went outside. The doors and windows of her apartment were open.

- April 8 – A New London woman on Austin Court re-

ported a man in his late 20s or early 30s dancing on the bridge wearing a white shirt and pajama bottoms.

- April 8 – A Manawa woman on Walnut Street reported getting threatening messages from a number that said they know where she lived and they will kill her and her family.

- April 8 – An anonymous caller reported a man burning a tractor tire and plastics.

- April 8 – A New London man on Stiebs Johnson Road reported a note was left on his door overnight that said he was being watched.

- April 8 – A New London man on Sunset Lane reported someone tried to pry open his shed door. A window was smashed and his Stihl chainsaw was stolen.

- April 8 – A New London man on Dailey Road reported two young males in a suspicious vehicle that looked like they were casing the neighborhood.

- April 8 – An Ogdensburg woman on Washington Street reported a building totally engulfed with fire. Everyone was out of the structure.

- April 9 – A Manawa man on County Line Road reported 15 bags of garbage dumped into a ditch.

- April 9 – A male caller reported tires dumped in the ditch on Ebert Road in the Mukwa Township.

- April 9 – A female caller in a gray truck pulled over and called 911. She was pregnant and her water broke.

- April 9 – A Fremont woman on Jefferson Street reported she was at the bar last night and a man kept staring at her and then he grabbed her arm and said he was still in love with her. He had made previous threats to kill her boyfriend.

- April 9 – A 911 caller reported a grassfire near Midstate Marine near State Highway 110.

- There were an above average number of deer-auto collisions during this period. There were many of controlled burns reported during the weekend. A black Labrador retriever was running loose near Reek Road. An anonymous caller reported a dozen cows standing in a manure pit. Theda Care Waupaca reported one cat bite. A Wild Rose woman reported her newly adopted Boston terrier ran away. A New London man hit a wild turkey that smashed his windshield.

WOODWORKING

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I can't really go big," said Zabojski referring to the size of wood he can work with.

Next to the lathe are a set of wood-turning chisels of various sizes that when applied to the spinning block of wood, create curlicues of wood shavings. Near the lathe is a five-gallon bucket filled with them.

Zabojski works with maple, teak, oak and walnut. He cuts some of the wood

himself and has a friend the country who cuts firewood and will save him some fine-grained pieces.

A friend at a local wood yard told Zabojski about a Japanese crew that cut expensive oak logs to their desired sizes and then transported the timber to the coast and loaded it onto a ship.

In international waters, they processed the lumber onboard, returned to American soil and sold the lumber for a nice profit. Zabojski

got the leftover pieces.

"That was a deal. They paid for the whole log. Even though they cut wood out of the log, they only wanted certain pieces," he said.

Zabojski taught woodworking as a tech-ed teacher in Weyauwega-Fremont and later became principal. He has served on the library board for the past 12 years and regularly attends city council meetings and briefs them on what's happening at the library.

FUNDING

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They arrive on scene in their personal vehicles and collect information, stabilize patients and provide emotional support before Gold Cross Ambulance Service arrives, the memo states.

Last year, the first responders received 887 pages for assistance, averaging two to three per day.

Besides responding to 911 calls, they offer blood pressure clinics and work sporting events, parades and other community activities.

The first responders also relieve the fire department by handling all calls for lift assistance, allowing firefighters to focus on structure fires and automobile crashes. Falls and lift assistance comprised nearly one-fifth of the first responders' pages in 2022.

The first responders have 11 volunteers on their roster, all EMS-licensed.

Equipment is available for 14, so the group does not seek money to furnish new recruits, Handschke said.

However, costly recurring expenses include workers' compensation, liability insurance and life-saving medications naloxone and epinephrine, which are replaced yearly at around \$40 per dose, Handschke said.

"We're not really looking for a ton of money, but it'd be nice to have some," Handschke said, suggesting the city give 25 to 50 cents per New London resident.

The U.S. Census Bureau states the population is 7,320, which could put an annual donation at \$1,830 to \$3,660.

The first responders receive donations of \$500 per year from Lebanon and \$1,000 to \$1,500 from Mukwa every one to two years, Handschke said.

Payments would not be requested from municipalities in years the nonprofit

group felt financially secure, Handschke said.

City officials appeared receptive to the idea.

"I think it's a great plan," Herter said.

City Finance Director Judy Radke told the first responders to return with a proposed amount before the 2024 budget is set in September.

Ald. Bernie Ritchie Jr., who brought the matter before the committee, said the first responders work hard and pay some costs individually to serve, so ensuring financial stability for the organization could improve retention.

"Sometimes it takes 20 minutes for Gold Cross to get on a scene, and the only thing we've got is first responders," Ritchie said. "And I feel as though if we don't do something, we're going to lose what [volunteers] we have, and it's a hard enough time now getting people to do it."

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