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Fall Frenzy

Onlookers watch the rubber duckies float by during the duck race at Clintonville's Fall Frenzy Saturday, Sept. 16. Jeff Hoffman Photo

Rejuvenating Whispering Pines

Park gets needed attention

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – A gathering of people met on Sunday, Sept. 17 for a tour of work recently completed at Whispering Pines Park.

It was the culmination of a multi-year rehab project overseen by Friends of Hartman Creek State Park, a nonprofit group.

“It includes the information on the kiosk, relocating the self-registration, redoing all of the split rail, redoing the gate, putting the trail out there, including the ADA trail and the interpretive signage. How many hours do you think that was, Fred? Can you calculate that?” asked Jarrod Kehring, the DNR property supervisor.

“I’m afraid to,” said Fred Silloway, president of Friends of Hartman Creek State Park

“I bet it was over a thousand hours,” said Kehring.

Park Ranger Jim Abbott and District Parks Supervisor Mike Bergum were also there.



Fred Silloway matches that landscape of Whispering Pines Park with what it used to look like in an earlier era. The Friends of Hartman Creek State park complete a multi-year project to get the park back in shape for visitors. James Card Photo

Silloway said it was all done through the work of volunteers. He thanked the Waupaca Historical Society for collaborating on the project and a corporate team from Wisconsin Rapids that provided some volunteer power and cleared out brush from a walking trail.

Other work included filling potholes in the parking lot and felling hazardous trees.

“These pines are 125 years old and they get hit by light-

ning and disease. There were several in dangerous positions and we took those out to make the park safe for everyone. We removed some of the brush and debris that accumulated over the last 30 years. We developed the trails and we built those to be wheelchair friendly,” said Silloway.

The Julie Gardner family donated ash lumber for three park benches. The lumber was reclaimed from ash trees killed

by the emerald ash borer.

There are seven interpretive signs that the historical society helped put together. The signs are combination of historical and nature notes of the park.

Much of the fieldwork was removing invasive species that were taking over the park. The most problematic were bristly locust and winged euonymus, more popularly known as

Whispering Pines
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New London officials discuss downtown parking for tenants

Allotted space, fees examined

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – Several downtown property owners have inquired about parking space for potential tenants if they put apartments above their shops.

“I think it’s critical that you have an area to go to, but at the same time, I think it’s something that if it’s going to be a designated area on city property, I think there should be some type of fee,” Public Works Director Robert Garske said.

Garske spoke about the need for downtown tenant parking at the Sept. 11 meeting of the Board of Public Works.

If the city designates parking space for tenants, it would need to provide

permits, window stickers, signs and enforcement.

“All that adds up and needs to be covered,” Garske said.

Ald. BaLynda Croy asked if there was a way for the city to remove signs if it designated more parking space than was needed.

Garske said the city could initially assign five spaces for tenant parking, then expand it as needed.

He also noted that there are signs with bases that can be kept in the grounds but the signs can be removed.

Ald. John Faucher asked if the city could rely on permit stickers rather than designated spaces.

“I could see something like that and you keep it to the north stalls only,” Garske said. “The only problem

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Waupaca is struggling with a shortage of school bus drivers. School districts across the country are in need of more bus drivers. File Photo

Waupaca schools face bus driver shortage

Go Riteway offers bonuses

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – Students are experiencing first hand how a shortage of school bus drivers impacts athletic events and field trips.

“It isn’t a Waupaca issue. It isn’t a Go Riteway issue,” District Administrator Ron Saari told the Waupaca School Board at its Sept. 12 meeting. “This bus driver shortage is happening across the state and the country.”

Saari said bus routes to and from school have to take priority over event trips.

This means that any co-curricular trips have to work around the regular bus routes.

As a result, some teams have been required to leave as early as 11 a.m. in order for students to participate in a 5 p.m. event.

“From an educational standpoint, we are frustrated to have students missing increasing amounts of instruc-

tion time and having to wait around at another school because they arrived so early,” Saari said.

The administration has examined a number of options, but each one creates new problems for the district.

Late starts, long waits

Saari said Rob Scherrer, the district’s activities director, has suggested rescheduling some earlier events to a later time, for example moving a 5 p.m. event to 6:30 p.m.

However, late starts means that some students, including those in middle school, would not return home until as late as 11 p.m.

The other schools must also agree to rescheduling the events, which may not be possible.

“We are also looking to make date changes for some events and reschedule them when drivers are available,”

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Women’s shelter nears completion

Makeover for Middleton House

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Middleton House has new drywall, new electric, new plumbing, new siding, new everything.

“It’s essentially a new house,” said Bob Adams, executive director of Foundations for Living.

The Middleton House at 1310 Royalton St. will serve women in the community who are looking to get a new start on their lives. It is a place to stay while looking for jobs and permanent housing.

The only things left are the finishing touches: painting, cupboards, cabinets, trim and fixtures. On the outside, the wheelchair-accessible ramp is getting rebuilt and the gravel driveway will get paved with new blacktop. The plan is to be open in November.



The Middleton House will be open in November. Run by Foundations for Living, it provides lodging for women who need a helping start in life. The driveway will be paved soon and some basic interior work remains. James Card Photo

The lodging house will have six beds upstairs plus a bathroom and living room. A bedroom will be downstairs for the overnight staffer. There will be two paid positions: the overnight staffer and a house manager.

The rest of the downstairs will be a kitchen, bathroom, an office and a resource center that is open to the public two days per week. It will be open to both men and

women. It will be a commons area that will have a computer and place to hold life-skills classes and meetings. After 4 p.m., this area will be closed to men and the house will only be open to women. There is a basement that will be a laundry room and storage area.

The house was formerly the Waupaca Pregnancy Information Center and later Hair of the Dog Pet Groom-

ing. During renovation they had to tear out a couple dog washing stations.

They started construction in early spring. The house was stripped down to the studs and beams. The age of the house is unknown and the basement has old stone walls.

“It’s old enough that the insulation was sawdust and newspapers,” said Adams.

Asbestos was present and they hired a professional service to remove it.

Women can stay as long as they need and as long as they abide by the program guidelines and rules. Adams estimates the average stay is around six months.

Residents must pay a program fee to give them a sense of ownership of their progress.

Behind the house is a garage that matching new siding. That space will be used for storage and holding classes on car maintenance and workshop skills that are led by volunteers from the community.

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A Google Street View car was making its rounds in Waupaca on Thursday, Sept. 14. James Card Photo

BUS DRIVERS

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burning bush.

The Waupaca Historical Society had a picnic table set up with black-and-white photos of Whisperings Pines when it was privately owned by the Hyldgaard family.

“Behind the Hutchinson House is the King Cottage. We just transformed it and now it includes Chain O’ Lakes exhibits and the biggest exhibit that just opened is the Whispering Pines exhibit,” said Tracey Behrendt, the society director.

The Christ and Emma Hyldgaard family developed the park in the 1930s on a 30-acre woodlot peninsula that is surrounded by Marl, Manomin and Pope Lakes. The land is defined by the towering white pines that shed a carpet of pine needles over the forest floor.

Under Hyldgaard’s stewardship, the no-admission-charge park became a popular destination for thousands of visitors. There was a playground, the “Hut” eatery, a souvenir shop and a museum.

Christ died in 1966 and later Emma passed in 1975 and the park was willed to the state so it would remain a public place. The state auctioned everything off and sold the playground equipment, picnic tables and various landscape curiosities. They removed the buildings and it was incorporated into

Hartman Creek State Park.

At the picnic table, attendees told stories and shared memories such as Hyldgaard’s Boston terrier named Willie, a dog that was either deaf or had highly selective hearing.

Another man who worked there as a teenager said he will never forget the sound of a steel-tooth rake on pea gravel. It was a daily task to rake the gravel paths and keep the park tidy.

Silloway held up a black and white photo from the old days that showed rock-lined flower beds, fountains and rock cairns. He matched it up with the downhill landscape before him and there was the foundation of a rock structure, the only artifact that remained. While he was whacking invasive burning bush, he discovered stone steps and rock footpaths hidden under decades of forest duff.

Donors to the project include the Weizenicker Fund for State Parks, Robert Lee, Bob and Christine Faulks, Waupaca County Greenways Commission, the Jen-swold family, Waupaca Area Convention and Visitor Bureau, the town of Farmington, Barry Gill, the Gardner family, DNR incentive grants, Jeff and Betsy Elgin, Waupaca Area Community Foundation, the Kolinsky family, the Murray Foundation and David and Martha Maltoff.

PARKING

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is, and it doesn’t happen often, when we have any events that happen down there, there aren’t any open spots in that lot.”

Garske noted that a person who paid the permit fee could be unable to find a parking space during an event, such as the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

City Administrator Chad Hoerth also noted there were advantages to having a designated area for tenants.

“We don’t want those individuals taking up the prime real estate down on the southern end,” he said. “If you’re going to do that, the northern end makes the most sense.”

“If you don’t give them an area to go to, you know what’s going to happen, they’re all going to park on the southern end,” Ald. John Hass said.

The city lot the board discussed is located north of Water Street, between Lincoln Court and St. John’s Place. Most of the stores,

restaurants and taverns are located south of the parking lot.

Hoerth suggested that only downtown residents could obtain parking permits and not the general public, such as downtown employees.

Enforcement

“I think you’re opening a whole can of worms,” Ald. Tim Roberts said, “The enforcement is going to be a huge issue. We can’t enforce the two-hour parking right now.”

Roberts also questioned if the \$10 permit fee would generate enough revenue to pay the cost of enforcement.

“We have so many taxes and fees in this town,” he said. “We have to get a dog license. How many people have dogs in this town who don’t have dog licenses?”

Ald. Mike Barrington defended charging a permit fee.

“Do you give me a garage at home?” he asked. “Do you give me a parking slot? If they’re going to park down-

town, they should pay for it.”

Noting a recent incident where someone drove a car into a business on Pearl Street, Croy said she was concerned about not allowing people to leave their vehicles in city lots if they “had a little too much fun.”

They “should not be behind the wheel, but they have to get their vehicle off the street or they’re going to get a fine,” Croy said. “You know they’re going to get in and move it (vehicle).”

“I can’t speak for the people that had too much to drink and I don’t want them driving either, but I can’t be responsible for their vehicle,” Garske said. “That’s not what I’m after here. I’m solely looking out for the residents that we want to bring to downtown. If they have a vehicle, to give them that opportunity to have an area to park.”

Faucher described his earlier experience working as a bartender. He said he would notify the police that a customer would be

leaving their car win the lot overnight, then contact someone to give them a safe ride home.

He also suggested looking at how other cities provide parking for downtown tenants.

The city of Waupaca offers permits for \$120 per year, from October through September. The annual fee is prorated for those who buy the permit after October.

According to a city ordinance, permits for overnight parking are available for three of the Waupaca’s six downtown lots.

Waupaca City Clerk Barb Nowak said the city issues an average of 75 per year.

“Officers enforce parking at night time by looking for parking permits,” according to Waupaca Police Chief Brian Hoelzel. “If a vehicle does not have one, the registered owner is issued a parking citation.”

New London’s Board of Public Works will continue to review the issue before making a recommendation to the city council.

SHELTER

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Doug and Florence Middleton donated the house to Foundations for Living. The total budget of the renovation was \$220,000. They raised \$90,000. Adams said they

will still raise funds and seek grants to cover the expenses.

Their loan is through Farmer’s State Bank. Adams said they were good partners to work with, along with the city administration with help to navigate zoning rules.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Are We The Hope Or The Despair?

Dear Reader,

As parents, we want to give our children a happy childhood. We want them to be introduced to the world in a beautiful and truthful way. In fact, one of the greatest gifts that parents can give their children is a happy childhood.

We want our children to grow up with compassion. We want our children to grow up loving the people in the world around us. We want them to have compassion in their hearts for our fellow man. Some of our children make it that way and some don’t.

Those that don’t may end up with violence in their hearts. And as Isaac Asimov once wrote, “Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.”

At some point, can’t we as adults grow up and act as inspirations for our children and the next generation – rather than showing them the wreckage and violence in the world and lack of respect and disregard for another point of view that is out there right now?



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Waupaca NEWS

New grooves in Waupaca

Music shop sells vinyl

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – One of Marty Milner's favorite movies while growing up was "Back to the Future."

His high school friends called him McFly. His dream was to someday own a DeLorean. He never got one but he did follow through on another dream: to own a record shop. He named it Back to the Vinyl.

He and his wife Jennifer run the shop on 102 Water St., across from Danes Hall. They opened two weeks ago. "Owning a music store was one of those dreams I thought I'd never actually get. We would walk our dog around downtown and look at spaces for rent. It was always a running joke: that would be a cool place for a record store," he said.

When the Water Street location came up, Jennifer asked, "If not now, when?"

Milner's inventory of vinyl records covers all musical genres. He sells both used and new records. He purchases records and is happy to look at collections and make an offer.

"What's nice about me being an independent store is that my distributor has indie releases for vinyl. They have extra songs or different covers. You can only get these as a small business," said Milner.

"I feel that people like having the albums again. I think with digital music people can use it walking around but people are getting into, 'I have this album and you've got to check it out.' With the new vinyls



Back to the Vinyl is owned and operated by Marty and Jennifer Milner. It is located across from the Danes Hall and they have a wide variety of music in stock, mostly in the form of vinyl records but also cassettes and CDs.

James Card Photo

especially, they are making them better and thicker and the sound is a much better quality. They are doing some at half-speed when they record it so that it plays better. The quality has gone from the 1980s when they were flimsy and were just garbage and didn't last worth a darn, versus now where they are more collectible, too, with the coloring and extra songs and features. People like having that again," said Milner.

He is a dealer for Audio-Technica turntables and has a few basic models in stock. He can order other models at customer request. Milner has cleaners and care products for audio equipment in stock.

Also in the store is an ultra sonic cleaner, a contraption where eight records can be submerged in vibrating warm water and dirt and dust are released from the grooves. It brings old records back to life and it is a service he provides. It takes 30 minutes.

Cassette tapes are also part of the mix and he is also getting CDs in stock. Record prices range from \$5 to \$200 for rare and unusual editions. He has limited editions and double albums. Decorating the shop are music posters for sale and some are made by independent artists.

Currently he is running a 200-ticket raffle for boxed sets of Cat Stevens and Soundgarden. The winner gets to pick one.

"I had three sophomores in here. They were totally into it. They were stoked about it and they were glad I was here. There are not a lot of independent stores anymore and you can't get all the niche stuff. I'm trying to carry more of that kind of thing," said Milner.

Back to the Vinyl is open from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Their Facebook page is Back to the Vinyl Waupaca.



The Red Mill installed a new metal waterwheel that will last much longer than the wooden wheel that was removed in 2018. A crane hoisted the components into place.

James Card Photo

New wheel at Red Mill

WAUPACA – A new water wheel was installed at the Red Mill on Monday, Sept. 11.

Crystal Road was cordoned off as a crane from Faulks Brother's lifted the metal pieces into place as a ground crew adjusted them into position. An aerial lift was on hand for working aloft.

The new Fitz-style wheel is 24-foot diameter by 4-foot wide.

The original wooden waterwheel decayed and did not function since the 1960s. It was taken down in 2018.

The new wheel was fabricated by the Waterwheel Factory, a North Carolina-based firm that is the

world's largest manufacturer of landscape waterwheels. They were present to oversee the installation.

Don Schmidt, the son of Red Mill's original owner, said the project cost \$60,000 and \$40,000 has been raised so far. Donations can be given at www.redmillwaterwheelfoundation.com.

WLC earns top state award

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction recognized the Waupaca Learning Center as the highest rated school in the state.

District Administrator Ron Saari announced that WLC received the platinum award after being reviewed by the DPI's Response to Intervention Center and the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support Network.

"These groups have annually reviewed all schools across Wisconsin that implement multi-level systems of support, both academically and behaviorally," Saari said in a Sept. 12 memo to the Waupaca School Board.

Saari said the DPI recognizes schools' progress in continually expanding, refining and sustaining the implementation of a system of support for improving student outcomes.

"They accomplished something no other school in the state has accomplished: they received from the DPI platinum behavior, math and reading in their multi-level support system," Saari said in a video with WLC Principal John Erspamer and Assistant Principal Jody Pankratz discussing the award.

"We're kind of excited about it, the work we have done and the process our teachers have taken to help move our kids to that next level," Pankratz said. "We look at every different category and we really like to focus on our growth of our students."

Pankratz said the WLC began working with the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support program 11 years ago.

"With that successful program underway, we decided to model our academics after the same thing so we have a nice solid foundation to build all of our data off of," Pankratz said.

Erspamer said going forward, WLC hopes to build off its success with behavior and focus more on math and reading.

DPI recognizes schools at the bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels.

Waupaca Middle School received a bronze award for behavior, reading and math, while Waupaca High School and Chain Exploration Center each received bronze awards for behavior.

Winchester hosts state election official

WAUPACA – Meagan Wolfe will discuss "Why You Can Trust Wisconsin's Election System" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at the Waupaca Area Public Library.

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

Wolfe is the nonpartisan administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) and the state's chief election official.

She was appointed by the bipartisan, six-member commission in February 2018 and unanimously confirmed by the Wisconsin Senate in May 2019 for a four-year term.

A significant part of Wolfe's job is ensuring that Wisconsin's 1,922 local election officials (the most of any state) have the resources and technology they need to conduct elections.

Wolfe previously served as WEC's deputy administrator and IT director, managing the teams that develop and maintain the statewide voter registration system, cybersecurity efforts, election security, and all other



Wolfe

IT applications of the commission.

Joining the state service in 2011, Wolfe started as the state's voter outreach coordinator and later as an elections IT project manager leading a major redesign of the MyVote Wisconsin voter information website at myvote.wi.gov.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, the Republican-controlled state Senate voted 22-11 along party lines to fire Wolfe.

Attorney General Joshua Kaul, a Democrat, filed a lawsuit, seeking a court order that Wolfe is lawfully holding over in her current position and the

Senate has no power to reject her.

Wolfe will provide an outline of Wisconsin's thorough and decentralized system of running elections. She will discuss how Wisconsin's system is different from systems in other states, and why voters should trust it to deliver accurate and fair results.

Dan and Mary Naylor are 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 <http://winchesterwaupaca.org>.

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Waupaca Foundry up for Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin

WAUPACA – Waupaca Foundry is again in the running for the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin.

The foundry encourages Waupaca residents and business owners to cast their votes so the foundry can make the final brackets.

In the first round of voting, people can vote once per day, per device, until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Only the Top 16 products will move onto the bracket-style tournament known as

Manufacturing Madness.

Waupaca Foundry has entered a casting that won the 2022 American Foundry Society Casting of the Year.

It is a backhoe bucket manufactured at both Plant 4 in Marinette and at Plant 5 in Tell City, Indiana.

This bucket is the first cast iron bucket attachment on the U.S. market and represents the successful reshoring Wisconsin manufacturing.

The bucket teeth were ini-

tially made in China and are now cast in Wisconsin at the Marinette ductile iron foundry. The bucket is cast at the Tell City plant.

Waupaca Foundry also manages the heat treating, painting and assembly of the first-ever cast iron bucket attachment. The buckets can be found on utility tractors, including John Deere and other brands.

To cast a vote, go to www.madeinwis.com.

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New London & Hortonville NEWS

New London reviews school budget

18% levy hike projected

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – The New London School Board approved an 18% increase in the district's 2023-24 tax levy at its Sept. 11 meeting.

The district's 2023-24 general operations (Fund 10) levy will be \$8.91 million, up from the nearly \$7.2 million Fund 10 levy for 2022-23.

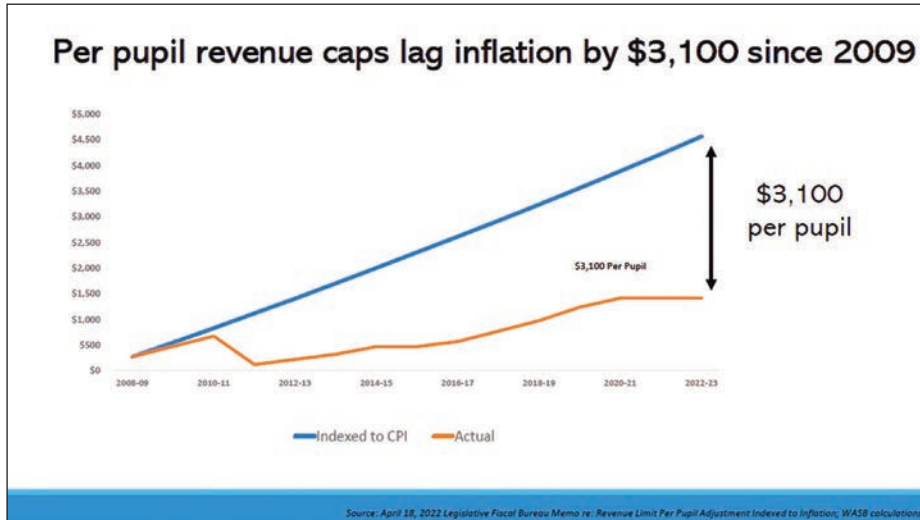
This year's tax rate will rise by 5% over last year, up from \$5.55 to \$5.82 per \$1,000 of property value.

Total property values in the New London School District increased by 13% this past year.

How the increase will impact local property owners will depend on their municipality and how much their property values are rising.

"If the property valuation goes up, the mill rate goes down," said Joe Marquardt, the district's business services director.

Marquardt attributed the district's tax increase to changes in state revenue limits or spending authority on schools.



"New London has been in the bottom 125 school districts in spending authority per pupil, but with this additional authority, New London will be at the same level as 70% of the other school districts," he said.

Wisconsin has 421 school districts.

New London's revenue cap is set at \$11,334 per pupil for 2023. The district's total revenue cap was \$24.95 million for 2022-23. It is estimated at \$26.48 million for 2023-24.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, state general aid to

New London will increase by \$67,883 to \$17.14 million in 2023-24. However, New London will not know the final amount until Oct. 15, Marquardt said.

In explaining the sharp increase in the 2023-24 tax levy, Marquardt said, "The district will have \$1.5 million in (additional) levy authority, but will not receive equalization on that spending until next year."

Statewide, equalization aids increased by 3% in 2023-24

and will increase another 4% in 2024-25.

"More equalization aid reduces the local property tax levy," Marquardt said.

Marquardt noted that school districts' revenue caps have failed to keep pace with inflation.

If the revenue caps had kept pace with inflation, the New London School District would now be receiving \$3,100 more per pupil annually.

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Last year's community Halloween event included a visit from the Wisconsin Hearse Association.

Photo courtesy New London Chamber of Commerce

Halloween party in New London

NEW LONDON – Boos, Brews and Hallo-wine Tasting will be held from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Shamrock Heights Golf and Supper Club, N5525 Old Highway 45, in New London.

Held on the golf course under a large tent, the event features music, food, raffles and a Halloween costume contest with prizes.

There will be 16 tables with craft beers, unique wines and specialty beverages.

Double J's Shuttle Service, Feonix-Mobility Rising and Waupaca County

Catch-A-Ride are providing safe rides home. AmeriClnn Lodge & Suites and Quality Inn offer a discounted night stay for the event.

Advance tickets are \$35 or four for \$100. Tickets at the door cost \$40. Designated drivers can attend for \$10 with no alcohol.

Tickets are available at the New London Chamber of Commerce, Festival Foods, The Bottle Shop, Fox Communities Credit Union, Wolf River Community Bank and online at Eventbrite.

Guests must be 21 to enter.

Speaker denies climate change

NEW LONDON – Stephen Einhorn will discuss the politics and economics of climate change at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Washington Center, 500 W. Washington, New London.

Einhorn is author of the book "Climate Change: What They Rarely Teach in College."

He graduated from Cornell University in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He earned his master's degree in chemical engineering from Brooklyn Polytech Institute.

For more than 30 years, Einhorn led a mergers-and-acquisitions firm, specializing in transactions within the chemicals industry.

Currently, he is an advisor at the Wisconsin-based Capital Midwest Fund.

Sponsored by the Wolf River Area Patriots, the presentation is free and open to the public. Attendees should use the south side entrance off Dickinson Street.

Call Seth Cowan at 920-968-5335 for more information.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Old Main St. building rescued

Demolition averted

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – The 118 E. Main St. building that was condemned to be razed will remain standing.

At the Sept. 18 common council meeting, Brad Leonard walked up to the podium and addressed the council. He said that he and his wife had been looking at the building for the past year, was aware of it being condemned and had studied the situation.

The city council voted to raze the building during a special meeting on July 31.

"I have come to an agreement with the current owners to take over ownership of that effective Wednesday [Sept. 20]. My purpose in doing it is single fold – to save the building and to not allow you guys to tear it down. It's one of our more historic buildings in the



At a recent city council meeting, Brad Leonard announced that he is taking ownership of the 118 E. Main St. building to prevent its court-ordered destruction.

James Card Photo

city. I do not have insights as to what I want to do with the building other than initially repair the façade and get the barriers gone," said Leonard.

The sidewalk barriers have been up for the last year as the city staff became aware of bricks and rock peeling off from the upper floors and smashing onto the sidewalk

and into Main Street. They blocked the area off for safety concerns.

"This project is taken on by me not because I necessarily want to take it on but out of necessity because nobody else in this city is willing to step forward and do something with it. I am a member of the historical society and I think it would be a shame for us to lose a significant landmark in our city. I ask that you guys support me in my endeavors. This money is coming out of my own pocket. The work is going to be done a lot by myself. Don't expect overnight changes other than I will be working on the façade. You will probably see scaffolding up there effective Wednesday when we get the paperwork completed and we will address the safety issues on the outside of the building and we will develop a plan to go forward. I want to work with the city council and the city and so far I've gotten great assistance and

response by everybody that I've talked to," said Leonard.

He asked the council if they knew if any grants were possible and he would appreciate any leads to pursue them.

Ald. Bruce Goetsch thanked him for taking on the project and explained the city's position on deciding to condemn the building from a public safety perspective.

Mayor Rich Luedke discussed the court order for the building to be razed. Once the property is in Leonard's name, the city would contact their attorney and eliminate the court order before it is signed by a judge.

"We do have a lot of lawyer fees but it's better this way. It's sad that these days you have to threaten people to get stuff done. It finally got done. It took longer than we wanted but like Bruce said, it was for the safety of the city," said Luedke.

"I've already got some of the bricks purchased to go ahead and make the repairs so you should see stuff happening real quick once we take ownership," said Leonard.

The council thanked him as he left the podium. "I want to publicly thank you for stepping up. We appreciate that very much," said Alderman Dewey Stelzner.

New Faces

The council appointed Gerald Poltrock to the library board to fill an open vacancy.

They also appointed Richard Binley to be the District 2 alderman. City Clerk Becky Loehrke swore him in. Binley served a term on the city council in the past.

The council approved an agreement with McMahon Executive Selection and Management Counsel to help fill the city administrator position.

Jeremy Schroeder, the former administrator, departed this month to work in the private sector.

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Clintonville NEWS

Predator decoys at aqua park

Keeping away geese

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Predator decoys are being used at the newly constructed aqua park in an effort to keep geese out of the facility.

That was the message Justin Mc Auly, director of the Parks and Recreation, relayed to the Clintonville Common Council at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Mc Auly told the council that he has received a lot of phone calls from residents about predators in the aqua park. He assured the council there are not predator animals there. What appears to be coyotes are actually decoys.

There are two coyote decoys and a German Shepard decoy that are moved daily in an effort to keep geese out of the aqua park.

“It’s been working for two weeks, so we’re going to keep doing that,” Mc Auly said.

There were 20 geese in



Clintonville has installed decoys of predator animals to discourage geese at the city’s new aqua park.

Bert Lehman Photo

the aqua park for a week prior to that, Mc Auly said, adding that the swans in the water in the aqua park are also decoys.

Construction update

Mc Auly said there are a couple of items that need to be finished in the aqua park. The first is work on the gutters on the south side of the building. The other is the replacement or refinishing of a couple of roof panels.

Grass has also been planted in some areas of the aqua park, with the rest of the grass scheduled to be

planted in the spring.

Mc Auly said the city is hoping for a “soft opening” of the aqua park this fall before it opens for ice skating in the winter. A grand opening would be scheduled for June 2024.

The city is also accepting donations for park amenities that were cut from the budget, Mc Auly said.

“If you know anybody out there that is willing to donate, just get a hold of the Parks and Rec office and we can let you know the long list of stuff we’re trying to fundraise for,” Mc Auly said.

Proposed ordinance passes first hurdle

Limits guest stays to 60 days

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – A proposed ordinance in the city of Clintonville would require motels and hotels in the city to obtain a permit to operate, as well as limit a guest’s stay to 60 days within a six-month period.

The Clintonville City Council approved the first reading of the ordinance at its Sept. 12 meeting.

The council will need to approve a second reading before the ordinance can be enacted. A vote is expected at the council’s October meeting.

Clintonville City Administrator Caz Muske told the council that the proposed ordinance was a collaboration between Police Chief Craig Freitag and City Attorney Keith Steckbauer in response to concerns regarding the hotels and motels in the city.

Steckbauer said he had been contacted by an attorney representing two of the motels in town, who asked that the city not act on the proposed ordinance at the council meeting.

“My response was, ‘I don’t see a reason to do that, that’s a question for the council and not for me,’” Steckbauer said. “I don’t see any reason to a delay at this point.”

The proposed ordinance is based on ordinances in the communities of Fox Crossing, Grand Chute and Manawa, Steckbauer reminded the council.

Steckbauer said he “tried to tailor it down to as narrow as possible, addressing the issues we perceive here, not trying to use a big city hammer to deal with a small-town issue.”

The police department presented information about the proposed ordinance at the Aug. 8 council meeting.

Ordinance

According to the proposed ordinance, it is needed because the city and the Clintonville Police Department have determined that some hotels and motels within the city “have accounted for an excessive number of police and emergency calls for vagrancy, drug activity, disturbances and disorderly conduct disturbances.”

The ordinance also states that the city and the Clintonville Police Department have found through past experiences that working with area motels and hotels in a collaborative effort is a “more effective way of addressing issues involving prostitution activity, drug trafficking, other crimes, and disorderly conduct disturbances.”

The ordinance would require owners of motels and hotels in the city to obtain a permit to operate such a business. The ordinance also allows the police department to impose penalties on motels and hotels for inappropriate activities.

The permits required would be valid for one year from July 1 through June 30. The permits would need to be renewed annually. Permit applications would be due each April 15, along with the applicable permit fee.

The ordinance calls for permits to be reviewed by the city administrator, who may consult with city department heads or city employees deemed to have valuable input regarding the permit. The city administrator would then make a recommendation to the Clintonville City Council.

The council would have the final say as to whether the permit is approved or denied.

One of the main provisions of the proposed ordinance states that no person can rent a room or stay or sleep at any permitted lodging facility in the city in excess of 60 days

within a six-month period.

A violation to this provision “constitutes independent grounds for revocation of a permit. Further, this provision is cumulative between all hotels/motels within the city, so that the stays at one are added to any other location.”

Council discussion

Ald. Darrell Hansen said he is in favor of the proposed ordinance because of the numerous police calls to the city’s motels and hotels. But Hansen also expressed concern that the ordinance could create a homelessness problem in the city.

Freitag said he didn’t know if the ordinance would create a homelessness problem.

“What it comes down to for here, some motels in our city have been run more like an apartment, not a motel,” Freitag said.

He said the city has been overlooking that, but this has led to problems.

“I believe the city has been very open and transparent. This is something (proposed ordinance) that we have not hidden,” Freitag said.

Freitag said all the city’s hotel and motel owners were invited to the July Tourism Committee meeting when the proposed ordinance was presented.

“They have had, in my eyes, enough time to work with the people who are living there to get them some more stabilized housing,” Freitag said.

He added, “At the end of the day, it’s zoned as a motel, it was bought as a motel, it should be run as a motel.”

Steckbauer said the motel and hotel owners can retro fit their property into small apartments if they want to make that investment.

“We’re not saying everybody has to leave, we’re saying

Ordinance

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Bird shootings under investigation

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

NAVARINO – An investigation continues into the illegal shooting of three swans and a great blue heron at a state wildlife area near Clintonville.

Clark Delzer, a state Department of Natural Resources conservation warden based in Shawano, is leading the investigation of the shootings, which were reported in late August at the Navarino Wildlife Area.

“We’re still working leads, still working on the investigation,” he said. “There’s not a lot that we can really disclose, as it is a pending investigation.”

The DNR received a report Aug. 27 of three young trumpeter swans that had been

found dead in the wildlife area, a state-owned property that covers nearly 15,000 acres in southern Shawano and northeastern Waupaca counties.

The heron was found the following day and Delzer believes the shootings are connected.

“It’s not uncommon to have illegal shootings across the state,” Delzer said. “Stuff like this happens. Anything pertaining to a federally protected species like a trumpeter swan is more uncommon. I’m not familiar with this happening in Shawano County before.”

Tim Ewing oversees the Navarino Nature Center, which is adjacent to the Navarino Wildlife Area.

“There have been things that have happened in the past,” he said. “There have been poaching and other issues before. It is unfortunate that this incident has happened and that we’re having issues again.”

Delzer said calling the DNR’s Violation Hotline – 1-800-TIP-WDNR – is the best way to provide any information about the case.

“We have 24/7 dispatchers that can relay information to me,” he said. “Informants can remain anonymous if they choose to leave their information.”

“I know they are trying to get everybody to keep their

Birds

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Pelican recovering in Antigo

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

IOLA – An American white pelican found with a gunshot wound on Lake Iola continues to recover at a wildlife rehabilitation facility in northern Wisconsin.

Jonathan Kaiser, a local state Department of Natural Resources conservation warden investigating the incident, said it may have been shot because of the perception that the large birds have a negative effect on a water body's fish population.

"It sounds like there had been a flock of pelicans present on the Iola millpond earlier this summer," he said. "It appears to have been shot. Someone may have shot the pelican because of frankly unfounded concerns that pelicans are detrimental to the fish population."

"The reason the pelicans left the millpond when they did is that the millpond's vegetation grew to a certain point," he said. "They're not able to efficiently feed or eat fish, so they get out of there."



An American white pelican found this summer on Lake Iola continues to recover from its injuries at the Raptor Education Group Inc.'s rehabilitation center near Antigo. Authorities believe someone shot the bird.

Photo Courtesy of Raptor Education Group Inc.

Kaiser believes the bird was shot while other pelicans were still in the area.

"When that flock left, this individual pelican stayed," he said. "The bird had stuck around long enough where it was fairly obvious that it was injured and unable to fly. It was likely there feeding with other pelicans and its health slowly deteriorated once the

other ones left."

The bird was recently transported to Raptor Education Group Inc.'s rehabilitation center near Antigo.

"My understanding is they are able to work with the word and hopefully help it make a full recovery," Kaiser said.

Kaiser is seeking information about the incident.

"I don't have any suspects at this point," he said. "I'm trying to get any leads on this because this is something that we do not find acceptable. Any information or leads are appreciated. Even if it was in the heat of the moment or a silly mistake, a self-report would be appreciated. We could work with that far more than hearing about it after the fact through a second party."

Kaiser encouraged anyone with information to call the DNR's Violation Hotline at 800-TIP-WDNR.

"I won't ever discourage anyone from calling myself,

the sheriff's department or even the Iola Police Department, but I would always recommend giving the hotline a call or a text," he said. "It is effective, they will let me know about it and that is a great first step."

American white pelicans, which can weigh up to 30 pounds with a 9-foot-long wingspan. Wisconsin had two nesting pairs in the Green Bay area in 1994, but by 2005, that number had increased to about 1,000 pairs in 2005, 4,000 in 2013 and about 8,000 today, according to the DNR.

They can eat up to 4 pounds of fish daily. They do not dive beneath the surface, but forage in groups and use their bills like a net to scoop fish. Their diet of fish includes minnows, carp and suckers, as well as crayfish and salamanders.

"You may think pelicans impact fish populations, but shooting a protected bird, injuring it and leaving it to suffer, I don't think anyone can get behind that," Kaiser said.

The Raptor Education Group gave an update Aug. 27 on its Facebook page.

"Our resilient American white pelican from Iola is making remarkable strides on his road to recovery," according to the post. "Despite a tragic incident that left him injured, he's been thriving in our care and has officially moved to the outdoor compound. The sight of him joyfully joining our nonreleasable pelican group was an absolute delight, a testament to his resilience and the dedication of our team."



Iola-Scandinavia High School's 2023 Homecoming court include FRONT: Julia Munoz, Maddie Much, Miranda Bruno, Vivian Stelse, Maci Heschke and Myah Heschke; and BACK: Gavin Hoyord, Alek Rogalla, Adam Vanden Bush, Alex Shelley, Hunter Stilen and Carter Melum.
Holly Neumann Photo

Homecoming activities

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – "Throwback T-Bird Toons" is the theme for this year's Homecoming activities for the Iola-Scandinavia School District.

Homecoming week will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 to Saturday, Sept. 30.

Activities will kick off Sept. 24 with hall decorating from noon to 3 p.m. A class cross country competition is scheduled for 2:51 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, by the track, followed by Powderpuff football at 7 p.m. on the football field.

Chalk drawing will take place from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, in front of the school.

Class games will take place after lunch Thursday, Sept. 28, with the king and queen to be crowned

at 2 p.m. Parents are asked to arrive by 1:45 p.m. to see the crowning.

The Homecoming court includes Miranda Bruno and Adam Vanden Bush; Maci Heschke and Hunter Stilen; Myah Heschke and Carter Melum; Maddie Much and Alek Rogalla; Julia Munoz and Gavin Hoyord; and Vivian Stelse and Alex Shelley.

The parade will be held at 2:35 p.m. Sept. 28, as there is no school the following day.

Tailgating with the Tiny T-Birds is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Thunderbird Field in Scandinavia,

followed by the football game against Rosholt at 7 p.m.

The dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 30.

Manawa NEWS

Park cleanup set in Manawa

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Anyone interested in helping clean up Manawa's should meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, at the Manawa Area Veterans Freedom Park shelter.

"I believe it's important for people to take care of the places where we play and live," event organizer Kelly Ramstack said. "Unfortunately, there is a significant amount of litter that ends up on our roadsides and in our parks."

Participants are encouraged to bring or wear optional items such as rubber boots, plastic gloves, garbage pickers,

water bottles and a sun hat.

Garbage bags and hand sanitizers will be provided.

Kids are welcome to help, but need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

If time allows, the group will walk across the street to Lindsay Park as well.

Volunteers removed more than 277 pounds of trash during a similar event this spring. Snacks and drinks will be provided following the cleanup.

"By having a cleanup, I want to set a good example for my daughter and inspire others to take an active part in keeping their communities beautiful," Ramstack said.

Chamber to hold Fall Festival

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa Chamber of Commerce will hold the community's annual Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, on Second Street in downtown Manawa.

Events will include pumpkin bowling, live music, vendors and music from Rustic Java and Sizzling Sonny.

"This event is fun for the whole family," said Brooke Baldwin, the chamber's promotional manager. "Aside from all the activities going

on, people will also have the opportunity to visit all the local business."

Guests will also get the opportunity to visit the local fire station to learn about fire safety.

"What makes this is a great event for Manawa is that it is family-friendly," Baldwin said. "This small-town community comes together to put on a great event."

The chamber is still accepting vendors for the free event. Contact the chamber office at manwachamberofcommerce@gmail.com for details.

Budget presented to school board

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Business manager Sarah Thiel presented a budget of \$10,320,997 for the Iola-Scandinavia School District to the school board Sept. 11.

The budget will be up for adoption at the district's annual meeting, which will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the Iola-Scandinavia High School auditorium.

Thiel pointed out changes in the low revenue ceiling from \$10,000 to \$11,000 per student, which had a significant impact on the revenue limit authority.

Property values will be certified Sunday, Oct. 1.

"We are looking at a potential 17% increase in equalized property values," Thiel said. "This is a very significant increase. Usually, we budget 2.5 to 3%, 5% on the high side."

The district's tax levy is also going up, which was helpful in balancing the budget, according to Thiel.

"Our mill rate is also going to go up from what was projected in July from \$7.41 to \$7.60, which is still \$1.05 less than what was approved in 2022-23," Thiel said. "I think we are in a good situation financially. Our mill rate is going to drop. Our overall tax levy is about \$120,000 more than it was last year,

which is about 2.8%, which is not a significant tax increase."

State aid will be certified Sunday, Oct. 15.

"By then, all the big pieces are in," Thiel said. "We will plug all that stuff in and share final budget adjustments with you in October."

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 in the Iola-Scandinavia Elementary School library.

ORDINANCE

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they have to be compliant if they are going to run them as small apartment buildings," Steckbauer said.

Muske told the council that the city's building inspector has met with the motel and hotel owners to let them know what they would have to do to retrofit their property to an apartment complex.

"It's whether or not they want to run their business as a proper motel, or do they want to convert it to an apartment complex," Muske said.

She added that one motel/hotel owner contacted a building designer about retrofitting their property, but found that it was too expensive for them to do.

Steckbauer told the council that the cost for someone

to live at a motel or hotel isn't necessarily less expensive than other housing options.

Ald. Brandon Braden asked how the ordinance would be enforced.

Freitag said the police department would have the authority to issue citations if the ordinance is not followed by motel and hotel owners.

Steckbauer said the proposed ordinance would allow the city to seek an injunction in court to close down a motel or hotel if the ordinance isn't followed.

"We're putting the obligation on the owner, rather than law enforcement," Steckbauer said.

BIRDS

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ears open and if they hear something to call it into the tip line," Ewing said. "You can remain anonymous and that's how they're hoping to get the information that leads to a break in the case."

The nature center doesn't have a reward program, he said.

"We're not set up to be able to do anything like that as a non-profit," he said. "I know there have been people that have come forward that would be willing to donate to that."

The shootings have become a hot topic of conversation at the nature center, according to Ewing.

"A lot of people coming in are asking me if there are any updates that we know of, how the investigation's going, whether anybody's been apprehended," he said. "I'm not with law enforcement, so I'm not going to be privy to that until the wardens actually make a statement. It's going to have to go to the (district attorney) and the DA's going to be the one that's going to have to press charges."

"A lot of people are upset because we've had a lot of bird watchers, photographers and wildlife individuals that have been coming to the wildlife area and watching these birds nest," he added. "This year, they had seven over the course of the summer. They did lose three to natural selection and that kind of stuff, but they had four that were of decent size that basically made it past that point that they may lose any more."

The three swans were born this year, Ewing said.

"The parents are still around on the flowage and people are still watching them," he said. "It was the young cygnets that were shot. We're probably talking 4 to 5 months old at the max. We've had trumpeter swans nesting on the wildlife area and we do believe it is the same pair that has been setting up shop for the last several years."

"Last year, they set up at the same location and were unsuccessful," he said. "This year, they were. These were on the McDonald Flowage, which is right next to McDonald Road. The swans and their cygnets could be in the water 20 feet from your car. That's why this hits so close to home for everybody. People were really watching them and they were able to get a good view of them. I had one guy call from Appleton and he had been up here week after week after week trying to document the growth of the babies. He was really upset about it."

Delzer is confident the case will eventually be solved.

"We work as hard as we can on cases like this, especially these high-level ones," he said. "We are hopeful that we'll be able to solve this case."

"When people ask me why this happens, I have no answers for them," Ewing said. "There were no hunting seasons open, so whoever is responsible for this was out to do this for their own reasons. I don't know why or what possessed the individual to do this. We won't know that until the end of the investigation."



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Obituary Notices

Mumbrue, Laurie



On Monday, the evening of September 11th, 2023, we lost our beloved Laurie L. Mumbrue, a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was born in Oakland, California on April 25th, 1958 to the loving parents Robert and Helen Parnham. She married Thomas R. Mumbrue on August 16th, 1985, and made a family of her own. Laurie was truly one of the kindest and most loving to all the people she met. Her passions in life were

the simple ones. She enjoyed spending her springs and summers gardening and planting flowers, baking delicious pies and other baked goods to feed her loved ones, and making cakes for every occasion. She picked up Crocheting and crafting, volunteered at church when she could and loved her Missionary trip to Africa. She even enjoyed curling up with a new Stephen King novel every so often. Laurie had such love for her pets, especially her dog Willie. She always looked forward to fall activities and spending time with friends and family, and most of all her grandchildren.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 38 Years Thomas R. Mumbrue; her children Michael Parnham, Tallie Mumbrue, Tasha Mumbrue, and Matthew Mumbrue; her grandchildren Matthew Dill, Sevann Parnham, David Parnham, Tyler Parnham, Domonick Sprenger, Vincent Graham, Bella Graham, Elliott Wanty, and Giana Gillette; her brothers Wayne (Pat) Parnham and Darrell (Parnham); her sister Linda (Dan) Konkol; her brother-in-law Todd (Terri) Mumbrue and her sisters-in-law Tina Spierings and Linda Parnham.

Laurie was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Howard Parnham; her niece Lisa Konkol; her father-in-law Chuck Mumbrue and mother-in-law Betty (Rasmussen) Sorenson; her brother-in-law Tim Mumbrue, and sister-in-law Terri Mykisen.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday September 21, 2023 at 11 A.M. at the Victory Church in Waupaca, WI. A visitation will be held on Wednesday September 20, 2023 from 4 P.M. until 6 P.M. at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, WI, and again at the church on Thursday from 10 A.M. until the time of the service at 11 A.M.

Lyon, Charles



Charles (Charlie) Lee Lyon, 73 of Manawa passed away unexpectedly on September 15th, 2023.

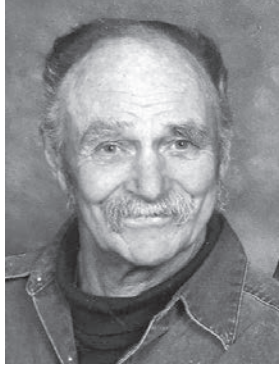
Charlie was born in Waupaca, WI on April 19th, 1950 to parents Leo and Margaret (nee Olson) Lyon. After high school, he worked in his father's garage Lyon's Auto, where he discovered a talent for fixing things. Charlie married Kathryn Geiger on January 20th, 1973, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. His wife's father, Gerald Geiger, and brother, Jerry Jr., were among his closest friends and went on many hunting and fishing trips together to Canada.

Charlie worked for over 30 years at the Waupaca Foundry, most recently as a R&D Foreman. He was an avid outdoorsman, a constant reader, and a talented mechanic who loved restoring classic cars. He was full of good humor and always quick with a funny story. Most of all he was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who loved spoiling his grandkids with ATV rides, trips to the fair, and lots of ice cream.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife Kathy, son Zack (Kelly), sister Leola (Lynn) Hild, his grandchildren Lake and Ford, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister LaDeane, and son Joshua

Koshollek, Jerome



Jerome J. Koshollek, age 82, of Waupaca, Wisconsin, passed away on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at his cherished home on Deans Lake. He was born on March 12, 1941 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin to his parents, Joseph and Sue Koshollek, and he was the beloved husband of Theresa Jane Koshollek. Jerome and Theresa Frazer were united in marriage on June 11, 1966, in Dollar Bay, Michigan.

Jerome's life was marked by dedication and service. He proudly served his nation in the United States Coast Guard, demonstrating unwavering commitment to protecting his fellow citizens. Professionally, Jerome dedicated many years of his life to the Yellow Transport and Trucking company, where he left an indelible mark with his hard work and dedication. Jerome was a man who found true happiness in the simple pleasures of life. He had an insatiable love for the outdoors, whether it was hunting in the crisp autumn woods or casting his line into the serene waters, his connection to nature was profound. But above all, Jerome cherished his family. He found immense joy in spending quality time with them, creating countless precious memories that will be treasured forever.

Jerome is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Jane Koshollek, of 58 years; his son, Timothy (Michele) Koshollek; and his cherished grandchildren, Shyla and Jayce Koshollek. He is also survived by his brother, Robert Koshollek, and his sister, Joan Frazer. He is further survived by his extended family; Matt and Tessa Bohm, and their children, Dawson, Garret, and Sawyer.

Jerome was preceded in death by two beloved sons, Shawn and Casey Koshollek, as well as his parents, Joseph and Sue Koshollek, and a sister, Patricia Perreault. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Jerome J. Koshollek will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father, a proud grandfather, and a loyal friend. His legacy is one of service, love, and a deep appreciation for the beauty of the world around us.

A Funeral Mass to celebrate Jerome's life will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at 12:00 noon at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca, Wisconsin. A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

May Jerome's soul find eternal peace, and may his memory bring comfort and strength to those who mourn his passing. The family would like to extend their wishes and thanks to Compassus Hospice for the care with the hands and hearts of God. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

O'Brien, Gene



Eugene M. (Gene) O'Brien, age 79, of Rural, WI passed away at his home on September 8, 2023 after a long battle with COPD. Gene was born on October 8, 1943 in New London, the son of the late Robert and Ethel O'Brien. He attended Maple Hill Grade School and graduated from New London High School. He was raised in the Town of Lebanon, a small farming community with mostly Irish and German immigrants. He was born just after the Great Depression and in the middle of World War II and considered himself to be part of "The Greatest Generation". Gene was the second eldest of 16 children and grew up on a dairy farm. The family was very frugal, but "I had plenty to eat, clothes to wear, and was given all the love and affection I could absorb. I was taught to stand up straight, put my chest out and be proud of myself. I can be whatever I want to be if I follow my dreams." Gene was raised as a Christian with Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Gene prayed to find someone to marry and raise a family. He met Jeanne K. Thurk. She turned him down three times before accepting a date. They were married on November 26, 1966. "Our wedding day was a proud day in my life. When I watched her walk down the aisle, I whispered, Thank you God". Jeanne was strong, proud, kind, gentle, unselfish, and a wonderful stay-at-home Mom. Jeanne preceded him in death on December 30, 2017. "A tear trickled down my face as I asked Jeanne to save a spot for me in heaven."

Gene owned and operated O'Brien Builders, specializing in new home design and construction until the time of his retirement. He was also a licensed real estate agent, Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Manawa Lions Club, and served as an alderman for the city of Manawa. He was especially passionate about O'Brien Maple Grove, the family maple syrup operation.

Gene and Jeanne raised three sons, Dennis, Patrick, and Jeffrey. A fourth son Steven passed away from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. "It devastated us. Many marriages do not survive such a tragedy, but we did! I was blessed to see my sons marry and see my grandchildren grow" In 1995, they moved into a beautiful home in the Village of Rural on the Crystal River and lived in total appreciation of the many visits with friends and family and all God's blessings.

Gene is survived by three children: Dennis (Tracy) O'Brien, and their children Ashley (Spencer), Austin (fiancee Ashley), Alison; Patrick (Carmen) O'Brien, and their children Grace and Jack; Jeffrey (Samantha) O'Brien, and their children, Morgan and Stephen O'Brien, Luca and Matteo Correa Kniess. He is survived by siblings: Brian (Patricia) O'Brien, Betty Retzke, Mary (Ray) Hosmer, Sara (Andy) Thomack, Robert (Kathleen) O'Brien, Martin (Rita) O'Brien, Joe (Lori) O'Brien, Ann (Mike) Warning, Ed (Jenny) O'Brien, Peter (Lorena) O'Brien, David (Kim) O'Brien and Bridget (Tom) Wenman; Special friends: Carol Zook and Daryl Lockwood. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son; brothers, James, Thomas, and William; Sister-in-law, Shirley; niece Heidi O'Brien; nephews, Andrew O'Brien, and Jason Hosmer.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at "O'Brien Maple Grove" located at N6465 O'Brien Rd., Manawa, WI with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m., followed by an Irish-style tribute. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Town of Lebanon (New London) with visitation at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Fr. Jay Fostner will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Patrick parish cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial funds will be sent to the Ethel O'Brien Scholarship Fund. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Compassus Hospice Care. We would also like to thank Carol Zook, Tommy O'Brien, and other friends and family for their loving care of Gene. www.clinehansonfuneralhome.com

Wangelin, Ada



Ada M. Wangelin, age 65 of Waupaca, went to be home to her loving Savior on Monday, September 11, 2023.

She was born on October 4, 1957, in Milwaukee, WI to the late Charles and Ada C. Martochko (Powell).

After growing up in Milwaukee, she later moved to the Weyauwega/Fremont area where she married Douglas Wangelin in 1976. She was a home-maker until the 1990's where she loved working for the Lighthouse Bookstore and Spencer Lake Bible Camp in Waupaca. She was later employed by Neumann's Piggly Wiggly.

She enjoyed canning pickles, rummage-Sales & Antique shops, fishing and camping, vacations in Minocqua and Florida, and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed sharing and giving to those who were around her. She loved Jesus and she will be missed.

She is survived by her ex-husband, Douglas Wangelin, their three children, Angelica (Robert) Johnson, Douglas Jr. (Regina) Wangelin, Amy (Michael) Luellen and grandchildren, Grace, August, Ezra, Elijah, Samuel, Kimberlie, Alexander, Aaron, Eleonore and Ryan.

She is further survived by her brother Lawrence (Janet) Martochko, of Fremont, nieces and nephews, Ann (Kurt) Pamperin, Michael Martochko, Mary Keehn (Martochko), Paul & Deb Brazil, Great-nieces and nephews, Becky Schmoll, Tobias Martochko, Dustin Martochko, Mason (Laura) Martochko, Kaitlyn Hansen, Dylan (Abbie) Keehn, Maranda (Dusty) Oliver, Melissa (Robert) Dingle, Morgan Brazil, and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles & Ada C. Martochko (Powell) and Neice Michelle L. Brazil (Martochko).

A memorial will take place in late spring 2024. Holly funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Drefahl, Charlene

Charlene J. Drefahl, age 80 of Crandon, early Wednesday morning, September 13, 2023.

Krueger, Donald



Donald W. O. Krueger, age 93 of Clintonville, passed away on Sunday September 17, 2023 at Care Partners Assisted Living, Clintonville surrounded by his loving family.

Donald "Don" William Otto Krueger was born May 29, 1930 in Clintonville son to the late Gilbert & Hulda (Buss) Krueger. He was baptized on June 22, 1930 and confirmed in his faith on April 2, 1944 at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville. Don was united in marriage to Janet Schoneck at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Town of Dupont on September 26, 1953. He worked at Clintonville Coop and Keller's Appliance, Clintonville, and later started Krueger Sign & Electric, Clintonville. Don became an active member of Christ Lutheran Church, Clintonville where he served with the Christ Brotherhood and enjoyed working at the Christ Church Camp. He also was active in his community by serving as President of the Graceland Cemetery Board, the Pigeon Lake Board, and as a volunteer with the Clintonville Fire Department for 28 years. In their younger years, Don and Janet enjoyed hosting couples to play Sheephead and taking part in a Polka dancing club. Don enjoyed making improvements around the home and in his community; as well as woodworking in his shed. He created many unique pieces over the years for his family to enjoy.

He is survived by his: Children: Marilyn (Paul) Smith, Dennis (Mary) Krueger; Mike (Claudia) Krueger; Donna (John) Pringnitz; & Dawn (John) Peeters, all of Clintonville; & Marcia (Rob) DeHart, Port St. Lucie, FL

Grandchildren: Ryan (Bonnie) Smith, Cory (Nikki) Poppe) Smith, Kandi Krueger, Lindsay (Ben) Benaszski, Leah (Peter) Kucera, Dustin (Nola) Krueger, Emily Krueger, Chris (Maricel) Pringnitz, Nicole (Aaron) Lamberg, John (Lisa) Peeters, Megan (Rob) DeHart-Runyon, & Amanda (Dustin) DeHart

Great-grandchildren: Hailey, Kennedy, Ezra, Austin, Abigail, Kaden, Clayton, Easton, Georgianna, Arlo, Dimitri, Christopher Jr., Aidan, Alivia, Declan, Brynleigh, Phoenix, & Penelope

Sisters: Ester Reinke

Sisters-in-law: Donna Krueger, Beulah Schoneck, & Bev Fuhrman

Brothers-in-law: Larry Long & Al (Jody) Schoneck

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Janet; grandson, Gary Pringnitz; sister, Jane Long; brother, James Krueger; a brother-in-law, Ken Reinke; & in-laws, William (Gladys) Schoneck, Carol (Gordon) Kramer, Bill Schoneck, Herb Fuhrman, & Sherry Anklam.

Funeral services will be held 11AM Friday, September 22, 2023 at Christ Lutheran Church, Clintonville, with the Rev. Shelly Klemp officiating. Interment will take place following the service at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville.

Visitation will take place on Friday at the church from 9 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Christ Lutheran Church, or Christ Lutheran Memorial Church Camp.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville is assisting the Krueger family with Don's arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Monday, August 28, 2023

PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, T. Wegner, and M. Wilz.

EXCUSED: J. Heideman.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

• Mike Hanson, N3537 Dawn Drive, New London: he explained that the New London Educational Collaborative has been launched; the collaborative notes four pillars: networking, support services, community education, data services

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) Resolution / By-law Development

C. Martinson and S. Bleck reviewed the proposed resolution. It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the proposed "Save the Women's Sports Bill" resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4-2 (K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-no, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-no, M. Wilz-yes, C. Martinson-yes). The Board tabled J. Heideman's proposal regarding the resolution voting process since he was not able to attend the Board meeting.

B. First Reading of Revised Policies/Administrative Guidelines

S. Bleck reviewed the revised policies/administrative guidelines:
 • 352 Field Trips (SECTION TITLE)
 • 352.1 Student Overnight and Extended Trips/Travel
 • 370 Co-Curricular Activities
 • 374 Fundraising and Collection of Money
 • 377 Interscholastic Activities
 • 377.1 Co-Curricular Professional Development
 • 379 Adding/Dropping a Sport, Activity or Coach
 The revised policies will be presented for approval at the September Board meeting.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to enter open session at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried.

V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Wilz to accept the resignations of the following personnel:
 o Tricia Evers, Art Teacher, Intermediate/Middle School
 o Gail Johnson, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School
 o Ben Perushek, English, High School
 Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to approve employment of the following personnel:
 o High School Administrative Restructure
 o Barbara Dodd, Vocal Music, ISMS
 o Julie Gauthier, Elem Music, RF/SB
 o Marie Gorman, Grade 4K, RF
 o Judy Hopman, Special Ed, LN
 o Angela Williamson Emmert, English, HS
 o Cody Clark, Ed Asst, ISMS
 o Jodie Knecht, Tutor, LN
 o Victoria Wood, Special Needs Nurse,

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ISMS
 Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0. It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the curricular contracts as presented. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.
 Katie Batten, Clerk
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE IOLA & RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD

The Iola & Rural Fire Department Board will hold an open budget meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Iola Fire Station. The agenda will include the budget report and any other business that may legally come before the Iola & Rural Fire Department Board.

Joe Barden
 Fire Chief

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE IOLA AMBULANCE BOARD

The Iola Ambulance Board will hold an open budget meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Iola Fire Station. The agenda will include the budget report and any other business that may legally come before the Ambulance Board.

Carrie Snyder
 Ambulance Manager
 Iola Ambulance Board
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Public Notice

Town of Waupaca
 Notice of Application for Retail Beer Licenses 2023-2024
 The following applications for dealing in Fermented Malt Beverages have been filed in the Town Clerk's office at N3514 Cty E, Waupaca for October 3, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Class "B" Beer License:
 Burgers & Brews LLC
 BURGERS & BREWS
 E3372 Royalton Street, Waupaca
 Danyelle A Docter as Agent
 Class "A" Beer License:
 New Horizons DMJ LLC
 PUMP-N-MUNCH
 E3372 Royalton Street, Waupaca
 Danyelle A Docter as Agent
 The Town Board will consider these applications at the October 2, 2023 Town Board meeting.
 Mary Colden, Clerk
 Town of Waupaca
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 7, 2023 Special Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting.

Call to Order:
 The meeting was called to order by President Dale Feldt at 5:30p.m.

Roll Call:
 Present in the WHS Community Room: Dale Feldt, Steve Klismet, Molly McDonald, Betty Manion, and Ron Brooks.

Excused: Bob Adams and Lori Chesnut.
Approval of Agenda:
 A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. The

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motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Review of Board Meeting Norms: The Board reviewed their collective commitments.
Superintendent Evaluation – Adjourment into Closed Session: A motion was made by Molly McDonald and seconded by Steve Klismet to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically to discuss the District Administrator’s evaluation. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 5:32p.m.
The Board did not reconvene in open session.
Adjourment: A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Steve Klismet to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
Dale Feldt, President
Board of Education
Molly McDonald, Clerk
Board of Education
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
The Estate of John R. Rosquist
Defendant.
Case No. 2023CV000121
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on July 5, 2023 in the amount of \$40,360.73, I will sell at public auction, located in the front lobby of the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, on **October 10, 2023** At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit: LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 6 OF THE PLAT OF ISBELL, WESTON, CONANT AND SPRINGER’S ADDITION TO SPRINGER’S POINT, VILLAGE OF FREMONT, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.
Street Address: 905 Washington Street, Fremont, WI 54940
Tax Key No. 25-25-75-71
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.
TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER’S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
Timothy R. Witz
Sheriff of Waupaca County, Wisconsin
Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
50-23-00103
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
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ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A
QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A
QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
Plaintiff
vs.
JOANN DUNAJ, DONALD D. DUNAJ,
Defendants
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
Case No. 2023CV000051
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 5, 2023, in the amount of \$142,328.86, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: October 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
TERMS: 1. 10% down in cash, cashier’s check or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
2. Sold “as is” and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
4. Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.
PLACE: The Front Lobby of the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI
Property description:
LOT 14, FIRST ADDITION TO PRYSE ORIGINAL PLAT, PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.
Tax Key No.: 05-35-72-15
Property Address: E1852 King Rd., Waupaca, WI 54981
Shannon K Cummings
State Bar No. 033710
Attorney for Plaintiff
633 W Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 408
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Phone: 312-541-9710
Mailing Address:
30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650
Chicago, Illinois, 60602
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC,
is the creditor’s attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf.
Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
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Case No. 23-CV-000152
The Honorable
Vicki L. Clusman
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after September 14, 2023 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981-2012 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 8th day of September, 2023.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By:
Robert M. Piette
State Bar No. 1018058
Case No. 23-CV-000152
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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Bids and Request for Proposals 7705
Invitation to Bid
Quad Axle Equipment Package
Quad Axle Truck w/Flow Options
16K GVWR Cab Chassis Equipment Package
Crew Cab Chassis Truck 16K GVWR
¾ Ton Pickup Truck
¾ Ton Pickup Truck
Wheel Loader
Waupaca County invites bid proposals for the above listed item(s). Bid information is available at: https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/departments/current_bid_package
Bid proposals, in conformity to the notice to bidders must be submitted to the Waupaca County Highway Department by 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2023, and must be plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope with the specific item being bid on. Bid will be opened and publicly read at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Waupaca County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive irregularities or informalities in the bids received and accept any bid most favorable to the County.
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Public Hearing Notice
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE WOLF, WAUPACA COUNTY
The Township of Little Wolf will hold a public hearing to consider approval of an amendment to the comprehensive plan, and changes to the preferred land use map. The purpose of the amendment and map change is to remove a newly created parcel, (proposed), from Farmland Preservation and change the zoning to AWT, to allow for residential development. The Town Board will meet and hold a public hearing to consider this amendment at a Town Board meeting on **October 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Wolf Town Hall**, located at E6325 County Hwy N, Manawa, WI 54949. Copies of the plan or amendment are available for inspection prior to the hearing by contacting Ryan Brown, Planning & Zoning Director, at 715-258-6258 during normal business hours (8:00am – 4:00pm). Written comments will also be accepted at: Town of Little Wolf, PO Box 8, Manawa, WI 54949, until October 11, 2023, 6:30 PM. Or you may email the Clerk at AWT@wolfnet.net.
For more information, contact Clerk, Jackie Beyer, at 920-596-2143.
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Farmington Plan Commission
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
at 9:00 am
E913 Prairie View Ln
www.farmingtonwi.com
Call to Order
Open Meeting Statement: This meeting and all meetings of this Town Plan Commission are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, so the citizens may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting.
Roll Call
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes of September 6, 2023
New Business:
1) Conditional Use Permit application for Seth Hollman property (parcel #05 36 41 1) at County Road K in Agriculture & Woodland Transition (AWT) on approximately 24.74 acres for a truck driving school facility to utilize the property for “pre-trip inspection and backing range for semi-truck training”. According to Section 6.8.4 and Table 5 of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance identifies the type of use as “Outdoor Institutional (outdoor education)”, which is allowed through the conditional use permit process in the AWT zoning district.
Adjournment
Posted September 15, 2023 at Farmington Town Hall & Website at www.farmingtonwi.com
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assessment district, cost estimates and proposed assessments is on file at the Village Administration Office, 531 N Nash Street, and may be

BUS DRIVERS
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Saari noted in a memo to the school board.

The district's biggest concern, Saari said, is that the bus driver shortage impacts teaching and learning.

"No matter what we do, there's a negative consequence as we try to keep all these activities in place," Saari said.

Another option is for parents to carpool together and drive students to events.

Saari said the district's insurance provider has approved this option, but while parents may be willing to drive to a nearby school, such as Manawa, Saari said they are less willing to drive longer distances, such as Oconto Falls.

Subcontracting with another transportation service other than Go Riteway is also option, but other services have the same problem with finding bus drivers.

The worst-case scenario is to cancel an event, which the

high school has already been required to do.

Raises for bus drivers

Saari noted a number of changes made by Go Riteway in order to recruit more drivers: wage increases, a payroll structure change that provides much higher pay for doing trips, incentives, and additional recruiting efforts.

This year, the Waupaca School District is offering a \$1,000 bonus as an incentive for staff and coaches to obtain a commercial driver's license drive buses for after school events for the activities they coach or advise.

This CDL bonus will be issued after the first event trip driving with their CDL.

In addition, Go Riteway will commit to an additional \$250 training bonus that will be paid 30 days after they are driving with a CDL.

Finally, Go Riteway will provide an additional \$250 sign-on bonus issued 90 days

after driving with a CDL.

Go Riteway pays \$14.50 an hour during the behind the wheel and classroom training. This occurs after the applicant has studied the material and passed the permit exams.

After the person is driving with their CDL, the wage is \$18.50 an hour, in addition to the coaching salary.

Saari said a coach could earn \$100 for driving a five-hour round trip.

"If I was a young coach, I'd probably be all over that," Saari said.

School board member Steve Klismet, who runs a truck stop, said CDL training could cost nearly \$5,000 and take up to eight weeks to complete.

Saari said he did not think a CDL for a school bus driver would not cost as much or require as much time as it would for a truck driver.

During the football game on Sept. 8, the district recognized its drivers, played an advertisement on the big screen,

and encourage people to become drivers.

Scherrer said two community members and two coaches expressed interest in driving school buses following the Friday night event. He is considering a CDL.

Board member Bob Adams said he plans to obtain a CDL in order to help the district.

"Let's dangle the carrot and just see how many coaches will go that route," board member Ron Brooks said. "This is nothing new. Leroy Haberkorn was the athletic director, the track coach and he drove the bus and chain smoked Camels all the way there."

"This is not going to solve the problem in the very near future, but hopefully by the winter or spring sports we can get this corrected a little bit," Scherrer said.

The school board took no action on the issue, but will continue to look for ways to address it.

BUDGET

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Budget numbers

The total 2023-24 school budget is set for \$36.25 million, which is 3% lower than the 2022-23 budget at \$37.47 million, which includes all revenues and expenditures.

In addition to Fund 10, the district will levy \$349,180 for Fund 38 and \$100,000 for Fund 80.

Fund 38 is for nonreferendum debt within the district's revenue limits. This levy is dropping by more than \$678,000 due to the district paying off debt on the Parkview and Readfield school projects.

Fund 80 is designated for activities that serve the community, such as after-school programs and police liaison officers.

Concern for taxpayers

Board member Katie Batten said she was having a hard time explaining the sharp increase in the tax levy to her constituents.

"I ran on being fiscally responsible," she said, noting that her own family, as with many others in New London, is trying to cope financially due to wages not keeping up with inflation.

"Business Insider said American savings will be depleted by the end of Q3," Batten said. "People don't have a lot of extra money."

"The funding process is unfair sometimes to the school board because you are working through the mechanics of a formula that is hard for you to control," Marquardt said.

State lawmakers pulled much of the authority of school district's budgets away from local school boards while failing to provide sufficient funding, he said.

"Instead of the levy jumping up and down because of state funding decisions, it would be easier on taxpayers if it was steady," Marquardt said.

When the school board approved the \$8.91 million Fund 10 levy, Batten cast the sole vote against it.

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From Iola to Green Bay

Iola-Scandy grad Welch making the most of his opportunity with Packers

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

GREEN BAY – After three years with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, Iola-Scandinavia High School graduate Kristian Welch is now part of the Green Bay Packers' practice squad.

"Saying farewell to the Ravens is just part of the business, it's the NFL," he said. "I am excited about the opportunity with Green Bay."

That opportunity has been a whirlwind experience for Welch, who the Ravens released shortly before the season began as the NFL's 32 teams set their final 53-man rosters.

"I was notified by conversations with my agent that I was getting on a flight only a couple hours before that flight was taking off," he said. "It's certainly chaotic, but it's the nature of my profession."

Welch's job now is to play

the part of the opponent on any given week to help those who are playing prepare for games.

"Being on the practice squad means you are there to serve the team," he said. "The guys who are going to be playing on Sunday need to practice the looks that they're going to get from their opponent during that week's game."

Welch's goal is not to stay on the practice squad.

"The goal is to at some point be elevated, meaning in that week I become elevated, I can play and get out on the field," he said.

Practice squad players can be elevated three times for three games before they are required to be signed to the active roster.

"This happened to me my rookie year when I was elevated starting on Week 5 of the season and played the remaining 12 games, including two playoff games,"



The Green Bay Packers recently signed Kristian Welch to their practice squad. Welch played for the Iola-Scandinavia Thunderbirds in high school, the Iowa Hawkeyes in college and spent three seasons with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

Photo Courtesy of Emma Pravecek, packers.com

Welch said.

Welch prepares himself each week as if he is going to be playing in the game.

"I'm in all the meetings

and practices," he said.

"Practice squad players normally don't travel to away games unless you have a chance of being elevated.

For home games, we will be on the sideline, but not suited up."

The chance to join the Packers is a dream come

true, according to Welch.

"It's always been a dream of mine," he said. "I went

Welch

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New London remembers Papa Marsh

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW LONDON – Randy Marsh wore a lot of hats in his 32 years at New London High School.

He started as a physical education and health teacher in 1973 and went on to serve as athletic director, assistant principal and principal.

However, his biggest impact came as a football coach.

That impact was evident Sept. 15 at Bulldog Stadium, as the community showed up to honor Marsh at the Papa Marsh Memorial Game.

Marsh, who passed away July 10 at age 73 following a 15-year battle with Parkinson's disease, spent 35 years with the Bulldogs' football program, including 16 seasons as head coach and 19 as an assistant.

Football meant a lot to Marsh, according to his son, Marc.

"Football – especially Bulldog football – was his life," said Marc, a former New London assistant and head football coach who now spends his time at home games on the sidelines as a member of the team's chain gang. "He absolutely loved playing it, he loved watching it and had a great love for coaching. That's what he did until he couldn't anymore."

Randy spent his entire teaching, administrative and coaching career at New London High School. He started as a physical education and



New London football player Preston Krueger observes a moment of silence in memory of Randy Marsh Sept. 15. Marsh, who passed away in July, spent 35 seasons as a head or assistant coach with the Bulldogs.

Greg Seubert Photo

health teacher in 1973 and later moved into administration, serving as athletic director (1989-94), assistant principal (1994-97) and principal until retiring in 2005.

"It was the first job he had out of college," Marc said. "My mom and him moved to town and I think they were the first house on the block. It felt natural and felt like home. Once he put that red on and wore it, that's what he wanted to do. He had a lot of Bulldog pride for football, for this community, for the school and all sports."

Marc said his father had the ability to connect with kids, whether they played football or didn't participate in athletics.

"With football players, he could get the most out of

anybody," he said. "He was tough, he was intense, he was hard-nosed, he was disciplined. He taught fundamentals and the kids bought into it. He had an energy and a passion for football and kids could see that passion. He found a way to make people perform at a higher level."

Randy joined the football team as an assistant coach from 1973-78 before being named head coach in 1979, a position he held for 16 seasons.

He took three teams to the WIAA playoffs, including the 1984 squad that finished the regular season 9-0 before falling to DeForest 16-12 in a Division 2 state semifinal game.

"I remember everything," Marc said. "I had been on

the football field since I was 5 years old and I was a manager on that team. I knew it was a tough, scrappy group that loved football and that's what my dad liked. We finished out the regular season at West De Pere, winning 7-0."

Marc said people in the community respected his father not only as a coach, but also as a teacher and administrator.

"They understand the love, passion and knowledge that he had and his ability to connect to people," he said. "It even goes beyond that. Obviously, he loved football and he loved athletics, but there was so much more to him. He was able to connect especially with kids if athletics wasn't for them. Put yourself out there, have a chance to be around people, work with people, life skills, become a leader, those are things that he preached through and through."

Seven years after stepping down as coach, Randy was back on a different football field after joining the St. Norbert College coaching staff in De Pere. He coached the Green Knights' defensive line from 2001-04 and was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2005, but resigned that year due to health concerns.

"He retired as head coach in 1994, the fall of my senior year, and got into administration that kind of took him out of the football picture for

Marsh

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Runners find success at Hatten Park

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – All seven of the area's cross country teams competed at meets Sept. 16 in New London or Wausau.

New London hosted the Bulldog Invitational at Hatten Park, which also included teams from Hortonville, Weyauwega-Fremont, Manawa and Clintonville.

Meanwhile, Waupaca and Iola-Scandinavia headed to Wausau East High School for the Smiley Invitational.

Bulldog Invitational

NEW LONDON – Five area girls placed in the top 10 in the girls' varsity race.

New London won the girls' championship with 67 points, followed by Hortonville and Appleton West (87); Bonduel (90); St. Mary Catholic (99); Ashwaubenon (156); Weyauwega-Fremont (185); Manawa (196); D.C. Everest (223); Green Bay Southwest (274); and NEWCHAA (300). Clintonville, Marion, Shiocton, Suring and Menasha had an incomplete team.

The top 10 include Hortonville's Hannah Huza (third, 20:58.4); Weyauwega-Fremont's Melanie Jentsch (sixth, 21:18.5); New London's Shaye Allen (seventh, 21:23.7) and

Edyn Horn (10th, 21:35.2); and Manawa's Jolie Jaeger (ninth, 21:30.3).

New London's other runners include Elsie Abba (14th, 21:48.3); Macy Reybrock (15th, 21:51.8); Rianna Schultz (26th, 22:49.6); and Theresa Voight (33rd, 23:23.1).

Hortonville's other runners include Maleiyah Streck (16th, 21:55.2); Leah Worley (21st, 22:13.4); Mallorie Werner (23rd, 22:16); Hailey Falbo (29th, 23:02.5); Elizabeth Schuette (30th, 23:11.3); and Katelyn Koch (38th, 24:09.8).

Weyauwega-Fremont's other runners include Calla Benjamin (25th, 22:46.7); Emma Epstein (39th, 24:15.7); Rio Hildebrandt (59th, 25:28.6); and Joslynn Clumpner (75th, 27:35.3).

Manawa's other runners include Marilyn Klatt (13th, 21:45.5); Lilian Klatt (58th, 25:26.7); Alecia Weber (61st, 25:45.3); Brooke Krueger (77th, 27:46.4); Ellie Stroesenreuther (79th, 28:19.8); and Annalena Giedl (80th, 28:48.9).

Claire Papendorf led Clintonville by placing 67th in 26:40.9, while Cheyenne Fields placed 68th in 27:04.9).

Cross Country

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Zielke has hand in all eight of Warhawks' touchdowns

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – Kameron Zielke put up some big numbers for the Weyauwega-Fremont football team to help the Warhawks improve to 5-0.

The junior threw four touchdown passes, ran for two more scores and returned a punt and kickoff for two more touchdowns Sept. 15 in the Warhawks' 55-14 Central Wisconsin Conference-Large win over Spencer/Columbus Catholic.

Meanwhile, Manawa dropped a 36-19 decision to Nekoosa in another CWC-Large matchup.

W-F 55,
Spencer/Columbus
Catholic 14

WEYAUWEGA – Zielke

opened the scoring with 15- and 1-yard runs in the first quarter before throwing touchdown passes of 22 and 6 yards to Hunter Meisenhelder and 39 yards to Brayden Arndt in the second quarter.

Austyn Widmann returned a fumble 55 yards for the Rockets' only touchdown of the first half and the Warhawks led 35-6 at the break.

Zielke's big night continued in the third quarter with a 48-yard touchdown pass to Broc Billington, a 50-yard punt return and a 95-yard kickoff return after the Rockets had scored on Logan Ehlert's 20-yard run.

Zielke completed 14 of 19 passes for 247 yards and led the Warhawks with 78 of the team's 109 rushing yards.

Arndt caught five passes for a team-high 94 yards, Meisen-

helder had four catches for 82 yards and Billington caught two for 63 yards.

Nekoosa 36,
Manawa 17

MANAWA – After opening the season with a road win, it's been all downhill for the Wolves, as they fell to 1-4 on the season and 0-3 in CWC-Large play with a home loss to the Papermakers.

Manawa scored all 17 of its points in the first quarter. Charles Wentworth returned a punt 11 yards for the first score before Dakota Stroud kicked a 33-yard field goal and threw a 42-yard scoring pass to Thomas Bartelt.

The Papermakers answered with two touchdowns in the

Football

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Brayden Arndt is one of the reasons the Weyauwega-Fremont football team is off to a 5-0 start. He caught a 39-yard touchdown pass and caught five passes for 94 yards in the Warhawks' 55-14 win over Spencer/Columbus Catholic.

Perry Thomas Photo

New London, Waupaca fall

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – A Bay Conference football championship isn't in the cards this season for the New London Bulldogs and Waupaca Comets.

A spot in the upcoming WIAA playoffs is still a possibility, however, but those chances took a step back Sept. 15 with losses to Winneconne and Shawano.

Winneconne handed the Bulldogs a 39-6 home loss, while the Comets headed to Shawano and returned home with a 26-27 defeat.

Winneconne 39, New London 6

NEW LONDON – Tommy Fields carried the ball 38 times for the Bulldogs for a game-high 177 yards, but the Wolves kept the home team out of the end zone until late in the contest.

Both teams had three-and-outs on their opening drives, but Winneconne scored touchdowns on five of its next six drives to take a 32-0 halftime lead.

The Wolves had two opportunities to score on

their second drive. A penalty negated Brody Schaffer's punt return for a score and Jack Quigley fumbled the ball on his way to the end zone after hauling in a pass from Brady Immel.

Winneconne opened the scoring on its third drive with Dylan Sharratt's 57-yard run.

The Wolves added four more scores in the second quarter on Ethan Mathe's 6-yard run, Schaffer's 78-yard punt return, Immel's 12-yard pass to Quigley and Mathe's 10-yard run.

A running clock began in the third quarter on Schaffer's 60-yard punt return that turned out to be the Wolves' final score.

New London's touchdown came with just under two minutes remaining in the game on Fields' 2-yard run. The score came after the Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs at the Winneconne 1-yard line on their previous drive.

Tyler Gerrits completed four of six passes for New London, with two of them going to Hunter Beebe for 34 yards.

The Wolves outgained the Bulldogs 162-75

through the air, but New London had a 183-73 advantage on the ground.

Shawano 36, Waupaca 27

SHAWANO – The Comets didn't have an answer for Shawano's Jerzy Brocker, as the Hawks' quarterback ran for 201 yards and four touchdowns.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Hawks led 16-14 at halftime. Both teams scored a touchdown in the third quarter before Shawano outscored the Comets 14-6 in the fourth quarter.

Xzaver Pittman led Waupaca with 117 rushing yards. Ethan Harms completed 15 of 22 passes for 138 yards. Pittman, Harms and Andre Hendrix ran for a touchdown, while Harms threw a scoring pass to Austin Adamczak.

• Bay Conference results: Sept. 15: Shawano 36, Waupaca 27; Winneconne 39, New London 6; Xavier 41, Seymour 8. Sept. 22 schedule: Xavier at Waupaca, 7 p.m.; New London at Seymour, 7 p.m.; Shawano at Winneconne, 7 p.m.

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a while," Marc said. "I think he really missed football. Before he retired (as principal), he started at St. Norbert College.

"He was forced to resign there and came back here," he said. "I was a co-assistant with him from 2006 to 2012. I was named head coach in 2013 and he stayed on. It was awesome. We were always bouncing ideas off of

each other. He was pretty old-school. I like old-school and I like to adapt to some new things, too. He didn't like to throw the ball a lot, so he'd get in my ear sometimes that I'm throwing the ball too much.

"He coached for as long as he could until 2018," he added. "It became more difficult for him to be out there. It was a tough call, but he knew it was in the best interest of the team and for the safety and health of our

players and himself, too. That didn't stop him from coming to the games, though. Old players were taking him to games and he was here, a Bulldog supporter through and through."

So what would Randy think of a night in his honor? "He was a pretty humble dude," Marc said. "I don't know if he'd want this much attention, but to see all the red, the community pride and the Bulldog pride, that's right up his alley."

FOOTBALL

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second quarter, two more in the third and one in the fourth.

Nekoosa held the Wolves to 143 yards of offense, including only 43 on the

ground. Bartelt caught four of Stroud's passes for 63 yards.

• Central Wisconsin Conference Large results: Sept. 15: Weyauwega-Fremont 55, Spencer/Columbus Catholic 14; Nekoosa 36, Manawa

19; Wittenberg-Biramwood 27, Amherst 22. Sept. 15: Stratford 44, Shiocton 0. Sept. 22 schedule: Weyauwega-Fremont at Shiocton, 7 p.m.; Manawa at Wittenberg-Biramwood, 7 p.m.; Amherst vs. Spencer/Columbus Catholic at Spencer, 7 p.m.; Stratford at Nekoosa, 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

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D.C. Everest won the boys' championship with 57 points, followed by Ashwaubenon (72); Hortonville (78); Appleton West (120); New London and St. Mary Catholic (128); NEW-CHAA (135); Bonduel (148); Weyauwega-Fremont (233); and Menasha (274). Manawa, Clintonville, Marion, Shiocton, Suring and Green Bay Southwest had an incomplete team.

Hortonville's Alex Ratchman had the only top-10 finish among area runners, as he placed sixth in 18:09.2. The Polar Bears' other runners include Gabe Paschke (12th, 18:29.5); Brayden Sanford (14th, 18:35.2); Grant Harris (17th, 18:42.6); Kyle Bacus (30th, 19:15.6); Jacob Tank (37th, 19:55.7); and Donald Parker (45th, 20:22.3).

New London's runners include Nick Ploederl (16th, 18:38.6); Chase Osborn (18th, 18:44); Joseph

Daly (25th, 19:11.2); Jonah Stone (36th, 19:46.2); Kyle Radmer (40th, 20:05.2); and Carson Gregory (46th, 20:28.2).

Weyauwega-Fremont's runners include Parker Scherg (42nd, 20:06.2); Gage Zietlow (48th, 20:32.1); Jayson Munoz (52nd, 20:43.3); Mason McIvor (62nd, 21:45.5); Adler Kirkland (64th, 21:47); Blake Deleeuw (67th, 22:10.3); and Braeden McIvor (76th, 24:34).

Manawa's runners include Matthew Thoma (39th, 20:04.6); Gus Emmert (53rd, 20:46.1); and Ricky Pingel (55th, 20:58.5).

Clintonville's runners include Mason Carrico (27th, 19:13.3); and Oliver Howe (59th, 21:37.4).

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Invitational

WAUSAU – Iola-Scandinavia's Charlie Vater won the boys' Division 2/3 with a time of 15:26 to help the Thunderbirds' boys' team place 10th out of 25 teams

with 289 points. Waupaca placed ninth with 283 points.

Iola-Scandinavia's other runners in the boys' race include Ben Beck (32nd, 17:51.3); Jack Beck (73rd, 19:01); Henry Vater (91st, 19:30.9); and Evan Linjer (92nd, 19:32).

Waupaca's runners include Ian Sherman (31st, 17:51.2); Owen Lencki (51st, 18:33); Gus Olson (18:41.8); Kadin Becker (71st, 18:59.8); David Trzebiatowski (21:41.7); Mark Reinke (21:56.6); and John Saari (167th, 22:57.2).

The Iola-Scandinavia girls' team placed 19th out of 19 teams. Runners include Kelly Jones (81st, 24:24.6); Revyn Shrank (24:29.1); Paige Tindal (120th, 27:57.8); Abby Isermann (124th, 28:31.7); and Ruby Koch (134th, 30:22.6).

Waupaca did not field a full girls' team. The Comets' runners include Sienna Timm (28th, 21:40.2); Ula Rozanska (111th, 26:20.8); Hailey Allen (129th, 29:30.3); and Mia Koehler (132nd, 30:12).

WELCH

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to some games when I was a kid growing up and was a fan until I started playing in the NFL. It's a very surreal feeling to now be a part of the team. It all happens so fast. One second I'm in Baltimore, the next day I'm in Green Bay."

Welch said he will always remember his time with the Ravens.

"There are so many things that come to mind when thinking about my time in Baltimore," he said. "I was

surrounded by great teammates, coaches and a great organization. I have nothing but respect for them."

For now, Welch is just going to take one day at a time.

"I will focus on improving 1% every day, have fun along the way, never take anything for granted and help the team win in any way I can," he said.

Welch said there isn't one thing about his job as a professional football player is not one thing that he doesn't enjoy.

"If you don't love football, even the hard parts about it, you won't last long in the NFL," he said. "There's so much effort and sacrifice on and off the field that goes into it. If you're not committed, you won't make it very long."

Welch said he is honored to represent Iola-Scandinavia High School on the team.

"I certainly haven't forgotten where I came from," he said. "I dearly miss the days when I played on Thunderbird Field."

NOTICE TO NEW LONDON WATER CUSTOMERS

The New London Water Department will be flushing water mains
September 25, 2023 THROUGH September 28, 2023

THE FLUSHING WILL BE DONE
**DURING THE HOURS FROM
6:00 AM TO 6:00 PM.**

This main flushing will remove most of the natural minerals such as iron that are harmless but will discolor the water. If you see the men working in your area, use as little or, if possible, no water for 1 to 2 hours to insure that the water has settled down and that the discoloration is not drawn into your water system.

Should you find discoloration in your water system, again stop using water, wait 1 to 2 hours, then draw off the discolored water through the COLD water only.

Your help and cooperation in this program will benefit all water customers.

FLUSHING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

**MONDAY
September 25:**
All Customers in High Pressure Zone – Shaded Green

**TUESDAY
September 26:**
All Customers in Primary Pressure Zone – Shaded Orange

**WEDNESDAY
September 27:**
All Customers in Primary Zone and North Zone – Shaded Blue

**THURSDAY
September 28:**
All Customers in the North East New London Business Center and County S from Hwy 54 to Mosquito Hill – Shaded Fuchsia.

NOTE: CUSTOMERS CLOSE TO THE BORDERS OF THESE AREAS MAY BE AFFECTED FOR TWO DAYS.

If you have any problems or questions, please feel to call our office at 920-982-8516.

**Thank You,
NEW LONDON UTILITY
WATER DEPARTMENT**

