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Snow covered berries

Red berries stand out after the fresh layer of snow.

Holly Neumann Photo

Lind Town Hall swamped

Digester meeting adjourned

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

LIND – The Dec. 4 public hearing in the town of Lind concerning construction of a digester on the Brooks Dairy Farm never got started.

The meeting was formally adjourned because all of the people who arrived could not fit in the 1942 brick schoolhouse that now serves as the town hall.

Town officials anticipated a crowd and they cordoned off a section of a nearby cornfield for more parking, along with setting up a portable generator with floodlights to illuminate the ad hoc parking lot. Cones were set out to guide traffic and pedestrians.



Residents packed the Lind Town Hall for a public hearing about a proposed digester on the Brooks Dairy Farm. The meeting was adjourned because there was not enough room to accommodate everyone. It will be rescheduled.

James Card Photo

The proposed digester is a facility that would be located on the Brooks Farm. It would use manure and food waste to make natural gas.

The meeting was set to start by 5 p.m. but at 4:30 p.m. there was already a

long line of people waiting for the town hall to be opened. Some people in line wore black-and-blue baseball caps with the words “No Digester” on the front.

The main meeting room filled up until not a single

metal folding chair was left. People kept coming in and stood shoulder-to-shoulder.

“I call this meeting to order. Due to the size of the crowd, I make a motion to

Digester

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Plastic caps made into benches

New London seniors recycle

NEW LONDON – A volunteer effort in recycling is gaining ground at New London Senior Center.

Four years ago, center manager Lori Schneider received 150 pounds of used plastic caps from the Ann Wege family. They had completed a recycling project at their church, and received a bench for their labor. They in turn mentored Schneider, who was optimistic about a project for seniors that could provide benches in the community.

Schneider put the word out for seniors to collect caps, and during the Covid-19 pandemic, more than 1,500 pounds of caps were accumulated.

When Covid-19 restrictions lowered in 2022, sorting of the caps began. Volunteers were taught to look for dirt, oil and metal that may be mixed in with the plastic bottle caps and lids.

After the sorting was finished, New London Lions and the Shamrock Club



Local seniors volunteer to sort plastic caps for the purpose of providing benches to places throughout New London, including Jaycees Dog Park, Washington Center, Hatten Stadium and Lincoln Elementary School.

Submitted Photo

of New Dublin agreed to sponsor the benches.

Thrivent Action Team funds were used for gas and lodging, as the caps had to travel eight hours to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana. Wolf River Art League's paint trailer housed the caps on the trek, and Lori and Randy Schneider drove a New London city truck for the trip.

When the caps are dropped off, pre-ordered benches are loaded for the return trip. In this first

phase, four red benches were placed at New London Jaycees Dog Park. Two green benches were placed in front and back of the Washington Center.

The benches are heavy, which deters theft, and are virtually indestructible, with no maintenance needed. They can withstand harsh Wisconsin weather.

“Kristine Heise, the environmental manager at Tyson, came on board in 2023 to help me with sorting days and the logistics for a second

trip to Evansville, Indiana,” said Schneider. “Kristine contacted Hilker Trucking, who in turn volunteered to drive our caps to Indiana.”

“We sorted two days a month in January, February, March and April, with a total of 228 volunteer hours and 26 volunteers for phase two.”

New London's ThedaCare Foundation received a grant application from New London Park and Rec Director Ginger Sowle and donated \$3,100 to continue the recycling efforts.

Higher taxi fares in Clintonville

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Those who use the taxi service in Clintonville should expect to pay higher taxi fares in 2024.

That was the message that City Administrator Caz Muske shared with the Clintonville Common Council at its Nov. 14 meeting.

Muske said the Clintonville Transit Commission oversees taxi service in the city and reviews the fares each year. The commission also works with the state on grant funding.

“Based on our conversations with the state (of Wisconsin), it's recommended to increase the fees,” Muske said.

The state recommended that the Transit Commission increase the taxi fares, based on comparing fares charged by other communities in Wisconsin, Muske said.

“We are one of the low-

est (fares) in the state, if not the lowest, and what that means is we have to subsidize more, so we're trying to keep the levy limit for the taxi program stable,” Muske said. “By doing so, we are going to increase the fees with the commission's approval.”

She added that the Transit Commission will discuss increasing the taxi fares when it meets before the end of the year.

The city of Clintonville contracts with Running Inc. to provide transit service in the city.

Muske acknowledged that the city council does not have the authority to approve taxi fares, but the fares do affect the 2024 city budget. She said that's why she was providing this information to the council.

The 2024 city budget that the council approved in November does include revenues from increased taxi fares.



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca will host the free community meal on Christmas Day this year.

Submitted Photo

Church hosts free Christmas meal

Community invited

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church will host this year's free community Christmas meal.

Sponsored by the Waupaca Area Ministerial Association, the annual meal is hosted annually at various local churches and open to the community.

“Our belief is that nobody should be alone on Christmas,” said Barbara Koster, who is helping organize the meal at St. Mary Magdalene's. “They should have someplace to come together, to enjoy good food, companionship with others and enjoy Christmas music.”

Vocal and instrumental music will be performed.

The meal is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, at St. Mary Magdalene's fellowship hall, located at N2845 Shadow Road, near the intersection of State Highway 22 and U.S. Highway 10.

The free meal will feature chicken, ham, potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, fruit salad and homemade pies.

Koster said Schueller's will provide some of the food, while church volunteers also made some of it.

About 200 people are expected to attend, so reservations are needed by noon Monday, Dec. 18, by calling the church office at 715-258-2088.

While the goal is to encourage fellowship, meals can be delivered to shut-ins by calling the number above.

Some of the donation was used in phase two to purchase four six-foot long benches for the Hatten Stadium dugouts. The old benches, made of wood, had been repaired and replaced several times over many decades, according to Ted Christian, city of New London buildings superintendent.

Remaining funds from ThedaCare Foundation will

be used in phase three, either to purchase benches or to cover transportation costs.

“We like to give to the schools and the overall community,” said Schneider. “One bench went to Lincoln School this year, and in phase three, we are talking to other schools to see what they need.”

Benches

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DIGESTER

FROM PAGE 1

adjourn this meeting. This will be rescheduled for a much larger venue and that notice will be posted accordingly to state statues," said Chair Kathy Nickel, amidst some grumbling from the audience.

As that decision was made, more people were pouring into the building as those seated got up to leave. Town Clerk Faye Neumann stood at the door with the sign-in sheets. She had a rough estimation that 126 people attended, not

counting those who entered through the handicap accessible door and those that signed in on one line as husband and wife.

In the parking lot was Anna Kufahl. She had handwritten signs displayed on the tailgate of her red pickup along with two cases of bottled water. One of them read: "Free bottled water. Get used to the taste of not fresh plastic tasting bottled water! If this anaerobic [sic] digester goes in, miles from here; our artesian well in jeopardy!" She pointed over to the

spring. Near the town hall is a cast iron hand pump tapped into a historic artesian well. The water is long-known to be clean and refreshing.

"People come from all over to get that water. Farmington, Dayton, Waupaca, from everywhere," she said.

A group called Citizens Protecting Rural Waupaca County distributed a flyer listing many of the harmful impacts a digester could have in the area. One of them was, "Potential for neighboring wells to be contaminated should a spill occur."

Brooks Dairy Farm produced a two-page fact sheet addressing all of those concerns and listed the benefits of having a digester.

One of the points was, "Land application of raw manure can be a source of non-point pollution - Brooks Farms will eliminate the risk of run-off of raw manure from fields."

Non-point pollution,



For the Dec. 4 public hearing regarding a proposed digester on the Brooks Dairy Farm, town officials anticipated a large turnout and fenced off a cornfield for parking, set out traffic cones and illuminated the area. James Card Photo

also known as "run-off," is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency as "caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and

ground waters."

Both Brooks Dairy Farm and the Citizens Protecting Rural Waupaca County have valid arguments and counterarguments for a digester in the town of Lind.

However, the debate and discussion must wait for another time. When Nickel adjourned the meeting she said the to-be-determined

time, date and location for next meeting would be publicly posted for 30 days. One possible venue could be the large basement room in the Waupaca County Courthouse as it was a forum for a large turnout of residents protesting a proposed sand mine on property owned by the Iola Old Car Show.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Imagination Hour Revisited

Dear Reader,

Every Sunday when our three girls were young, we held "Imagination Hour." We used this hour to "imagine" and come up with new and innovative things in brainstorming sessions.

Back in the day we came up with a reversible cape concept and called it "HatCapers - Great Adventures With The Flip Of A Cape." We thought of a Frog turning into a Prince; a Cinderella to a Princess and the list went on.



For the heck of it, I shopped them around and was able to get a sewing license with McCalls and then a license from Whimsicality costumes. Then the Boston Museum asked us to design two additions to the line to add to their catalog - a Knight to a Dragon, and a White Rabbit to Alice in Wonderland.

One of the best gifts parents can give to their children is the ability to imagine and dream, knowing that anything is possible, if minds are set for it. Besides having those hours of quality time with the family, we had a lot of fun creating stuff and just making dreams come true.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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One of the benches from New London Senior Center plastic cap recycling effort was donated by Tyson Foods and went to Lincoln School. Shown, from left, are Tyson Plant Manager Tammy Powers, Lincoln Elementary Principal Kirk Delwiche and Tyson Environmental Manager Kristine Heise. Submitted Photo

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BENCHES

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The Senior Center is always appreciative of volunteers and encourage folks to spend a few hours helping

out. The last sorting days for 2023 are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 24-25. at New London Senior Center, 600 W. Washington Street.

For more information, call Lori Schneider at 920-982-8522. Those who are interested in saving caps should stop by for a list of acceptable caps, as not all caps can be recycled.

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Waupaca NEWS



Waupaca High School Madrigal Singers will perform at area venues for the holidays. Submitted Photo

Madrigal Singers to perform

WAUPACA – The Waupaca High School Madrigal Singers will present several area performances during the holiday season. They will perform at the following locations:

- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.
- Waupaca School Board at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12.
- Danes Hall for UMC Lessons and Carols, 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.
- Waupaca High School holiday choir concert 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17,

Hispanic grocery on Main

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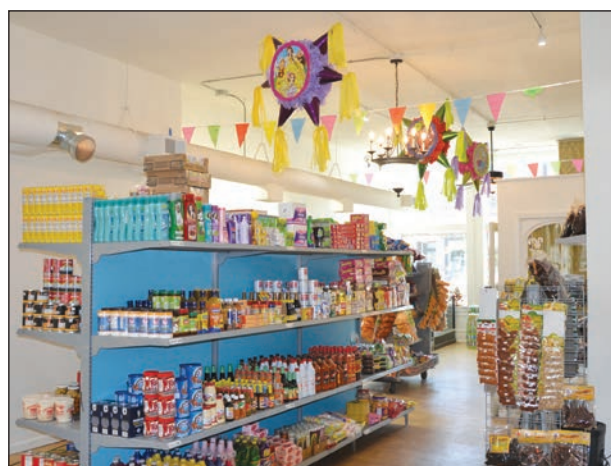
BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – La Tabasquena is a new Hispanic grocery store at 206 N. Main St.

Owned and operated by Jose Ulin and Cynthia Montejó, the store has a simple but festive interior with piñatas hanging from the high ceiling. The shelves are lined with foods and condiments from across Latin America. They have snacks such as semillas (roasted pumpkin seeds), dried chilies and herbs, salsas and many kinds of hot sauces.

Besides food they also carry household goods, health care and hygiene items from south of the border.

For fresh produce they carry lemons, habanero peppers and plantanos (plantain, cousin of the banana). For frozen foods, they have chorizo sausages, stacks of tortilla shells, banana leaves, and empanadas (Mexico's ver-



La Tabasquena is a new Hispanic grocery store at 206 N. Main St. is a new supermarket. They have a good selection of hot sauces and also carry fresh produce, frozen foods, and baked goods. James Card Photo

sion of American pasties). On a side table they have tubs of fresh baked pastries: conchas (sweet bread), bolillo (a short baguette variation) and others.

Near the checkout counter they have grab-and-go hot tamales for \$2.50 with a choice of chicken or pork.

English is Cynthia Montejó's second language and if there is a communication problem, she is quick to figure it out with a translation app on her smartphone.

They are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday,

Student club collects shoes

WAUPACA– The Waupaca High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club is conducting a shoe drive through Dec. 29, to raise funds.

FBLA will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes.

Those dollars will benefit high school seniors through scholarships and FBLA members will benefit by having competition expenses reduced.

All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of small business partners.

Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs to help them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the collected shoes are used to feed, clothe and house their families.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Teresa Duda, WHS business education instructor and FBLA adviser. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our FBLA club, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

Each year FBLA have five or more students compete at regionals with several of the students moving on to the state level. Waupaca has sent students to compete at nationals in the last three years.



Media Comparison

Rylie Kaack, a second-grade student earned Waupaca Learning Center's Artist of the Month award in November for her work, "Media Comparison," using each material to add color to her work in this lesson, while staying in the lines showing excellent fine motor control for her age. She was also selected because of her willingness to help others in her art class, including a Spanish speaking classmate. Submitted Photo

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Waupaca Foundry cited for excellence

WAUPACA – Waupaca Foundry is the only global supplier to be recognized by Bosch Rexroth with awards in three categories in 2023.

The metalcaster was honored at Bosch Rexroth's annual awards dinner, which recognized 300 suppliers worldwide and included awards for 2021 and 2022.

Waupaca Foundry was cited for excellence as a top performer in corporate social responsibility and sustainability, and for technological and corporate partnership. The recognitions were based on the following criteria:

Waupaca Foundry received high scores in contract signatures, pricing, quality and product delivery. Bosch Rexroth reports the supplier's quality was among the top foundries worldwide.

Bosch Rexroth recognized the foundry as delivering the best practice in sustainability and corporate social responsibility of all suppliers worldwide. The iron casting supplier was given high marks in disclosing environmental performance in a CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project).

Bosch Rexroth cited Wau-



Shown, from left, are Bosch Rexroth's Ludwig Merz and Cassiano Kurz, Waupaca Foundry Quality Engineer Aaron Jorgensen and Account Manager Michael Cooper and Bosch Rexroth's Stephan Brummund. Submitted Photo

paca Foundry for finding creative solutions to meet challenges in product quality, shipping, and product delivery. The foundry was recognized for professionalism and honoring pricing agreements during the pandemic.

"Mitigating supply chain risk is critical for our customers," said Mike Nikolai, president, CEO, and COO of Waupaca Foundry. "These supplier awards validate our efforts to deliver the best in quality, on time, while solving the toughest casting solutions, sustainability."

"Paying close attention to the daily issues of doing business makes a difference," said Todd Pagel, vice president of operations. "We can produce

the best castings in the world, but if they don't get to the customer on time and with accuracy, it won't matter."

"Increasingly, companies are relying on their supply chain to achieve Tier 2 carbon and climate targets," said Bryant Esch, corporate sustainability manager for Waupaca Foundry. "Our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and preserving our natural resources is very important to Waupaca and its customers."

Waupaca Foundry makes hydraulic motors housings for Bosch Rexroth, a global supplier of automation solutions for industrial and mobile applications.

Better living through chemistry

Store offers CBD, hemp products

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The new shop Alternative Edge on Main Street has something for everyone to feel better, including dogs.

The store specializes in products containing legal compounds derived from cannabis and they have treats that are useful to help dogs mellow out. The dog snacks contain CBD, a compound that helps reduce anxiety and stress and therefore it is handy to give to dogs that are frightened by thunderstorms, loud fireworks or visitors.

CBD stands for cannabidiol, a compound found in cannabis plants. In 2017, Wisconsin Act 100 legalized the selling and consumption of CBD products derived from hemp that has 0.3% or less THC.

THC is tetrahydrocannabinol and is better known as the substance in marijuana that gets people high. The products have trace amounts of this substance – enough for therapeutic use but not enough for recreational use.

This is an important distinction for owners Eric and Erin Petzold, said their daughter Megan Petzold as she was setting up Christmas decorations in their Waupaca shop at 203 N. Main St.

They own another shop on Peach Street in Wisconsin Rapids and when they decided to get into the CBD market, they wanted to differentiate themselves from other retail outlets where



Alternative Edge is a wellness and healthful living shop on 203 N. Main St that specializes in products with CBD, a hemp-derived compound that helps people in various ways. James Card Photo

CBD was sold, namely tobacco and vape shops.

"We don't like to be associated with nicotine and tobacco because that's bad for you but CBD is not bad for you. It helps with a huge range of things. There are a lot of diverse customers from teachers to police officers. There are all sorts of people that use it," said Petzold.

Alternative Edge is positioned as a wellness and healthful living shop. Their goal is to provide alternative medicine that helps people feel better naturally and to reduce their dependence on lab-created pharmaceuticals.

CBD hasn't been approved by the FDA so CBD companies are not allowed to make claims on how they work. Petzold said many of her customers use it for chronic pain, anxiety and depression and other simple things like headaches.

"All of these products have been slowly coming out and we've been learning about them. My parents especially have been to so many conventions, out of state and out of town, to learn about this stuff. Each product is different in

their own way and affects each individual in their own way," said Petzold.

CBD and similar hemp derivatives can be taken in various ways and the most popular are gummies. There are tinctures taken under the tongue and there are also drink and tea mixtures and honey sticks loaded with CBD. There are other edibles like candies and chocolates and Mike Bites, fruit flavored gummies produced by former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson. The brand's logo is a human ear with bite marks – a reference to his 1997 fight against Evander Holyfield where Tyson bit off a part of Holyfield's ear.

Other products in the store are derived from hemp or are of eco-friendly origin. There are various creams, body lotions, balms, bug sprays, shampoos and soaps. One standout is the Trace of the Past brand of soaps and lotions that are made here in central Wisconsin by Petzold's aunt, Tracy Stratton.

Alternative Edge is closed on Sundays and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Saturday.

Plach Automotive's 11TH ANNUAL Fill The Truck Toy Drive was a Huge Success!



From left, Plach Automotive's Tina Sweet, Wendy Schmidt, New London Christmas for Kids Volunteer Coordinator and Dan Plach.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our Fill The Truck Toy Drive. The generosity from the community was overwhelming. Our truckload of gifts helped to fill the Christmas Toy Room and is sure to put smiles on the faces of many local children this holiday season.

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Clintonville NEWS

City OK's \$95,000 for Aqua Park

Amenities cut from budget

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Common Council approved spending up to \$95,000 in Capital Improvement Funds for amenities at the city's newly constructed Aqua Park.

The council approved the expenditure when it met Nov. 14. The amenities were originally planned for the Aqua Park, but were cut so the project would not go over budget.

Finance Committee

The funds for amenities were first discussed at the Nov. 13 Clintonville Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. At the meeting, Justin McAuly, director of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department, informed the committee about the amenities that were originally cut from the Aqua Park budget.

Items that were cut included: Mobi-Mat and Mobi-Mat 'N Stow, buoy lines, life jackets, water wheel chair, zoom floom, security cameras, beverage cooler, ice cream freezer, pizza ovens, microwave, nacho machine, hot dog roller, popcorn machine, coffee pot and percolators, computer, printer,

materials to construct 3-4 lifeguard chairs, PA system, kayaks, interlocking rubber mats for the warming room floor, ice skate storage, tables and chairs and a shipping container.

McAuly said he felt the Mobi-Mat is important for the Aqua Park because it helps make the Aqua Park ADA compliant. A Mobi-Mat is a mat that rolls out over the sand so individuals in wheelchairs can get from a hard surface at the park into the water by using the Mobi-Mat over the sand. The Mobi-Mat is mobile and can be rolled up.

"I feel confident the \$95,000 will probably get a majority of the stuff on this list," McAuly said.

He added that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended the list as presented.

Committee member Tammy Strey-Hirt said a security system would be important.

"Or we're probably going to have problems right away," Strey-Hirt said.

Clintonville Police Chief Craig Freitag agreed.

"The city has spent a lot of money on this project and there should be some sort of security cameras," Freitag said.

In addition to security cameras, committee member Greg Rose said he'd like to see fence signage stating security

cameras are being used in the Aqua Park.

The Aqua Park is prepped to accommodate up to 12 security cameras.

Rose said some of the items on the list could possibly be added to the Aqua Park via service projects by local organizations.

Common Council

Regarding the shipping container, McAuly said it would be used to store the Aqua Park inflatables during the winter. The container would be rodent proof.

He added that the shipping container would probably not be stored at the Aqua Park because it is not the most pleasant thing to look at.

Strey-Hirt said if the shipping container were to be stored at the Aqua Park, the city should look into students or an art organization painting the container.

Mayor Steve Ketenhoven asked if it would be possible to sell naming rights to local companies for some of the different things at the Aqua Park.

McAuly said he thought that would be possible.

Ketenhoven also asked McAuly if he researched grants for some of the ADA items for the aqua park.

McAuly said he had not done that yet.

Local Eagle Scout honored

CLINTONVILLE – Jonathan Scherschel was recognized for his achievements at a Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, achieved by earning the required merit badges and completing a community service project.

Scherchel demonstrated his leadership skills as assistant patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He logged 30 hours camping along with his troop. He also spent four days and three nights canoeing the Boundary Waters Wilderness in Minnesota.

In addition to earning 23 merit badges, Scherschel completed his community service project by planning and building a fire pit for St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville, which will



Rep. Kevin Petersen presented a citation acknowledging the achievements of Eagle Scout Jonathan Scherschel during a ceremony at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Submitted Photo

be used during the Easter services and by the church youth group.

He began as a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 28 on April 21, 2015.

State Rep. Kevin Petersen presented Scherschel with a state citation that he and Sen. Joan Ballweg signed to congratulate him on his achievements.

Christmas events in Clintonville

CLINTONVILLE – A day of holiday festivities is planned in Clintonville on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The day starts at the Clintonville Community Center with bingo from 9-11 a.m., followed by a

visit from Santa from noon to 4 p.m.

A Community Stroll is planned in downtown from noon to 4 p.m., with hot drinks, shopping and horse-drawn wagon rides.

The Christmas Parade

starts at 4:30 p.m. at 16th Street, goes south on Main Street to Fifth Street.

In addition to the high school band and color guard, there will be floats.

This year's parade theme is "Festive Family Films."



4-H officers

The Woodland Badgers 4-H Club elected club officers. The 2023-24 officers are, from left, FRONT: Chris Havlik-Historian, Bryce Burmeister-Reporter and Owen Burmeister-Sunshine; BACK: Bella Havlik-Treasurer, Hailey Burmeister-Vice-President, Dillon VanStraten-Secretary and Tori Havlik-President.

Submitted Photo

Waupaca County sheriff's report

- Nov. 27 – Faulks Brothers Construction reported a suspicious vehicle parked on their property.
- Nov. 27 – A Waupaca woman on Center Street reported a suspicious blue Ford F150 parked in a driveway and then it moved to the caller's driveway. When the caller tried to take a photo of the vehicle, it sped off on County Trunk E toward Ogdensburg.
- Nov. 27 – A caller reported a juvenile sent photos of his or her wrists, which looked cut up and there was blood everywhere.
- Nov. 27 – A Waupaca man on Shambeau Trace reported he was not home but his paralyzed wife called him and told him their dog was "barking loud and weird." She suspected there could be something or someone outside the house.
- Nov. 28 – An anonymous caller reported a farmer was in the process of selling some cattle. One cow was sold and its calf was left behind. The caller thought the calf might starve to death since it was unable to nurse.
- Nov. 28 – Northport Convenience Store reported a young male trying to use a fake ID.
- Nov. 28 – A Waupaca caller on State Street reported her sister's ex-boyfriend showed up and caused a disturbance.
- Nov. 28 – A Waupaca caller on Lindee Lane reported her daughter was intoxicated and was becoming disorderly.
- Nov. 28 – A New London woman on Pine Ridge Drive reported an "older, junky-looking truck" was parked in her driveway. It was unoccupied and full of items.
- Nov. 28 – ACR Repo reported they were repossessing a black 2008 Lancer.
- Nov. 28 – A Clintonville woman on County Trunk C reported the death of a man who had difficulty breathing.
- Nov. 28 – A New London caller on Kanaman Road reported hearing a gunshot at 9:35 p.m. near her address.
- Nov. 28 – ACR Repo reported they were repossessing a brown 2012 Infinity and a 2021 Heartland North Trail camper.
- Nov. 28 – A New London woman on Stage Road reported there were trespass-

- ers wearing masks and hooded sweatshirts on her property "running around and trying to get chemicals in the house through the walls."
- Nov. 29 – A Waupaca man on Long Cove Drive reported a suspicious Buick LeSabre that had been parked there for more than a week.
- Nov. 29 – A male caller reported a cabin was on fire.
- Nov. 29 – A Waupaca woman on Ashley Court reported the neighbor's dog was barking "all hours of the day and night" for the past six months.
- Nov. 29 – A Weyauwega woman on Galilee road reported her adjustable ladder was stolen.
- Nov. 29 – A Greenfield man reported someone with a trailer was stealing things from a cabin.
- Nov. 29 – Statewide Recovery reported they would be repossessing a red 2020 Jeep Renegade.
- Nov. 29 – A Manawa caller on Spring Creek Road requested an officer to help with a disorderly woman who was throwing rocks at a vehicle. She was previously trying to destroy the inside of the vehicle.
- Nov. 29 – Repossessors Plus reported they were repossessing a 2020 Ford Escape and a 2016 Chevy Cruze.
- Nov. 30 – A Manawa caller on County Trunk BB reported a destroyed mailbox, along with evidence of tire tracks and car parts. The caller thought it was intentional.
- Nov. 30 – The town of Caledonia requested extra patrol because of speeders in the area.
- Nov. 30 – A Waupaca man on Mynard Road reported a suspicious unoccupied Buick parked in the roadway for the past two days.
- Nov. 30 – An anonymous caller reported that a man was drinking alcohol in violation of his bond terms.
- Nov. 30 – The New London School District reported a car passed by a school bus with its stop sign arm extended.
- Nov. 30 – An anonymous caller reported the driver of a blue late-model Ford F350 was "exchanging stuff with random people at random times." The truck drove to Crystal Road and then toward County Trunk E.

- Dec. 1 – A Manawa caller on East View Drive reported her neighbor "cut the cord" on the caller's Christmas decorations. They had an ongoing issue concerning the trees along their property line.
- Dec. 1 – The Wisconsin Veterans Home in King reported a resident was potentially neglected by a staff member.
- Dec. 1 – An Iola woman on Keatings Lake Drive reported her neighbor goes onto another person's property to cut evergreens to decorate his driveway.
- Dec. 2 – A Waupaca man on Main Street reported men using a walk-behind trench digger cut the internet line. The men did not speak English and left the area.
- Dec. 2 – A Waupaca woman on Southwood Drive reported finding some suspicious things in a camper, possibly drugs.
- Dec. 2 – A female caller reported her 90-year-old father was scammed out of \$1,500.
- Dec. 2 – A Fremont man on County Trunk W reported hearing gunshots and explosions from behind his house and said it was constant all day long.
- Dec. 3 – A Manawa man on Diane Court reported a bullet went through his garage door.
- Dec. 3 – A Manawa man on State Highway 22 reported the theft of a chainsaw from the Thershere grounds. The theft was caught on video.
- Dec. 3 – A New London caller on Oakwood Lane reported her ex was harassing, threatening and calling her names via Family Wizard, a co-parenting app for child custody situations.
- Dec. 3 – The Chain O' Lakes Bar & Grill reported four men were fighting inside.
- There were many deer-auto collisions but not as many as the previous three weeks. Six controlled burns were called in. During the week-end snowfall there were numerous crashes and vehicles going into the ditch. One "loose bovine" was reported. A caller reported there were cows in her driveway and she "blocked them in" with her vehicle.

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New London & Hortonville NEWS



Library donation

New London Lions recently presented the New London Public Library a check for \$10,000. It is the second installment of a three-year commitment totaling \$30,000. The Lions support the library's move to the former First State Bank building. The move will give the library much needed space and it will also give the New London Public Museum more space for their displays. Shown, from left, are Steve Dyreson, Tom Schmude, Virginia Schlais, Ann Hunt, Connie Zolkoske and Steve Hart. In addition, the Lions also donated \$500 to the library for large print books. Submitted photo



Old School

Sylvia Stern assists 10-year old Jason Berg with a Christmas craft project inside the historic Triangle School House, Saturday, Dec. 2. Members of the New London Heritage Historical Society also hosted activities inside the Village Church, Railroad Depot, Octagon House and settler's log cabin. John Faucher Photo

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Big FFA win for Hudziak

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA - Cody Hudziak took first place at the 96th National FFA Convention in his proficiency area for vegetable production.

On Nov. 3, Hudziak traveled to Indianapolis to receive his award. He beat out other FFA competitors from across the country, many from southern and western states.

"I went against some really good competition. Being on stage in front of 30 or 40 thousand people and having your name announced is an overwhelming feeling," he said.

Hudziak has no idea things would play out like that when he went into Weyauwega-Fremont High School during an in-service day earlier this year. It was mid-September and the school was quiet and empty. During his time in high school he got third and fourth places at the state level for his proficiency area for vegetable production.

This year in June Hudziak earned first place in the state of Wisconsin.

State officials reviewed his work and in late August he learned he was a national finalist, one of the top four in the nation.

In the quiet high school, he logged onto a computer to be interviewed remotely by four different experts across the country.

His proficiency application was 29-pages long and it was based on his time growing lettuce in a hydroponics systems and he rounded out his experience while working at Del



Cody Hudziak took first place at the 96th National FFA Convention for his proficiency area in vegetable production. He accepted his award on November 3 in Indianapolis. Submitted Photo

Monte where he developed expertise in growing green beans, carrots, potatoes and beets.

"They were pretty intense interviews. They judge you on how well you actually know what you said in your application," he said.

The four experts grilled him for 2 1/2 hours.

"I was nervous before it started but felt pretty good afterwards," said Hudziak.

He did not grow up on a farm but was always interested in agriculture.

"I always thought it was interesting seeing farmers driving their tractors and at a young age I said that's what I want to do," he said.

When he was 13, he milked cows for a local farmer and he joined FFA in seventh grade and participated in every activity he could.

During his freshmen year,

Hudziak (pronounced 'who jack') studied aquaponics systems and built four grow towers where he grew lettuce.

After graduation he worked for Del Monte Foods in Plover where he worked as a seed planning assistance and field scout. He was in charge of handling seed for 22,000 acres and driving around the central sands region of Wisconsin and checking on root crops for insects and diseases.

He is also a licensed pesticide applicator for fruit and vegetable crops.

Hudziak is a second-year student at Fox Valley Technical College and will graduate with degrees in precision agriculture and agronomy. He plans on becoming a certified crop advisor. Hudziak still advises W-F students on the aquaponics system.

Red Cross plans blood drive

WEYAUWEGA - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Weyauwega City Hall, 109 E. Main St.

To make an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Weyauwega.

New London OKs 2024 city budget

City expects future growth

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON - Due to recent and anticipated economic development, New London is growing its tax base.

In his 2024 budget message, City Administrator Chad Hoerth noted the recently formed Tax Incremental Financing Districts (TIF) "that the city created are seeing successes."

Hoerth said the Celestial Hills apartments in TIF 4 are expected to be completed in early 2024.

"The developer at that point will be changing focus to the single-family housing developments adjacent to the new apartments," Hoerth said.

Other projects include the headquarters for First State Bank and the development agreement with SC Swiderski for a \$17.2 million downtown apartment complex along the Wolf River.

"Many different options and plans were developed over the past 15 years during the time the city owned this property and it's great to see a plan come to fruition for this parcel," Hoerth said regarding Swiderski's apartment project.

The city also began its revitalization of downtown New London.

Work began in 2023 on replacing the water and sewer lines on North Water Street and creating an additional 78 off-street parking spaces in downtown.

In 2024, the city will con-

tinue work on North Water Street by improving sidewalk, curb and gutter, street surface, storm sewer utilities and street lighting.

"The sidewalks in this area will be widened slightly to promote additional pedestrian accommodations like planters and sidewalk dining," Hoerth said. "Downtown New London will most certainly have a transformed look by the end of 2024."

Increased state aid, inflation's impact

After nearly two decades of declining funds, New London elected officials and city staff worked with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities in lobbying for increased state shared revenues.

"Those declines along with some of the strictest levy limits in the country have forced the city to make cuts which provided challenges to maintain services," Hoerth said. "Luckily, those efforts came to fruition as increases were made to the program."

However, "high inflation costs are eating up the majority of that additional shared revenue keeping the operating budget tight," he said.

New London will see its State Shared Revenue increase by \$446,008 in 2024, totaling \$2.6 million.

"However, a loss of \$118,621 in revenue is anticipated from a \$87,960 decrease in utility payments in lieu of taxes and a \$30,661 decrease in state highway aids," Hoerth noted in his budget message.

In 2023, New London's general operating levy was \$2.98 million. The proposed operating levy for 2024 is \$3 million.

Total General Fund operational expenses for the year 2024 are budgeted to increase by 4.55% or \$384,138 out of a total budget of \$8.8 million.

Debt service

The city will have a debt service levy of just under \$1.05 million in 2024.

Debt service payments for 2024 include among multiple projects general obligation debt on the city garage and riverwall in 2016, pool upgrades at the New London Aquatic & Fitness Center project in 2017, the Division Street project in 2018, work on Werner-Allen Boulevard and a new roof on city hall in 2021, downtown reconstruction and a fire truck in 2022.

Mill rates

Under the proposed budget, New London homeowners in Waupaca County could see their city property tax rate rise from \$1.91 to \$10.25 per \$1,000 of value.

This will result in a \$68.29 tax increase on a \$200,000 home.

Outagamie County taxpayers could see their tax rate increase from \$9.87 to \$10.20 per \$1,000, resulting in an increase of \$67.16 for a \$200,000 home.

New London Common Council approved the 2024 city budget at its Nov. 28 meeting.

Rookies score at Science Olympiad

WEYAUWEGA - Nine Weyauwega-Fremont High School students competed Dec. 3, at the 17th annual Boyceville Science Olympiad Invitational.

Boyceville is a town between Eau Claire and the Twin Cities. It was the first time these students participated in such an event and they placed eighth out of 16 Division 2 teams. A total of 63 teams competed in-person at the Boyceville High School.

Students Norah Gray, Emma Hansen, Alyssa Linders, Ava Loehrke, Seth Malueg, Grace Muench, Phillip Sasman, Parker Scherg and Lauren Wisner made up the team and were coached by W-F science teachers Kyle Easter and Nick Winn. Easter is a new teacher at W-F High School and he got the school involved in the Science Olympiad.

Norah Gray took fifth place in anatomy and physiology. Alyssa Linders got fifth place in astronomy and fifth place in forestry. Lauren Wisner and Grace Muench got sixth place in codebusters. Seth Malueg and Parker Scherg got fifth place in detector building.

Grace Muench and Ava Loehrke got first place in mystery architecture. Seth Malueg and Parker Scherg took third place in optics. Grace Muench and Emma Hansen got fifth place in towers. Seth Malueg and Parker Scherg got sixth place in wind power.

They will compete again at Medford High School in January before the regional tournament in February.

The team hopes to do well enough at the regional tournament to qualify for the state tournament at UW-Stevens Point in April 2024.



The first-ever W-F Science Olympiad team brought home awards. In front L-R: Coach Winn, Ava Loehrke, Lauren Wisner, Parker Scherg, Seth Malueg and Emma Hanson. In back L-R: Coach Easter, Phillip Sasman, Alyssa Linders, Nora Gray, and Grace Muench. Submitted Photo

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For more information, contact or reply by résumé to Craig Hayes, District Administrator, Wild Rose School District Administration, 600 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 276, Wild Rose, WI 54984; Phone: 920-622-4203; E-mail: hayesc@wildroseschools.org

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Neumann ready to hang up her notebook, camera

BY GREG SEUBERT
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Government meetings, controversial issues and state championships.

They've all been a part of a day's work for Holly Neumann.

The Iola resident's run as a staff writer covering the Iola, Scandinavia and Manawa areas for the Waupaca County Post, New London Press Star and Clintonville Tribune-Gazette is over, as she is officially retiring.

Her last day is Friday, Dec. 8.

"When I first started, someone from the County Post called and asked if I'd be interested in taking pictures for them," Neumann said. "I had been doing it for a few months and asked about doing a story for them because there was a benefit going on in Manawa for a family that was going to be adopting a child from out of the country. They asked me why I was interested in it and I told them because I was adopted, too. They told me to go ahead and that was the first story I ever wrote."

"That first story wasn't really hard because it was a human interest story, but the next story they had me do was at a heated school board meeting in Iola," she said. "That was awful. (Senior Editor Bob Cloud) called me up and we went over the story on the phone. He taught me how to organize things and write the story correctly."

Covering school board meetings was only part of Neumann's job. She also photographed hundreds of Iola-Scandinavia and Manawa sporting events over the years, wrote feature stories and eventually spent the last three summers in charge of Picture Post,

a weekly publication featuring the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes area.

Iola connections

Neumann grew up in the Iola area and knows a lot of local residents personally. She would often get story ideas or tips through a telephone call or email.

"It was easy in Iola because I know so many people," she said. "Manawa has been extremely welcoming to me over the years. One year, they gave me a Manawa sweatshirt so I could wear it to events that I was attending at the school. When I first got there, there was a lack of trust. They had some bad experiences in the past. They had an event one time where they were giving Christmas care packages to people. The lady there refused to do an interview. I said, 'Why?' She said, 'It's going to be reported incorrectly.' She finally agreed, as long as I let her read it first. She read it, hugged me and thanked me. Making those steps, building those relationships and gaining their trust is all a part of that. To see them welcome me as one of their own was a good feeling."

Neumann began working for Multi Media Channels 2009 until 2020 and returned in 2021.

"I noticed there were less things in the paper about the Iola, Scandinavia and Manawa areas," she said. "I asked if I could start writing again and Bob gave me permission."

Soon after she came back, Multi Media Channels General Manager Dave Wood wanted to meet with her.

"Initially, I thought I did something wrong and he asked if I'd do the Picture Post," she said. "This was my



Holly Neumann will officially retire in December from her part-time position as a staff reporter and photographer for the Waupaca County Post, New London Press Star and Clintonville Tribune-Gazette. In addition to covering news and sports in and around Iola-Scandinavia and Manawa, she also edited and took photos for the Picture Post from 2021-23.

Greg Seubert Photo

third summer, so that would have been 2021."

She and her husband, Tony, would head out in their boat on the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes to shoot photos.

"It was a lot more work than I anticipated," Neumann said. "When you're doing a story, you interview a person. When you're out taking pictures for that publication, you have to talk to lots of people. I spent a lot of time walking around at local businesses, the state park, beaches, anywhere there was some kind of summer activity. I spent a lot of time on rainy days going to downtown businesses and getting some pictures there."

Difficult decision

The decision to retire wasn't an easy one to make, accord-

ing to Neumann.

"We had talked about it for about a year," she said. "There's been a lot going on the past few years in our family. I lost my dad and my brother. My son has some health things going on and one son's deployed. Through all that, you learn the value of family, friendship and life. I decided it was time. My mom is getting older, so I can have that time with her. Our oldest grandson is graduating this year and the next one's just starting high school."

Neumann's story subjects over the years include Kristian Welch, an Iola-Scandinavia High School graduate who was recently added to the Green Bay Packers' roster.

"I've known him since he was a little boy," she said. "Some of the bigger newspapers did stories on him, yet he

was willing to give me his time to share his journey with me. You build that trust with those people and it's a good feeling. As a smaller newspaper, we get a little more insight into some of those stories because we know them on a more personal level."

One of the athletes Neumann has taken photos of is Little Wolf High School sophomore Olivia Tomko-Santos.

"She came up to me at the end of her basketball season last year and said, 'Thank you for being here,'" she said. "I said, 'What?' She said, 'I really appreciate you being here, taking our pictures and having them in the paper.' The funny part was, I went back to look at the paper and it wasn't her picture in the paper, it was one of her teammates. That was important to her. It was very flattering that that moment happened. People are losing out on those opportunities when they're not submitting things to the paper or letting people know what's going on."

Neumann believes it's important for small communi-

ties like Iola, Scandinavia and Manawa to have news coverage.

"I was an athlete when I was a teenager," she said. "I remember getting the paper and looking for pictures and stats from whatever I was in. I don't think people understand how important a small-town paper is. I recently found a scrapbook that was my mother's. There's page after page of article clippings in this book of hers. She had her dance classes or events that happened when she was in school. I have a book that has all my sports stories. You don't see that anymore. When kids today are becoming young adults and moving on in their lives, they're not going to have those newspaper stories to look back on."

Although Neumann's reporting and photography days are coming to an end, she is grateful for the opportunity.

"I'm glad that they took a chance on me because I had no experience when I came here," she said. "I think I've worked hard and earned their respect over the years."



Hugs for Santa

Santa Claus gets a big hug from 5-year-old Nicolas VandeVoort Dec. 2 during Santa's annual visit to Iola for the community's Christmas parade.

Holly Neumann Photo

Manawa NEWS

Sign improvements eyed for Triangle Park

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – A group of concerned citizens and organizations are uniting to update and rededicate the sign at Triangle Park.

The project is in conjunction with Manawa's sesquicentennial celebration in August 2024.

The Manawa Federated Women's Club erected the current sign in 1986. The hope is to refurbish and update the sign giving all churches, clubs and civic organizations in the Manawa School District an opportunity to be represented and recognized.

FineLee Finished Carpentry of Manawa will refurbish the sign and the Little Wolf High School Art Department is painting the logos to be mounted on the sign.

A double-sided digital sign made by Creative Sign Co. of De Pere will be added to the park to announce meeting dates and special events for all of the churches, clubs and organizations represented on the sign.

It will also provide an opportunity for any other individuals, organizations or companies to promote their



Members of the Triangle Park Committee stand in front for the community sign that will be refurbished as part of updates to the park, located in downtown Manawa.

Holly Neumann Photo

special event.

The Melvin Handrich Historical Marker will be relocated to Manawa Area Veterans Freedom Park.

The Triangle Park Renovation Committee will unveil the community and digital sign during the sesquicentennial Celebration, to be held the first weekend of August.

"We feel that the upcoming 150th anniversary is an excellent time to embrace the celebration's theme of Hometown Proud," committee member Mary Mann said. "The community sign will continue to recognize

distinguished members of our community and it will also showcase the many active organizations. The digital sign will help to create and promote awareness for the upcoming events that are available for the community and the public to attend and enjoy."

The project will cost \$75,000.

Churches, civic organizations and clubs within the Manawa School District can have their logo represented

on the community sign for a one-time fee of \$250. This will also entitle them to cost-free advertising of their events on the digital sign.

For a fee, the digital sign will also announce special events and announcements for clubs, organizations and businesses not represented on the community sign.

Donations to the project from individuals, organizations or businesses can be directed to manawatrianglepark@gmail.com or by contacting Mann at 920-540-7589.

The Triangle Park Renovation Committee is also actively seeking nominations of present or past residents of Manawa that have received noteworthy state and/or national recognition, titles and awards to be recognized on the community sign.

Checks from individuals, organizations or businesses can be sent to Manawa Revitalization Committee (Triangle Park), P.O. Box 130, Manawa, WI 54949.

MRFD starts Explorer program

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa Rural Fire Department will offer an Explorer program for high school students between the ages of 16–18 that essentially allows them to become members of the department and participate in a specific number of activities.

"The purpose is to try and spark interest in students who might be interested in joining the fire department and get an inside view of what it's like," fire chief Josh Smith.

Candidates must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. Participants will assigned to an officer of the department for guidance; receive gear; and be allowed to attend meetings, trainings, vehicle inspections and even assist in some incidents indicated through the program description.

"The ideal candidate will have that special spark that it takes to want to do something like we all do, some-

one that always wants to help someone, but sometimes can't think of a way to do so," Smith said.

The hope is that participants will eventually become a member of a fire department, according to Smith.

"It doesn't have to be the MRFD," he said. "If we can help spark something in them, then we will have done our part."

The department will cover the costs of the program.

"If you've ever wanted to be a part of something special, help others that need it or just ever had the childhood dream of being a firefighter, here is the perfect opportunity to see what it's like to be a part of a special kind of family," Smith said.

Forms are available at Manawa Middle School/Little Wolf High School for anyone interested. Interested parties can also contact the department at 920-596-2593, send email to manawafd@wolfnet.net or message the department's Facebook page.

Open house set

An open house to celebrate the retirement of Sturm Memorial Library director Ellen Connor (right) will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the library in Manawa. A light lunch will be served from noon to 2 p.m. Connor's service and dedication to the community spanned 34 1/2 years and the open house is also an opportunity to meet the library's new director, Sue Vater Olsen (left). Submitted Photo



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A **part-time reporter** is needed to cover Iola, Scandinavia and Manawa.

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Obituary Notices

Weber, James

James M. Weber, age 63 of Ogdensburg, passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2023. He was born on September 7, 1960 to the late Charles and Mary (Roberts) Weber. James enjoyed fishing, attending demolition derbies, traveling and building things in his shop.

He is survived and will be missed by his wife, Glenda; children: Lucas Weber of Weyauwega, Carie Hansen of DePere and Holly (Mike, Jr.) Wegener of Manawa; a brother, Chuck; a sister, Sandy; three granddaughters and three grandsons.

James was preceded in death by his son, JJ; and four sisters: Adelia, Patricia, Kathy and Rita. Private family services will be held.

Fronczak, John



John Fronczak, age 70, of Weyauwega, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 27, 2023, surrounded by family.

John was born in New London on February 20, 1953, to Gordon and Hilda Fronczak. John assisted his parents on the family farm until his father's passing in 1977. From there John found his calling working for J.R. Larson in the scrap yard. He could be found riding his bike every day to and from work. It didn't matter what the weather conditions were. He worked there until the early 2000's when it was sold. He then worked for Naptuck Salvage as a lead scrap yard attendant. In John's free time, he had many hobbies. Gardening was his passion though. "This is the year I'm not going to have a big garden," is what he would say at the beginning of each year, and by the end it was huge. His second passion was duck and goose hunting with his family. He also would never turn down the opportunity to throw a game of horseshoes - he will truly be missed on the Wednesday night leagues. John enjoyed watching his grandkids and nephews play sports, especially wrestling. He was an avid deer hunter as well. John was a very kind and gentle man, helping anyone that needed it.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Hilda Fronczak; brothers-in-law: Eugene Hansen, Charles Vaughan, Gene Nelson. He is survived by his children: Carl Fronczak and Chad Fronczak (Robin); his grandchildren: Jaiden Fronczak, Claire Fronczak, and Katelyn Long. John also is survived by his brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, as well as many nieces and nephews.

There will not be a formal service for John, but a visitation to celebrate his life will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 4-7 pm at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Weyauwega.

Gleisner, Andrew



Andrew J. Gleisner, age 75 of the Township of Matteson, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday evening November 28, 2023 at his home.

Andrew "Andy" Joseph Gleisner was born September 24, 1948 in Marshfield, WI; son to the late Louis & Martha (Fuchs) Gleisner. He attended U.W. Madison, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture. After moving to Clintonville in 1971, he worked for Wanta's Floral; later working at

Walker Forge for 25 years until his retirement. He was united in marriage to Sharon "Sheri" M. Zierke on January 2, 1969 in Menominee, MI. In 1975, the couple moved to a 40 acre farm which they turned into a public garden, which they ran for over 20 years. Andy and Sheri welcomed their son, Ut into the family in 1991 and their daughter Shamla in 1992. In addition to loving horticulture, he loved his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Sharon "Sheri" Gleisner
Children: Shamla (David) Laabs, New London & Ut Gleisner, Clintonville

Grandchildren: Pria, Premal, & Premadhar Laabs
Brothers: Jim (Maggie) Gleisner, Richard (Mary) Gleisner, John (Barbara) Gleisner, Charles (Laurette) Gleisner, Donald (Barbara) Gleisner, Michael (Kathy) Gleisner, & David (Deanne) Gleisner

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Prisha Laabs; sisters, Carol & Mary Gleisner in infancy; and a brother, Robert Gleisner.

As per Andy's wishes, a private remembrance will be held at a later date.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville is assisting the Gleisner family in their time of need.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Jensen, Constance



Constance Jeane Jensen, 78, of Waupaca passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023. She was born in Waupaca, Wisconsin on May 24, 1945 to Alvin and Jeane (Harris) Beyersdorf. She was united in marriage on July 20, 1963 to Larry Walter Jensen in Waupaca, Wisconsin. They were blessed with many years together and a countless number of memories.

Connie's love of life didn't come to an end with her passing. Her unconditional love

for her family never wavered. Connie was always involved in all of her children and grandchildren's lives whether it was a game, special event, or coloring and making art projects at her kitchen table. She never missed an opportunity to make memories. She loved doing yardwork and spending time down by the river. If a stray, whether two legs, or four came to her door, it left well fed and loved. Some even made it in the house to stay. Connie's love of life and family will forever be cherished and she lives on in each and every one of us.

Connie is survived by her daughters; Lisa Rae Puls of Waupaca, Jody Ann Severson of Waupaca, Shelley Beth (Richard) Vaughn of Waupaca, grandchildren; Raven Woodward (Brad Schulke), Nicole (Mike) Boucher, Joshua (Samantha) Severson, Cody (Brook) Severson, Taylor (Will) Eichsteadt, Justin (Elly Kleinhans) Vaughn, a sister; Allegra (David) Gullixon of Iola, a brother; Bruce (Barb) Beyersdorf of Iola, her great grandchildren; Bailey, Chloe, Chase, Peyton, Casey-Lynn, Ava, Maverick, Zander, Sophia, and Dakota. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many loving friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Jeane Beyersdorf, her husband, Larry Jensen, a son-in-law, Gordon Puls, and a sister, Sherry Rae.

A Memorial Service for Connie will be held at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, Wisconsin on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:00 PM. A Memorial Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family during their time of need.

Anderson, Judith



Judith A. Anderson, age 81 of Neenah, passed away peacefully on Sunday November 26, 2023. Judy was born on July 15, 1942 in Waupaca daughter of the late Edwin and Lillian (Peterson) Danielsen.

She loved to cook for everyone and even their pets. She also loved to spend time with family and friends. She especially relished her role as grandma. She travelled extensively and played sheephead and other card

games whenever she could.

Judy is survived by her children, Pam (John) Selvig and Tim Anderson; her grandchildren, Andy (Jen) Selvig, Kayla (Gary) Peterson, Carley (Alex) Thomas, Marque Anderson, Molly (Jacob) Severson and Ben Anderson. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren and a sister Karen (Jim) Dimmock. Judy was preceded in death by her husband Lewis, her son Rick Anderson and her granddaughter Kelsea Anderson.

Memorial services for Judy will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Kessler-Fahrenkrug Funeral Home 304 S. Commercial St., Neenah. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. A memorial is being established. www.kesslerfh.com

Miller, Patrick



Patrick S. Miller, a beloved father, grandfather, and owner of a successful painting and chimney sweep business, passed away peacefully on Tuesday November 28th, 2023, at the age of 73. He was born on May 4th, 1950, in Green Bay, WI, son to the late Sidney and Lillian (Roeser) Miller.

Pat dedicated his life to his craft, starting his own painting and chimney sweep business and becoming a respected and skilled owner in

the industry. His work brought vibrancy and beauty to countless homes throughout the community. Pat's attention to detail and genuine, honest, and committed approach to his business earned him the admiration and loyalty of his clients.

He also spent many years working for Wood Renovators where he enjoyed intricate woodworking and refurbishing church pews. He especially enjoyed the company of his friends and coworkers there.

Pat lived his life just the way he wanted to. He took joy in and understood the importance of simple things. He appreciated the beauty of nature and had a love for all animals, especially his "good boy" Lucky.

Pat loved being with his family and friends, whether it be a holiday cookout or a Sunday supper, sharing his wisdom or a great story around the table. He also enjoyed his daily breakfasts at Too-Dars, where he would share a joke or friendly conversation to anyone that would lend an ear. Pat never turned down a good road trip to the casino. Win or lose, a good time was always had by all.

Pat is survived by his daughter Molly (Kody) Shanklin, and his son Kris (Irlanda) Miller, grandson: Jaxon. Sister-in-law: Vicki Miller, Nieces: Tonia and Shawna, special friend: Mary Roe, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother: Mike Miller.

In celebration of Pat's life, a gathering of family and friends will be held on Friday December 8th, 2023, at Voie funeral home in Iola from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. This gathering will provide an opportunity for loved ones to share memories, support one another, and find solace in their collective grieving.

Pat will be sadly missed, but remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Even as we mourn his loss, let us remember to celebrate his life and the profound impact he had on those around him. May his memory bring comfort and inspiration.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff of Heartland Hospice for all of their support and the special care they provided to Pat, and a very special thank you to Dawn, for everything.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the family will be appreciated.
Rest in peace Patrick Sidney Miller

Davis, Erwin



Erwin (Larry) Lawrence Davis 71 years old of Iola, Wisconsin passed away November 19th, 2023. He was born July 21st 1952, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Erwin Lloyd & Patricia (Ervin) Davis.

Due to his father being a military Educational Coordinator, Larry traveled to several countries in Europe from 1958-1961. Larry had fond memories of living in Germany & traveling throughout Europe with his parents and three sisters.

In 1961, his family returned to the U.S. where his father accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools in Genesee County in Flint, Michigan.

Larry often reminisced of his summers spent fishing & hunting at his family's cottage in Lewiston, Michigan.

He graduated from Southwestern High School, Flint, Michigan in 1970.

Larry was a Vietnam War era Veteran and served in the U.S. Army 1972-1974 including a tour in Germany.

In 1982, Larry married Joanne (White) at her family home in Grand Blanc.

In 1983, Larry was working at Flint's Bishop Airport for Midstate Airlines when Larry & Joanne transferred to Stevens Point, Wisconsin where he was asked to take over the freight/cargo department for the Sentry Insurance owned airlines. When the Airlines sold, Larry became a Certified Radio Marketing Consultant for radio-TV. He also was an ambassador for the Portage County Business Council.

In 1992, the Davis Family opened their Adult Family Home helping many disabled adults over the years.

Larry was blessed to be able to live out his dream raising his two children & rebuilding a 40 acre hobby farm, where he set up his first deer camp.

In 2009, Larry moved his family to Iola, Wisconsin to pursue their passion for lakeside living. He was also fortunate to purchase another 40 acres of land where he set up his family's generational deer camp in Pine Grove with son, Clay.

Larry loved being a Husband and Father. He created many great memories spending time with his two children and six grandchildren.

He loved music, cooking, fishing, hunting, following politics, and the occasional road trip with Joanne. He was also known to face life with a great sense of humor.

Larry is survived by his wife Joanne; son Erwin "Clay" (Amanda) Davis of Fox Crossing, daughter Lydia (Sean) Higgins of Iola; grandchildren Aiden & Emma Davis; Mason, Logan, Lauryn, and Loretta Higgins; sisters Peggy (Toby) Millard & Nancy (Denny) Walters as well as many nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial is planned with burial at Iola Riverside Cemetery.

Dahlke Funeral Home is assisting the family with all arrangements.

Williamson, Claire



Claire Elaine Williamson, 63, of Clintonville, Wisconsin passed away at her home on December 3, 2023 after a long illness. Her sister, Nance, and her brother Bill were at her side. Claire, daughter of Donna (Odenborg) and John L. Williamson was born on November 23, 1960 in Clintonville. She graduated from Clintonville High School in 1979 and went to University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, earning a degree in Dance Performance.

After graduating she co-owned a dance studio in Green Bay. She briefly attended University of Minnesota, but then transferred to SMU in Dallas, TX, where she earned a MFA in Dance from Meadows School of the Arts in 1986. While in Dallas she began choreographing, including dances for the Dallas Theater Center, as well as a performance art piece in Deep Ellum, Dances with Turkeys.

Claire also worked with the developmentally handicapped in Dallas. After a brief stint to Los Angeles, she returned to Clintonville in the early 90's. Claire helped look after her grandmother Ebba Odenborg and began teaching at Clintonville High School. She choreographed and directed many shows there. She was also, improbably, the technical director for the lighting and sound system. Her teaching led her to work in Appleton at Renaissance School for the Arts, Kaleidoscope and Appleton North. Some of her shows included: The Little Mermaid, A Christmas Carol, Guys and Dolls, The King and I, Newsies, Phantom of the Opera and many others.

Claire also curled and had the distinction of never losing a mixed doubles match.

She is survived by her parents, John and Donna Williamson, of Clintonville, WI; sister Nance Williamson Rhoads (Kurt Rhoads) of Garrison, NY; brother Bill Williamson (Lara Rubbelke) and nephews Jack and Tom Williamson of Roseville, MN; Aunt Karen (Odenborg) Elliot of Bossier City, LA and many cousins. Preceding her in death is her sister Jean Williamson; her grandparents, Ebba and Sidney Odenborg and Ethel and Raymond Williamson; and her uncle and aunt Bob and Marie Williamson.

Claire's love of dogs was profound, she rescued and cared for them as cherished members of her family. In lieu of flowers, the family will create a memorial fund for the humane society.

A memorial gathering will take place on Monday December 11, 2023 at 10 am at Eberhardt and Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory (South Location, 299 S. Main Street) in Clintonville. A time of remembrance and sharing will begin at 11 am with a lunch following. The family is grateful for the assistance and care provided by Unity Hospice. Eberhardtstevenson.com

Schroeder, William



William J. "Bill" Schroeder, age 78, of Chilton, died on November 28, 2023, at TheDacare Regional Medical Center in Appleton. He was born August 20, 1945, in Waupaca, WI, son of the late Gordon "Bus" and Lenore "Speed" Schroeder. On October 2, 2004, he married Janet "Jan" Schabach.

Bill lived his life honorably, always believing and doing what was right. Included in this character he held his family above everything else

in the world, never missing a sporting event, concert, reunion, or birthday party. Bill's love of animals awarded a caring home to many dogs and even a couple of horses. Through the years he enjoyed taking rides on his motorcycle and traveling with Jan, going as far as Ireland and Italy. Closer to home, he had an enthusiasm for storytelling as an avid reader and movie goer. Taking part in thousands of cribbage games or doing a word jumble in the newspaper kept his mind sharp to the end. Above the love he had for family and friends, Bill's pride and joy was his red 2007 Ford GT500 Shelby Cobra Mustang convertible.

Bill is survived by his wife, Janet; his children: Bill (Jane) Schroeder, Melissa (Scott) McConnell, Jeffrey (Alicia) Schroeder, and Laura (Christopher) Schneider; step-children: Michelle (Craig) Piepenburg, Jeremy (Aimee) Hostettler, and Ellen (Joe) Petrie; 10 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; siblings: Miralee (Wayne) Much, Kevin (Nancy) Schroeder, and Kim (Mary) Schroeder; and a sister-in-law: Joyce Diedrich.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Lenore; and a brother-in-law: Jerry Diedrich.

A celebration of Bill's life took place at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at the Wieting Family Funeral Home (411 W. Main St.) in Chilton, with Pastor Mark Peterson officiating. The family invited everyone to join them for a social hour from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the funeral home on the day of service. At the time of the service and following, there will be a link available for those wishing to watch a memorial video, or see pictures of the flowers and gifts given to the family on their website page provided through wietingfuneralhome.com

Waldhart, Shirley



Shirley J. Waldhart of Appleton, age 92, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2023 with her family by her side. She was born in Marshfield, WI on August 13, 1931 to the late Glenn and Margaret (Niman) Shupe. On January 7, 1956 she married Gilbert Waldart, he preceded her in death on May 14, 2020. Shirley was a pediatric nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton. She was an active member of United Methodist Church in Wild

Rose. After retirement she was a member of Riverside Auxiliary. Shirley was the best ever cook and baker. She enjoyed reading, knitting, sewing, feeding the birds and working on crossword puzzles.

She will be missed by her daughters: Debra (Dan) Pire; Laurie Jensen; grandchildren: Travis (Stacy) Pire, Danielle (Kurt) Edinger, Benjamin Pire, Brianna (Ted) Jensen Hagen, Brock (Kahla) Jensen; great grandchildren: Owen, Jack, Eli, Elsie, Jace, Rex, Kalyn and Kashton; brother: Bruce (Wanda) Shupe, other relatives and friends. In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by a brother, Bill (Elizabeth) Shupe.

The Funeral Service will be on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 11 a.m. at United Methodist Church, 225 Summit St., Wild Rose. The visitation will be on Friday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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Wrestlers find success in Little Chute, Antigo

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – A pair of area wrestling teams stood out at their respective season-opening meets Dec. 2.

Weyauwega-Fremont had five champions and won the Sgt. Nick Mueller Memorial Invitational in Little Chute, while Waupaca returned home from the John Roberts Invitational in Antigo with a pair of individual champions.

Sgt. Nick Mueller Memorial Invitational

LITTLE CHUTE – The Warhawks sent nine wrestlers to the finals of the 15-team tournament and had five champions.

Weyauwega-Fremont won the invitational with 271 1/2 points, followed by Wrightstown (217); West De Pere (125); Omro

(109); Gillett/Suring (107.5); Little Chute (94); Mishicot (81); Green Bay Preble (79.5); Laconia (79); Marinette (78.5); Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian (53); New Holstein and Wautoma/Wild Rose (40); Tri-County (38); and Green Bay West/Southwest (20).

“The team wrestled very well all day,” coach Tim Potratz said. “Our practices have been very upbeat and the kids are in good shape

for an early-season tournament. It was fun to see the kids compete and have fun together. The team race was between W-F and Wrightstown from start to finish. We had a strong semifinal round that opened up a lead that held to the end.”

Freshman Jaydon LeNoble won the 106-pound championship with a win over Wrightstown’s Easton Felchlin; Riley Scherg won the 120-pound title with a pin of Omro’s Mason Boerner; Aiden Marquette won the 144-pound weight class with a pin of Little Chute’s Trenton Behling; Carter McDaniel won the 175-pound championship by pinning Green Bay West/Southwest’s Pierce DeMars; and Vanden Hoffman won the 285-pound title with a pin of Lourdes Academy/

Valley Christian’s Hunter Stelzer.

Josue Azura (113), Alex Loehrke (150), Connor Johnson (157) and Tellyer Alix (190) also made the finals.

Other Weyauwega-Fremont wrestlers that placed included Carter Birdyshaw (third, 138); Caleb Abbey (fourth, 165); Wyatt Wetzel (fifth, 215); and Dewayne Borntrager (sixth, 132). Jake Buss won two matches at 126, but did not place.

Seven Weyauwega-Fremont junior varsity wrestlers headed to Kimberly High School Dec. 1 for an invitational.

Zander Baehman (106), Rylan Konen (113), Zander Bayer (165) and Nolan Schrei (175) placed first; and Cooper Leschke (150) finished second.

Weyauwega-Fremont hosted Berlin and Tomahawk Dec. 5 and will host a six-team, round-robin tournament Friday, Dec. 8.

Teams from New London, Oshkosh West, Neenah, Random Lake and Stratford will also compete and matches will get underway at 4 p.m.

John Roberts Invitational

ANTIGO – Owen Hansen and Caylin Johnson won championships for Waupaca.

Hansen won the boys’ 175-pound championship with a 10-1 major decision over Cameron’s Westin Candler and Johnson pinned all three of her opponents

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Denmark defenders Eli Kapinos and Jaycob Dittmer surround Waupaca’s Henry Mouw Dec. 1 in a North Eastern Conference game at Waupaca High School. Mouw led all players with 24 points and the Comets defeated the Vikings 74-66.

Greg Seubert Photos

Waupaca boys find a way to top Denmark, Menasha

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – After coming up short in its season opener, the Waupaca boys’ basketball team picked up a pair of recent wins over Denmark and Menasha.

The Comets trailed at halftime in both wins, a 74-66 North Eastern Conference victory Dec. 1 over Denmark and a 59-53 win the previous day over the Bluejays.

Waupaca 74, Denmark 66

WAUPACA – The lead changed hands five times in the first half before Denmark took a 39-35 lead into the locker room at the break.

Waupaca took the lead for good at 47-46 on Henry Mouw’s basket. Denmark used a pair of three-pointers from Jack Dewar to tie the game at 55-55 midway through the second half, but the Vikings never regained the lead.

A free throw from Denmark’s Eli Kapinos cut the Comets’ lead to 66-61 with 1:30 remaining in the game, but Waupaca sealed the win from the free-throw line.

Mouw led the Comets with 24 points, while Riley Bechard added 21, Ethan Harms scored 17 and Aaron Wolff finished with 10.

Dewar led Denmark with 17 points.



Waupaca’s Riley Bechard scores two of his 21 points for the Comets in a 74-66 win over Denmark.

Waupaca 59, Menasha 53

MENASHA – The Comets outscored the Bluejays 32-21 in the second half in a nonconference win.

Menasha led 32-27 at halftime.

Mouw and Bechard led Waupaca with 23 and 21 points, respectively, while Wolff chipped in with 12.

Jacob Coopman led Me-

nasha with 14 points.

“It was a competitive, back-and-forth battle throughout the entire game,” coach Matt Resch said. “Our commitment on defense in the second half combined with their length made it hard for Menasha to get a rhythm going.”

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Hortonville’s Julieyn Martin and Mikayla Werner keep Appleton North’s Avery Werfal from finding an open teammate Nov. 30 in a Fox Valley Association game at Hortonville High School. The Polar Bears hit nine three-points in a 71-56 win over the Lightning.

Greg Seubert Photo

Welson makes her point(s) in win over Oshkosh West

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

HORTONVILLE – Rainey Welson’s accomplishments continue to add up for the Hortonville girls’ basketball team.

The junior scored her 1,000th point Nov. 28 in the Polar Bears’ 71-46 win over Oshkosh West and her six three-pointers two days later helped Hortonville hand Appleton North a 71-56 loss.

Hortonville 71, App. North 56

The Polar Bears connected on 13 of 33 three-point attempts Nov. 30 in a win over the Lightning.

Hortonville took a 31-22 lead into the locker room at halftime.

A 13-0 run early in the second half that included a pair of threes from Paige Lillie and one from Mikayla Werner and Welson – turned a 31-24 lead into a 44-24 advantage.

Welson wasn’t finished, as she hit two more three-pointers later in the half and finished with six in the game and a game-high 20 points.

The Polar Bears led by as many as 30 points before the Lightning scored the game’s final 13 points.

Werner added 17 points for the Polar Bears, while Kardyn Pepler and Lillie chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Delaney Peterson led Appleton North with 17 points.

Hortonville 71, Oshkosh West 46

Hortonville outscored the Wildcats 37-28 in the first half and 34-18 in the second to get the win in the conference opener for both teams.

Welson scored her 1,000th point in the second half and went on to lead all scorers with 22 points. Pepler and Werner added 21 and 10 points, respectively.

Braelee Jodarski led the Wildcats with 12 points.

The Polar Bears improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play with the wins and will host Kimberly Friday, Dec. 8. The boys’ game is set for 6 p.m., with the girls’ teams to hit the court at 7:45 p.m.



In traffic

Iola-Scandinavia’s Katie Rosenthal gets trapped between Manawa defenders Dec. 1 in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East girls’ basketball game at Little Wolf High School. Manawa handed the Thunderbirds a 53-33 loss.

Holly Neumann Photo



Waupaca's Ava Widdel holds the ball as teammate Peyton Tuma and a Wautoma defender collide behind her. Greg Seubert Photo

Comets drop pair of home games

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – Denmark handed the Waupaca girls' basketball team a 57-46 North Eastern Conference loss Nov. 30.

The Comets also came up short Nov. 30 in a 50-39 nonconference loss to Wautoma.

Denmark 57, Waupaca 46

Waupaca trailed 27-17 at halftime and didn't have an answer for the Vikings' Kiarrah Micolichak, who led all players with 23 points.

Macie Studzinski led Waupaca with 17 points and Hailey Bechard added eight.

Amelia Van Noie and Allie Van Wonderen also finished in double figures for Denmark with 12

points each.

Wautoma 50, Waupaca 39

The three-point shot turned out to be an effective offensive effort for Wautoma, as the Hornets hit nine of them, including six in the second half.

Alayna Panich's basket gave Wautoma a 7-5 lead in the game's opening minutes and the Hornets never trailed again.

Bryn Gunderson's three-pointer in the closing seconds of the first half gave the Hornets a 24-15 lead at the break.

Wautoma opened the second half with a 14-3 run that included a pair of three-pointers from Panich and one from Montana Groskreutz.

Two more threes from Montana and Aspen Groskreutz gave the Hornets their biggest lead – 45-23 – before the Comets made things interesting down the stretch with their own 15-3 run.

Bechard's three-pointer with 1:10 remaining in the game cut Wautoma's lead to 48-38, but Waupaca never got any closer.

Montana Groskreutz led the Hornets with 16 points, while Panich and Gunderson also finished in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Bechard led Waupaca with 12 points.

The Comets will host Freedom at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, before heading to Oconto Falls Monday, Dec. 11, for a North Eastern matchup at 6 p.m.



The Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team's wrestlers, coaches and managers pose for a photo with the team championship plaque Dec. 2 after the Warhawks won the Sgt. Nick Mueller Memorial Invitational in Little Chute. Submitted Photo

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on the way to the girls' 145-pound championship.

Marathon won the boys' team championship with 305 1/2 points, followed by Hayward (263.5); Abbottsford/Colby (241); Lakeland/Mercer (221.5); Ashland (221); Cameron (199); Antigo (187); Crivitz (176); Wabeno/Laona/Three Lakes (159); Rhinelander (153); Waupaca (139); Rosholt (90); Athens (62.5); Clintonville (61); Menominee Indian (45); and Manawa (33).

Wausau West placed first among girls' teams with 86 1/2 points, followed by Pulaski (84.5); Ashland (82); Cameron (59); Waupaca (38); Rhinelander (37); Antigo (33); Abbottsford/Colby (30 1/2); Lakeland/Mercer and Suring/Gillett (9); Crivitz (6); and Hayward (5). Clintonville, Menominee Indian and Rosholt had incomplete teams.

Waupaca's other wrestlers that placed on the boys' side included Dakotta Thoma (fourth, 190); Ryan Frank (sixth, 132); Joey Mason (eighth, 150); Cooper Pat



Waupaca's Owen Hansen works on Lakeland/Mercer's Kenny Thompson in a 175-pound match Dec. 2 at the John Roberts Invitational in Antigo. Hansen pinned Thompson in 1:03 and went on to win his weight class. Hansen wasn't the only Waupaca wrestler to win a championship at the meet, as Caylin Johnson won the girls' 145-pound title. Greg Seubert Photo

(eighth, 215); Noah Crane (10th, 132); Matt Schmidt (10th, 138); Carter Brown (10th, 157); Logan Nusz (12th, 157); Fisher Ferkett (12th, 165); and Kai Adkinson (13th, 138).

Two other Waupaca wrestlers placed in the girls' side: Breanna Buckholz (fourth, 165); Rylynn Eskildsen (fifth, 185).

Clintonville and Manawa had several wrestlers place in the boys' competition.

Wrestlers placing for

Clintonville included Landon Robenhagen (fourth, 144); Kaleb Killips (sixth, 106); Ryan Huss (seventh, 144); Owen Hertel (10th, 215); Myles Pluger (11th, 132); Hugo Hernandez (11th, 157); Parker Phillips (14th, 285); Ethan Huss (14th, 126); Gary Moore (18th, 285); and Jayden Ebert (21st, 175).

Manawa's Kaiden Lew placed sixth at 285 and Isaiah Schuelke placed eighth at 120.

T-Birds split first two games

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The Iola-Scandinavia boys' basketball team is now 1-1 on the season after splitting its first two games.

Almond-Bancroft defeated the Thunderbirds 58-52 opener Nov. 30 in the T-Birds' home opener.

Iola-Scandinavia also opened the season Nov. 28 with a 58-32 win over Pittsville.

A-B 58, I-S 52

IOLA – Almond-Bancroft outscored the T-Birds 23-18 in the first half and 35-34 in the second.

Robert Opperman and Carter Melum led the T-Birds with 16 and 15 points, respectively, while Ayden Phillips led the Eagles with 23.

I-S 58, Pittsville 32

PITTSVILLE – The T-Birds held the Panthers to six points in the first half.



Iola-Scandinavia's Korz Loken keeps Almond-Bancroft's Shane Klismith out of the lane. Holly Neumann Photo

Iola-Scandinavia then added to its 30-6 halftime lead by outscoring the home team 28-26 the rest of the way.

Alex Robbins led the T-Birds with 14 points, while Melum, Opperman and Korz Loken added 13, 11 and 10, respectively.

Jacob Hardinger and

Ben Friday led Pittsville with nine points each.

Iola-Scandinavia opened Central Wisconsin Conference-East play Dec. 5 against Wittenberg-Birnwood and will head to Keshena Friday, Dec. 8, for a 7 p.m. CWC-East matchup with Menominee Indian.

Manawa girls top Iola-Scandinavia

BY HOLLY NEUMANN
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – A strong defensive effort helped the Manawa girls' basketball team open Central Wisconsin Conference-East play Dec. 1 with a win.

The Wolves held Iola-Scandinavia to 13 points in the first half and went on to post a 53-33 win over the Thunderbirds.

Manawa headed to the locker room at halftime with a 30-13 lead and the Wolves outscored the T-Birds 23-20 the rest of the way.

Marilyn Klatt and Cassie Arndt led Manawa with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Ava Printz led the T-Birds with 11 points and Maya Munoz added eight.

The Wolves improved to 2-2 on the season with the win and the T-Birds



Manawa's Abby Elmhorst keeps up with Iola-Scandinavia's Maya Munoz as she tries to bring the ball up the court. Holly Neumann Photo

fell to 0-5.

Both teams have a CWC-East game scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. The Wolves will

travel to Weyauwega-Fremont for a matchup with the Warhawks, while the T-Birds will host Menominee Indian.

Warhawks come up short at home

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – Weyauwega-Fremont's boys' basketball team dropped recent home games to Berlin and Pacelli.

Berlin handed the Warhawks an 86-68 defeat Dec. 4 and Pacelli used a 36-point, 35-rebound performance from Jaydon Awe in a 79-58 win Nov. 30.

The Warhawks also defeated Port Edwards 72-67 Nov. 28.

Berlin 86, W-F 68

WEYAUWEGA – The Indians outscored the Warhawks 45-37 in the first half and 41-

31 in the second.

Brayden Arndt led Weyauwega-Fremont with 30 points and Caleb Leschke added 11.

Brock Wilde led four Berlin players in double figures with 21.

Pacelli 79, W-F 58

WEYAUWEGA – The Warhawks trailed 46-27 at halftime.

Leschke, Chris Gunst and Arndt led the Warhawks with 14, 13 and 12 points, respectively.

W-F 72, Port Edwards 67

with a North Eastern loss to the Foxes in Appleton.

Fox Valley Lutheran outscored the Comets 39-29 in the first half and 35-33 in the second.

Bechard, Wolff and Mow led Waupaca with 21, 16 and 15 points, re-

spectively.

The Foxes' Adam Loberger led all players with 23 points.

Waupaca will head to Marinette Friday, Dec. 8, for a North Eastern matchup with the Marines.

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APPLETON – Waupaca opened the season Nov. 28

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2023-24 Fall All-Conference Athletes

Clintonville High School

Football
 First Team: Kade Rosenow, Sam Wegener.
 Second Team: Peyton Kautz (two positions), Sam Wegener, Zach Johnson, Zander Schroeder.
 Honorable Mention Team: Jack Yaeger (two positions), Zander Schroeder, Ryan Gauthier, Jonathan Scherschel, Kaine Killips.

Volleyball
 Honorable Mention Team: Nicole Saase.

Cross Country
 Honorable Mention Team: Mason Carrico (boys).

Boys' Soccer
 First Team: Kevin Luciano.
 Second Team: Angel Luis Segovia Medina.

Girls' Swimming
 First Team: Addy Lundt.

Iola-Scandinavia High School

Football
 First Team: Ryan Doede (two positions), Korz Loken (two positions), Brian Krosberg, Jensen Rice, Alex Robbins, Kyrylo Kopytsia, Weston Knorr.
 Second Team: Weston Knorr, Kyrylo Kopytsia, Charlie Tappa, Billy Myers, Grant Fredy.
 Honorable Mention: Owen Wolberg.

Volleyball
 Second Team: McKenzie Bonikowske.

Cross Country
 First Team: Charlie Vater (boys), Ben Beck (boys).
 Honorable Mention: Jack Beck (boys), Revyn Shrank (girls).

Boys' Soccer

Honorable Mention Team: Paul Vuillame, Cameron Hahn.

Girls' Swimming
 Honorable Mention Team: Claire Lemke (two events), Grace Roberts, Macy Lemke, Kylie Heise.

Girls' Tennis
 Second Team: Anna Reisman, Eve Hedtke.

Waupaca High School

Football
 Second Team: Andre Hendrix, Cullen Frierdich, Trayse Hanson, Owen Hansen.
 Honorable Mention Team: Henry Mouw (two positions).

Volleyball
 First Team: Josie Peterson, Peyton Carlson.
 Second Team: Natalie Waller.

Cross Country
 First Team: Owen Lencki (boys).
 Second Team: Ian Sherman (boys), Kadin Becker (boys), Sienna Timm (girls).
 Honorable Mention Team: Gus Olson.

Boys' Soccer
 First Team: Liam Bloedow, Adrian Bustamante, Alex Gusmer.
 Second Team: Ricky Tesch, Zack Gusmer.

Hortonville High School

Football
 First Team: Noah Draeger, Reggie Kloehn, Aidan Roh, Ben Smith, Matthew Spielman, Miles Sillas.
 Second Team: Stuart Ellenbecker, Seth Valeri, Sam Buelow, Gavin Vallner.
 Honorable Mention Team: Bo Anderson, Logan Gaffney, Tate Denkins, Colin Wendt, Winston Peters, Levi Strange, Gavin Vallner, Broden Butzin, Sam Bellile, Kane Fletcher.

Volleyball
 First Team: Marin Grossman.
 Second Team: Molly Fischer.
 Honorable Mention: Bry Kluess.

Cross Country
 First Team: Hannah Huza (girls).
 Second Team: Alex Ratchman (boys), Gabe Paschke (boys).

Boys' Soccer
 First Team: Dylan Glad.
 Second Team: Nathan Bolling, Owen Vedder.

Girls' Golf
 Second Team: Maci McNichols.
 Honorable Mention: Leah Heraly.

Little Wolf High School (Manawa)

Football
 First Team: Dakota Stroud (two positions); Brady Zemple.
 Second Team: Brady Zemple, Thomas Bartelt.
 Honorable Mention Team: Patrick Paque.

Volleyball
 Second Team: Cassandra Arndt.

Cross Country
 First Team: Jolie Jaeger (girls).
 Second Team: Marilyn Klatt (girls).

New London High School

Football
 First Team: Tommy Fields (two positions), Parker Walbruck (two positions), Jonah Schlueter.
 Second Team: Hunter Beebe, Ira Stein, Tyler Gerrits.
 Honorable Mention Team: Braxton Bryant, Ian Liebl, Logan Ten Haken.

Volleyball
 Second Team: Kenna Mix.

Cross Country
 First Team: Macy Reybrock (girls).
 Second Team: Nick Ploederl (boys), Chase Osborn (boys), Elsie Abba (girls), Shaye Allen (girls), Edyn Horn (girls).
 Honorable Mention Team: Jonah Stone (boys), Rianna Schultz (girls).

Weyauwega-Fremont High School

Football
 First Team: Brayden Arndt.
 Second Team: Hunter Meisenhelder (two positions), Vanden Hoffman (two positions).
 Honorable Mention Team: Kameron Zielke, Dawson Lind.

Volleyball
 First Team: Lily Baehman, Olivia Witkowski, Riley Delwiche.
 Second Team: Lauren Feltz.
 Honorable Mention Team: Olivia Sedlar.

Cross Country
 First Team: Melanie Jentsch (girls).
 Honorable Mention Team: Calla Benjamin (girls).



Kadin Becker, Waupaca, second team, cross country



Peyton Carlson, Waupaca, first team, volleyball



Sienna Timm, Waupaca, second team, cross country (girls)



Trayse Hanson, Waupaca, second team, football



Liam Bloedow, Waupaca, first team, boys' soccer



Adrian Bustamante, Waupaca, first team, boys' soccer



Josie Peterson, Waupaca, first team, volleyball

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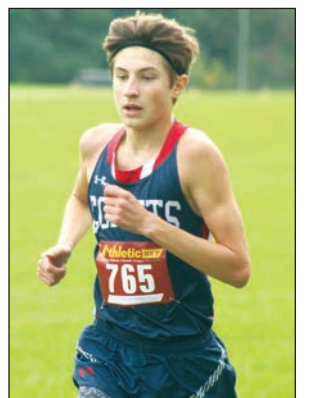
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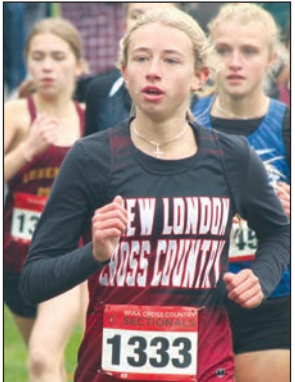
Hunter Beebe, New London, second team, football



Tommy Fields, New London, first team, football



Lauren Feltz, Weyauwega-Fremont, second team, volleyball



Macy Reybrock, New London, first team, cross country (girls)



Jonah Schlueter, New London, first team, football



Kenna Mix, New London, second team, volleyball



Vanden Hoffman, Weyauwega-Fremont, second team, football



Ira Stein, New London, second team, football



Tyler Gerrits, New London, second team, football



Hunter Meisenhelder, Weyauwega-Fremont, second team, football



Lily Baehnman, Weyauwega-Fremont, first team, volleyball



Kameron Zielke, Weyauwega-Fremont, honorable mention, football



Olivia Witkowski, Weyauwega-Fremont, first team, volleyball



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Kevin Luciano, Clintonville, first team, boys' soccer



Zander Schroeder, Clintonville, second and honorable mention teams, football



Owen Vedder, Hortonville, second team, boys' soccer



Kade Rosenow, Clintonville, first team, football



Gavin Vallner, Hortonville, second and honorable mention teams, football



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Seth Valeri, Hortonville, second team, football



Cassandra Arndt, Manawa, second team, volleyball



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McKenzie Bonikowske, lola-Scandinavia, second team, volleyball



Korz Loken, lola-Scandinavia, first team, football



Billy Myers, lola-Scandinavia, second team, football



Grant Fredy, lola-Scandinavia, second team, football



Charlie Tappa, lola-Scandinavia, second team, football



Thomas Bartelt, Manawa, second team, football



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Alex Robbins, lola-Scandinavia, first team, football



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