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Colorful, illuminated floats were among the highlights at Clintonville's Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 9. Jeff Hoffman Photo

Judge drops charges against Iola parents

State fails to show probable cause

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY - Judge Vicki Clusman dismissed charges of felony child neglect against an Iola couple whose 2-year-old daughter died in the slats of a homemade bed.

Cody Deschler and Emily Ferg were charged with neglecting a child-consequence is death for the June 12 incident involving their daughter, Cyrilla, at an Iola home.

They appeared in court Wednesday, Dec. 7, for a preliminary hearing.

After hearing testimony from Waupaca County

Detective Sgt. Nate Nelson and statements from the prosecutor and defense attorneys, Clusman said she did not find probable cause and that state had not met the burden of proof.

According to the criminal complaint, the girl was sleeping in a homemade, lofted bed about 3 feet above the floor.

When the child apparently tried to climb out of the bed feet first, her legs and torso slipped between the slats, but her shoulders became wedged.

Due to the height of the bed, the girl's feet could not reach the floor, causing her to asphyxiate and die.

Ferg and Deschler were sleeping in another room at the time of the incident.

Lakemen Field renamed

Community First steps up to plate

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - Community First Credit Union donated \$250,000 for the redevelopment of Lakemen Field and through a naming sponsorship commitment it will be renamed Community First Lakemen Field.

Their contribution pushed the ball park make-over project beyond its \$475,000 goal.

This means work that might have been postponed will begin in the spring on a new lighting system. Lakemen and Comet players will play night games under much better conditions.

The old light poles were installed in 1976, the light fixtures were dim and baseballs were hard to see.

In the fall of 2024, a new infield will be reconstructed. The last time it was renovated was 1993. Also a new sound system will be installed.



Lakemen Field will be renamed Community First Lakemen Field after the credit union donated \$250,000 to the ball park upgrade project. James Card Photo

Lakemen ball players have earned the upgrade. The team has won 18 grand championships and currently is on a winning streak, taking the Dairyland championship in 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

Not only does the field host the Lakemen games, but also American Legion, Babe Ruth and high school games are played there throughout the spring and

summer. The ball park is rich in Waupaca baseball history.

Shadow Anderson, a local accountant and baseball fan, had his ashes spread on the field after he passed away in 1988.

Since the fundraising exceeded the initial goal, more yet-to-be-determined improvements are a possibility. Future second-phase upgrades may include work on

the bathrooms and concession building, an additional batting cage, right field fence adjustment, backstop, dugouts and 44-stall parking lot.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of Lakemen Field's restoration/revitalization; honoring the Waupaca community's strong baseball heritage and

Lakemen Field CONTINUES ON PAGE 2

City council tables taxi service vote

Agenda wording delays decision

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA - A near-certain vote to select Brown Cab Service as Waupaca's taxi service was tabled because the agenda for the Dec. 5 meeting listed the vehicle lease agreement and not the service contract.

At the Dec. 5 meeting, Finance Director Stephanie Reif said the shared ride taxi service is subsidized by state and federal funds. The city is required to bid the service every five years.

Waupaca distributed requests for proposals in September and received bids from Brown Cab and LIR Transportation-Fox Valley Cab.

The service is provided under an initial two-year contract with optional three-year extensions.

The first two years are based on a fixed hourly rate, with rate increases for following years based on the Consumer Price Index.

Brown Cab's proposed hourly rate was \$39.96 for the first two years, rising to \$40.36 in year 3, \$40.76 in year 4 and \$41.17 in year 5.

Fox Valley Cab's proposed hourly rate was \$47 for the first two years, rising to \$47.47 in year

3, \$47.95 in year 4 and \$48.44 in year 5.

Reif said a Need Valuation Committee met on Oct. 17 and scored the two competing services on professional competence, capacity, experience and price.

Brown Cab earned a total score of 89.75 out of a maximum of 100 points. Fox Valley Cab received 37.62 points.

"With the proposed Shared Ride Taxi Contract, the prices will increase from \$36.36 to \$39.96 or about 10%," Reif noted in a memo to city council.

According to the proposed contract, the maximum amount of funding provided by the city for each contracted year is set at \$683,316 based on an estimated 17,100 annual hours of service at the rate of \$39.96 per hour.

City funding during each of the option years 3-5 is based on the previous years' CPI.

Brown Cab is expected to increase its fares by 50 cents per ride for adults and 25 cents of all other riders in 2024, Reif said.

A public hearing on the proposed taxi fares will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in council chambers.

New London reviews capital spending

City plans equipment buys

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON - The city's Capital Projects and Equipment Committee voted Dec. 6 in favor of purchasing more than \$400,000 of equipment in 2024.

At the start of the meeting, Ben Walljasper gave a presentation on how Enterprise Fleet Management's leasing program could benefit the city.

"Instead of buying a vehicle and hanging on to them as long as possible, Enterprise in our leasing program allows you to make better decisions on the right time to sell and thus maximizing overall costs of operation," Walljasper said. "With Enterprise's model, there's no mileage restriction, there's no condition requirement



The New London Police Department plans to replace three squad cars in 2024.

and at the end, when we go to sell a vehicle for you, that money comes back to the city versus going back to a dealership."

Under the city's current system, the police department typically uses a squad car for two years, then transfers it over to another department.

Due to supply chain issues, the department has needed to keep one of its vehicles scheduled for replacement last year for a third year. As a result, the department is spending a significant amount on maintaining the vehicle.

"By three years, they're starting to get beat up by that time," Police Chief Jeff Schlueter said regarding the squad cars.

He noted that squad cars run an average of 20 hours per day, traveling an average of 25 mph in city traffic, idling for long periods.

"They are on their last leg once they get handed down," noted Mayor Mark Herter.

The city plans to lease four vehicles from Enterprise at an annual cost of \$31,000, which will be prorated at \$16,000 in 2024 because the city will take

delivery on June 24.

The four vehicles being replaced are a 2011 Ford Fusion with 95,965 miles for general use, a 2013 Ford Interceptor with 108,200 miles used by the building inspector, a 2013 Ford Interceptor with 89,500 miles used by Public Works and a 2017 Interceptor with 101,000 miles used by Parks and Rec.

The police department also plans to replace three squad cars in 2024.

Total cost is projected at \$100,000 from the 2024 budget, plus \$52,573 that was carried over from 2023 because the vehicle has not been delivered yet.

The police department will also install a new air conditioning system, which went out in August during record high temperatures. It will cost \$42,650.

Public Works plans to replace a 1982 Layton roller for \$65,000.

"Not only is this piece

of equipment old, it is useless when it comes to doing any hot asphalt patching. The water system does not work and it's very hard to find parts for it. It has trouble starting and the stick control is wearing out," according to a memo that accompanied the equipment request. Another capital equipment purchase Public Works plans in 2024 is a replacement plow and wing for a 2018 Volvo loader at a cost of \$58,000.

Currently, the load only has a 12-foot main plow and

requires a second truck to follow it. The plow and wing would decrease the amount of time it takes the city to plow the streets following a major winter snowstorm.

Another piece of equipment that will help the city clear the streets after a winter storm is a 5,100-gallon brine tank with pump at a cost of \$9,900.

Brine is applied to the streets prior to a storm to help with de-icing.

Spending CONTINUES ON PAGE 2

# Jail officer charged with felony

COUNTY – A former corrections officer is accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a prisoner at the Waupaca County jail.

Brooke D. Krause, 42, Berlin, is charged with felony delivery of illegal articles to an inmate.

According to the criminal complaint, an inmate told jail staff that he believed Krause was involved in a relationship with 25-year-old Steven Eggert.

Eggert was awaiting transfer to state prison to serve 25 years in state prison for convictions of arson, mutilating a corpse, armed burglary and soliciting a homicide while in jail.

The inmate, who is in the same maximum security block as Eggert, said Krause worked the second shift and conducted routine tours of the cells. He said she spent

20-30 minutes talking to Eggert almost every night after lights out.

Waupaca County requested the Outagamie Sheriff's Office conduct an investigation.

A review of surveillance video from inside Eggert's jail block showed "Krause was spending an abnormal amount of time outside Eggert's cell."

The night before Eggert was transferred to state prison, "Krause stayed outside Eggert's cell for almost the entire night," the complaint says.

Investigators also reviewed Eggert's text messages and found several exchanges with a person who self-identified as "Brittany Kruze."

In their messages, Eggert and Krause reportedly expressed their love for each other and spoke about their

future together after Eggert was released from prison.

Details from the messages led Corrections Capt. Adam Wogsland to believe that "Kruze" was Krause.

Krause is accused of giving Eggert a ring and a copy of the erotic-romance novel "Fifty Shades of Grey."

According to the complaint, the investigator asked Krause "Why she would risk her career and her marriage to have a relationship with an inmate who was just sentenced to 25 years in prison. Krause could not provide an answer, stating she did not know why she did it and maybe it was done out of boredom."

Krause is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 5 after the Waupaca County Post goes to production.

# LAKEMEN FIELD

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ensuring it will continue to serve as a community gathering place for all ages for years to come," said Community First's Amanda Secor.

Besides the donation from Community First, the project received \$141,000 in private donations, \$25,000 in grants and \$175,000 from the city that was included in the 2024 Waupaca city budget.

Other major donors to the project included \$25,000 each from L&L Propane and Farmers State Bank. Grants of \$10,000 were awarded from the Waupaca Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau and from an anonymous donor through

the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region. The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Give Back Program also awarded a \$5,000 grant.

"We couldn't be more appreciative of the generosity that our community has shown towards this project. We never thought it would be possible to move forward with the next phase of this plan so quickly. Community First Lakemen Field will become a destination for ball players across the state and beyond," said Waupaca Park and Recreation Director Laura Colbert.

"Our players and coaches will be thrilled to play on a safe, state-of-the-art field and to share the love of the game with their many fans. "Thanks to all of our donors,

including Community First Credit Union and the city of Waupaca, for making this a reality," said Lakemen General Manager Josh Peterson.

This year outside of the Recreation Center was a fundraising sign that resembled a thermometer in the shape of a baseball bat. Instead of marking degrees in Fahrenheit, it measured the money being raised for the Lakemen Field upgrade. Month by month it crept upwards.

"Josh filled it all the way in and said that was the most satisfying part of his job," said Colbert.

The Community First Lakemen Field project is still accepting donations and they can be made through the Friends of Waupaca Parks website.

# Vets remembered at Christmas

WAUPACA – The American Legion Riders of Wisconsin District 8 will hold Wreaths Across America at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The group is asking for volunteers to help out as they will

place approximately 7,613 wreaths against each headstone. With enough helping hands, the wreath placing can be finished in an hour. The event is open to the public.

The remembrance will begin at 10 a.m.

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# SPENDING

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Committee members also approved \$130,000 for a new Toro 4100D mower for Parks and Rec.

"This is our most used mower, due to the number of ball diamonds we main-

tain and is our only wide swath mower," according to a memo from Parks and Rec Director Ginger Sowle.

The current Toro 4100D mower is need of significant repairs, she noted. It has 4,400 hours on it and the typical commercial mower lasts about 2,000 to

2,500 hours.

Other capital spending for 2024 includes \$25,000 each for street and sidewalk patching and \$12,000 for computer system firewall and microfiche upgrades.

The committee will review capital projects early next year.

# PUBLISHER'S LETTER

## Embracing Agape Love: A Foundation For Lasting Connections

Dear Reader,

In the tapestry of human relationships, the thread of love weaves through the fabric of our lives, creating bonds that withstand the tests of time and adversity. At the heart of these connections lies a profound concept: agape love.



Thousandth Man" paints a vivid portrait of agape friendship.

### Agape Love in the Community

Communities thrive when agape love becomes the lifeblood that courses through the veins of shared

experiences. It is the embodiment of compassion and empathy that binds individuals together, creating a foundation of diverse yet interconnected lives. In times of need, agape love compels community members to extend a helping hand, embodying the essence of "love thy neighbor."

experiences. It is the embodiment of compassion and empathy that binds individuals together, creating a foundation of diverse yet interconnected lives. In times of need, agape love compels community members to extend a helping hand, embodying the essence of "love thy neighbor."

### Agape Love in Marriage

Marriage, an institution built on the pillars of commitment and companionship, flourishes when adorned with the mantle of agape love. In the face of trials, agape love stands resilient, a beacon guiding spouses through the ebb and flow of life. It is the choice to prioritize the well-being of a partner over personal desires, fostering an environment where sacrificial love becomes the cornerstone of a lasting union.

### The Divine Thread

From a Christian perspective, agape love finds its roots in the divine. Many believe that God's love for humanity is the epitome of selfless, sacrificial love – the very essence of agape. Understanding and embodying this divine love can serve as a compass, guiding individuals, couples, and communities toward stronger, more meaningful connections. As we navigate the intricate landscapes of marriage, friendship, and community, let us embrace the transformative power of agape love. In doing so, we contribute to a world where the bonds we forge are not easily broken – a testament to the enduring strength of selfless, unconditional love.

PATRICK J. WOOD  
Publisher

### Agape Love in Friendship

In the realm of friendship, agape love transforms casual companionship into a force that transcends circumstances. True friends are those who embrace each other's imperfections, standing by one another through thick and thin. Agape love fosters an environment where friends become a source of unwavering support, demonstrating a selflessness that mirrors the divine. Rudyard Kipling's poem "The

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# Waupaca NEWS

## Council reviews bid requirements

### Capital purchases ordinance

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – City Administrator Aaron Jenson proposed amending the ordinance on how the city of Waupaca makes capital purchases of more than \$25,000.

“Since 2020, there has been a number of times in which staff has requested City Council approval of capital purchases over \$25,000 without going through a sealed bid process,” Jenson said in a Dec. 5 memo.

“Each request has come forward due to extenuating circumstances. Most were a result in supply chain and production delays that have created major delays in equipment orders,” he added.

After learning that orders for new equipment had been delayed for more than a year, staff has asked council to approve moving forward on the purchases with three written quotes in place of a sealed bid process.

Currently, city ordinance requires a sealed bid process for any capital purchase over \$25,000, Jenson said.

State law requires cities and villages to competi-

tively bid “public construction” projects in which the estimated costs exceeds \$25,000, Jenson said.

“Public construction” does not include equipment purchases, such as vehicles, tractors or machinery.

Police Chief Brian Hoelzel asked how the proposed ordinance change would impact the purchase of squad cars, which are often purchased through a state cooperative purchasing agency.

Jenson said the proposed ordinance allows staff to use cooperative purchasing agencies or other government purchasing programs in place of three written quotes.

“What happens if you only get one quote?” Ald. Dave Peterson asked.

Jenson replied that there have been prior occasions when the city had only received a single quote after requesting bids for new equipment.

Council approval on capital purchases of more than \$25,000 will still be required under the proposed ordinance changes.

Ald. Henry Veleker asked if city staff had asked the city attorney to review the proposed changes in the ordinance.

“We are opening ourselves up to some disputes from vendors and other providers of our services if we

don’t do something a little more formal,” Veleker said.

He suggested a “template document” indicating general contract conditions that would be included in a bid package.

“We’ve had people dispute the street-sweeping truck one year and we had a sealed-bid process,” Veleker said. “I think that (sealed bid) protected us in the award we made.”

Veleker suggested that the amount requiring sealed bids could be raised from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

“We’ve had a number of scenarios in which we had to ask council to give an exception to the ordinance,” Jenson said. “In some of the research, we found that many communities were in line with state statutes.”

Among the scenarios that Jenson noted were times when an order for new equipment was delayed. Used equipment was available, but the opportunity could be lost if the city went through the time-consuming sealed bid process.

Noting that the revised ordinance was on a first reading, Mayor Brian Smith suggested that staff have the city attorney review the changes and make revisions to address the council’s concerns.

“If we have another reading here, it’s not going to kill us,” Smith said.

## New sculpture near Riverview

### More downtown artwork

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The downtown area has another new landmark. Recently, the Rotary Club installed a clock on the city square and the metal sculpture,

“Cresting Canoe Atop the Great Wave of Waupaca” is a fixture on Main Street. Now a totem pole sculpture is added to the mix.

Local chainsaw artist Ben Buschke finished it earlier this fall. He carved it from a tree trunk located in the backyard of the building that is home to the Back to the Vinyl music shop.

Ruben Oppermann, the property owner, commissioned Buschke for the carving and he wanted a military theme because he had family members that served in the Armed Forces.

The sculpture is of an M16 rifle stuck into a pair of combat boots. A helmet hangs on the butt of the rifle and draped over that is an American flag and a bald eagle is perched on top of it all. The sculpture is on private property but it can be easily admired from the street that leads down to Riverview Park.

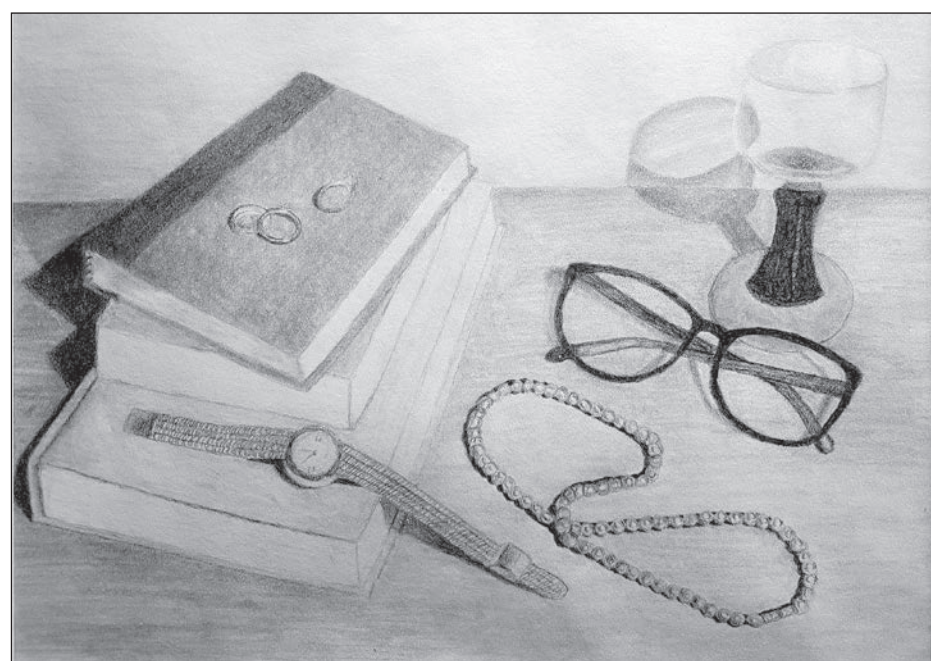


Chainsaw sculptor Ben Buschke carved this totem pole that is located on private property near Riverview Park and behind Back to the Vinyl record shop. The owner wanted a patriotic theme to honor those who served. James Card Photo

“It took me two full days of carving, about eight or nine hours each day. Then I let it dry for quite a few days based on the weather and then I came back and did the painting and sealing on it,” said Buschke.

The whole project took about a week and the painting went fast as he did it on

a dry, breezy day. Buschke worked on two sections of scaffolding stacked on top of each other. He started on top and worked his way down. Two summers ago, Buschke also carved two smaller stump sculptures on the property that are located near the large totem pole.



## WHS student artist

Claire Hemmila, a senior, was named the Student Artist of the Month at Waupaca High School for December. Shown is her 11-inch-by-14-inch graphite pencil rendering created for her drawing and ceramics class. “She demonstrates advanced artistic and creative abilities in both. Claire produces amazing work that fully exemplifies the use of value, texture, space, balance, unity, mark making and craftsmanship,” according to her art teachers.

Submitted image

## Ingenious igloos in King

### Outdoor dining in winter

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Mother and daughter duo Lisa Ziebarth and Stephanie Banner, owners of the Comma Café in King, came up with a creative way to add more seating.

Their small but cozy space only seats 15 people so they put up some igloos out back.

“We were trying to figure out how to optimize our seating experience. We’re a small little place and people love to come during the winter because the soups get you all warmed up. At Fox River Brewing Company in Oshkosh I was having some beer with my hubby and that’s where I saw an igloo a couple of winters ago,” said Banner.

They erected two igloos that can seat up to six people behind the café. The igloo-like structures are geodesic dome tents made with a transparent plastic and adorned with string lighting.



The igloos at Comma Cafe allow for outside dining in the dead of winter. On sunny days the domes warm up with a greenhouse-like affect. James Card Photo

“It’s like a greenhouse effect. We have to leave the windows and door open because of condensation. Today is a perfect day where the sun can warm it naturally,” said Banner.

On overcast days it can be chilly so they have portable electric space heaters to warm the igloos via an extension cord. Igloos are

first-come, first-served but they can be reserved for an hour. They could fit another one in the back lot but that space must be left open for plowing snow.

The Comma Café is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and they serve breakfast and lunch.

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## Rotary to collect Christmas trees

WAUPACA – Rotary Club encourages Waupaca city residents to leave their natural Christmas trees for curbside collection by 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

Rotarians will pick trees

up for proper disposal inside city limits.

In exchange, Rotary members will come to the door when they pick up the tree and accept donations to support projects based in the local com-

munity and around the world.

The mission of the Waupaca Rotary Club is to support education as a means of improving community cooperation and international understanding.

## Drive-thru food pantry

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Area Food Pantry will host a drive-thru distribution of food boxes from 9-11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

Located at 800 Churchill St., the food pantry will give one box of food per vehicle, unless multiple families are represented in the vehicle.

Vehicles should have space available in the trunk or back seat for a box of food.

Drivers should follow signs and be patient.

Food is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The food pantry announced the drive-thru on the food pantry’s Facebook page.

The event is sponsored by the Waupaca Area Food Pantry, iCare, Waupaca County Public Health and Feeding America.

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS

## TV-Pliance Center closes after 64 years

Neilson plans retirement

BY JOHN FAUCHER  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – An iconic downtown New London business quietly closed its doors Saturday, Dec. 9.

Paul Neilson, second-generation owner of TV-Pliance Center, flipped the closed sign shortly after noon.

Neilson, who is now officially retired, grew up in the business and began working the store while he was still in high school.

His parents Bob and Dorothy Nielson opened the business with then partner, Merlin Hintz, on Oct. 1, 1960.

Dorothy explained at the time, Merlin had a TV business in town.

When General Electric approached Hintz about the possibility of taking on the GE line, he asked the Neilsons if they would be interested in a partnership.

“We met with the GE people and that’s how it all started,” explained Dorothy.

They built a new building at 509 W. North Water Street.



Paul Neilson, Amy Wendlandt and Dorothy Neilson outside of their TV-Pliance store Saturday Dec. 9. Neilson officially retired and closed the business which operated downtown New London for the past 64 years. The building has been sold to Events Everlasting of New London.

John Faucher photo

The building’s design featured a modern look with large geometrically shaped plate glass windows facing the south.

Its design still adorns New London’s North West downtown business district.

Paul began working full-time at the store in 1974.

They carried a large inventory of ranges, refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, televisions and stereos.

In addition to sales the

full service store handled all their own deliveries, repair and warranty work.

In recent years, Paul said they handled less in the television and electronics categories and remained focused on appliances.

A lot has changed with technology and the market for electronics, he said.

“That part of it I won’t miss,” said Neilson.

He said he has not given too much thought about what he will do with his

spare time in his retirement.

Neilson definitely ruled out a possible comeback as a tunnel boat racer, something that he was well known for locally in the 1980s.

“I still have my fishing boat and I’m quite happy with that,” he said with a smile.

When asked what he will miss most about the business he said definitely the people, and he will miss going into work every day.



## Knights donation

Jim Russell from the Father Herb Council 1797 New London Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$953 to Pat Schoen who is treasurer for Waupaca County ARC Inc. The funds were from the Knights Tootsie Roll campaign and will be used for Keller Lake Day Camp held in August.

Submitted Photo

“We met a lot of nice people through the years,” said Neilson. “Wonderful people.”

Neilson said he felt blessed to work alongside family for so many years.

His mother Dorothy worked in the business until Covid-19 hit in 2020.

His daughter Amy Wendlandt has worked in the business full-time for the past seven years.

The three of them stood together in the front of the

store Saturday reminiscing some of the more memorable moments for the business’s 64-year history.

There was the time, a car smashed through the back wall of the building and then there was the rogue Whitetail deer that crashed through the windows in the early 2000’s.

Dorothy smiled in the warmth of the sun-filled windows.

“Oh, it was fun while it lasted,” she said.

## Vintage sleds on display

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

FREMONT – Fort Fremont Marine hosted their first vintage snowmobile show on Saturday, Dec. 9.

They cleared out space in their garage and workshop area to accommodate 29 old snow machines. All of the snowmobiles were locally owned.

The oldest was a 1963 Sno Traveler, a primitive-looking machine.

Greg Thomson helped organize the show and he pointed out a Trade Winds snowmobile that was originally built in Manawa.

“It’s one of the first snowmobiles to go over 100 miles per hour,” he said.

The area has a big interest in keeping old sleds alive and running. In its time, the Trade Winds Cheetah was the first snowmobile in history to break the 100 mph barrier. The record was broken on White Lake in Weyauwega.

At the Manawa Snodeo in 2021, a 1968 Trade Winds Cheetah was restored and raced and it clocked 103.4 mph.

There were many Polaris snowmobiles and two machines had original tow-behind sleds. There was also a rare Arctic Cat Kitty Kat, a micro-sized snowmobile for children.

Some of the sleds were near



Fort Fremont marine hosted their first vintage snowmobile show on Dec. 6. On display were 29 locally owned vintage sleds.

James Card Photos



This 1963 Sno Traveler was the oldest sled on display at the Fort Fremont Marine Vintage Snowmobile Show.

mint condition, others needed some restorative love but were still of historical interest.

One observation was that the older snowmobiles looked tiny in comparison the modern snowmobiles that Fort Fremont sells today.

Visitors voted on their

favorites and Richard Togsstad won first place, J.J. Kersch took second and Rick Loughrin placed third for best in show.

The event brought in many guests and Thomson said they would probably do it again next year.



During the Police vs. Fire Christmas Light Show and Food Drive, the Grinch stole Christmas cookies and engaged in other mischief. Law enforcement and firefighters raised money and took in donations for local food pantries.

James Card Photo

## Cops, firefighters, the Grinch

Christmas lights food drive

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA –

Dressed as a Christmas elf, Nate Stelzner walked up to Waupaca County Sheriff Tim Wilz.

He was standing with other law enforcement officers in the driveway of Deputy Justin Malueg. They had a campfire going in a fire pit and Malueg’s front yard was bedazzled with hundreds of Christmas lights.

This was part of the Dec.

9 Police vs. Fire Christmas Light Fight and Food Drive.

The firefighters were set up at Stelzner’s over-decorated Griswold-like residence on Parker Street and the police Christmas display was at Malueg’s residence on Ann Street. The goal was to raise donations for local food pantries.

Stelzner, a former firefighter, approached Wilz with a wrapped Christmas present. He had a sly look on his face. Wilz accepted it with suspicion.

“Is it ticking,” someone asked? Both groups are known to play pranks on each other.

Wilz unwrapped the gift

and it was three boxes of donuts. It was a distraction. At that moment, a firefighter dressed as the Grinch, ran wildly through Malueg’s driveway, snatched a box of Christmas cookies and took off down Ann Street.

The high jinks continued throughout the evening and police and firefighters took in donations for their respective (but united) food drives: Handcuff Hunger by the police contingent and Extinguish Hunger by the firefighters.

“Last year, we distributed just under a literal ton of food, along with \$2,500 in cash to local pantries,” said Malueg.

## Waupaca County sheriff’s report

- Dec. 4 – A female caller reported the wife of a registered sex offender tailgated her and drove up next to her. Both of them are not supposed to have any contact with the caller.
- Dec. 4 – A Waupaca caller on County Trunk A reported there were threatening messages on Facebook with an intention to stall and interfere with a meeting at the Lind Town Hall.
- Dec. 4 – An unknown caller who is a listing agent for a rental property reported a fraud. A male was impersonating the landlord of the property.
- Dec. 4 – The Aging and Disability Resource Center requested a welfare check on a man who did not answer the door when Meals on Wheels stopped by.
- Dec. 4 – A Manawa caller on Island Road reported a man stays in his camper near Silver Lake and is usually gone by this time of year. However, the man’s purple Ford F150 hasn’t moved in a month.
- Dec. 4 – An Iola caller on Carper Road requested an ambulance for a 61-year-old man with heart attack symptoms.
- Dec. 4 – A Waupaca caller on Melody Lane reported there was a man in his 30s or 40s inside of her house wearing a pink shirt and then he went outside.

- Dec. 5 – A Weyauwega caller on Haire Road reported a white SUV drove past the school bus when the lights were flashing and the stop sign was extended. She had a video of the incident.
- Dec. 5 – A Manawa caller on State Highway 22 reported a suspicious person on their property.
- Dec. 5 – An Ogdensburg caller currently in jail reported a trespassing complaint that involved two men going to his address and going through his mail and rifling through his garbage.
- Dec. 6 – A Manawa caller on Depot Street reported the theft of his ball hitch. He thought it might be related to thefts at the Threshere grounds.
- Dec. 6 – A New London caller on State Highway 54 reported an encounter with burgundy Chevy Silverado and a person threatened to shoot his family.
- Dec. 6 – A New London caller on State Highway 45 reported her son took some money and jewelry that once belonged to her late mother.
- Dec. 6 – A New London caller on Rawhide Road reported a juvenile runaway.
- Dec. 6 – Statewide Recovery Specialists reported they were repossessing a Smokercraft boat.
- Dec. 7 – A juvenile caller

- reported a missing juvenile. People and neighbors were searching for the person.
- Dec. 7 – ACR Repo reported they were repossessing a 2015 Chevy Equinox and another vehicle.
- Dec. 8 – A 911 caller reported a house on fire on State Highway 54 near Royalton.
- Dec. 8 – A Waupaca woman on Holbach Street reported a man with a gun was threatening to kill himself over Snapchat.
- Dec. 8 – An Amherst man on Second Street reported a woman was throwing things

- and pushed the caller. She stormed out of the house and was sitting in a car in the driveway.
- Dec. 8 – A Waupaca caller on Melody Lane reported nonstop screaming and yelling from a house on the corner.
- Dec. 9 – A 911 caller re-

- quested an ambulance for a 44-year-old woman who fell and hit her head. She was slowly regaining consciousness and breathing.
- Dec. 9 – A caller reported a

**Sheriff’s Report**  
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Legals 7700

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Legals 7700

DATE SIGNED: December 8, 2023 Electronically signed by Judge Troy L. Nielsen... Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JASON D. STEINGRABER DOD: 08/10/2022

Legals 7700

against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date.

Legals 7700

N2980 Spruce Rd Clintonville, WI 54929 Carla J. Knapp N8954 Cty Rd XX Bear Creek, WI 54922, Plaintiffs, vs. Steven J. Rhode N10616 Cty Hwy Y Clintonville, WI 54929 Kimberli R. Skaff 3722 Beach Dr, SW #302 Seattle, WA 98116, Defendants.

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

Pledge of Allegiance Open Meeting Statement: This meeting and all of the meetings of this Town Board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, so the citizens may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting.

Minutes 7725

Sandy Smith at 6:00 p.m. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call - Board members present: Kohl, aye; Smith, aye; Gerrits, aye; Wagner, aye, Ehrenberg, aye; Loehrke, aye.

Legals 7700

DATE SIGNED: December 4, 2023 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle... Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. MORTENSEN

Legals 7700

Filed Dec 7, 2023 WAUPACA COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY Plaintiff(s): Palkumar Patel 1060 W Fulton St. Waupaca, WI 54981

Legals 7700

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY Michigan Mutual, Inc. Attn: Mortgage Disposition 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360 Lake Zurich, IL 60047 Plaintiff, vs. Stephen J. McGlin W8748 Cloverleaf Lake Road Clintonville, WI 54929-8520 Defendant.

Legals 7700

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110 Greenville, SC 29601 Plaintiff, vs. Randal Craig 205 W Main St Weyauwega, WI 54983-8941

Legals 7700

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, BUILDING CODE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Legals 7700

School District of Weyauwega-Fremont REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. WEYAUWEGA-FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FORUM ROOM AGENDA Posted: 12-11-23 @ 9:30 a.m.

DOCUMENT 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - RFB23-017-08 Sealed bids for the construction of: WAUPACA COUNTY COURTHOUSE - FINANCE DEPARTMENT REMODEL 811 HARDING STREET WAUPACA, WISCONSIN 54981

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Laura Lee Rhode c/o Aster Assisted Living 35 Anne Street, Apt. #204 Clintonville, WI 54929 Patricia A. Pulido E9173 Mill St Fremont, WI 54940 Juan J. Rhode

Name Change 7730 BY THE COURT Honorable Raymond S. Huber 11/21/2023 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Reece Ann Sanderfoot

ORDINANCE NO. 12-23 (2023) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, CITY OF WAUPACA ZONING ORDINANCE The Common Council of the City of Waupaca do ordain as follows: SECTION 1. The following Ordinance relating to the Zoning Code is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 17.104 PERMITTED USES AND CONDITIONAL USES (3) Permitted Uses and Conditional uses by Base District, UTILITY, COMMUNICATION, & TRANSPORTATION USES is hereby amended to read as follows: (3) Permitted Uses and Conditional uses by Base District.

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705 City of Waupaca, Wisconsin REQUEST FOR BIDS Sealed bids for 2024 CAPITAL ROADWAY REPAVE PROJECT will be received and read at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the office of City Clerk, City of Waupaca, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981.

Invitation to Bid Used Refurbished Telecommunication Shelter Waupaca County invites bid proposals for the above listed items. Bid information is available at: https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/business/bids\_and\_proposals.php

Village of Hortonville Outagamie County NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 6:00 PM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Hortonville Village Board in the Community Center at 531 N Nash Street, Hortonville, Wisconsin on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720 Farmington Town Board Meeting Agenda Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:30pm E913 Prairie View Ln www.farmingtonwi.com Call to Order

Minutes 7725 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 HS COMMUNITY FORUM ROOM Meeting called to order by President, Dawn Loughran Board Secretary Publish December 14, 2023 WNAIXLP

Notice to Creditors 7735 Date Signed: December 5, 2023 Angela Dahle, Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dale Besaw Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

335-446



Notice To Creditors 7735

Case No. 23PR105
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

DATE SIGNED: November 16, 2023
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Arnold J. Levesque

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR101
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

DATE SIGNED: November 27 2023
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY L. HAYDEN

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR103
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

DATE SIGNED: November 27 2023
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN WAUPACA COUNTY
In the matter of: The L&J Beyer Family Irrevocable Trust dated October 22, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMS:
The decedent, with date of birth May 17, 1949 and date of death September 20, 2023 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin with a post office address of E6906 Knopp Rd. Manawa, WI 54949.

Ordinances 7740

ORDINANCE NO. 13-23 (2023) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, CITY OF WAUPACA ZONING ORDINANCE
The Common Council of the City of Waupaca do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The following Ordinance relating to the Zoning Code is hereby amended to read as follows:
Section 17.603 Parking Requirements is hereby amended to read as follows:
17.603 PARKING REQUIREMENTS

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# Sports

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## Warhawks need three overtimes to top Manawa girls

Witkowski drops 38 on Manawa

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – If the first matchup is any indication, local basketball fans may want to circle Thursday, Jan. 18, on their calendar.

Manawa will host Weyauwega-Fremont in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East girls' basketball game that day. The two teams met for the first time Dec. 7 in Weyauwega, with Weyauwega-Fremont outlasting the Wolves and coming up with a 68-66 win in a game with three overtime periods.

Manawa led by as many as six points in the first half before taking a 19-17 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Wolves took their biggest lead – 25-18 – early in the second half on a three-pointer from Marilyn Klatt, but the Warhawks responded with an 11-2 run to take a 29-27 lead.

Six unanswered points gave Manawa a 37-31 lead before the Warhawks' Olivia Witkowski tied the game at 42-42 with a minute to go in regulation.

The teams headed into the first overtime tied at 42-42 and Witkowski gave the Warhawks a 52-50 lead with 20 seconds remaining. Manawa's Alexi Klotzbuecher forced a second overtime with a basket and the teams headed into the second four-minute overtime period tied at 52-52.

Manawa scored the first five points of the period to

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Manawa's Liberty Schertz guards Weyauwega-Fremont's Hannah Pantzlaff in the first half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-East girls' basketball game in Weyauwega. The teams headed to overtime tied at 42-42 and played three four-minute overtime periods before Weyauwega-Fremont came up with a 68-66 win.

Greg Seubert Photo



Clintonville's Jady Ebert is ready to pin Waupaca's Logan Nusz Dec. 7 in a 165-pound match at a North Eastern Conference dual meet at Waupaca High School. Ebert pinned Nusz in 1:14.

Greg Seubert Photos

## Wrestling match comes down to forfeits

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – After their North Eastern Conference dual meet on Dec. 7 ended in a 30-30 tie, the Waupaca and Clintonville wrestling teams had to wait to see which team would get the win.

After using several tiebreakers, the 31-30 victory eventually went to Waupaca because the Comets forfeited one fewer match than the Truckers.

All seven of the meet's contested matches ended with a pin.

Waupaca's Ryan Frank opened the meet by pinning Myles Pluger in 38 seconds in the 138-pound match.

The Truckers tied the score at 6-6 at 144, as Landon Robenhagen pinned Waupaca's Matt Schmidt in 1:34.

Clintonville took a 24-6 lead with pins in the next three matches, as Teagan Laack pinned Joseph Mason in 2:09 at 150, James Hernandez pinned Carter Brown in 2:51 at 157 and Jady Ebert pinned Logan Nusz in 1:14 at 165.

The Truckers then forfeited the 175- and 190-pound matches to Owen Hansen and Dakota Thoma that cut Clintonville's lead to 24-18.

After a double forfeit at



Waupaca's Cooper Pate faces Clintonville's Gary Moore in a 285-pound match at Waupaca High School. Pate overcame an injury in the first period and pinned Moore in 3:51.

215, Waupaca's Cooper Pate moved up a weight class to 285 and tied the match by pinning Gary Moore in 3:51.

Waupaca forfeited the 106-pound match to Kaleb Killips to give the Truckers a 30-24 lead.

Double forfeits at 113, 120 and 126 set up the final matchup at 132 between Waupaca's Noah Crane and

Clintonville's Ethan Huss. Crane needed only 30 seconds to pin Huss, which tied the match at 30-30.

Both teams have invitationals scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16. Clintonville will head to the Shawano Invitational; the Waupaca boys' squad will travel to Preble High School in Green Bay for the Willard Schmidt Scramble; and the

Waupaca girls' squad will compete at the Menasha Invitational.

Clintonville also has a North Eastern quadrangular with Fox Valley Lutheran, Little Chute and Wrightstown scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14. Matches at Little Chute High School will get underway at 5 p.m.

## Wega wrestlers cruise at home

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – Wins are quickly adding up for the Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team.

The Warhawks hosted five other teams for a dual meet invitational Dec. 8 and defeated all of them, including three state-ranked programs.

Weyauwega-Fremont opened the meet with a 39-27 win over Stratford and a 63-15 win over Random Lake. Stratford and Random Lake came into the tournament ranked sixth and seventh, respectively, in Division 3.

The Warhawks followed those wins up with a 57-24 win over Oshkosh West; a 40-33 win over Neenah, the ninth-ranked team in Division 1; and a 47-21 win over New London.

"It was an awesome site to look up in the stands at 11 p.m. on a Friday night and see 200-plus Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling fans going nuts when Tellyer Alix pinned his New London opponent at 190 pounds to seal the dual meet win and the tournament title," coach Tim Potratz said. "There are too many individual achievements to list them all, but the

combined effort of the kids allowed them to succeed as a team and reach their goal of winning the team title. Every school in the tournament were top-notch teams who came to battle for the title. In the end, it was Weyauwega-Fremont who had a more balanced team and the grit to win the tough matches."

Neenah finished with a 4-0 record, followed by Stratford (3-2), Oshkosh West (2-2), New London (1-4) and Random Lake (0-5).

The Warhawks also opened the season Dec. 5 at home with dual meet wins over Berlin and Tomahawk.

Weyauwega-Fremont had eight pins in a 70-6 win over Berlin.

Pins for the Warhawks included Jaydon LeNoble (106), Riley Scherg (120), Jake Buss (126), Dewayne Borntrager (132), Carter Birdyshaw (138), Connor Johnson (157), Caleb Abbeley (165), Carter McDaniel (190) and Vanden Hoffman (285).

The pins continued in a 69-9 win over Tomahawk from Josue Azuara (113), Buss (126), Birdyshaw (138),

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## Hockey team gets two wins

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – Ryan Mace's hat trick helped the Waupaca boys' hockey team improve to 2-0 in Great Northern Conference play.

His three goals came Dec. 8 in a 7-2 win over Rhinelander at the Rhinelander Ice Arena.

The Comets also picked up a 5-2 nonconference win Dec. 5 over the Fox Valley Stars.

### Waupaca 7, Rhinelander 2

RHINELANDER – Waupaca took a 3-0 lead into the third after Mace scored twice in the first period and Adam Mace found the net in the second period. Dylan Smith gave Waupaca a 4-0 lead in the third period before Rhinelander's Dalton Fritz scored the first of his two goals.

Mace completed his hat trick with a goal in the third period before Isaac Abhold gave the Comets a 6-1 lead.

Fritz cut Waupaca's lead

to 6-2 before Adam Mace wrapped up the scoring with his second goal.

### Waupaca 5, FC Stars 2

WAUPACA – Warren Carlson and Alex Gusmer gave Waupaca an early lead at the Waupaca Ice & Expo Center with first-period goals.

The Stars' Cale Adamovich cut Waupaca's lead to 2-1 in the second period, but Colin Everts added a goal to give the Comets a 3-1 advantage heading into the third period.

Fox Cities added another goal from Ryan Ostermann, but Waupaca added to its lead later in the third period on a pair of goals from Zack Gusmer.

Waupaca outshot the Stars 49-25.

The Comets will host Medford at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, and a home game with Reedsburg/Wisconsin Dells/Mauston previously scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19, has been cancelled.

## Clintonville boys stay unbeaten

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

LUXEMBURG – It's still early in the season, but the Clintonville boys' basketball team finds itself at the top of the North Eastern Confer-

ence standings.

The Truckers improved to 4-0 and 3-0 in conference play Dec. 8 with a 52-44 win over Luxemburg-Casco.

Clintonville outscored the Spartans 20-15 in the first half and added to its lead

with a 32-29 advantage in the second half.

Jack Yaeger led the Truckers with a game-high 22 points, while Sam Wegener and Jonathan Scherschel added 13 each.

Lance Cherovsky led

Luxemburg-Casco with 14 points.

The Truckers hosted Fox Valley Lutheran, another team with a 3-0 conference record, Dec. 12 and will head to Marinette Friday, Dec. 15, to face the Marines.

# Parks, Recreation

## Lutheran Dartball League

Standings: St. Paul's (Dupont), 9-3; Scandinavia (Scandinavia), 7-5; Trinity (New London), 7-5; St. Peter's (Big Falls), 6-6; Immanuel (Waupaca), 6-9; St. Peter's 2 (Weyauwega), 5-7; St. Paul's (Manawa), 5-10.  
Nov. 30 results: Trinity 2, St. Paul's (Dupont) 1; St. Peter's (Big Falls) 2, Immanuel 1; Scandinavia 2, St. Paul's (Manawa) 1; St. Peter's 2 (Weyauwega) had bye.  
Batters over 500: David Strebe (.500); Roger Dobbe (.500).

## Clintonville Women's Pool League

### Division 1

Week 12 standings (wins): Sticky Buns (70); Big Falls Tavern (68); Bun's Pocket Rockets (59); Mike's Saloon (43); Jeanne Rose 1 (42); Racks & Rails (41); D's Corner Pocket (38); Club 45 (36).

### Division 2

Week 12 standings (wins): Gopher's (78); Lowell's Landing (63); Bun's Ball Busters (59); Bun's 1 (51); Jeanne Rose 2 (51); Bump's (48); Phil-again's (45); Suzy Q's (45); Big Sal's (27).

## Bulldogs win Bay opener

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW LONDON – New London's wrestling team opened its Bay Conference dual meet schedule on a positive note with a win over Xavier.

The Bulldogs defeated the Hawks 60-18.

Pins for New London went to Phoenix Flechter (165 pounds), Jackson Pecher (175), Howie Roloff (190), Preston Krueger (215) and Braxton Bryant (285).

Trevor Schultz (132) and Kaden Bethke won their matches by decision.

Xavier also forfeited matches to William Christopher (113), Wyatt Magolski (120), Theresa Voight (126) and Anakin Abel (144).

New London will head to De Pere Thursday, Dec. 14, for a Bay dual meet with West De Pere before the boys' and girls' teams head to invitationals Saturday, Dec. 16, in Fond du Lac and Menasha, respectively.



Carter McDaniel faces Berlin's Ben Green in a 190-pound match Dec. 5. McDaniel pinned Green and the Warhawks went on to hand the Indians a 70-6 defeat.  
Perry Thomas Photo

## WRESTLING

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Ryan Larson (144), Johnson (165), McDaniel (175), Alix (190), Wyatt Wetzel (215) and Hoffman (285).

The Warhawks are head-

ing to Orlando, Florida, to compete with wrestlers from other states at the 29-team Bill Scott Memorial Tournament. Matches are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16.

# Comets split conference games

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – A big second half for the Waupaca boys' basketball team turned a four-point halftime deficit into a 13-point win.

The Comets headed to Marinette Dec. 8 and returned home with a 75-68 North Eastern Conference win over the Marines.

The win came three days after Waupaca dropped a

60-59 North Eastern decision to Little Chute.

## Waupaca 75, Marinette 68

MARINETTE – Waupaca headed to the locker room at halftime down 37-33, but outscored the Marines 42-31 over the final 18 minutes.

Henry Mouw led the Comets with 28 points,

while Riley Bechard and Aaron Wolff added 19 and 13, respectively.

Max Jacobson led Marinette with 28 points.

## Little Chute 60, Waupaca 59

WAUPACA – The Comets and Mustangs headed to the locker room at halftime tied at 31-31.

Bechard led all play-

ers with 23 points, while Ethan Harms and Mouw added 14 and 12 for Waupaca, respectively.

Nine players scored for Little Chute, including Grant Hermus, who led the Mustangs with 17 points.

The Comets hosted Freedom Dec. 12 and will head to Oconto Falls Friday, Dec. 15, for a 7 p.m. North Eastern matchup with the Panthers.

# Panthers get hot, Comets stay cold

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – An early 20-point deficit hurt the Waupaca girls' basketball team Dec. 11 in its North Eastern Conference matchup with Oconto Falls.

The Panthers connected on 13 three-pointers – seven of them from Kathryn Raddatz – and held the Comets to nine points in the second half in a 71-29 win at Oconto Falls High School.

The Comets also dropped recent conference games to Freedom and Marinette.

## Freedom 36, Waupaca 35

WAUPACA – The Comets nearly knocked off the Irish, a team that headed to Waupaca High School with a 4-1 record.

Freedom outscored Waupaca 27-17 in the first half, but the Comets had an 18-9 advantage in the second half.

Bechard led all scorers with 18 points.

Avery Lang led Freedom with 12.



Waupaca's Josie Nickel runs past Oconto Falls defender Morgan Moynihan.  
Greg Seubert Photos

## Oconto Falls 71, Waupaca 29

OCONTO FALLS – Six three-pointers helped Oconto Falls build a 22-2 lead in the first half.

Waupaca chipped away at the lead and eventually cut it to 26-16, but the Panthers ended the half with a 13-4 run to take a 39-20 lead at the break.

The Panthers added to their lead by outscoring the Comets 32-9 over the final 18 minutes.

Hailey Bechard led Waupaca with nine points, while Raddatz led all players with 23.

## Marinette 58, Waupaca 43

MARINETTE – Marinette stayed undefeated in conference play.

The Marines led 35-21 at halftime.

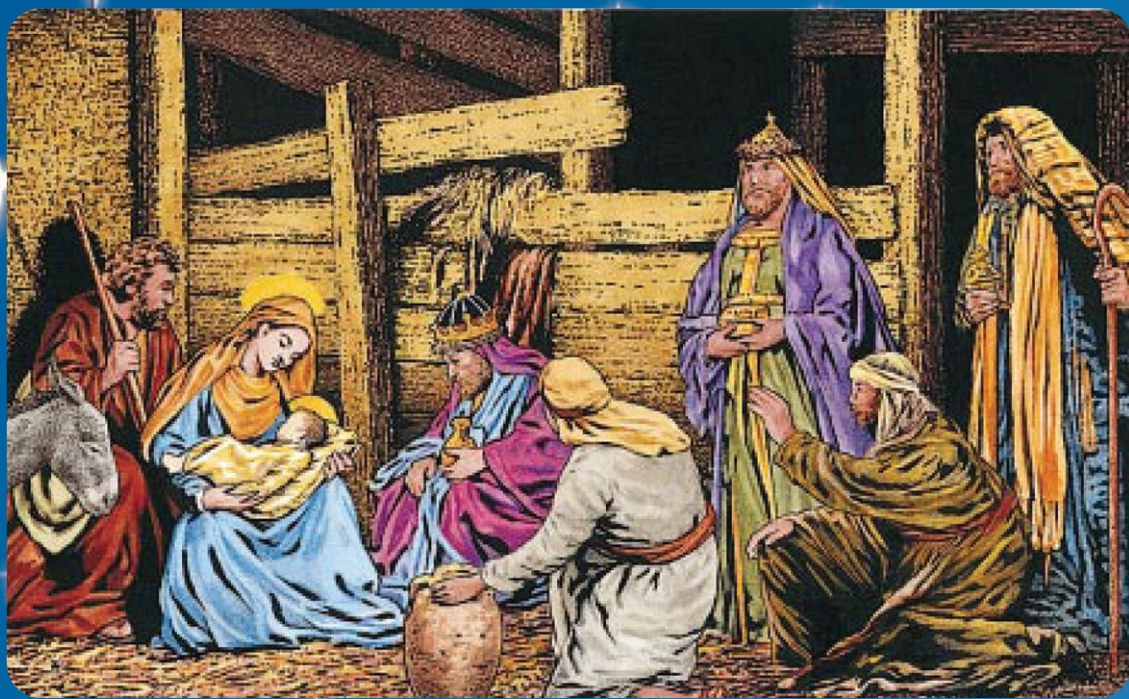
Rossi Wehmeyer and Bechard led the Comets with 14 and 11 points, respectively, while Marinette's Riley Kieffer led Marinette with 27.

The Comets will host New London Thursday, Dec. 14, for a nonconference matchup before returning to conference play Tuesday, Dec. 19, at home against Little Chute.



Oconto Falls' Bailee Gorman fouls Waupaca's Peyton Tuma Dec. 11 in the second half of a North Eastern Conference game at Oconto Falls High School. Tuma and the Comets fell to Gorman and the Panthers 71-29.

*'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord'*



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608 E. Main St., Weyauwega  
**Christmas Eve,**  
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**Christmas Day,**  
Dec. 25 -  
Mass at 10:30am  
**New Year's Day,**  
Jan. 1 - Mass at 10:30am  
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www.sspeterpaulchurch.org

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*Evening Service*  
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FAITHWAUPACA.ORG

**Farmington Lutheran Church**  
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**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**  
N2845 Shadow Rd. Waupaca  
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153 CTY RD QQ WAUPACA  
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312 W. Main St., Weyauwega, WI  
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Children's program  
December 24 - 4:00 pm  
Christmas Lessons & Carols Worship  
(streamed on Facebook live)  
December 24 - 6:00 pm  
Christmas Lessons & Carols Worship  
December 25 - 9:00 am  
Christmas Day Worship  
w/communion  
(streamed on Facebook live)

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
415 S. Main Street, Waupaca  
**Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM**  
**Christmas Day Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
200 S. Pine St. Weyauwega  
920-867-2880  
**Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship at 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**  
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All are welcome  
Food is provided  
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Candlelight Service 5:00 PM  
Calvary Lutheran Church LCMS  
E1887 King Rd Waupaca  
715.258.3530

**Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church - WELS**  
1120 Evans Street • Waupaca, WI  
715-258-0204  
**Children's Christmas Service December 24**  
10:30 am  
**Christmas Eve Worship**  
4:30 pm  
**Christmas Day Worship**  
9:30 am

*Christmas & New Year Services*  
**Christmas Eve 10am**  
**New Year's Eve 10am**  
**Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**WARM UMC**  
The Waupaca Area Regional Ministry of the United Methodist Church:  
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**December 17**  
Christmas Lessons & Carols  
9:30am at Dane's Hall in Waupaca  
**December 24**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
6:00pm at First United Methodist Church  
720 Demarest Avenue, Waupaca  
7:00pm at Parfreyville United Methodist Church  
N1979 County Road K, Waupaca  
8:00pm at Crystal Lake United Methodist Church  
N697 County Road K, Waupaca  
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**REPORT CARD**  
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key areas for improvement. "Through collaborative brainstorming sessions and targeted interventions, our staff is committed to implementing innovative teaching methodologies and personalized support to elevate student performance," she added. "These results have invigorated our collective determination to foster a supportive learning environment, ensuring that each student receives the resources and guidance necessary to excel academically."

Middle School/High School Principal Jane Bue-Wells said the schools are working on their achievement score by concentrating

on two areas: student skill advancement and student test preparation.

"Teachers use a screener called i-Ready to monitor students," she said. "If a student is identified below grade level in math and reading, a variety of interventions will be used with that student to attempt to increase their level."

Possible interventions include small-group instruction, one-on-one lessons, English resource and math resource.

"Students who are close to or at grade level are given lessons within i-Ready that develop their skills further," Bue-Wells said. "All students have a period of focused silent reading four or five days a week."

Weekly homerooms offer teachers an opportunity to check in with every student and monitor grades and missing work. The daily TREK period is a time for students to work with teachers to get extra help.

Bue-Wells said the achievement score on the report card is based on standardized tests, which are taken in one day in one sitting. The tests are timed, have multiple choice questions and have 45 to 75 questions per subject.

"This method of assessment is not what students are accustomed to," she said. "To better prepare our students for this type of testing, teachers are adding standardized test-style questions to their classroom routine. Prior to

the spring tests, students will attend J-Term classes to learn test-taking strategies."

Nelson said the district has made a commitment to improve the modeling of the importance of standardized assessments and the value of their accuracy. "There are several positive changes that we have made throughout the district to make improvements," he said. "The most notable are that the staff have been collaborating on best practices for preparing for these assessments and ensuring that students are familiar with the format of the questions and content throughout the school year."

The district has also implemented a new math curriculum that started at the begin-

ning of the 2023-24 school year.

"It is important to note that the school report card only measures the subjects of math and English/language arts," Nelson said. "It does not take into account any scores or successes in science, social studies, courses in the arts, and/

or career and technical education. For a small district, we have created many opportunities for students to experience a wide variety of academics and experiences."

The district's report card can be viewed at [dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards](http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards).

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**  
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33-year-old woman had overdosed on an unknown substance. She was barely conscious and breathing.

- Dec. 9 - A 911 caller reported three people were standing outside of a smoking vehicle near State Highway 10 and Peters Road.
- Dec. 9 - Rawhide Youth Services reported an assault.
- Dec. 9 - An unknown caller reported the death of a man who shot himself in the head.
- Dec. 10 - A New London caller on Stage Road reported a maroon Ford Super Duty in the ditch and lying on its side. It was unoccupied. The caller said the inside "reeked of alcohol" and it looked "like they smashed the window to get out of the vehicle."
- Dec. 10 - A Marion man in Wilke Road called the sheriff's department and was highly intoxicated. He said he was waiting for the Waupaca taxi service. The dispatcher advised him "we don't have the manpower to be a taxi service." The caller became belligerent.

- Dec. 10 - A Waupaca woman on Lawson Drive reported she was sent a photo of a gun and a suicide note.
- Dec. 10 - A New London man on Cameron Street reported the theft of 8-10 2-by-4 boards from a building site. There were footprints and tracks.
- Dec. 10 - A New London caller on Stage Road reported people were in the woods behind her house shining a light and she could smell chemicals coming into the house.
- Deer-auto collisions are still above normal. Fourteen controlled burns were called in. A driver reported 4-5 chickens on State Highway 10. A New London woman rounded up a loose horse running down State Highway 45 and led it down a driveway of a home that had horses. An unknown caller reported that a juvenile was bitten by a dog. A husky was reported running loose near Royalton. A caller reported an injured red-tailed hawk. A Weyauwega caller reported a pelican in the road. Cows were reported running loose near Clintonville. An Iola caller reported a brown beef cow running loose.

# 2023 Christmas Church Service Directory

**Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
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Christmas Day Worship: 9 a.m.  
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Watch live or recorded at [TrinityNewLondon.com](http://TrinityNewLondon.com)

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**  
New London, WI - WELS  
*"For unto us a Child is born!"*  
Christmas Eve: 12:00, 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight: 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m.  
200 E. Quincy St., New London, WI 54961  
920-982-5444 • [www.EmanuelNL.org](http://www.EmanuelNL.org)  
Facebook Live Dec 24 at 4 p.m. & Dec 25 at 9:30 a.m.  
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**New London United Methodist Church**  
709 W. Pine St., New London  
920-982-4703  
[nlumc@mynewlondonumc.org](mailto:nlumc@mynewlondonumc.org)  
Pastor Joyce Rich  
Please join us:  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have 2 Christmas Eve Services.  
Traditional Worship Service at 10:15am, and later in the afternoon at 4:30pm featuring our Praise Band.  
**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day** No worship service.  
Join us for our Sunday Morning Traditional Service at 10:15am or for our Monday Night Contemporary Service at 6:30pm. You can watch our church services for Sunday and Monday via "Livestream" on our Youtube channel "New London United Methodist Church."  
Our services are uploaded to our website [www.mynewlondonumc.org](http://www.mynewlondonumc.org); Resources tab, then Worship Services or on our Facebook page New London United Methodist Church after each service.

**WARHAWKS BASKETBALL**  
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go up 57-52, but Witkowski scored all nine of the Warhawks' points, including a buzzer-beating three-pointer that tied that game at 61-61.

Witkowski tied the game at 64-64 with a pair of free throw and Hannah Pantzlaff gave the Warhawks a 66-64 lead with just over a minute remaining.

A Klotzbuecher basket tied the game at 66-66 before Pantzlaff gave the Warhawks a 68-66 lead.

Manawa had one more chance to force a fourth overtime after Cathryn Gunst fouled Klotzbuecher with 0.5 of a second to go.

Klotzbuecher needed to hit both free throws to give the Wolves a chance, but missed

her first attempt and the game ended.

Witkowski led all scorers with 38 points, including 27 in the second half and overtime periods. Avery Samz added 12 points for the Warhawks.

Marilyn Klatt led four Manawa players in double figures with 23 points. Klotzbuecher and Abigail Elmhurst added 12 points each and Cassandra Arndt finished with 11.

The Warhawks improved to 2-0 in CWC-East play and 5-3 overall, while Manawa fell to 1-1 in the CWC-East and 2-3 overall.

Both teams have CWC-East games scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15. Weyauwega-Fremont will travel to Bonduel and Manawa will host Shioc-ton. Tipoff for both games is set for 7 p.m.



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