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Clintonville looks at school budget cuts

District has \$1 million deficit

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Superintendent Troy Kuhn shared potential budget cuts and ideas to increase revenue for the Clintonville School District’s 2024-25 budget, which is running a \$1 million deficit.

The ideas were presented as information only, as they have not been discussed or approved by the board when it met on Jan. 8.

Personnel

One potential budget cut would be administrator and director consolidation, as well as the reduction of salary and hourly staff in the district.

Including salary, benefits, and retirement, if the district eliminated an administrator position, the district would save about \$120,000 per year, Kuhn told the board.

Eliminating a director would amount to a sav-



Kuhn

ings of about \$90,000 per year. Eliminating salaried staff would be a savings of \$80,000 per year, and hourly staff would amount to a savings of \$50,000 per year.

“If we wanted to choose to do that, obviously we would, best practice would be through retirements,” Kuhn said.

He added that if the board decided to do any non-renewal of contracts for administrators or teachers, the non-renewals for administrators would be due by the end of January. Teacher retirement notifications are due Feb. 15. Teacher non-renewals are due April 15.

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Making Jerky

Maranda Strebe’s eighth-grade agriscience class at Waupaca Middle School embarked on a savory journey, mastering the art of jerky-making as part of their learning on processed meat qualities. The lesson revealed that in beef purchases, higher marbling is coveted, whereas lean meat is preferred for jerky. Shown are Sophia Neuenkirk and Leyna Lanting putting the meat on dehydrator trays. Waupaca FFA Alumni provided the dehydrators and Police Liaison Officer Cameron Durrant provided the ground venison.

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How Waupaca County passes its ordinances

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – What’s the difference between a “resolution” and an “ordinance?”

That question was part of an extended discussion at a Jan. 8 Legislative, Judicial, Ethics, Safety and Security Committee meeting regarding possible changes in how the county board operates.

Supervisor David Morack raised the question while the committee discussed revisions to Waupaca County Ordinance Chapter 1 and Chapter 2.

The relevant section of Chapter 1 currently reads: Any individual supervisor may introduce a resolution or ordinance as follows:

• The written proposal shall be delivered to the presiding officer at any regular board meeting.

• That officer shall refer it to the proper committee for review and recommendation for passage or other action.

• The committee chair shall place it on the committee’s agenda not later than two regular committee meeting dates.

• The committee shall make its recommendation to the Board not later than four regular committee meeting dates after receipt of the proposal.

• The proposal shall be placed on the board agenda in accord with [policies relating to public notice and notifying the county clerk.]

Corporation Counsel Diane Muelemans explained that a resolution “is the body acting together to support a particular

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Winter in Iola

A young participant takes a little spill after jumping during a prior Iola Winter Carnival.

File Photos

New activities at Winter Carnival

Event set for Feb. 2-4

BY EMILY CONROY STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The 62nd Iola Winter Carnival is set for Friday through Sunday, Feb. 2-4, and volunteers hope to breathe the new life into the event.

Megan Melum is in her second year as volunteer. She looks forward to expanding the carnival, as well as bringing back some traditions, such as the lutefisk supper.

“I grew up here in Iola and I have many fond memories of the Winter Carnival,” Melum said. “The nostalgia of it all pulled me in last year and I just really wanted to see the event succeed and grow.”

Melum owns her own marketing and consulting firm and is passionate about organizing large events such



An infant wore his Viking helmet during the Iola Winter Carnival in 2020.

as the winter carnival.

“Being able to offer an experience to people, and giving them a chance to create new lasting core memories I just find immensely rewarding,” she said.

All proceeds for the event will benefit the Iola Winter

Sports Club and the American Legion Sheveland-Taylor Post 14.

The Iola Winter Sports Club will use the funds to help pay for their youth ski programs. Some of the money will also go into an account so the Iola Winter

Carnival can have funds to build on in the future.

The American Legion will use the funds raised to rebuild their cabin at Camp Tomahawk, where veterans and active military can go when they need a reprieve or are in crisis.

David Leder, a volunteer with the American Legion, said the camp started as a place for veterans with service-related disabilities. It has expanded to include all veterans or active military.

“With the rise of [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder] among veterans the eligibility has been open to all veterans. It has been and can be a very healing place,” Leder said.

New this year is the Chili Walk Cookoff. This will take place Feb. 3 from 12 pm to 4 pm at the following businesses: Iola Corner

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Historical society gets upgrades

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Historical Society raised more than \$180,000 through private donations and grants during its first-ever capital campaign.

The funds were put toward installing a new roof, renovating the lower-level meeting room and installing a hearing loop, and upgrading the kitchen and collections storage area at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

“We are incredibly grateful to our community, supporters and volunteers that made this capital campaign a huge success,” said Tracy Behrendt, director of the Waupaca Historical Society and chair of the Capital Campaign Committee.

The Waupaca Historical Society’s Capital Campaign Committee included Behrendt, Tim Drake, Jody Jansen, Aaron Jenson, Dennis Lear, Kent Pegorsch, Nancy Ross, Nancy Weasner and the late Jack Rhodes.

“These projects have enabled the Waupaca Historical Society to grow in new ways, which is just amazing,” Behrendt said. “We have been able to create a



The Holly History and Genealogy Center on South Main Street has a new roof thanks to contributions to the Waupaca Area Historical Society’s capital campaign. The society also made other upgrades in the building.

Submitted Photo

more accessible space for our community and also provide safe, archival storage for our collections.”

The Waupaca Historical Society’s next Capital Campaign project will be a new HVAC system at the Hutchinson House Museum. The current system is more than 30 years old and

currently does not control the climate on the second floor, creating a less than ideal space for storage and display.

“As one of the oldest residences in Waupaca and the first home for the Waupaca Historical Society, it is incredibly important for us to preserve the Hutchinson

House Museum for today and for future generations,” Behrendt said. “A new HVAC is a big part of that goal.”

The former Waupaca Public Library building now serves as the Holly Center, the Waupaca Historical Society’s main exhibit, collections storage and office space. It also has a meeting room in the lower level available for meetings, rentals and programs.

Since 1953, the Waupaca Historical Society has worked to preserve the history of Waupaca and the Chain O’Lakes. What began as efforts to preserve one of the oldest buildings in the City of Waupaca has grown to include the preservation of four sites and four buildings, an ever-growing artifact and archival collection, programs and events, and community outreach.

The Waupaca Historical Society operates the Holly History and Genealogy Center on South Main Street, the Waupaca Depot on Oak Street and the Hutchinson House Museum in South Park.

WINTER CARNIVAL

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Bar, The Mill, Thirsty Perch, Crystal Café and the American Legion will be featuring their chili at Mark McCoy's Flat Tracker Tap.

The Chili Walk Cookoff is free, but participants must obtain a stamp from every business for their ballot to be counted.

Ice sculpting will be returning to the event at Chet Krause Legacy Park where Melum Masonry will provide complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.

Teams need to be signed

up by Jan. 20 in order for organizers to reserve the right amount of ice for teams to sculpt.

The children's fishing contest started over 15 years ago and volunteer Tracey Ambacher took over the organizing the event in 2019. He said the contest started as a thank you from the Iola Lake District to the village of Iola.

Ambacher believes that the ice will be thick enough to walk on thanks to the frigid temperatures coming over the next couple of weeks. However, he said he will still keep an eye on it.

No matter what the ice conditions bring by the time of the event, Ambacher will still be moving forward with food, raffles and prizes. Food will include hotdogs from Nueske Meats, chili from Too Dars Diner in Iola, fried cheese curds from Monogram Foods, and hot chocolate.

Registration for the Children's Fishing Contest will be at 9:30 a.m.. The contest will run from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Prizes will go to the top three fish from each category. Categories include bluegill and sunfish, perch, crappie, bass and northern.

All first-place fish entries will be put in a drawing for a free taxidermy of a panfish up to 14 inches from Mayes Taxidermy out of Stevens Point, courtesy of Recon Boats. There will be more door prizes consisting of fishing equipment and area gift certificates.

There will also be a bucket raffle for an auger and a three-man pop-up shanty, as well as a 50/50 raffle during the fishing contest. The event will be held at Lake Iola.

The Iola Winter Sports Club, E398 County Trunk MM, will also be busy all weekend, starting Friday with a fat bike race, a Saturday snowshoe candlelit hike, and the Central Ski Jumping Championships starting at noon Sunday.

The Iola Winter Carnival will also be selling raffle tickets at area businesses for cash prizes and gift certificates.

Melum stressed the need for more volunteers in the future in order to expand the event and bring back previous traditions, like the lutefish dinner.

For more information on how to volunteer, reach out to the Iola Chamber of Commerce or find Iola Winter Carnival on Facebook.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Wind Down

Dear Reader,

We all become addicted to time. We become more addicted the older we get. Hanging on and savoring the gift of another day is not another given so we push in to it with a little more heart.

Recently I attended a funeral. The life lived was long - linked with many beautiful times and people joined along the way. She had pressed the world hard for all the juices each day would give up. Those who were there were heart-filled with joy and celebration. A tinge of sadness hung subtly in the air but the vision of spirituality shined brightly ahead.

The joy outweighed the grief knowing the ethereal paths ahead were ones of eternity where down the line we'll all be together again... He truly is a loving God.



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SCHOOL BUDGET

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Co-teaching

Switching from a co-teaching to classroom support model for special education was also discussed.

"When I first got to the district one of the ideas of the pupil services director at that time was to do a true co-teaching model in which we have a teacher and a para special ed in every single grade, so that they could specifically co-teach in reading and math," Kuhn said. "That is probably one of the best ways to do it, but it is extremely expensive."

Megan Murphy, the district's director of pupil services, explained co-teaching versus a support model of teaching.

"Co-teaching is if you have two teachers who are actively teaching in the room at all times," Murphy said.

"Right now, as we're co-teaching, we have a special education teacher, we have two adults in the room, minimum, at all times when we're co-teaching," Murphy said. "That's very expensive if we were to look at the budgetary side of it."

She added that it is very difficult to devise a successful co-teaching model.

"For how expensive it is, and how finicky it is, I don't know if that is worth our money," Murphy said.

Murphy also told the board that it needs to be

aware of "maintenance of effort," which ensure the district is spending the same amount of money each year on special education.

If the district doesn't maintain the same amount of money spent, Murphy said the district looks "suspicious" to the state.

Exceptions include retirement and decreases in the number of special education students.

Removing district personnel from special education in the district would not be considered an exception, Murphy said.

"We want to make it understood, if we're switching philosophies or models, that doesn't mean we can just go ahead and cut, let's say a certain group of teachers, because the state or federal government is going to be like, 'But wait, we've been giving you money to do this for so many years,'" Kuhn said.

Murphy said if too much is cut without exceptions, the district's funding can be eliminated or the district would have to return some of the funding that was provided the previous year.

"It might be cheaper to keep people on staff than to lose the maintenance of effort," Kuhn added.

Other ideas

Enforcing the two-mile bus transportation rule was another idea brought up as a budget cut.

Kuhn said the district has

student pick-up sites within the city of Clintonville. This could be eliminated, but Kuhn said there are safety issues with that.

"We actually are able to allow people who live within two miles of the school district to be considered to be living in a hazardous area so we can still collect money on them," said Lindsay Norder, business manager for the district.

Norder said it is considered a hazardous area because of highways 22 and 153, which are located near school grounds. The district currently receives funding for picking up students in the city of Clintonville.

The extension of technology replacement for students and staff was also suggested. This would be a savings of \$25,000 per year.

Kuhn said a lot of Chromebooks and other technology have "end of life dates" and some companies have been extending those dates for support. This allows the district to use the technology for a longer period of time before it has to replace it.

Kuhn said the district is not recommending that the district sell the school forest.

Not allowing student fee waivers was also suggested. According to a spreadsheet provided by the district, the amount of fees collected in the district has decreased from \$56,000 in 2018-19 to \$26,000 in 2022-23.

Professional development could be reduced, Kuhn

said. This would include meetings and trainings attended by district personnel, including school board members. This would save approximately \$50,000 per year.

A salary freeze for district employees was also suggested. Kuhn told the board that for every 1% increase in salary to district employees, the district's budget increases by about \$80,000.

"Ideally, with the amount of retirement that come out, and then hiring staff at a less cost, you'd think we'd come out ahead in the retirement, but when you consider inflation and not being able to hire teachers at a base wage anymore, it's really hard in the world of teacher stealing," Kuhn said. "You're not saving with retirements, because you're actually paying people quite a bit of money to fill their positions."

Reducing the building supply budget was suggested. Kuhn said he has already been working on this with the administrative team, and hopes to reduce the supply budget by \$20,000 for each school in the district.

The elimination of the Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) Maintenance Certificate Program was suggested. Two years ago, that program cost almost \$90,000, Kuhn said.

Kuhn said it is great that the district partners with

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Waupaca NEWS



Grayson Hill-Boll lays down the ink in his new studio at 717 Churchill St. Tattoo work is done by appointment at Sacred Buffalo Tattoo Parlor but people are welcome to stop in, check things out and ask questions. Submitted Photo

New ink on Churchill St.

Tattooed at Sacred Buffalo

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Grayson Hill-Boll's first client in his new tattoo studio was his father and since his father's nickname is One Feather, that's what he got: a feather running along his right forearm with four compass points that have a Native American motif.

Hill-Boll grew up in Waupaca and graduated from Waupaca High School in 2007. He said he was the creative kid in class and enjoyed drawing, airbrushing and painting. He was 19 years old when he got his first tattoo of a nautical compass.

"When I left I just knew I wanted to be a part of that," he said.

What sealed the deal for this career path was after getting the tattoo he went to Country Kitchen.

"The waitress was my age and good looking and she commented on it right away and I was like, 'This is awesome,'" he said.

There is no clear path of study in the tattoo world. It is more of a mentor and apprentice relationship.

In 2010, Kani Xiong became his mentor at Colt's Timeless Tattoos in Appleton. It was hands-on work under Xiong's watchful eyes. Hill-Boll spent five years there learning the art. He worked at another parlor in Neenah before returning to his hometown and purchasing the building at 717 Churchill St. The site was previously a bank and a chiropractor clinic.

He named it Sacred Buffalo Tattoo Parlor.

"I've always had an interest in Native American and pre-colonial history. The buffalo is what I consider my favorite animal. One thing that I really like about them is I heard that when a storm is coming, they go into the storm because they can run through it faster than they can sit through it. I like the idea of going into the storm and finding your way through it head-on," said Hill-Boll.

Hill-Boll gave the building a big makeover. He tore down the drop ceiling

and added ship-lap and wood beams for a rustic look above. He removed numerous walls and partitions to make it less "officey" and make it more welcoming to those who stop in.

Hill-Boll said getting a tattoo is much more approachable now than in times past. The environment, equipment and process are streamlined and modernized.

He said he started off hand stenciling and drawing on paper. Now he does digital renderings on an iPad. If a person comes in with an image, he digitalizes the images and creates a template or line drawing off that. He prints that image off on Thermofax paper, applies a cream to the client's skin and applies the paper, peels it off and what is left is an outline of the image.

Tattoos are created by small needle pricks to the skin and Hill-Boll says everyone reacts differently to the sensation.

"What might bother you might not bother me and vice versa. But typically speaking, if you think it would be a sensitive place to get tattooed, it probably is," he said.

Not every part of the human canvas is easy to work on. The middle of the torso and back can be difficult because he has to reach across the body and the inner thigh and the upper inner arm can be challenging to get at.

Hill-Boll produces artwork and it is difficult to predict how long one tattoo takes to be finished.

As an example, a tattoo the size of a playing card with a medium level on intricacy might take him around one or two hours. Something simple, like a Christian cross, might take ten minutes. There is micro-realism tattooing that is extremely detailed so a playing card-sized image could take several hours.

Hill-Boll has a following. He has an 80% return rate for clients and has one client he has tattooed his entire career.

"I can't even tell you how many hours I've spent on him," he said.

For pricing, there is a \$100 minimum and after that, there are many variables, including the clients themselves. Hill-Boll worked off this example: a shoulder tattoo of the Marine Corps Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem might vary hundreds of dollars.

"I've tattooed some really big guys, like 6-foot-five and 290 pounds and their arm is bigger than my leg. So you want something that fits and some tattoos take up a whole paper. But then you get a young guy who weighs 130 pounds and something smaller fits better on his shoulder," he said.

He considers himself a well-rounded artist and thinks that is a specialty in itself. Hill-Boll studied Polynesian tribal tattoos and he only knows of two other artists in the state that can produce those designs. He works in American traditional, black-and-grey realism, color, and the "little simple cute stuff." He likes to create artistic tattoos that challenge him, but he points out that he is welcoming to everyone with tattoo ideas big and small.

Sacred Buffalo is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hill-Boyd works by appointment only and people are welcome to stop in for inquiries and discussion and points out that someone dropping by randomly and leaving with a tattoo is unlikely.

He is a one-man operation and he thinks of his tattoo parlor as an artist's studio.

Sacred Buffalo is on Facebook and Hill-Boll can be contacted at graysondavidart@gmail.com and 920-915-5537.

Winchester announces upcoming programs

WAUPACA – Winchester Academy will host nine programs for its winter-spring series.

Programs are held at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower-level meeting rooms of the Waupaca Area Public Library. They are free and open to the public.

- Feb. 5 – Brent Nelson will present "Maple Sugaring in Wisconsin." He is a chemical engineer and local Waupaca maple syrup producer for more than 10 years.

- Feb. 12 – Kira Morrissey will discuss "Foraging for Food and Fun." She is nature lover and accomplished backyard forager.

- Feb. 19 – Kate Barelman will explain "The State of Our Water: Scarcity, Degradation and Opportunities for a Better Future." She is director of sustainability research for N-Drip, an innovator in microirrigation.

- March 4 – Steven T. Sheehan, PhD, will speak about "The King Veterans' Home: Early History." He is associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Fox Cities.

- March 11, Kirill Iliin, PhD, will present "Insights on Russia's War Against Ukraine: Diverse Perspectives." He is a 2021 U.S. State Department recipient of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies Visting Fellows Grant.

- March 18 – Andrew J Leavitt, PhD, will discuss "Yes, College Is Worth It. For All of Us." He is chancellor of UW-Oshkosh.

- April 1 – Susan McFadden, PhD, will explain "Memory Cafes and the New Story about Dementia." She is professor emerita of psychology at UW-Oshkosh.

- April 15 – Andre M.

M. Sousa, PhD, will present "What Makes the Human Brain Unique?" He is assistant professor of neuroscience at UW-Madison.

- April 29 – Tom Farley will speak about "Growing Up Farley." He is the brother of late actor and comedian, Chris Farley, and president of The Chris Farley Foundation, advocating against drug abuse.

Winchester Academy is a nonprofit Waupaca organization administered by a volunteer board of trustees. It brings engaging, informative and educational programs to the community.

There are no dues, tuition, or membership fees. For more information about Winchester Academy, visit winchesterwaupaca.org, follow on Facebook, or contact Executive Director Ann Buerger Linden at 715-258-2927 or buergerlinden@gmail.com.

Whiskey Junction opens

New ownership, new makeover

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Courtside Sports Bar, the bar and grill across from Fleet Farm on the other side of State Highway 10, is now Whiskey Junction.

Kurt Plamann is the owner and he's working on installing new outdoor signage, but the subzero weather isn't helping that project.

Instead, he focused all of this energy and resources on the interior of the bar and restaurant and he opened in early November. It is a sports bar and grill atmosphere but he added a separate dining room with a fireplace and a small buffet that has a supper club feel to it.

The main bar area is expansive and the large multi-window skylight adds to spaciousness. At one corner of the room, Plamann assembled a lounge area with sofas and an electric fireplace.

"It will kick out heat if you want that. It's just a place for people to sit around and talk. It gets used quite a bit on the weekends," said Plamann.

Opposite the lounge space is a dining area that



Courtside Sports Bar is now under new ownership and has been renamed Whiskey Junction. The interior got a big makeover, there is a new menu and outside activities are planned for warm weather. James Card Photo

can be rearranged for hosting live music. The electrical outlets in that corner are wired with their own breaker for extra rock-and-roll voltage.

Once warm weather returns he plans to have more outside activities.

"That parking lot can probably handle a thousand people out there. I just need to figure out where to put the band and the parking. We have volleyball and will have horse shoes and hopefully a cornhole league," said Plamann.

The whole interior was repainted and redecorated. There are new chairs and tables in the dining area, two pool tables, numerous electronic games, an ATM and six large-screen TVs are mounted throughout

the room. Plamann has plans for organizing pool and dart leagues in the future.

The flagship meal in the menu is the signature Whiskey Junction burger and there are other sandwiches, wraps, appetizers and baskets. They have a Friday fish fry and are working on a steak night for Saturdays. They have drink specials during Packer games and are working on daily specials throughout the week.

Corrine Jaeger is the general manager of the establishment.

Their hours are from 11 a.m. to midnight and lunch is served daily.

For more information, visit whiskeyjct.com or their Facebook page.

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Clintonville NEWS

No action on Dellwood upgrade

Board requests more information

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board decided to take no action at its Jan. 8 meeting on a bid to upgrade the electrical of the building that houses Dellwood Child Care Center.

Krueger's Sign and Electric submitted the proposal.

The board decided to take no action because the bid did not include all the information the district had requested through a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project.

The board directed Stephen Reinke, the district's buildings and grounds director, to request that information from Krueger's Sign and Electric.

The bid was for \$19,565 to complete the project.

According to the RFP, the scope of the upgrade would include the installation of 400-amp single-phase service, the replacement of a panel and associated breakers or wire needed for the installation, updating an old breaker panel in a hallway, and running new wires to the updated breaker panel.

The RFP also requested the following pricing proposal requirements: itemized budgetary estimate; detailed construction plan, including a proposed schedule that includes start and completion dates; and information regarding the cost of any contractors.

Proposal discussed

Reinke told the board that he sent the RFP to two companies, but Krueger's Sign and Elec-

tric was the only company that submitted a bid proposal for the project.

Through the bid process, Reinke said he learned that the electric meter for Dellwood, currently located in the basement, would need to be moved to the outside of the building.

"No longer are they allowed to be in the basement, so it has to be brought outside," Reinke said.

He added that because the project is considered an upgrade maintenance project, the district should not have to pay the cost to move the meter.

Although it wasn't specified in the bid proposal, Reinke said Krueger's Sign and Electric said it would not be able to do the project until at least late July because of supply chain issues.

Board President Ben Huber asked if the transformer would need to be replaced.

Reinke said since the project would stay with a single-phase electrical system, the current transformer would not need to be replaced.

"It's basically replacing what is in there with new equipment," Reinke said. "Same service, same size."

Board member Glen Drew Lundt asked if it would be worth replacing the single-phase electrical system with a three-phase electrical system.

"It seems like you can never have enough power," Lundt said.

Reinke acknowledged that three-phase was discussed, but said since the district doesn't have a definite plan for the building in the future, he wasn't sure if it was worth spending the extra money to switch to three-phase.

Lundt asked if the dis-

trict received a quote for both single-phase and three-phase.

Reinke said switching to three-phase would cost around \$80,000.

Board member Jason Moder said when this was discussed in the past, it was pointed out that there is nothing in the building that requires three-phase power. He added that a transformer for a three-phase system would cost more than the bid for single-phase from Krueger's Sign and Electric.

"You're talking an exponential amount more money, and on top of that you're going to be putting all different equipment in the building that will run on three-phase," Moder said.

Bid fails to meet RFP guidelines

Moder expressed concern that the bid proposal the district received from Krueger's Sign and Electric didn't follow the guidelines of the RFP.

"There's no descriptions of timelines in there, there's not a breakout of pricing, there's a bunch of stuff (missing)," Moder said.

Huber asked Moder if he was satisfied by the information in the bid, or if he'd like the district to request that information from Krueger's Sign and Electric.

Moder said he'd like to see the bid follow the RFP guidelines.

He added that he understands that supply chain issues help determine when the would project begin, but he'd like to see a timeline listed as to how long the project would take to complete.

Board member Laurie Vollrath asked what the future plans are for the building, adding that there have been discussions about adding a small kitchen in the building for Dellwood Child Care Center.

Kuhn said a kitchen can still be added using a single-phase electrical system. He added that if a kitchen is added, because of the cost, it would be tailored as a residential kitchen and not a commercial kitchen.

City administrator given authority to sign contracts

Projects include wage study, website redesign

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – City Administrator Caz Muske was given the authority to sign contracts and agreements for several projects scheduled for 2024.

The Clintonville Common Council gave the city administrator the authority when it met Dec. 12.

Approved projects for 2024 include: engineering and grant services with Kunkel Engineering Group, a wage and compensation study and implementation plan with Carlson Dettmann Consulting, codification of Code of Ordinances with Civic Plus, and a website redesign with Civic Plus.

Wage study

The wage and compensation study is not to exceed \$15,000. The council provided the approval for the study when it passed the 2024 city budget at the Nov. 14 council meeting. The item was in the budget and not voted on

individually.

According to documents from Carlson Dettmann Consulting, the study is scheduled to be done in six phases.

The first phase will review the city's concerns and establish the expectations for the city and Carlson Dettmann Consulting. It will also include preliminary guidance and instructions, as well as training meetings with department heads.

The development of a master file of employee job and wage information is the center of phase two. This involves collecting data from comparable organizations and collecting job documentation data.

Phase three includes conducting job evaluations, meeting with department leaders and key management staff to review job documentation, develop options for consideration, develop costing estimates, and review draft information.

A timeline and plan for presentation of final recommendations takes place in phase four. City officials also review and adopt the plan in this phase.

Phase five is optional. It includes drafting appeal guidelines and processes. This will

include collecting appeal requests, reviewing appeals and making recommendations, and adopting those recommendations.

The sixth and final phase closes out the project, with a final meeting scheduled within 90 days of project completion.

Website redesign

The cost of the city website redesign is not to exceed \$6,000. The council provided the approval for the city's website redesign when it approved the 2024 city budget. The item was in the budget and not voted on individually.

The website redesign would take around 10-13 weeks.

Ordinance Code

The cost for the codification of the Code of Ordinances is not to exceed \$13,000. The purpose is to "create a better platform for the City and residents to use and understand the City's ordinances."

The council provided the approval for the codification when it approved the 2024 city budget. The item was in the budget and not voted on individually.



4-H Club on parade

The Woodland Badgers 4-H Club spent time decorating a float for the Clintonville Christmas Parade where they handed out information about Waupaca County 4-H. Members shown, from left, are FRONT: Ellie Blashe and Bryce Burmeister; BACK: Hailey Burmeister, Alexis Welter, Avery Burmeister, Owen Burmeister, Zoie Zaddack, Ehlana Zaddack and friend Lilly. Missing members are Eli Zempel, Weston Zempel and Wyatt Zempel.

Photo Submitted by Bryce Burmeister

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New London & Hortonville NEWS

NL art show seeks artists

BY LORI SCHNEIDER
WOLF RIVER ART LEAGUE

NEW LONDON – The Wolf River Art League invites professional, non-professional and student artists to enter work to be displayed at the Mid-Winter Art Show.

The art show takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11, at Crystal Falls Banquet Facility, 1500 Handschke Road, New London.

Media such as oil, acrylic, pastel, photography, fiber, ceramic and wood will be judged and displayed at the show. The event is free and open to the public.

Artists entry forms can be found on the WRAL's new website at wolfriverart.org or picked up at the New London Area Chamber of Commerce, 420 N. Shawano Street.

Entry forms are due Jan. 31. No late entries will be accepted so those who are mailing should do so by Jan. 29. Artwork including framing should be no larger than 44-inches across.

A 10:30 a.m. Saturday judge's critique kicks off the weekend event.

Professional artist Roberta Miles is the 2024 judge. She is a graduate of the American Academy of Art and has been a teaching artist to children and adults for the past 30 years. Her work has been acquired and is on display at De-



Ann Yaeger won the People's Choice Award in 2023 for her Indian Maiden oil painting at the Wolf River Art League's Mid-Winter Art Show. File Photo

loitte (Chicago), Body Partners (Missouri, Oregon) and in private collections across the country. She is facile with realism and abstraction and works with a variety of mediums across the board. She is also a Chicago-based jazz singer, writer and producer.

Twenty-four prize ribbons plus cash prizes are awarded to artists of all ages at the show, and a "People's Choice Award" is announced at the end of the weekend. Participants may price art to sell as part of the show.

In addition to the judged art, local artisans demonstrate skills that many consider "lost arts."

Crystal Falls provides a limited menu of hot items. A league member will be sculpting ice outside.

The league will also launch a new fundraising effort at the show, to benefit a new sculpture trail to be located at Riverside Park. Attendees can purchase a stainless steel fish with their name engraved on it to be part of a community sculpture for the new trail. A children's interactive area will have something new relating to the sculpture trail.

For more information or to join the Wolf River Art League, email wolfriverart@yahoo.com, or call Lori at 920-982-0168.



Hortonville High School students and staff received about a dozen pallets of school supplies from School Specialty through a summer employment promotion. Submitted Photo

Hortonville schools win supplies

HORTONVILLE – Students and faculty in the Hortonville Area School District recently won a truckload of school supplies worth more than \$15,000 from School Specialty.

The truckload included everything ranging from general supplies to art, sports and PE equipment. It arrived at Hortonville High School in December.

HASD faculty and students took part in a School Specialty promotion that recruits students to work at their Green-

ville and Prospect Avenue locations during the summer months.

School Specialty is a leading provider of supplies to the pre-K through 12th-grade education market and has warehouses in the Fox Cities area.

School Specialty and their staffing partner Manpower promoted a recruitment program called "Get A Great Summer Job and Give Back."

The company's peak fulfillment season aligns with teachers and local student's time off in the summer.

Each applicant recruited through the program is entered to win a truckload of supplies for their school.

HASD had 30 applicants.

Students ages 16 and older are eligible for employment opportunities at School Specialty.

Teachers and students work in their Fox Cities warehouses during the summer months creating SchoolKidz teacher-tailored supply kits, and picking and packaging supplies for customers.

Speaker to discuss elections

NEW LONDON – Peter Bernegger will speak at the the Wolf River Area Patriots monthly forum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Washington Center in New London.

Bernegger is the president of public policy organization

called Election Watch. His mission is to monitor elections in Wisconsin for irregularities and fraud.

He Peter will give the status of legal cases both pending and decided, as well as status of legislation on election integrity.

The Washington Center is located at 500 W. Washington. Attendees should enter through the south side entrance off Dickinson Street.

The event is open to the public. Call Seth Cowan at 920-968-5335 for more information.

Library to hold open houses

NEW LONDON – The New London Public Library and Museum Board invites the community to share the vision for transforming the former First State Bank building to the New London Public Library.

Open houses have

been scheduled for from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3; and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6; at the old bank building located at 113 W. North Water St.

Architectural plans will

be on display along with renderings of several areas of the new library.

Tours of the building will be given. Library personnel, board members and library fundraising volunteers will be available to answer questions.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

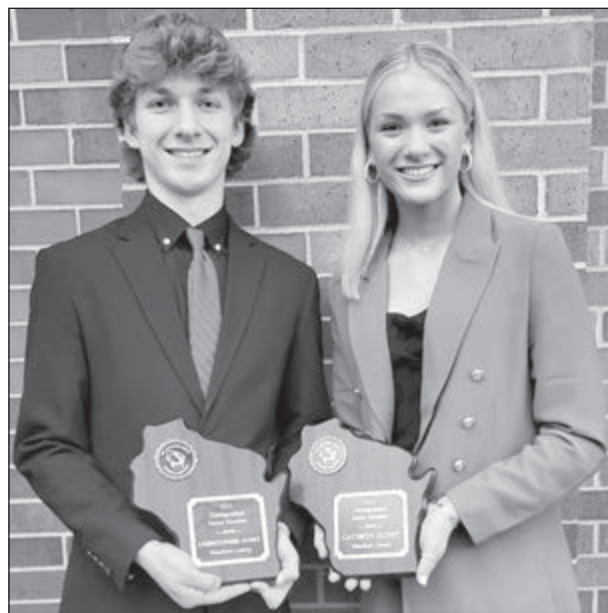
Gunsts receive highest honor at state Holstein convention

FOND DU LAC – Cathryn and Christopher Gunst of Poy Sippi received the Distinguished Junior Member Award, the highest honored bestowed to members during the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention, held Dec. 29-31 in Fond du Lac.

The recognition is designed to reward youth who demonstrate a first-hand working knowledge of the dairy industry. Applicants are required to submit a three-page resume; describe in six pages how their junior Holstein project evolved; complete an extensive pedigree listing of all animals owned, along with their vaccination records; explain how they obtained and developed their herd; and answer several industry-related questions.

In addition to the recognition, Cathryn won the Intermediate Speaking Contest, earning her the right to compete at the National Junior Holstein Convention in June in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Gunsts, who are juniors at Weyauwega-Fremont High School, were also awarded the Junior



Christopher and Cathryn Gunst of Poy Sippi received the the Distinguished Junior Member Award at the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention in Fond du Lac. Submitted Photo

Trip Award and now have the opportunity to learn more about the Wisconsin Holstein industry by spending time touring farms and agribusinesses on a two-day tour in the spring. They also received awards on several of the cows they have bred and developed over the past years.

The Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association is a nonprofit organization that strives to increase knowledge and provide opportu-

nities to youth by involvement through the Registered Holstein Project. The association strives to positively influence young people by recognizing and congratulating their achievements and accomplishments in the industry.

New skating rink planned

Seats open on council

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – An ice skating rink was slated to be built for the city this winter but Mother Nature has not cooperated – until now.

"We're starting to work on the ice rink. We finally got cold weather. It's a learning curve, but we'll get there," said Mayor Rich Luedke at the Jan. 15 common council meeting.

The ice rink will be located in the baseball field at Maasch Community Park. Its dimensions are 40 feet by 90 feet and the parks and recreation committee budgeted \$800 for a plastic liner to contain the ice. A porta-potty will be installed nearby.

Luedke also commented on the search for a new city administrator. Former administrator Jeremy Schroeder resigned five months ago.

Luedke said they interviewed six candidates and

two candidates were interviewed twice. Two more candidates are planned for next week and he hoped they will have an administrator hired by February.

The council discussed and voted to use some leftover American Rescue Funds (ARPA) that must be allocated by the end of the year and to be spent by 2026. They voted to allocate ARPA funds for new AR-platform rifles for the Weyauwega Police Department (\$15,000) and \$50,000 to be put towards a splash pad for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The council voted to accept the resignation of council member Kaley DuCoeur of District 3. City Clerk Becky Loehrke informed the council that she updated the vacancy notice and would be posting online and in other channels for finding a candidate to fill the empty seat.

There will be other open seats on the council. Rick Binley of District 2 failed to file nomination papers

by the Jan. 2. Council member Bruce Goetsch filed a notice of non-candidacy for District 3 and Duane Stelzner filed a notice of non-candidacy for District 1.

The spring primary will be held – if needed – on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 2. The term for alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 16. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Police Chief Brandon Leschke briefed the council on the previous month's police encounters, including extra work involving the traffic accident that killed the four Gonzales siblings.

"I want to give a shout-out to Officer [Heather] DeGrand. She was extremely instrumental in the school along with Bailey, the therapy dog. She took quite a burden on her shoulders during that time to keep a comforting environment in the school

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

I-S track to stay in Iola

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The Iola-Scandinavia School Board voted unanimously Jan. 8 in favor of keeping and renovating the current track.

The track in Iola has been in need of repair and the subject of discussions for the past few years. However the track location has been up for debate and was finally decided at a recent school board meeting.

After discussing the pros and cons of locating the track at either Iola or Scandinavia, the board agreed that renovating the current facilities would be the most cost-effective.

The cost of renovating the current track in Iola is estimated at \$1.3 million, while building a track sports complex in Scandinavia is estimated at \$1.7 million.

School board vice president, Diana Jones, said she was concerned that both the higher price tag of the sports complex in Scandinavia, as well as the additional cost of transportation to and from the high school, will be more difficult to budget for in the future.

"I am in favor of having it [in Iola] because I think if the school district is not contributing then raising the lower amount will be easier than raising the

higher amount," Jones said. "I think the transportation issue is also a huge included cost ... you are going to have to figure out how you are going to be coming up with that money."

District Administrator Chris Nelson said in an email that the district decided not to fund a track as the price was too steep. That decision was made several years ago.

A survey sent out by the school district this past fall showed that the community would not support a capitol referendum to be used for a track. The survey also showed that 55% said they would like to keep the track in Iola.

Laura Krogwold, school board treasurer, agreed transportation is a concern and needs to be taken into consideration while making this decision.

"This is going to be a many year decision. It's going to be affecting so much when it comes to budgeting," Krogwold said. "My mind is not going to change. As much as I would like to see a nice big sports complex out in Scandinavia ... its such a long term decision to transport out there."

Director Tony Neumann echoed the transportation concerns and the extra cost of relocating the track to Scandinavia.

"The ongoing costs like transportation, that's going to be a hard pill to swallow," Neumann said.

Mike Grassl, school board clerk, said that while transportation would be an issue, re-locating the track to Scandinavia will open up room for a concession stand and much needed parking. It would also allow additions to the sports complex in the future.

"In my mind it makes more sense to put our investment in a spot that we can watch and take care of and it's a complex ... in the future maybe if we wanted to put a softball field or a baseball diamond, there is space for that," Grassl said. "We talk about this all the time and we don't plan accordingly then we shoot ourselves in the foot."

Ultimately, Grassl voted in favor of keeping the track in Iola, in a role call vote.

Nelson said the next steps will be the fundraising process, which will be easier now that the decision of the track location has been made. Currently the track team has raised about \$55,000.

However, in the coming months as they get precise numbers on the renovations there will be a committee formed to push forward on raising the appropriate amount of funds.

Waupaca County sheriff's report

• Jan. 8 – A Weyauwega man on Galilee Road reported a suspicious white work truck with a trailer.

• Jan. 8 – An Iola caller on Blaine Street reported a woman would not stop contacting and harassing her.

• Jan. 8 – Cricket Wireless on West Fulton Street reported a suspected gas leak. The caller was feeling dizzy and sick and everyone was outside.

• Jan. 8 – A Weyauwega caller on State Highway 10 reported a man was pulling up stumps near his property as a form of harassment.

• Jan. 8 – A Waupaca man on Shambeau Trace reported a black SUV was doing donuts at the end of the road, almost hitting mailboxes and electrical boxes.

• Jan. 8 – An unknown caller reported a suspicious unoccupied vehicle with the driver's door open and the key on the dash.

• Jan. 9 – Dollar General on West Fulton Street reported a woman stole \$80 worth of merchandise by faking a transaction at the self-checkout. The black-haired woman was wearing a gray jacket, red leggings, a black hooded sweatshirt, and glasses. She drove off in a beige car.

• Jan. 9 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

• Jan. 9 – An anonymous caller in Fremont reported hearing a man and a woman yelling at each other in an apartment.

• Jan. 10 – A man called 911 yelling and screaming and said, "I don't play!" and the call disconnected.

• Jan. 10 – A Marion caller on Bertram Street reported a suspicious man dressed in all black and carrying a hacksaw heading north on County Trunk D.

• Jan. 10 – A Marion woman on First Street reported two women on Sherman Street were renting a house with "a Jewish

star on the front" and have been drugging the caller for 24 months.

• Jan. 10 – Rawhide Youth Services reported damage to light fixtures and a hole in the ceiling.

• Jan. 10 – A New London man on Dey Road reported a maroon Ford Explorer was not going to stop for the school bus and the bus driver angled the bus into the oncoming lane to force the Explorer to stop.

• Jan. 10 – A Berlin caller reported a suspicious dark-haired man with a white Prius shook hands with a man involved in a court case and gave him a piece of paper.

• Jan. 10 – A Clintonville man on Hudson Road reported his neighbor's door was open and requested an officer to check out the house.

• Jan. 10 – An unknown caller reported a woman had a knife be her bedside the night before and said it was hard for her not to kill herself.

• Jan. 10 – Portage County Sheriff's Office reported they had a man on their crisis line who said he was "looking at a noose."

• Jan. 11 – A Weyauwega caller on State Highway 54 requested a welfare check on a woman who sent him a strange text message at 2:30 a.m. stating she left work, that she loved them and had suicidal intentions.

• Jan. 11 – An anonymous caller reported a woman under the influence of heroin.

• Jan. 11 – The Chain One Stop in Waupaca reported a gas drive-off valued at \$54. It was an older man in a Carhartt jacket driving a tan Chevy Tahoe and pulling a snowmobile trailer.

• Jan. 11 – The Waupaca County jail reported a fight in the jail. In a follow-up call they reported an inmate needed hospital

transport for stitches.

• Jan. 11 – An Iola man on McKinley Street reported people next door were yelling and one man said, "I will cut you up if I have to."

• Jan. 11 – A Waupaca woman on Shadow Road reported her neighbors moved on Jan. 8. It seemed they left their dog behind and she could hear it crying and howling throughout the day.

• Jan. 11 – A Manawa woman on East View Drive reported a trespassing and property line problem with a neighbor.

• Jan. 11 – A Tigerton caller reported a woman was harassing her via text messages and making accusations about the caller's son.

• Jan. 13 – A New London caller on Tank Road reported a snowplow cleared his neighbor's driveway and pushed the snow on his driveway and now he could not get out.

• Jan. 14 – An Iola caller on Iola Street reported she had video footage of a person wearing a ski mask and Carhartt coveralls puncturing two tires on the driver's side of her vehicle.

• Jan. 14 – A Clintonville caller on Sixth Street reported his wife was causing problems.

• There were an increased number of motor vehicle crashes and vehicles in the ditch during this period, but fewer deer-auto collisions. Ten controlled burns were called in. A Marion caller reported horses were being neglected and did not have enough hay. A Waupaca man was bitten on the left side of his face by the neighbor's dog. A Clintonville man reported a Cane Corso mastiff attacked his chickens. Cows were reported loose on Jepson Road. Two cows were reported loose on Gurholt Road.

Manawa NEWS

New library director in Manawa

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Sue Vater Olsen, the new Sturm Memorial Library director, has been busy situating herself in her new position and is excited for what the future holds.

Originally from Loyal, Vater Olsen has lived in the Manawa area since 2000 and worked at the Scandinavia Public Library for the last 19 years. She is happy to work closer to home.

Vater Olsen previously worked at Plexus as a manufacturing engineer, however after the dot-com bubble burst in early 2000 she started looking for a new job.

"The library was a place that was open and impressed me," she said.

Vater Olsen plans to continue with the children and adult programming at the library. One of the programs is Storytime, which recently started again after a brief hiatus due to Covid-19.

"We're hoping to capture some young families that way. They can have a time that they can interact both with us at the library ... with other families too and make those connections," she said. "I think young parents sometimes feel a bit isolated and it's an opportunity to be social."

As an avid reader, Vater Olsen has thrived in the library. She enjoys both fiction and non-fiction books, however she appreciates non-fiction that aligns with her interest in science.

This appreciation of



Sue Vater Olsen is the new Sturm Memorial Library director. Emily Conroy Photo

science is echoed in one of her favorite things to do as a librarian, which is answerin reference questions.

"It's like those little puzzles, looking for information and hopefully finding resources that are applicable," she said.

Vater Olsen and the library staff will also be putting together some adult programming, which includes a book group that meets monthly as well as Bibliobingo, where participants read books to paly Bingo and win a prize.

Vater Olsen is currently working on learning and understanding all of the processes at the library.

"While there are state statutes that we need to follow, how things get done is often unique to each library," she said.

Although Vater Olsen is concentrating on learning all there is to know in her position at the library, she

is especially looking forward to the summer programs. She aims to gather children of all ages for reading challenges and entertainment such as performers and educational speakers.

Being able to help maintain a child's literacy skills outside of school, as well as Storytime with infants and reading challenges by tracking numbers of books read or time spent reading, it has become a big part of the year.

"It's always a lot of fun and we enjoy the activity working with kids when they are out of school," she said. "There is a lot of science about how reading starts at really, really young ages."

For more information on upcoming programs go to www.manawalibrary.org or find the Sturm Memorial Library on Facebook for updates on events and activities.

Suspect charged with sex crimes

In jail on \$10K cash bond

COUNTY – Donald A. Deschler, 51, Weyauwega, is in custody on a \$10,000 cash bond after prosecutors charged him with multiple sex crimes.

He is charged with using a computer to facilitate child sex crime, which carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison with a minimum of five years in prison if convicted.

Deschler also faces a maximum of 25 years behind bars with a minimum of three years on each of two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of exhibition of child



Deschler

porn. He is further charged with causing a child to view sexual activity and could serve up to 12 1/2 years in prison if convicted.

On Dec. 23, 2023, Weyauwega police received information that Deschler intended to have sexual relations with someone he believed to be an 11-year-old girl.

According to the criminal complaint, Deschler told police that he had been corresponding with an 11-year-old girl.

During the interview, he reportedly made references to her young age and her "tender body."

Police say he went to where he believed the girl lived on two occasions.

A review of his digital tablet uncovered two explicit videos involving adult men and young girls.

"Deschler explained to me that he is addicted to sex and sexually attracted to young girls," according to Sgt. Bryan Strobusch with the Weyauwega Police Department.

4-H enrollment underway

COUNTY – The deadline for enrolling in 4-H in time for participating in this year's Waupaca County Junior Fair is Feb. 1.

In 4-H, youth learn about computers, animals, aerospace, woodworking, crops, photography, arts, and work on a variety of other projects.

Members build life long skills including communication, teamwork, organization, record keeping, and problem solving.

Youth in 4-H learn leadership by helping to plan and

do club projects and activities. There are opportunities to earn awards and scholarships.

A local 4-H club provides opportunities for families to work together preparing for club meetings and county fair projects.

In Waupaca County, there

are 18 4-H clubs where youth in grades 5K through high school can enroll.

For more information, call Penny Tank, 4-H program educator, at the Extension Waupaca County Office, 715-258-6230 or email at penny.tank@wisc.edu.

Waupaca requires snow removal

WAUPACA – Residents of the city of Waupaca are required to remove snow and clean sidewalks within 24 hours after any snow fall.

Landlords and tenants should establish who will be responsible for snow and ice removal in their rental agreement.

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SCHOOL BUDGET

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FVTC to offer students different educational programs, but added that when there is a small number of students in those programs, the cost per student is high. For example, if a program

costs \$60,000 and only six students are using the program, the district is paying \$10,000 per student.

“We have to weigh the cost benefit of doing that,” Kuhn said.

If the Maintenance Certificate Program isn't offered, the district would still

ORDINANCES

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action, activity or function” while an ordinance becomes the county's law.

As an example, Muelemans noted that when the county receives a donation of more than \$1,000, the county board must pass a resolution to accept the donation.

“Doing so is in accordance with a policy, set by ordinance, regarding the acceptance of donations,” she said.

Committees' role in ordinance process

Morack's concern focused

less on semantics than on the process of ordinances going before the county board.

“Can an ordinance or resolution go before the board without committee recommendation?” he asked. “What happens if the committee votes it down?”

“You're saying, Dave, that regardless of what the committee decides, which means a recommendation still goes to the full board?” Supervisor Kevin Will asked.

“If you look at the overall intent and how this board has been running for a significant period of time, the

offer the class, but it would not be taught by an instructor from FVTC.

Operational referendum

Kuhn said the district could lower the tax for Fund 80 and increase the tax for

Fund 10, without changing the mill rate.

“But in order to do that, you have to go to a referendum,” Kuhn said. “So, technically we would increase our revenue in Fund 10, but it would consider an operational referendum and not increase taxes.”

than “two or three members being able to say no.”

“I think this discussion is good and I think we could make it (language in the ordinance) more clear,” Muelemans said.

“If we're going to run it by committee, we have to put full faith and trust in the committee that they're going to adequately look at everything and really weigh it out,” Will said.

“The structure of county government is based on committees,” Supervisor Fred Zaugg said, noting that the board generally follows the recommenda-

Looking ahead

Kuhn told the board that the district is currently working with Grade A Budgets to do a three-year budget projection. After Feb. 15, when the district knows who is retiring the administrative team will meet again.

tions of the committee.

“If we said no, we don't bring it to the board?” Zaugg said.

“That's what we're talking about,” Muelemans said. “We should be clear about if the committee says no, then whoever wants the resolution to be considered by the full board should still have the opportunity or not.”

“We would have to change the rules to do that?” Zaugg asked.

“I think we have to be more clear,” Muelemans said.

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district,” said Leschke.

The Gonzales tragedy also spurred Leschke to institute a wellness peer-support program for his officers. It was a project he wanted to do since becoming police chief.

The department signed a contract with a mental wellness support service and officers will have a manda-

tory annual meeting with a support person and also that service will be on-call for any crisis that comes up.

The department hired a new part-time police officer, Colton Wagner, a native of Weyauwega who recently graduated from Fox Valley Technical College.

Also, they accepted delivery of a new Dodge Charger patrol car. This replaced

the patrol car that became swamped last summer during a rainstorm when an officer was responding to an emergency call. The officer drove through a flooded section of street and water got into the engine.

For citizen appearances and public comments, Frank Zabo, the Weyauwega's Public Library representative, updated the council

about progress on the library's new addition.

“We're sort of at a standstill and thank goodness they have the building [new addition] up for the snowstorm came because now we're waiting approval from three different inspectors for the electrical and the HVAC before we can go ahead,” he said.

He said the completion

date is still targeted for March but hoped that the inspections would not slow down progress on construction.

Also, a Weyauwega resident addressed the council in a rambling, coarsely worded tirade about snowpiles, snow removal on sidewalks and her tribulations with a snow blower she named Bertha.

Winter radio days planned

Waupaca teams with other counties

Waupaca, Winnebago, and Waushara County ARES will be participating. The public is welcome to stop by and learn about amateur radio and get on the air with a licensed amateur radio operator.

Inside the WWII Memorial Building there will be informational tables with literature, hands-on activities, and radio demonstrations.

Each year amateur radio enthusiasts participate in the Winter Field Day exercise to bring awareness to the public about amateur radio, to test equipment in cold weather conditions, contest with other amateur radio operators and have fun.

Visitors can stop by Swap Fest tables where amateur operators sell radios, equipment and other items. There will be an table with club information, registration forms and ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League) literature.Brats, hotdogs, sandwiches chips and beverages will also be available inside the building.

COUNTY -The Waupaca County ARES/RACES will be participating in a Tri-County Winter Field Day event on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27 and 28, at the World War II Memorial Building at 440 W. Main St. in Wautoma.

The event runs from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Foundation to award grants

CLINTONVILLE - The Clintonville Area Foundation (CAF) will distribute \$10,850 in grants to six area nonprofit organizations.

broad range of purposes in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, community development, education and environment.

the Clintonville area.

The 2024 grant distribution is slated for 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Living Room Coffee Shop, 85 S. Main St., in Clintonville. Grant awards will be presented and photos taken in a short program starting at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Organizations eligible to receive grants are those determined by the IRS to be public charities. The application deadline was Dec. 1.

The foundation accepts tax-deductible donations of any amount to be invested in the community fund and used to provide annual grants that improve the quality of life in the Clintonville community.

The annual CAF grants cycle starts with applications for projects or new programs with clear goals and financial accountability, and for which a moderate amount of grant money can make the greatest impact on an area of need.

A volunteer grants committee met in early January to review applications and to formulate grant recommendations which were approved by the CAF Board of Directors at its January quarterly meeting. The recipients will be announced at the event.

Complete grant application guidelines can be found by visiting the CAF website at www.clintonvillefoundation.org. General questions about the grant process can also be emailed to Carolyn Desrosiers, community engagement manager, cdesrosiers@cffoxvalley.org or by calling 920-702-7625. CAF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

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Sports

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Ethan Harms looks for an open Waupaca player Jan. 11 during the Comets' 66-43 win over Wrightstown. Greg Seubert Photos

FVL ends Waupaca's winning streak

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – After recent wins over Luxemburg-Casco and Wrightstown, the Waupaca boys' basketball team was moving up in the North Eastern Conference standings.

However, Fox Valley Lutheran put an end to the Comets' three-game winning streak with an 82-63 win Jan. 15 at Waupaca High School.

The Comets also defeated Luxemburg-Casco 62-49 in a rescheduled game Jan. 13 and picked up a 66-43 win over Wrightstown Jan. 11.

FVL 82, Waupaca 63

The Foxes improved to 9-0 in conference play and 11-1 overall and Waupaca fell to 5-5 in the North Eastern and 8-5 overall.

Fox Valley Lutheran added to its 38-35 halftime lead by outscoring the Comets 44-28 in the second half.

Riley Bechard led Waupaca with 20 points, while Aaron Wolff and Henry Mouw chipped in with 14

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Wrightstown's Bennett Hermann plays defense against Waupaca's Austin Adamczak in a North Eastern Conference game at Waupaca High School.

Clintonville splits games with Denmark

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

CLINTONVILLE – Clintonville boys' and girls' basketball teams hosted Denmark for North Eastern Conference games Jan. 11.

The boys kept pace with Fox Valley Lutheran with a 57-55 win, while the girls fell to the Vikings 48-34.

Clintonville 57, Denmark 55

Kade Rosenow scored almost half of the Truckers' points, as he led all scorers with 27 points.

Sam Wegener and Jack Yaeger added 10 points each

for Clintonville, while Drake Derricks scored 20 points to lead Denmark.

Denmark 48, Clintonville 34

Clintonville trailed 27-19 at halftime and the Vikings added to their lead with a 21-15 advantage in the second half.

Natalie Sunita led Clintonville with 16 points.

Allie Van Vonderen led Denmark with 17 points.

The boys and girls will host Little Chute for North Eastern games Friday, Jan. 19. The boys will tip off at 5:45 p.m., followed by the girls at 7:15 p.m.

Bulldogs drop Bay dual meet

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW LONDON – A winter snowstorm forced the New London wrestling team to call off the annual Cutler Classic Jan. 13.

Although the Bulldogs weren't able to host their annual invitational, they did host Shawano Jan. 11 for a Bay Conference dual meet and ended up on the short end of a 42-31 score.

The Bulldogs opened the meet with Trae Young-Prochnow's pin of Marcus

Cicero in the 150-pound match. New London's other wins came on Wyatt Magolski's pin of Christopher Hammen-Jung (120), Trevor Schultz's 12-1 major decision over Austin Stickney (126), Jackson Pecher's pin of Mason Theis (175), Howie Roloff's 9-3 decision over Conner Chelberg (190) and Preston Krueger's pin of Kaydin Campbell (215).

New London will head to Seymour Thursday, Jan. 18, for a Bay dual meet with the Thunder.

Comets fall to Lakeland

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – Lakeland handed the Waupaca boys' hockey team its first Great Northern Conference loss of the season.

Kort Meyer had two of the Thunderbirds' goals in a 3-1 win over the Comets Jan. 12 at the Waupaca Ice & Expo Center.

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Second-half run helps Warhawks pull away from Hornets

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – It may not have counted in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East standings, but the Weyauwega-Fremont girls' basketball team picked up its eighth win of the season.

Olivia Witkowski's game-high 21 points helped the Warhawks defeat Rosholt 42-27 Jan. 15 in Weyauwega.

Weyauwega-Fremont led 21-15 at halftime and opened the second half with a 16-3 run to take its biggest lead, 37-18.

The Hornets were able to cut the lead to 14 points twice late in the game, but never got any closer.

Avery Samz added nine points for the Warhawks.

Sarah Trzinski led Rosholt with 11 points.



Avery Samz shoots a free throw for Weyauwega-Fremont in the first half of a game with Rosholt. Samz scored nine points in the Warhawks' 42-27 win over the Hornets.

The Warhawks will resume its CWC-East schedule Thursday, Jan. 18, at Manawa

before heading to Amherst Tuesday, Jan. 23, for a rematch with the Falcons.



Kendra Behn brings the ball up the court for Weyauwega-Fremont Jan. 15 during the Warhawks' 42-27 win over Rosholt. Greg Seubert Photo

Warhawks get three more wins

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

BONDUEL – Central Wisconsin Conference dual meet wins are adding up for the Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team.

The Warhawks raised their season record to 13-0 Jan. 11 with conference wins over Pittsville and Bonduel and a nonconference win over Elcho in Bonduel.

Weyauwega-Fremont opened the four-team meet with an 82-0 win over Elcho and followed it up with 62-15 and 67-12 CWC wins

over Pittsville and Bonduel, respectively. Jaydon Le Noble, Josue Azuara, Jake Buss, Ezra Balthazor, Nolan Schrei, Carter McDaniel and Vanden Hoffman had pins for the Warhawks in the win over Pittsville, while Connor Johnson and Caleb Abbey won decisions and Rylan Konen and Alex Loehrke picked up a win by forfeit.

Le Noble, Azuara, Konen, David Gonzalez, Buss, Carter Birdyshaw, Zander Bayer, Johnson, McDaniel, Tellyer Alix, Wyatt Wetzell and Hoffman had wins in the matchup with Bonduel.

The Warhawks lost only four matches during the four meets.

Weyauwega-Fremont team will host a CWC multi-dual Thursday, Jan. 18, with matches to get underway at 5:30 p.m.

The schedule includes Shiocton vs. Tri-County; Weyauwega-Fremont vs. Tri-County; Weyauwega-Fremont vs. Shiocton at approximately 7 p.m., with first place in the CWC standings on the line.



Ellie Koplien and the Weyauwega-Fremont girls' basketball team improved to 8-5 Jan. 15 with a 42-27 win over Rosholt.

Wrightstown pulls away in second half

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – The Waupaca girls' basketball team dropped a 48-39 North Eastern Conference game to Wrightstown Jan. 11.

Waupaca trailed by as many as 11 points early in the game, but used a 14-2 run to take a 19-18 lead. The teams headed to the locker room at halftime tied at 23-23.

Wrightstown opened the second half with a 12-4 run and never trailed again. Waupaca was able to cut the Tigers' lead to 37-36 with Rossi Wehmeyer's free throw. Two more free throws from Josie Nickel cut Wrightstown's lead to 43-39 late in the game, but the Tigers scored the final five points.

Hailey Bechard and Wehmeyer led Waupaca with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Elaina Verbeten led Wrightstown with 13 points.

Waupaca will head to Denmark Thursday, Jan. 18, for a North Eastern matchup with the Vikings before hosting Marinette at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22.

Rossi Wehmeyer scores two of her 12 points for Waupaca in the Comets' 48-39 loss to Wrightstown.

Greg Seubert Photos



Wrightstown's Briley Durocher keeps Waupaca's Taylor Kling from getting to the ball Jan. 11 in Waupaca's 48-39 loss to the Tigers.



Area players ranked among best three-point shooters

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

STEVENS POINT – Three area basketball players – one from Waupaca, Clintonville and Hortonville high schools – are among the top three-point shooters in the state.

The latest WIAA 3-Point Challenge Leaderboard, released Jan. 15, includes Waupaca's Aaron Wolff, Clintonville's Kade Rosenow and

Hortonville's Rainey Welson. Wolff and Rosenow are ranked seventh and tied for 10th, respectively, among Division 3 boys, while Welson is ranked fifth among Division 1 girls.

Wolff has connected on 29 of 66 attempts (.439), Rosenow has made 29 of 67 (.433) and Welson has made 40 of 95 tries (.421).

The top two players at the end of the regular season in each division based on shoot-

ing percentage and a minimum of 75 attempts will be selected to participate in the 3-Point Challenge to be held during the upcoming boys' and girls' state tournaments.

The girls' tournament will be held Thursday to Saturday, March 7-9, at the Resch Center in Green Bay, while the boys' tournament is scheduled for Thursday to Saturday, March 14-16, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Parks, Recreation

Clintonville Women's Pool League Division 1

Week 16 standings (wins): Sticky Buns (104); Big Falls Tavern (88); Bun's

Pocket Rockets (80); D's Corner Pocket (62); Club 45 (58); Jeanne Rose 1 (56); Mike's Saloon (55); Racks & Rails (52).

Division 2

Week 16 standings (wins): Gopher's (119);

Lowell's Landing (94); Bun's Ball Busters (84); Jeanne Rose 2 (81); Bun's 1 (72); Suzy Q's (67); Bump's (58); Philagain's (57); Big Sal's (37).

8 ball run: Tina Hogan, Sticky Buns; Donna Bidwell, Gopher's.

WAUPACA BASKETBALL

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and 13, respectively.

Sam Ferge and Adam Loberger led the Foxes with 25 points each.

Waupaca 62, L-C 49

LUXEMBURG – The Comets headed to Luxemburg and returned home with a win over the Spartans.

Waupaca built a 28-18 halftime lead before outscoring the home team 34-31 in the second half.

"We played sound defense and spread the wealth on offense to earn a hard-fought road victory over the Spartans," coach Matt Resch said. "Luxemburg-Casco did not go away quietly, as they used their depth and hit some timely buckets to keep the game within arm's reach in the second half. We ultimately buckled down to get key stops on defense and put the game on ice with clutch baskets and free throws."

Mou led the Comets with a game-high 23 points, while Bechard and Wolff also finished in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Lance Cherovsky and



Henry Mouw concentrates before shooting a free throw for Waupaca during the Comets' win over Wrightstown. Mouw scored 21 points in the game.

Greg Seubert Photo

Mason Burmeister led the Spartans with 13 points.

Waupaca 66, Wrightstown 43

The Comets held the Tigers to just eight first-half points.

Bechard led all players

with 22 points, while Mouw added 21 and Wolff scored 13.

Ethan Cyra led Wrightstown with 15 points, while Aiden Humphreys added 11.

Waupaca will travel to Denmark Friday, Jan. 19, to face the Vikings at 7 p.m.

Late free throws sink Thunderbirds

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

IOLA – At first, it looked like the Iola-Scandinavia boys' basketball team was well on its way to an upset win over Bonduel.

Noah Weier made sure that didn't happen, as his two free throws with 10 seconds remaining gave the Bears a 50-49 Central Wis-

consin Conference-East win Jan. 11 on the Thunderbirds' home court.

Iola-Scandinavia led 28-19 at halftime, but Bonduel outscored the T-Birds 31-21 in the second half.

Alex Robbins led the T-Birds with a game-high 22 points and teammate Korz Loken added 11.

Weier was the only Bonduel player to score in

double figures, as he led the Bears with 12 points.

Bonduel improved to 6-0 in conference play and 11-1 overall, while the T-Birds fell to 2-4 in the CWC-East and 3-7 overall.

Iola-Scandinavia will host Menominee Indian at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, before heading to Wild Rose Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Wolves fall to Falcons

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

MANAWA – The Manawa boys' basketball team hosted Amherst Jan. 11, but ended up on the short end of a 51-44 score in a match-

up of Central Wisconsin Conference-East teams.

Nathan Gorman and Vincente Timm led Manawa with 14 and 12 points, respectively, while Sully Perkins led Amherst with 13.

The Wolves will head to Weyauwega Friday, Jan. 19, for a 7 p.m. CWC-East contest with Weyauwega-Fremont before traveling to Keshena Thursday, Jan. 25, to face Menominee Indian.

Diamond Cats announce 2024 schedule of games

CLINTONVILLE – Clintonville's American Legion baseball team has announced its schedule for 2024.

The Diamond Cats will field junior and senior teams this season.

Scheduled games include: Tuesday, June 4 – at Pulaski, 5:30 p.m. (junior); 7 p.m. (senior)

Thursday, June 6 – at Antigo, 7 p.m. (senior)

Tuesday, June 11 – vs. Wittenberg, 5 p.m. (junior); 7

p.m. (senior)

Friday, June 14 – vs. New London, 5 p.m. (junior); 7 p.m. (senior)

Tuesday, June 18 – at Bonduel, 7 p.m. (senior)

Thursday, June 20 – vs. Antigo, 7 p.m. (senior)

Monday, June 24 – at Waupaca, 7:30 p.m. (senior)

Wednesday to Saturday, June 26-29, Diamond Cat Tournament

Monday, July 8 – vs. Shawano, 5 p.m. (junior); 7 p.m. (senior)

Thursday, July 11 – vs. Bonduel, 7 p.m. (senior)

Tuesday, July 16 – at Wittenberg, 5 p.m. (junior); 7 p.m. (senior)

Thursday, July 18 – at New London, 7 p.m. (senior)

Saturday, July 20 – at Rhineland (possible additional game with Crandon), TBA

Monday, July 22 – vs. Waupaca, 7 p.m. (senior)

Friday to Monday, July 26-29 – regional tournament, TBA

Accessible cabins available at several state properties

MADISON – Reservations for accessible cabins at several Wisconsin state park properties can be made for 2024.

Larger cabins with amenities are located at Buckhorn, Harrington Beach, High Cliff, Kohler-Andrae, Mirror Lake and Potawatomi state parks; the Richard Bong State Recreation Area; and at Ottawa Lake in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest.

Rustic cabins are also located at Blue Mound and Copper Falls state parks.

These cabins are available only to people with disabilities and their guests and must be reserved ahead of time and in general are available from May to October.

Reservations can also be made during the camping season based on availability by contacting the property. Due to high demand, reservations are not accepted for

more than four consecutive nights and no more than four nights per year.

Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the state park, forest or recreational area individuals wish to reserve. Mailed applications must have a postmark of Jan. 10, 2024, or later to be accepted.

More details about the cabins can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/camping/adacabins.

HOCKEY

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Meyer's first goal in the first period and Noah Dube's goal in the second period gave Lakeland a 2-0 lead.

Waupaca's Liam Bloedow cut the Thunderbirds'

lead in half three minutes into the third period with a power play goal off of an assist from Parker Saunders and Blake Schoenecker, but Meyer's second goal capped the scoring.

Lakeland outshot the Comets 30-14.

The Comets fell to 4-1-0 in conference play and will host Tomahawk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. Opening-round games of the Great Northern tournament are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, with pairings to be announced.



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The New Year marks an exciting milestone for the health and well-being of the people of Wisconsin.

Froedtert Health and ThedaCare announced our plans last spring to come together as one organization, taking the best of two leading Wisconsin-based health systems to create something new and reinvent the future of health care in our state. We now take an important step forward in that journey by officially launching our combined health system.

As a combined organization, we are poised to help the people of Wisconsin live their unique, best lives. In partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin, we will cover every aspect of care delivery, providing better and more seamless access to integrated, high-quality care, and serve as a proactive partner in health to help keep people well. From our shared commitment to clinical excellence to our strengths in community health and academic medicine, we can build a brighter future for Wisconsin.

As a Wisconsin-based and led health system, we know our communities and their unique health needs, and we have the right resources, expertise and understanding of our local communities to have a positive, lasting impact. We have come together to ensure we can meet the needs of our communities today, while developing new, creative solutions to improve the health of generations to come.

With our new health system launched, we will begin the thoughtful, deliberate process to shape how our new organization looks and feels, all intended to make things even better for the people we serve. As we create something new, you can continue seeing your trusted providers and accessing health care services as you always have.

We are honored to serve you and care for our communities in Wisconsin, and we look forward to sharing updates on our progress and the inspiring benefits Wisconsinites will experience through our combination.

With gratitude,

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