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Waupaca High School students will perform "These Shining Lives," in a rare thrust stage configuration where the audience will sit on the stage and be close to the action. Pictured from left are Sophia Holterman, Hannah Versteegen, Rylie Nusz and Jarah Strain. Isiah Murphy is in back. James Card Photo

Radioactive performance

Play based on true story

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – There is an upcoming opportunity to experience a rare theatrical performance at the Waupaca High School Performing Arts Center. Actors will perform in a "thrust stage."

Theater goers will not sit in the normal audience area with the folding seats. Instead, they will sit on the stage and seating is arranged on the left, right and front of the stage. This makes a U-shape and the student-actors will be right in the middle of the audience as they perform the drama "These Shining Lives."

Theater director Monica Reeves said she chose this configuration for the impact it has on the audience.

"In a traditional proscenium theater [viewed from the normal seating], the action is on one side. You're looking at it like a picture frame or in a camera. With this, the action is literally thrust into the space and it creates a very intimate feel. If you were to go to larger city theaters or college theaters, you might experience this type of formation. You don't at a traditional high school. This really provides the Waupaca audience a unique theater experience," she said.

Because of the different seating arrangement there

are only 95 seats, so reserving tickets ahead of time is recommended. Also, there isn't any best seat in the house in the three audience sections on the left, right and front. They are all good seats.

Reeves points out different actors will be looking at the different audience sections at any given time.

Another remarkable element of this performance is that is based on a true story. "These Shining Lives" is the story of four women working at the Radium Dial Company in Ottawa, Illinois, in the 1920s. Their job was to paint radioluminescent paint on watch faces. They were told the paint was harmless.

The women were exposed to toxic levels of radium and became sick. Some of them died from the radiation exposure. They became known as the "Radium Girls" and their labor rights litigation was a milestone in the history of occupational disease labor law.

The story of the Radium Girls has been recorded in films, short stories, songs, nonfiction, documentaries and novels. This play was written by Melanie Marnich and the court scene is based on an actual trial.

"It was lip, dip and paint routine. They would put it [radium paint] on their lips [to make a finer brush point]. They would ingest this radium

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High school principal to retire mid-term

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board accepted the retirement of Clintonville High School Principal Kelly Zeinert when it met Jan. 22.

Her retirement is effective Friday, Feb. 2.

Along with accepting Zeinert's retirement, the board also approved reorganizing of the district's administration, because of the retirement.

The reorganization was discussed in closed session at the Jan. 22 meeting.

In a Jan. 24 letter from Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn to parents and students, information about the retirement and reorganization was provided.

Kuhn stated that Zeinert had been the high school principal in Clintonville for five years.

"In addition to being high school principal, Kelly went over and above in many ways," Kuhn said in the letter. "Kelly helped out with student council, supervised many activities/events, and worked exclusively with students who were at risk of not graduating. She also organized many activities such as diversity day, community service days, graduation,



Zeinert

community conversations, and multiple awards ceremonies. We want to thank Kelly for her leadership to the students, staff, district, and community."

A press release from Zeinert noted: Under Principal Zeinert's guidance, Clintonville High School has flourished, with notable achievements and advancements in various areas. Principal Zeinert has been a visionary leader, implementing innovative educational programs and initiatives that have greatly benefited the Clintonville High School community.

"She was integral in working with Fox Valley Technical College, partnering to provide students the opportunity to earn an Industrial Maintenance Certificate while still in high school. She wrote for several

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Legislators speak with school boards

Ballweg, Peterson, Kitchens weigh in

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – On Jan. 29, the New London School District hosted state Rep. Kevin Peterson, state Rep. Joel Kitchens and state Sen. Joan Ballweg in the high school library.

All school board members and administrators in Waupaca County were invited to attend a question-and-answer session.

"What an important opportunity to bring together school board members in Waupaca County and put our minds together and think and listen and talk. The privilege we have tonight is to have three individuals that are highly vested in education," said Scott Bleck, New London District Administrator.

Chris Martinson, New London's school board president, acted as moderator.

"You are all elected like we are. Sometimes what happens is the people who let you do one thing for a school board, tell us that they want something else in Madison. There are things we do that we work together on, there are things we might disagree on but I think it's important to be here tonight so we can talk



Shown from left are state Rep. Joel Kitchens, state Sen. Joan Ballweg and state Rep. Kevin Petersen. They convened for a question-and-answer session at New London High School with school board members from districts throughout Waupaca County. Jim Card Photo

about that so we know what we can work on more so we can help you and what's working and what isn't," said Peterson.

He then introduced Rep. Joel Kitchens, veterinarian who represents the 1st Assembly district. He has lived in Sturgeon Bay since 1984, was elected to the Sturgeon Bay School Board in 1999, and later served as its president. He is chair of the Assembly Education Committee.

The conversation started off with some personal background comments and insights from Kitchens serving as a school board member and later becoming a legislator who looked at education issues from a state-wide view. The discus-

sion then veered into charter schools and decoupling school choice funding and how Act 20 will affect the classroom.

Act 20 is a law sign by Gov. Evers designed to help improve reading and literacy outcomes for K-12 students. It triples the amount of screening/testing for young learners; certain teaching methods are encouraged or discouraged and it requires extra training for teachers.

Also there was a brief discussion on how school boards can handle open-records requests and two other topics were addressed: getting more funding for special education and the increase of non-English speaking students and the

cost of paying for interpreters and specialized ESL (English as a Second Language) education.

Here are some the questions asked by the school board members and the legislators' answers.

When should school start?

Kitchens: "I don't support it. There are enough loopholes that if district that want to start early they can do it. It is really damaging to the tourism industry for kids to go back in August. I have not seen proof of any academic gain to come from that. So why damage an industry when there is no educational benefit from it."

Ballweg: "I don't support it, either," she said and referenced a bill that had a public hearing about school start dates but she said she didn't think it would get any support.

Peterson: "In every business I talk to, they say our kids are leaving earlier and earlier to go to college. If we didn't have these high school kids, how do we make it through Labor Day? I hear parents say don't change it because August is when we go on vacation. So it's a tug-of-war battle back and forth. I hear it from farmers and everywhere I go, I hear 'We don't want school to start early.'"

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Emily Conroy is a new reporter for the Waupaca County Post. Robert Cloud Photo

Waupaca County Post hires new reporter

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – A new reporter has joined the staff at the Waupaca County Post.

Emily Conroy will cover the Iola, Scandinavia and Manawa areas.

Born and raised in Eau Claire, Conroy attended the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley for two years, then transferred to UW-Eau Claire, where she graduated with a major in political science and a minor in print journalism.

While at UW-Fox Valley, she was the editor of the student paper. She was also a copy editor and reporter for the paper at UW-Eau Claire.

Conroy moved to the Manawa area in 2010. In 2011, she worked for the Manawa Messenger, then worked for the Clintonville Chronicle the following year.

Her husband's family

owned and operated Bear Lake Campground for more than a century until they sold the property in 2023.

"It got so busy I couldn't work a second job anymore," Conroy said regarding her decision to leave journalism for a while.

Since April 2023, Conroy has been working as a bartender at the Wheelhouse on the Chain O' Lakes.

"I really enjoy writing," Conroy said. "I like meeting new people."

Although she has since moved to Waupaca, Conroy still has ties to the areas where she'll be covering the news.

One of her goals as a journalist is to ensure her coverage of a story is comprehensive.

"I try to have all the information, making sure everything is complete," Conroy said.

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while they were painting the numbers to make them glow on these watch faces. They were told it was medicinal and it cured ailments of all kind," said Reeves.

The initial play called for six actors but Reeves expanded it out to 20 with smaller roles. A total of 25 students are involved in the production. This is an all-school production and all grades are represented.

The cast and crew is composed of Hannah Versteegen, Rylie Nusz, Sophia Holtzman, Jarah Strain, Tyler Smidt, Isiah Murphy, Lili Liegl, Boe Giauque, Korben Peterson, Aiden Doray, Livi Higginson, Bella Saunders, Sylvia Fries, Sophia Shanak, Colton Drmolka, James Drivas, Elisha Schmidt-Niemuth, Abby Higginson,

Alisa Foseth, Maddy Komp, Leah Fahser, Taylor Ryan, Noah Kolinski and Emma Adams. Amy Holterman is the co-director.

There will be intense special effects. Safe fluorescent paint will be used as the radium paint and it will glow under black lights. Since the women were told the radium paint was safe to use, they put it on their skin and used it as make up. The storyline of the play spans a decade.

The play will be performed on at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 8-10. A matinee performance is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be reserved called calling the high school at 715-258-4131 ext. 1028 or by email at cikert@waupacaschools.org.

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grants earning the school district over \$70,000 in additional funds.

"Under her direction the graduation rate at CHS has increased to over 90%,"

"Reflecting on her decision to retire, Principal Zeinert expressed gratitude for the support she has received from the Clintonville High School community."

Administration reorganization

With Zeinert's retirement, Kuhn said the school board appointed James Blashe to be interim high school principal for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

"James is currently in the role of Associate Middle/High School Principal and has already illustrated the skills of a great leader," Kuhn said. "James is a visible leader who already has built relationships with students, staff, and parents. In addition, James is excellent at addressing concerns and minimizing conflicts using trauma sensitive approaches."

Kuhn also noted that the district would be appointing or hiring an interim associate principal to replace Blashe. That will be announced in the coming weeks.

"In the meantime, other administrators and directors will be filling in as Associate Principal for the Middle and High School," Kuhn said.

LEGISLATORS
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What to do about teacher shortage?

Kitchens: "Wisconsin is average - across the country. Every place is experiencing this. We keep trying to come up with ways to bring more teachers in. We've had several bills as far as apprenticeships, ways to bring teacher aides and get them into teaching," he said. He admitted that some of the bills could have been written better if the problem was more deeply understood. He cited partnering with local universities to fast track high school students interested in education to get them into the classroom faster.

Ballweg: "One idea is a two-year teacher program instead of a four-year program," she said.

Ballweg cited a governor's plan to create a mentorship program for teacher through the workforce development program.

"There isn't an industry in Wisconsin that isn't short people. If you were on hospital boards you would hear the same thing. This is a problem no matter where you are working," she said.

More money for special education?

Kitchens: "I'll keep fighting every time to keep it going up gradually. We did go up 2 percent in special ed and I hope we can keep doing it," he said and remarked that it was in issue that was tied to other per-pupil funding.

Ballweg: "It's something that's been going up incrementally. The big increase with per-pupil, there were other things we tried to get into the budget. We did get for many schools,

we raised the low revenue limit to \$11,000 t=which is something we've been trying to do for a long time. We've been trying to do more things with Sparsity Aid. There are things we like to do with individual schools especially in rural areas but because that was the big picture compromise that's what we ended up doing," she said.

Peterson: "Budgets in Madison are just like doing budgets in your school districts, it's just that the numbers are bigger. Just as you know, too, the general population isn't big on raising taxes. If you look at the money we raise in Wisconsin, 33 cents of every dollar goes to education. We have to break that into buckets just like you have to. We've been increasing it and continuing to increase it," he said.

Can DPI funding formula be reformed?

Kitchens: "Overall our formula is not that bad compared to other states. I know it's incredibly complicated. The biggest fault in our formula is how it treats declining enrollment, that when you lose on kid, you don't lose \$11,000. That's why virtually every district referendum you see is because they have declining enrollment. If you're a suburban district that is slowly increasing, you kind of make out fairly well. I've tried working on that and I'm going to continue to work on so when you lose a student, you don't lose the entire amount, you just lose the variable costs, not the fixed cost like the buildings and that."

How can schools be proactive with security?

Ballweg: "In 2018, we started the Office of School Safety in the Dept. of Justice. They had grant programs out there. There was money to do those things—some of the hardening, the button entrances and those things. The money was in there but it hasn't been replenished to the level that many folks would have like it," she said and recommended school resource officers partnered with local police departments.

Kitchens: "There is a bill right now to put more money back into that coffer," he said and asked how many schools had resources officers. Many hands went up in the audience.

How to keep politics out of education?

Ballweg: "When it comes to everybody being on an equal playing field, it's a very convoluted funding formula. I have school districts that get no money from the formula. They get per-pupil but because of their tax base, they don't get the other state money that everybody else does. It's a very complicated system and that school is going into an operational referendum."

Kitchens: "I think the bottom line there is no way you can write a formula for a whole state with all the different variables that will be fair to everybody."

Peterson: "I've been fighting the School Equalization Aid formula since I've been there. You talk about it being political? The biggest fight in Madison that I fight everyday is rural versus urban. As legislators, we're elected by

X amount of people. There are about 56,000 people in Waupaca County that I represent. In urban areas, there are more people, more legislators, so it's always an uphill fight. Anything that we can do to get more money to you, we try to beat that equalized formula and that's what we do. It's not all political, the biggest fights are rural versus urban. It's just not in schools. It's in everything. You talk about employees. And we talked about non-English speaking students and it's getting worse."

Peterson mentioned labor shortages at the Waupaca Foundry and needing to employ workers from Latin America and build housing for them. He cited Whitewater bringing in 1,000 migrants that crossed the U.S. border illegally. "Once they come across, they put their hands up and are given a court date four years later. They are asked at the border if they have a host family. In Whitewater, people were saying they have a host family. What's turning out is once those people that crossed saying they have a host family, six months later; they can become a host family. I'm tracking this now and all of a sudden this can snowball and it's really going to cost schools," he said.

Can DPI school report cards be eliminated or reformed?

Kitchens: "I can't imagine they would eliminate it. I think the school report card kind of sucks [big round of applause, much clapping]. What it shows generally is how affluent an area is. You can go into any city and look at those demographic numbers and say this is where the scores will line up."

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Bridge game set for Feb. 9

WAUPACA - The Waupaca Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, for education and 9 a.m. for play in the Holly Center.

All area bridge players are invited to attend.

Results of the Jan. 26 game was a two-way tie for both first and second

place. First place went to Jay and Cathy Quella of Waupaca, and Eric McVicker, of Appleton, and Ellen Kaul, of Waupaca. The second-place tie was awarded to Roger Collins and Patricia Hoehn, of Waupaca, and Karen Holly and Sue Heideman, of Waupaca.

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Waupaca NEWS

Race focus of WHS film

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Historical Society will screen “The Exchange In White America: Kaukauna and King 50 Years Later” at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Waupaca High School PAC.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Produced and directed by Milwaukee journalist Joanne Williams, this documentary tells the story of an exchange program between Black and White high school students in Wisconsin from Rufus King High School in Milwaukee and Kaukauna High School in the Fox Valley. Set in 1966, the film depicts the country as it grappled with meanings of equality during the Civil Rights Movement.

Black and White students lived in each other's homes, attended classes in each other's schools, and performed Martin Duberman's groundbreaking and controversial play, “In White America.”

Their experiences and histories are captured in this documentary, with hopes that events from 1966 will inspire healthy community conversations about race relations in the past and continuing challenges in our present day.

“This is a springboard for some really difficult conversations,” said Williams.

The Waupaca Histori-



cal Society hopes to help bring this little-known piece of history to light by hosting a local screening of the film during Black History Month. The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Williams.

Sponsors of the Waupaca screening includes the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's Community Vision Fund, Winchester Academy and the Waupaca Area Public Library.

The film premiered at the

Milwaukee film festival in May 2022 and has earned several awards on the film festival circuit since then. Among its awards are Best True Story - NEWSFest Film Festival, Best Documentary Film - Mesa Film Festival, Audience Choice Award - Hollywood International Diversity Film Festival, Honorable Mention - Hollywood New Directors Film Festival.

Visit www.theexchange50.com/events to learn more about the documentary.

Waupaca Chamber announces 2023 Awards

WAUPACA – More than 175 attended the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony at St. Mary Magdalene.

Among the awards presented were the 2023 Project Facelift Awards, Grand Project Facelift Award, Rising Star Award, Chamber Service Award, Small Business of the Year Award and Large Business of the Year Award.

Given to a business that employs 21 or more people, the Large Business of the Year Award was presented to Community First Credit Union.

Five nominations were submitted for Community First Credit Union all stating the appreciation for the support they show their customers, their staff and the community. They provide more than \$150,000 annually in cash and in-kind donations to programs like Arts on the Square, the Waupaca County Fair, the Special Needs Fund at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, The Waupaca County Sheriff's Office, post prom, Special Olympics and the Waupaca Area Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau. They also donated almost \$400,000 in additional support to the Swan Park Splash Pad, Lakemans Field, Main Street and the Waupaca Historical Society.

Staff embraced this spirit of giving back, donating 450 volunteer hours in 2023.

The Small Business of the Year Award is given to a business with 20 or fewer employees, that provides significant contributions to improving the business and quality of life in the area.

The award was presented to Shindig Waupaca.

A nominator wrote: “Carol and Bruce are very kind and generous people. They provide a safe fun space for kids to enjoy themselves and learn.”

Another wrote: “Carol has made a big impact in our community from birthday parties to holiday parties to sponsoring sport teams. In addition to being a successful business they continue to improve their business both inside and out.”

The Rising Star Award is given to a young business with five or less years in operation, that provides a service while enhancing and enriching the community and demonstrates economic growth.

The award was presented



Shown, from left, are John Nygaard with Community First Credit Union accepting the 2023 Large Business of the Year Award from Dale Hulce. Submitted Photos



Shown, from left, are Shindig owners Bruce and Carolyn Niemuth accepting the 2023 Small Business of the Year Award from Dale Hulce.

to Feonix Mobility Rising – Waupaca County Catch-A-Ride. The nominator wrote Feonix Mobility Rising has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing economic development in the Waupaca County area through the expansion of transportation services to fill much needed gaps in rural transportation.

They have provided more opportunities for employees to access job opportunities and contribute to the local workforce.

Facelift Awards are presented to new or existing businesses that improve the appearance of their business by relocating or upgrading a current location inside or out or completing a project that betters the community.

Award recipients were this year Danes Hall Plaza, Deja Blooms, Johnson Insurance, Manufacture's Pallet Disposal Inc., Ramada Grand Seasons, Spencer Lake Christian Center, Shindig Waupaca, Sterling Culligan Water, 81 Market – Chain Link and The Red Mill Inc.

The Grand Facelift Award, which recognizes one of the Facelift recipients for their project, was presented to Aimee Auer of Danes Hall for the Danes Hall Plaza-City of Waupaca.

The city of Waupaca in partnership with the Danes Hall of Waupaca, transformed a 5,457-square-foot lot at the end of north Main

Street from a decaying vacated street and parking spaces into a vibrant community plaza that aims to foster community connection, enhance local quality of life, welcomes visitors and boost foot traffic to neighboring downtown businesses.

This year Chamber Service Awards were given to two strong supporters of the Chamber and its mission.

The first went to Kirk Kallio, Waupaca Foundry. He has served on the Chamber board since 2009 and as chair of the board in 2014. Chamber spokesperson said Kallio is a Chamber champion by always offering help when needed, sharing his knowledge and opinion on important issues, and offering the foundry support in many ways.

The second Chamber Service Award went to Dale Hulce, of Keller Inc. Hulce served as chair of the WACC Board in 2022 and has been involved in the Chamber since 2016.

He led and offered his expertise in the effort to find the WACC its new home, at 315 S Main St., in 2022. Along with leading the huge remodeling project to make it the perfect space for the Chamber, Waupaca Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Chamber Foundation. He is currently leading the Search Committee to find a new Chamber president.

Local producer explains maple syrup

WAUPACA – Brent Nelson will present “Maple Sugaring in Wisconsin” at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at the Waupaca Area Public Library lower-level meeting rooms.

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

Nelson has been making maple syrup at his Waupaca family farm for more than 10 years.

His program will cover a brief history of maple sugaring in Wisconsin, starting from the beginning when the American Indigenous people first collected sap.

There will be an overview of the different maple tree



Nelson

species used to make syrup and the geographical uniqueness to where maple

syrup is made.

Next, there will be a walk-through of the maple sugaring process, from tapping the maple trees for sap collection, to bottling of the final product.

Lastly, there will be a brief overview of other foodstuffs made from maple syrup. Samples will be available.

Patricia Pfeiffer is the sponsor of this program.

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



Downtown Waupaca gets another landmark. A new tower for Waupaca Online was installed last week. According to Josh Werner, the city's tech director, the tower will boost signals better than the older smaller tower. It will also connect the new Public Works building. Both the new and old towers are located on the backside of the city hall-library building. James Card Photo

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Clintonville NEWS

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BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

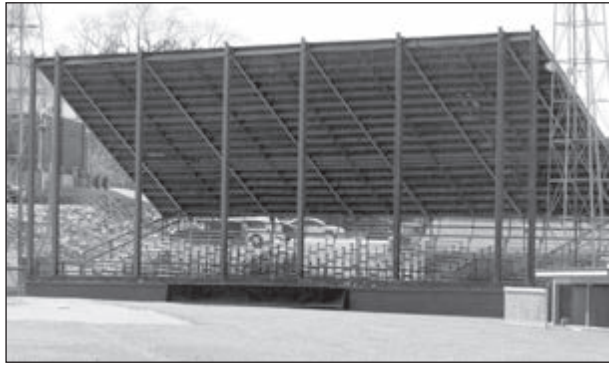
CLINTONVILLE — The Clintonville Common Council approved a project that will save the roof for the grandstand at Don Jirschele Stadium at W.A. Olen Park.

The council moved forward with the project at a special Jan. 16 council meeting by approving Kunkel Engineering Group, of Beaver Dam, to perform the engineering and construction related services for the project at a cost not to exceed \$7,600.

Broken down, design services amount to \$5,700 and construction-related services amount to \$1,900. The dollar amounts do not include the cost of the actual project.

In a memo to council members, Justin Mc Auly, Clintonville Public Works director, stated, "We are under a time crunch and cannot afford any more delays by seeking additional proposals for such a small project."

The project proposal from Kunkel Engineering was included with the memo. According to the proposal, the



Bleachers at W.A. Olan Park.

File Photo

engineering services would "include design, bidding, and construction-related services for the proposed replacement of the vertical steel pipe supports for the bleacher roof at W.A. Olen Athletic Field."

It is believed that the roof structure was constructed in 1989. Since it was constructed, "the vertical steel support pipes for the west side (lower side) of the roof have begun to settle in areas, with others showing signs of bowing as well."

The rectify the situation, the steel pipes would be replaced with new concrete footings and vertical I-beams, which were used on the east side of the roof structure.

"By accomplishing this, we'll be able to save the roof that is over the grandstands at the athletic field," Mc Auly said at the Jan. 16

council meeting.

Funding To pay for the project, the council also approved moving \$30,000 in the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) from 2026 to 2024. The \$30,000 in the CIP for 2026 was scheduled to be used on Don Jirschele Stadium in 2026 for the press box and stands.

Since the \$7,600 does not include any construction costs, if \$30,000 does not cover the cost of the entire grandstand roof project, Mc Auly said the city would have to seek additional funding from the organizations who use the baseball field.

By moving the \$30,000 from 2026 to 2024 to pay for the grandstand roof project, the city will not have any funds set aside for a press box and grandstand project at the stadium.

School board member upset with rezoning

Lundt wants redo on bidding

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE — Clintonville School Board member Glen Drew Lundt expressed his displeasure to the board about the current rezoning situation regarding the Rexford Longfellow building complex.

He went so far as to request the bid process to sell the building start over.

Lundt's comments were made on Jan. 22 when the board was updated on the rezoning process.

As part of the purchase agreement New London Investment LLC has with the school district, the property needs to be rezoned as industrial for the sale of the property to be completed.

Clintonville School Board President Ben Huber said at the Jan. 17 Clintonville Plan Commission meeting, it was realized that what the purchaser of the property wanted to do with the building didn't require it to be rezoned to industrial, but instead to a mixed-use designation.

He said the city of Clintonville has adopted a small portion of zoning requirements that the state of Wisconsin has, but needs to plan another Plan Commission meeting to adopt more state zoning requirements for the city. Once those are adopted, then another Plan Commission meeting would need to be scheduled to consider rezoning the Rexford Longfellow property to a mixed-use zoning designation.

"The city has been working with us to try to get this, to allow light manufacturing in the business district," Huber said. "There were several people at the zoning meeting that were concerned that it was going to be zoned industrial and they were scared of what might happen. Once they heard what was actually happening, they, I think the fears were significantly eased."

Clintonville District Administrator Troy Kuhn



Lundt

told the board that he met with Huber and Clintonville City Administrator Caz Muske on Jan. 19 to "solidify" a lot of the information regarding the rezoning request.

Lundt responds

Lundt said he was told by several residents that members of the Clintonville School Board were at the Jan. 17 Plan Commission meeting, representing the school board and trying to clarify what the school board's intentions were.

"I wasn't there. I didn't know that multiple people from this board were going to be there, and I find that very, very poor judgement if any of it is true," Lundt said.

School board member Laurie Vollrath told the board that she is a member of the Plan Commission, so that is why she was present at the meeting.

Huber reminded the board that at the school board meeting prior to the Plan Commission meeting, the board had discussed who would attend the Plan Commission meeting. Huber said, as the president of the school board, he represented the board.

School board member Kris Strauman was also present at the Plan Commission meeting.

"That wasn't portrayed to the public then, because they said the three of you were trying to explain why the board made the decision," Lundt said.

Vollrath told the board she didn't mention anything pertaining to that at the Plan Commission meeting. Huber said he was the primary spokesperson for the school board.

"All I'm saying is what people came to me with, and they were not happy, and neither am I," Lundt said. "We're supposed to be a unified front."

Strauman told Lundt that she wasn't sure where he got his information, but she only said "two words" at the meeting.

"That's two words too many," Lundt responded.

Strauman told Lundt she attended the Plan Commission meeting as a taxpayer and had some concerns. She said she asked the person representing the company looking to purchase the property, how many employees the business would have working at the property.

"That's all I said," Strauman said.

Lundt said he also has an issue with a mixed-use zoning designation because the purchase proposal the school district received from

New London Investment stated an industrial zoning designation was requested.

"Now if he's going to change what he wants to do, it says child daycare services, we're OK with that?" Lundt asked. "I think this has gotten way off the rails and we need to go back to the beginning and have a clear proposal, because, I mean, this is going to be more months of meetings that, we have expenses that we are incurring every month we have that building. And I think we've gotten way, way far from where our first decision was. And I would like to go back to the beginning and start over because I don't feel that any of this was agreed upon."

Huber said that the board agreed to accept negotiations with the business, and one of the negotiations was to go through the rezoning process, and the board voted unanimously to approve that.

"I would think that we, as a board, should continue to go through the rezoning process," Huber said. "The rezoning process is taking way longer than any of us expected or hoped for."

Lundt countered that the "whole proposal has changed" since then.

"There was nothing about a mixed business," Lundt said.

Vollrath said she didn't think the board was selling the property based on what the business was going to do with it.

Huber said the board was just supposed to help the business rezone the property.

"How they use the property is the buyer's discretion," Huber said.

"But board members brought up what it was going to be used for as a reason to vote or not vote on certain things," Lundt countered. "So, we weren't selling it for what it was going to be used for?"

Vollrath told Lundt she didn't know what he meant.

Lundt said he couldn't be more specific than that. Presumably because those discussions took place in closed session.

School board member Mark Zachow told the board that the high bid the school board accepted was \$150,000 more than the only other bid the district received for the property.

"It's a considerable amount of money that we can't look the other way at," Zachow said. "You saw the budget tonight, correct? Plus, at least \$20,000 is going to go on the tax roll, that St. Martins won't pay (if its bid was accepted). The city needs that. What's in the best interest for the city? What's in the best interest of the district. It's pretty obvious."

Huber said it was not on the agenda to vote on rescinding the acceptance of the purchase bid from New London Investment, adding that he wouldn't recommend that the board rescind the acceptance even if it was on the agenda.

Library hosts pajama party

CLINTONVILLE — The Clintonville Public Library will host a Read Across America Pajama Party at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and enjoy a performance by children's singer Tom Pease.

Cake and ice cream to follow his performance, as

well as a book giveaway courtesy of the Friends of the Clintonville Public Library.

The Clintonville library is located at 75 Hemlock St.

Dellwood electrical upgrade approved

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE — After taking no action at its previous meeting, the Clintonville School Board approved an electrical upgrade to the building that houses Dellwood Child Care Center.

The board approved the project, which will cost under \$20,000, at its Jan. 22 meeting after it received additional information from Krueger's Sign and Electric regarding the original bid that it had submitted. The updated

bid included a breakout on material and equipment as the council had requested.

The material required for the project will not be available for 4-5 months. Once the project starts, it is estimated to take a week and a half to complete.

"Steve (Reinke, director of Buildings and Grounds) has been working with not only Krueger Electric, but also with the city (of Clintonville) to make sure that there isn't any oversight on all of this," Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn told the council. "We're looking at under \$20,000, which is below our threshold of RFPs."

School board member Jason Moder suggested that for future bids, the district request a time and equipment rate for projects, not just a total dollar amount.

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New London & Hortonville NEWS

New London board OKs ESSER spending

Failed elevator among funded projects

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – The New London School Board approved spending \$305,000 from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund.

Enacted in 2020 in response to the pandemic, ESSERs provided federal money to states for public education.

According to budget documents in the fall of 2023, the New London School District had nearly \$1.3 million in remaining ESSER III funds.

Among potential projects for the ESSER funds, the Facilities Committee had considered a long-term plan to update three elevators.

At the Jan. 22 school board meeting, District Administrator Scott Bleck reported that an elevator at the high school had broken down the previous week.

“Ironically, there was an elevator failure since the last time we met,” he said.

The elevator is located near the gymnasium and upgrading the failed elevator is now a priority.

According to a December 2023 letter from Otis Elevator Co. to Joseph Marquardt, the district’s business manager, one of the high school elevators was initially installed in 1998. Although the power unit was replaced in 2019, all the other components are from the original installation in 1998.

“The useful life of a hydraulic elevator is 20-25 years,” according to the letter. “This elevator is 25 years old and at the end of its useful life.”

The letter noted the parts manufacturer for this elevator recently went out of business.

“Because of this, most critical parts are not obsolete and getting very difficult to source,” the report said. “If a critical part fails on this el-

evator and we are unable to source a replacement, the elevator may be shut down until you are able to modernize the elevator.”

Otis Elevator estimated the cost to replace the elevator system at \$150,000, which includes an elevator controller, door operator, car operating panel, door protection system, hall fixtures, wiring and miscellaneous parts.

A second high school elevator was installed in 1998. It is also near the end of its useful life and would cost \$150,000 to replace.

The third elevator is at Lincoln Elementary School and was installed in 1993. It, too, would cost about \$150,000.

In addition to the elevators themselves, work may be needed to bring the areas around the elevators up to current building codes, such as smoke and fire alarms, electrical and sprinkler systems.

Marquardt told the board the district would salvage as many of the old components from the first elevator as possible and use them as spares in case of failures on the other units.

Other ESSER spending

The board allocated \$90,000 in total expenditures to provide a one-time payment of \$1,000 to each staff member who completes 40 hours of training in reading instruction, assessment and intervention for lowest-performing students.

In addition to the stipend for training, the amount would cover \$400 for the cost of training 64 staff members.

The board also approved spending \$50,000 for additional resources for literacy materials and toolkits related to evidence-based interventions.

Updates to the sound system to improve the sound for those who are hearing impaired and to the lighting board are projected to cost \$15,000.

Hortonville Village Board candidates

BY JOHN FAUCHER
STAFF REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – Seven candidates are running for three available seats on Hortonville Village Board in the April 2 spring election.

There will be a primary election on Tuesday, Feb. 20, to narrow the field down to six candidates.

The New London Press Star sent surveys to each candidate asking them to share some background information and respond to questions regarding their thoughts and goals as a candidate. Questions and responses will run as a two part series beginning with this issue

What experiences have best prepared you to serve on the village board?

Jason Abendschein

In my professional career I have and continue to work with a variety of people from different backgrounds, ideologies and beliefs.

I will bring my personal experiences of a father, husband, and homeowner along with my professional experience of serving as a public-school teacher for five years and a shift supervisor in my current position at Granite Valley Forest Products.

I believe civic leaders serve best when they listen to different points of view and opinions, look for common ground, and formulate a plan to reach a community’s goals.

Robert Jewell

I’ve enjoyed a long career related to sales and design of water treatment equipment.

I worked together with city councils, village boards and manufacturing companies to solve water quality issues.

I also spent over 20 years teaching water treatment to the plumbing apprenticeship program at FVTC.

I understand that sometimes it’s important to talk less and listen more in order to move a project forward.

Thomas Zartner

I am a Veteran of the United States Army, where I learned hard work, integrity, and many life lessons that I have carried with me throughout my life.

I have worked in various management roles within my career, and I understand how to apply common sense to be an effective leader.

I am a father of two young children, and want to invest my time in the community we live in.

Shauna Keel

As a lifetime resident, I have watched Hortonville grow and change.

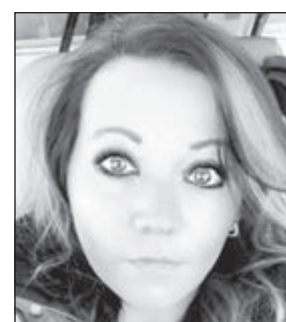
In that time, I have established relationships



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with many people in town whether through school, work or my previous terms on the board.

I have enjoyed listening to the needs and desires of the residents and used that information to help guide my decisions and suggestions with the board.

My professional career is corporate finance for a global company. This provides a unique set of skills for budgeting, locating funding opportunities and cost planning/management.

In my opinion, the most valuable experience is simply being a long term resident who loves this village and wants to preserve all of the great things Hortonville has to offer as the setting for my twins’ childhood memories.

Michael Paltzer

I recently retired from a 33 year teaching career, 28 of them with the Hortonville School District. Throughout my career I was able to get to know many of the area families and business owners. I often worked closely with school administration on creating opportunities for our students as well as fostering a safe learning environment in the classroom.

I have lived in Hortonville for 22 years and in the area my entire life.

I believe in fiscal responsibility and recognize that if elected, I have a lot to learn about how village government works.

Judy Peterson

I am a mother of a Hortonville High School graduate and a small business owner in the village of Hortonville for the past 6 ½ years where I’ve been a resident for 22 years.

I feel like I have a good pulse on the community through my daily life.

I feel like I’m in tune with what Hortonville residents want and don’t want in the community. I’m an extravert, with a strong will. I have fought battles in my own personal health, yet always kept an open ear and a willingness to learn.

Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel

I am a lifelong resident of Hortonville, and in addition to my role as a Village Board Trustee, I contribute to various subcommittees, including Public Facilities, Public Works, and Planning and Zoning.

Having been elected to the board in 2016, I take pride in the accomplishments we have achieved since then. We have established several amenity enhancements. To name a few, these include a future splash pad, kayak rental service, downtown redevelopment, and the development of multimodal trails.

I am a positive leader who focuses on addressing the needs and concerns of both village residents and businesses. I am an unbiased advocate, providing drama-free voice that represents the best interests of the community.

With a family history rooted in Hortonville, my parents operated a business in downtown for nearly five decades. Alongside my husband, Ryan, with whom I’ve shared 24 years of marriage, we have raised three children here, making this community our cherished home.

What is the top issue that concerns you as a candidate for the Hortonville Village Board?

Abendschein

With our proximity to Appleton and the opening of the new bypass, Hortonville is presented with a unique opportunity to grow into a village that will be the envy of Wisconsin. But we need elected officials who are forward thinking and desire to invest in the community.

Every decision we make should be with an eye to the future.

My focus will be on improving transportation, schools, dining, and entertainment as well as access to year-round outdoor experiences.

Jewell

A top issue for me is the

need to maintain a vibrant and prosperous business climate in our village.

Zartner

I want to make sure that the schools leave outside influences away from our children. School is a place to learn, and I want the best environment for our children to thrive in.

I want to ensure that our police department, first responders, and fire fighters get what they need to continue to keep our community safe.

I want to be involved in helping our local businesses flourish, and keeping Hortonville a safe and prosperous community.

Keel

Having been on the board for a few terms at this point, there are always new opportunities coming to our attention. I say opportunities because even the most difficult situations allow for growth and education and the priority of these situations is ever changing. However, I believe cost management is the biggest concern.

I believe that the residents are looking to the village to effectively use the tax income to serve the community through public services, amenities and road repair.

I believe that we have some very large opportunities on the horizon with the completion of the bypass that we have started to discuss and I would love to see through.

I think it’s important to avoid imposing any new taxes or expenses onto our residents especially when those provide very little impact the community as a whole.

We need to attract people to Hortonville in every way possible.

Paltzer

Creating a safe and inviting place to live and destination for people visiting is important to me. Developing and maintaining our parks system would be one area I would want to focus on.

Candidates

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Open houses planned at library

NEW LONDON – The New London Public Library and Museum Board will host a pre-renovation open house at the First State Bank building, future home of the New London Public Library.

the public is welcome to see the group’s vision for the transformation of the former bank located on North Water Street.

dates and times are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, and 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Fe. 6.

Architectural plans and renderings will be available along with guided tours of the building.

State and federal tax forms have arrived at the New London Public Library. More specific forms can also be printed if needed.

The February Take a Break to Make will run 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, and will teach attendees how to decoupage jars using napkin designs. Registration is required by calling 920-982-8519.

There is no school Monday, Feb. 19, and teens are invited to come and play video games all day from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The library will have games available on its Nintendo Switch, Xbox Series X, and Meta Quest

3 consoles.

All ages are welcome to attend the library’s Pokémon Club. The club is open to all playing levels. Attendees will learn more about Pokémon cards and participate in battles. There will be no card trading.

Pokémon Club will take place 4-5 p.m. n the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb.22.

Story Time and Babygarten will continue into the New Year. Story Time will take place at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 17 through May 8. There will be no Story Time on March 27.

Babygarten will take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 18 through May 9, with no Babygarten on March 28.

Take-home craft kits will again be offered for all ages throughout the month of February. Children can make snail and fox crafts with their kits. Teens can pick up materials for a yarn photo frame. Adult kits will feature supplies to make an explosion scrapbook photo album.

For more information regarding the New London Public Library and its programming, call 920-982-8519.

Annual meeting Feb. 7

NEW LONDON – The New London Fish and Game Club will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate.

The meeting will be held in the clubhouse next to the shooting range located at N5433 Old Hwy 45, New London.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Cemetery Walk highlights

WEYAUWEGA – The Weyauwega Area Historical Society will host an exhibit and showing of their “By the Light of the Moon” cemetery walk that they hosted in September 2023 in Oakwood Cemetery.

The event was narrated by society volunteers who told the stories of past Weyau-

wega residents and blended together the town’s history.

The society will present pictures, videos and drone footage from the event at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in Weyauwega City Hall’s community room.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations are appreciated.

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

County zoning approves sand mine

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

COUNTY – The Waupaca County Zoning and Planning Committee approved a permit for a sand mine on the Iola Car Show grounds

At a Jan. 23 meeting, committee members voted 4-1 in favor of the permit.

Jason Snyder, Waupaca County zoning administrator, read through the conditions as agreed on by Faulks Brothers Construction. The conditions are meant to address the concerns raised at previous hearings.

Two more conditions were added during Tuesday's meeting.

The added conditions allow the planning and zoning committee to review the mine one year into the project to assure that all conditions are properly being met.

Another condition extends the life time of the sand mine from five years to eight years.

Joseph McClone questioned changing the original time frame for the project from five years, as was stated in the original long range plan from the town of Scandinavia.

Chair Jim Nygaard disagreed with keeping the original timeline in order to give the project enough time to extract the sand needed and reclaim the land.

"We do need to give them enough time to get it done and get it done right," Nygaard said.

Snyder agreed with Nygaard.

"We have to take into consideration the time frame of amount of material that needs to be removed so the



Signs opposing the sand mine are posted along the road in Iola. Emily Conroy Photo

more you shorten the length of time the higher the intensity is going to be with that mining," Snyder said.

Snyder also went over the how the additional concerns are being addressed. Some of these include creating a 10-foot berm for noise reduction, no well on site to protect ground water, 50-foot setbacks from wetlands and staying off township roads.

Another condition will be that only 10 acres of the property will be mined at any given time, with Faulks reclaiming the land as they go.

Nygaard also brought up Act 67 during the meeting. This act was passed in the Wisconsin State Legislature in 2017 and allows for local zoning boards to deny or accept conditional use permits based on whether or not the applicant is able to follow conditions set by the board.

The act states: "Substantial evidence' means facts and information, other than merely personal preferences or speculation, directly pertaining to the requirements and conditions an applicant must meet to obtain a conditional use permit."

"When Act 67 was made the way it is now, it tried to make an even playing ground across the state of

Wisconsin," Nygaard said. "That's what we have to base the decision on, is facts."

The only vote against the sand mine came from McClone, who repeated his concerns over extending the permit to eight years.

Joe Opperman, executive director at the Iola Car Show, was happy with the vote at last Tuesday's meeting. He noted this project brings a new revenue stream that will lead to creating significant improvements on car show grounds.

"The permitting process has been long, painful and contentious for us and also for some of our neighbors who oppose the project," Opperman said. "There is no joy for anyone in the frustrations suffered throughout the process, and we hope it's something those in favor and those opposed can heal from over time."

Greg Ambrosius, a neighbor to the property for the projected sand mine, voiced his frustration to the approval, noting that the original vote denied the sand mine back in August.

"Guaranteed our neighborhood group will appeal this decision and we are working right now with a lawyer on the next step," Ambrosius said.

Rosemaling inspires local women

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Their friendship was forged in a mutual love for a Norwegian art form.

members of a local rosemaling group celebrate their passion for painting and grow as artists together.

The group consists of local art teacher Jill Willems, along with Chris Aasen, Peg Beilfuss, Susan Zielke, Tracy Johnson, Lisa Anderson and Juel Krueger.

Rosemaling started in churches as far back as the mid-1700s, when only guilds were allowed to paint in churches. Eventually, the restrictions lifted and the art form continued to blossom as new styles were created in different regions, Willems said.

Rosemaling refers to decorative painting.

Styles can range from Halldal which is known for its symmetrical designs of flowers, leaves and scrolls, to Valdres, which consists of more realistic flowers and landscapes. The most well known and traditional region is the Telemark style.

"If there was a national style that encompassed all of Norway, [Telemark] is the one that when most people think of rosemaling ... would be the most well known," Willems said.

Anderson said, the Telemark region was a poor area of Norway and that the people in the region had a difficult life.

"The Norwegians had very long winters, of course, and in the regions like Telemark where it was mountainous you didn't leave, so they painted their walls ... because it was so dark and they lived up their homes," Aasen said.

Rosemaling techniques emphasize brush strokes and paint colors.

"Because people were poor when it first started a lot of it had to do with what colors were readily available and inexpensive," Willems said.

The art form made its way to the United States from im-



Jill Willems, of Iola, shown working on a rosemaling project. Emily Conroy Photo

migrants who had to limit what they brought over, most notably were their chests and ale bowls, which was a bowl that sat in the middle of the table that everyone drank from. Willems said it was a status symbol to have these things painted beautifully.

It was also these rosemaled items that introduced the art form to the United States.

Women began rosemaling for a variety of reasons, most notably being introduced to the art form by parents and grandparents.

"I just so love and want to know about my Norwegian heritage for one thing, and also I knew my grandpa did and my mother-in-law did ... it was always something I wanted to do then finally I talked some friends into doing it and here we are," Aasen said.

Willems has loved art since she was a child, so when Aasen wanted to attend a rosemaling class taught by Krueger, Willems saw it as an excellent way to have a ladies night out.

"We were totally virgins in the rosemaling world," Aasen said. "It was a whole community ... that we didn't know existed and these people were just amazing."

Beilfuss, who had no previous art experience and had never taken an art class before was excited to learn the art form.

"This was on my bucket list," Beilfuss said. "It was something I wanted to learn how to do."

Outside of Willems and

Johnson, the rest of the women did not have an art background. They learned their rosemaling skills in classes throughout the Midwest, most notably in Stoughton with teacher, Andrea Herkert.

Beilfuss emphasized the emergence of Zoom classes as she is unable to leave her house often due to her husband's disability.

"During the pandemic that was my lifeline, it was such a down time that I didn't even pick up a paint brush for months," she said.

Aasen also highlighted the therapeutic effect rosemaling has in her life.

"When you are having a tough time ... once you get in the groove of things it really does calm you," she said.

Anderson has pieces featured at the Vesterheim museum in Decorah, Iowa, a museum that features Norwegian-American history and art. She has also won multiple awards for her work.

Willems said in finding rosemaling, she found her passion. She talks of having her own classes one day as she continues to cultivate her friendships in the rosemaling community.

The women agreed that finding this art form has changed their lives and they look forward to growing in the art form.

The LittleWolf Gallery, 180 North Main St., Iola, will feature a rosemaling demonstration Saturday, Feb. 3, during the Iola Winter Carnival. They will also host music by Vintage Jazz starting at 4 p.m.

Manawa NEWS



Shown, from left, are Valerie and Christina Schmude on the Manawa Mill Pond as they try their hand at the ice fishing contest. Emily Conroy Photo

Ice fishing contest in Manawa

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The community turned out to the Manawa Area Veterans Freedom Park (MAVFP) Saturday to support the Fishing for Freedom ice fisheree.

This event started in a small tent and now takes place in the shelter.

Funds raised at events like the fisheree helped build the shelter, the park and the veterans memorial.

Moving forward the Manawa Cowboys peeewee football team will be taking over the event starting in 2025. This year they will be splitting the profits with the MAVFP while learning how to run the event.

John Smith, one of the original organizers of the event, said they decided to pass the event on to the peeewee football organization because they have enough funds to finish projects they had scheduled, along with a couple additional smaller projects.

"It's an event we wanted to see continue so we looked for another non-profit organization and couldn't be happier that the Manawa Cowboys peeewee football organization decided that

they would like to try it," Smith said.

Brianna Coyle, the cheer coordinator on the Cowboys board, said they will be creating a new board for just the fisheree to ensure the event will continue to be well organized moving forward.

Smith said through the years they have seen a variety of ice conditions, however this is the first year vehicles were not allowed on the ice.

The ice was about 8-10-inches thick, Coyle said, but not allowing vehicles on the ice discouraged a few people who would normally fish if they were able to take their vehicle out.

"It was a successful day overall, the community came to support us," Coyle said.

In the past, event organizers partnered with Walleye's for Kids. The partnership that will continue while the Manawa Cowboy organization runs the event.

There were also raffles for prizes donated by community members, a paddle wheel and a soup contest. Coyle said this year saw the most soups ever entered into the competition. Stephanie Jepson's five cheese chicken

torellini was the winning soup.

Christina Schmude attends the event almost every year to try her hand at the ice fishing contest.

Schmude said she enjoys ice fishing with family, a pastime she is passing down to her children who enjoy running after tip-ups and fishing themselves.

"We get together with family ... and stay out on the ice all day. It's fun, we bring the kids out and they really enjoy it," Schmude said.

The progress in the park over the years is something Smith has been very proud of, an accomplishment that he has found very rewarding.

"This park was meant to be a living tribute, constantly growing to our military personnel currently serving, veterans who are done with their sacrifice to our country, and to the family members who support our United States military," Smith said.

The volunteers over the years who have assisted with the building of the park are terrific people, Smith said, and they have really helped to make the park come to life.

Manawa hosts Biblio Bingo

MANAWA – The Sturm Memorial Library began their winter adult reading program, Monday, Jan. 29.

The eight-week program will end on March 23.

Biblio Bingo has been an annual tradition for the last 20 years, with last year bringing in over 73 participants.

The library staff chooses categories and then decides on books to place in each of the categories, with the ultimate goal of getting a bingo by choosing all the books in one category or one from each to create a bingo.

This year the library will feature recently retired di-

rector Ellen Connor. She has picked out her favorite books of all time to add to the bingo board.

"Playing Biblio Bingo can be a fun way to liven up those dreary winter months after the holidays," said Lyn Hokenstad, assistant library director. "It's also a great way to step out of your reading comfort zone to find new authors and genres to enjoy."

Participants can sign up at any point during the program, however Hokenstad encourages participants to begin as soon as possible to give them more time to finish the reading.

Once a participant gets

a bingo they can return their card to the library for a small prize and the chance to enter their name for a prize basket.

A participant can get bingo multiple times and even go for a "black-out."

The prize baskets are themed and put together by staff and consist almost entirely of donations the library collects over the year.

For more information on the program, stop by the Sturm Memorial Library or call 920-596-2252. There is also information on their web site www.manawalibrary.org.

Chamber award nominees sought

IOLA – Businesses and organizations are invited to submit nominations for the Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Chamber Person Of The Year, Business Of The Year and Spark Plug awards.

Completed nomination ballots are due by Friday, Feb. 9, according to chamber president Greg Loescher.

"We have some great people and businesses in the Iola-Scandinavia area," he said. "There is a nomination sheet for each award so you can type your information on the page or print them off and submit them. You can nominate in any or all categories."

A date and location of the chamber's awards presentation event will be an-

nounced in early spring.

Forms can be returned by email to Mark Forseth at mhforseth@yahoo.com; by mail to I-S Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 167, Iola, WI 54945; or by dropping them off at the chamber office at the Iola Village Hall.

Final ballots will be mailed to all chamber members in March.

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Opinion

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Measurements Of Being

Dear Reader,

Exploring success in life involves a nuanced perspective. While financial achievements like money, assets, and material possessions are conventional measures, the spiritual dimension, encompassing service, noble purpose, and positive impact on the world, adds profound depth to the concept of success.

The balance between material and spiritual fulfillment often shapes a more comprehensive view of a successful life.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

Truths about dealing with waste

Whether we eat cheese, chicken or salami or pork chops, we are responsible for the food waste that results from our diets. Even vegans leave waste. We can only deal with all this waste by ceasing to eat or enlarging our landfills until they eventually explode.

Many of us in the Waupaca area are joining the NIMBY or "Not In My Backyard" club that requires us to choose areas where others besides us live, to deal with our waste. I can tell because I see "No Digester in Lind" signs popping up.

When I first heard about the proposal to build a digester in the town of Lind, I also heard that there could be massive traffic problems, continued bad smells from waste and likely pollution of our groundwater. Rumors of companies and individuals garnering huge profits from the costs of these communal disasters were whispered about at local meetings along with conspiracy possibilities. Fortunately at about the same time PBS aired a spot about the Amana Colonies in Iowa and spent a bit of the show discussing their digester and how it worked for the five communities that benefitted.

That triggered me to contact other resources to gather more information. Among those resources were family and friends from the Wrightstown area who have witnessed the building of a local digester and other communities doing the same.

Digesters are complex and expensive and highly regulated. The federal government has created incentives to promote companies and farmers to build digesters and to create markets for the fertilizer, cleaned water, energy and other products

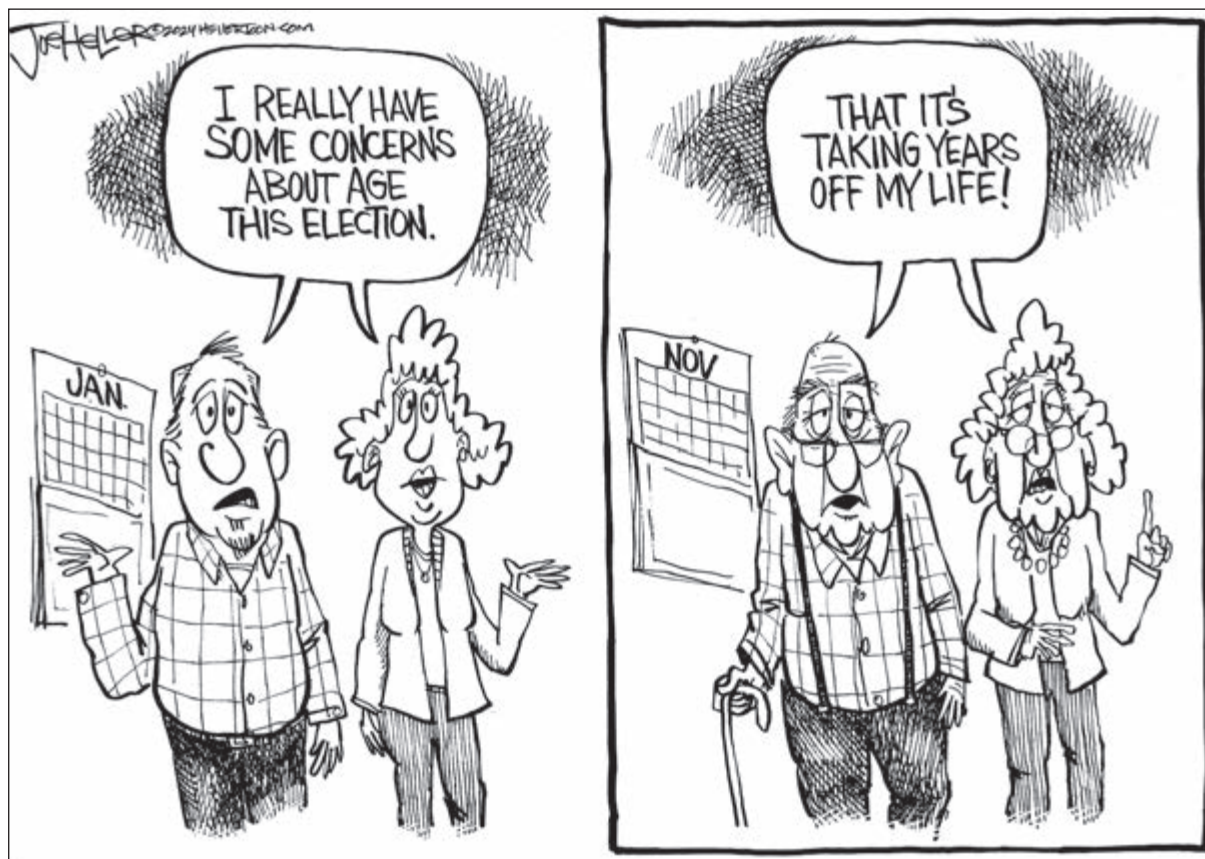
such as propane generated from the process of "digesting" the waste fed into the units. They are designed to operate efficiently with little smell.

But just as we deal with the dust and dirt from our neighbors process of fertilizing, growing and harvesting soybeans, corn and cattle and the increased traffic in spring and summer of Milwaukeeans trying to find their way to resorts and lakes in the area, it is part of the cost of living in the town of Lind. Friends from Wrightstown do report of infrequent occasional smells from their resident digester wafting through the area, but that is true of our local neighborhood dairy farms also. Accidents can indeed happen and we must make sure that rules are followed and every advantage that we can find to deal with the costs of comfort and progress can be found and utilized safely.

Unfortunately we live with uncertainty and during a time when finding truth about important matters can be a full time job. But it is indeed important that we do not succumb to the fears that stop our thinking and activities that continue the growth of health and wealth to our community. When something sounds crazy or just too far fetched to make sense, find the resources to verify the source. Ask serious questions even when those questions have tough answers or might be different from what all your friends believe to be the truth.

It (the truth) is not too difficult to find or too dangerous to hold onto. And isn't the truth more important than acceptance by the crowd?

CRAIG SMITH
LIND



Maintaining public education in Wisconsin

BY DR. JILL UNDERLY

On successful schools

Successful schools are where every kid is welcomed and affirmed ... and where every student is ready to learn and achieve their own success. A classroom of joy and support – and even laughter – is a classroom full of engaged learners. Success, to me, means every kid gets the support they need to learn to read, so they can turn around and read to learn. Success also means breaking down barriers so that every kid can access meaningful learning that is relevant to their interests and goals in life. Then, we are building not only that child's future, but we are building our state's future – because our schools are the

economic and democratic engines of innovation and citizen engagement.

On special education funding

I want to be very, very clear: inclusion is what is best for kids. And, at this moment in time, when we have a massive budget surplus, we must come together and work for greater investment in our schools. I'm really proud of our governor, who is also one of my predecessors, for his leadership over the last three budgets — we've turned the corner on the cuts we had under his predecessor. We have a friend in Governor Evers, but the truth is, I don't think that the small increase the legislature allocated to us last year – a small increase that

does not get us anywhere close to where we need to be – is what our schools and kids deserve.

"Right now, Wisconsin currently has over seven billion dollars available, some of which is assigned to a so-called "rainy day" fund. And yet, if you ask any educator, in any school classroom, and they will tell you that it is pouring rain.

"One place we should start, and where we can start now, without waiting for the next budget, is a renewed commitment to special education funding. It is a fiscally responsible choice – and a morally responsive one, too.

On standing up for education

It bears stating the obvious: attacks on educators,

and politicizing our daily work in schools and libraries, is not what is best for kids. Classrooms and libraries are not meant to be battlefields... and attacks – even verbal attacks, and especially legislative attacks – are unacceptable when, at root, we are talking about kids."

"These attacks are dangerous distractions. They cannot be allowed to continue. We cannot allow it. Standing up for our education system, and the freedom to let teachers teach, and parents parent, is what is best for kids.

Excerpts from remarks that State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly delivered to the 2024 Wisconsin State Education Convention on Jan. 17.

Understanding tech college funding

WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

Wisconsin's technical colleges receive high per-student funding levels compared to other public two-year colleges nationally, previous Wisconsin Policy Forum research found.

Our very latest research provides new findings and insights that provide greater context for that comparison.

In 2022, funding per full-time student for the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) campuses brought in \$17,419 per FTE student, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) data show. This ranked the

system fifth-highest nationally and substantially above the U.S. average of \$12,642.

To better understand this high ranking in our latest report, we looked at a range of factors, including those that WTCS officials have said help to explain it.

Our review found more than 100,000 technical college students being served in Wisconsin are absent in national data – a large discrepancy that likely makes technical college spending per pupil in Wisconsin look much higher than it actually is.

Accounting for the missing students would leave spending levels in Wisconsin somewhat higher than

nationally, but much closer to what is typical for other two-year colleges.

In addition, the specific services provided by WTCS colleges tend to be more expensive than those of typical two-year colleges nationally. This includes the relatively costly technical education that the state's 16 technical college districts provided to a large number of part-time students as well as a range of free services – some mandated by state law – that are provided to adults. This likely explains at least part of the higher spending in Wisconsin.

While national data show much higher funding and spending levels for technical

colleges in Wisconsin than most other two-year colleges nationally, these data appear to omit some of the key duties of the WTCS campuses in the state and a huge number of their students.

Wisconsin's technical colleges are crucial to the state's employers and workforce. Policymakers and citizens may wish to consider these nuances when determining appropriate levels of technical college funding and spending.

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Big changes expected for state legislative maps

THE CAPITOL REPORT

The action by the new liberal majority on the Wisconsin Supreme Court was expected.

But that didn't diminish the impact of a late December 4-3 decision that GOP maps are unconstitutional.

The likely result, barring U.S. Supreme Court intervention: new legislative lines for the 2024 elections.

The ruling wasn't a complete victory for the Democratic plaintiffs. They had asked the high court to order all 33 seats in the state Senate to be on the ballot in 2024, arguing it would be inappropriate to allow members elected in 2022 under unconstitutional lines to continue representing those seats.

Republicans now have a 22-11 supermajority in the Senate to go along with the 64-34 edge they have in the Assembly. Having all 33 Senate seats on the ballot next fall would've created an opportunity to significantly swing that chamber's balance. But the court rejected the request as "drastic."

Experts caution that in a

state like Wisconsin, where Democrats are grouped tightly in urbanized areas, new legislative lines likely won't mean the Legislature, long ruled by Republicans, will suddenly flip to Democrats. But they say it could mean tighter margins in the Assembly and Senate and more swing seats.

The ruling urges lawmakers to take first crack at drawing new lines. But the liberal majority said it will at the same time begin the process of selecting a new map on its own in case the GOP-controlled Legislature and Democratic Gov. Tony Evers again fail to agree on a new map.

The court also signaled it will consider the partisan impact of the new map it might select.

"Unlike the legislative and executive branches, which are political by nature, this court must remain politically neutral," Justice Jill Karofsky wrote for the liberal majority. "We do not have free license to enact maps that privilege one political party over another."

Deadlines loom

• Jan. 12 deadline for the parties to submit new maps.

• Feb. 1 written report from two experts evaluating the submitted maps. Bernard Grofman and Jonathan Cervas were named to serve as the court's consultants. Grofman is a political science professor at the University of California-Irvine, who is an expert on redistricting and served as a special master on several map re-drawings. Cervas is a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Politics and Strategy at Carnegie Mellon University. The New York Times called him one of the nation's most influential political mapmakers.

• new maps by March 15. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has said new maps must be in place by March 15.

Republicans have been bracing themselves for the court to order new maps since liberal Janet Protasiewicz was elected this spring after a campaign in which she knocked the current lines as "rigged" in favor of the GOP.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, raised the prospect of impeaching Protasiewicz if she heard the case, though he later backed down.

The case has been highly charged politically, with conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley ripping her four liberal colleagues for their ruling. She wrote the outcome was preordained after Protasiewicz won this spring.

"These handmaidens of the Democratic Party trample the rule of law, dishonor the institution of the judiciary, and undermine democracy," she wrote.

Dan Lenz, an attorney on the legal team for the Democratic plaintiffs, hailed the ruling as a "victory for a representative democracy in the state of Wisconsin."

"For too long, right wing interests have rigged the rules without any consequences," he said.

Vos knocked the ruling in a post on X and vowed the U.S. Supreme Court "will have the last word." Republicans asked Protasiewicz to recuse herself, but she declined.

Along with calling the current lines "rigged," Protasiewicz received nearly \$10 million from the state Democratic Party during her spring campaign. Some Republicans have argued those donations eclipse what happened in a West Virginia case nearly two decades ago that resulted in a 2009 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that a state justice shouldn't have heard a case involving a campaign donor.

WisPolitics tracked more than \$56 million in spending in this spring's state Supreme Court race, more than triple the previous national record.

Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, said "Justice should not be for sale in Wisconsin" and Protasiewicz should've recused herself.

Republicans have said they would consider asking the U.S. Supreme Court to step in.

Vos wrote in a text message to WisPolitics that Republicans will consult with their attorneys to figure out their next steps.

"The case was pre-decided

before it was even brought," Vos wrote, calling it a "sad day."

The arguments the justices heard didn't focus on the partisan balance of the maps, but on whether the continuous territory in numerous districts violated the state Constitution. The majority found those municipal islands violate the requirement that districts be contiguous. Karofsky noted in her majority opinion at least 50 Assembly districts and 20 Senate seats have such detached parts.

"We hold that the contiguity requirements in Article IV, Sections 4 and 5 mean what they say: Wisconsin's state legislative districts must be composed of physically adjoining territory," Karofsky wrote.

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Obituary Notices

Dombrowski, Donald



Donald "Don" Dombrowski, 76, of Waupaca Wisconsin passed away at King Veterans Home on 1/23/2024. Don was born in Stockton WI on June 8, 1947, he was one of seven children of Virginia and Raymond Dombrowski. Don and his six siblings became experts at pickle picking on their family's 6 acre pickle farm. Dave (Linda) Dombrowski, Gary (Rita) Dombrowski, James (Sharon) Dombrowski, Thomas (Kendall) Dombrowski, Diane (Bill) Dombrowski, Sue (James) Chick, Mary (John) Bigus.

Don was born in a time when indoor plumbing was something of a luxury, many times Don was the winner of he and his brothers bets, assuring he wouldn't have to be the one going down the hole to empty the outhouse. Or one of the picketing members of the great strike to increase wages for money to attend the fair. While some of his younger siblings may not recall these times, when recounting the stories always brought a smile to Don's face. Storytelling and the television show Gunsmoke were his two most favorite pastimes.

In high school, Don was a dedicated wrestler and was one of the best in his 112 lb. weight class. When the draft came, Don entered the Army for one tour in the Vietnam war. While Don didn't talk about his time in the military, he was the most proud patriot.

After the war he was blessed with four daughters. Tracy (Anthony) Pierotti, Michelle Dombrowski, Allison Langwinski, and Rebecca Dombrowski. Don worked at the Waupaca Foundry for years where he earned the title of electrician. He then married his wife Mary Dombrowski and added Amanda Drake and Daniel (Tae Kidd) Drake to his family. Don was a very social man with hobbies that included woodworking, gardening, fishing, and camping. He was always ready for a conversation or a drink with a friend.

Don was lucky enough to be able to enjoy his grandchildren Kaitlyn and Kyle Haile, Justin Langwinski, Elizabeth and Matthew Pierotti and Makayla Zapata, Savannah Drake-Felton, Evan Boaz, Juliez Peterson, Xander Drake, and Alex and Athena Drake. He hand crafted gifts for his grandchildren and enjoyed a week with Grandpa in the summers. Don loved his family and the pets in his life. Only the lucky got to be one of Don's dogs.

In 2012 when Don suffered a life altering stroke, he showed the strength and determination that he displayed his entire life to maintain his independence. While he was never quite the same, that true grit remained. If you knew Don, you know he would always do it the hard way. No shortcuts. Special appreciation to his fellow gym members (Tony) in Waupaca and the attention of Cheryl in Iola. He certainly wouldn't have stayed with us as long as he did without your companionship.

We will keep Don in our hearts.

Military Honors were held at the Jungers-Holly Funeral Home in Amherst at 4 PM on Monday, January 29th, 2024. Interment will be in the Central WI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Town of Farmington, Waupaca Co., WI at a later date. Visitation was held on Monday, from 1 PM until 4 PM at the Jungers- Holly Funeral Home in Amherst.

Vetter, Edna



Edna Vetter, of Waupaca WI passed away at home on January 20th, 2024, at the age of 93.

Edna was born in 1930 in (Wembley), England where she grew up with her loving parents and five siblings. She shared many stories of growing up in wartime England, including time spent in bomb shelters and blackout curtains.

After graduating from secondary school, Edna studied to become a seamstress and pattern maker. She eventually worked for several prestigious design houses in London. In the early 1950's Edna left England and joined her sister in the United States. Shortly after arriving in the United States, she contracted polio, once recovered she was unable to return home to England due to travel restrictions and took a job with Dayton's Department Store.

It is there where she met the young Richard Vetter while helping him purchase Christmas gifts for his family. They fell in love and were married in September of 1956 and settled in Stevens Point, WI, where they raised five daughters: Lisa, Anne, Mary, Jody, and Penny. Edna was a devoted wife and loving mother who dedicated her time and talents to her children's many activities. This included leading a Girl Scout Troop and sewing costumes for dance recitals. Edna and Richard enjoyed playing bridge, being members of the local dance club, curling club, traveling, and spending summers in Waupaca.

Edna eventually moved to Waupaca full-time where she was an avid gardener, a volunteer at the Waupaca County Humane Society and Hospital Auxiliary. She was a hub of information regarding her daughters, their husbands, her nine amazing grandchildren, and her twelve great-grandchildren.

Edna touched many lives, but her deepest pride was her role as a wife, parent, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will always live on in the hearts of her family.

Edna is survived by her children, Lisa Falk, Anne (Dominic) Truniger, Mary (Gary) Wade, Josephine Vetter (Neil Bibbins) and Penny (Don) Moran; and her grandchildren, Erik (Becky) Falk, Adam (Miranda) Falk, Peter (Amy) Falk, Claire (Alex) Patterson, Nicole (Kaleb) Engelke, Madalyn (Kyle) Hunt, Drew Wade (Kelsey Jarrett), Ellen Moran (Alex Amoss) and Oliva Moran (Conner Welch); and her 12 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews in the US and England.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents; her siblings and son-in-law, Jerry Falk.

A celebration of life will be held later this Spring (date to be determined). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Waupaca County Humane Society. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jorgenson, JoAnn



JoAnn A. Jorgenson, age 83, of Waupaca, passed away on Friday, January 26th, 2024 at Crossroads Care Center of Weyauwega. She was born in Bear Creek, WI on July 31, 1940, a daughter of the late Mark and Dorothy (Steinke) Heger.

JoAnn worked part time at Ranch Oak Motel for many years when her children were growing up (her children would help when they got older). After Ranch Oak sold, she worked at Trade Winds in Manawa, Churney Cheese and retired from Wohlt cheese in New London. JoAnn enjoyed going to flea markets, rummage sales, going to country music and polka festivals. She also very much enjoyed going to Daytona Beach FL on family vacations and especially enjoyed the one year when all her kids and grandchildren were all there at the same time. Memories that will last forever with her family.

Survivors include her Children: Randy (Renee) Jorgenson, Sandra (Chris) Debaker, Wendy (Thomas) Clappes, Grandchildren: Teresa (Jason) Carlson; Corey (Julie) Jorgenson; Jodie Jorgenson; John Conley; Joe Conley; Jennifer (Mike) Conley; Julia (Casey) Conley; Nicholas (Cheyanne) Clappes; Nathan (Nikki) Clappes; Tom (Alicia) Clappes; Great Grandchildren: Parker, Warren, Keagan, Easton, Addison, Zach, Sabastion, Mya, Abel, Avaya, Jaxson, Kayden, Kaylan, Adalyn, Tyler, Ophilia, Persephone, Layne and Aniston; Sisters: Dorothy (Joseph) Manweiler, Marilyn Behm; Brothers: Mark (Sandra) Heger, Glen (Rose) Heger, Kenneth (Charlotte) Heger and Donald (Theresa) Heger. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Carol Dieringer; a brother Gordon Heger; a brother-in-law - Gilbert Behm, a sister-in-law - Jeanne Heger, and 2 nephews Andrew Heger and Scott Heger.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca at 12:00 (Noon) on Monday, February 5th, 2024, with the Rev. Dr. Charles Tews, officiating. Interment will be held at Lakeside Memorial Park in Waupaca. Visitation will be on Monday, from 10 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Crossroads of Weyauwega for the care and love our mother received for the last 1 1/2 years. Also thank to Moments hospice for helping the last few months

Patrikus, Susan



Susan "Sue" M. Patrikus, age 71 of Shawano passed away Tuesday January 23, 2024 at the Bellin Hospital in Green Bay following complications from aneurysm surgery in March of 2023.

Susan Margaret Schuettelz was born in Oconto County on November 9, 1952 to the late Henry and Irene (Holl) Schuettelz. She graduated from Shawano High School in 1971. After graduation she moved to Minneapolis, MN where she lived with family and served as a live-in housekeeper taking care of children. For over 45 years, Sue was the office manager and secretary for several businesses in Shawano including the Shawano County Department of Community Programs and Montour Heating and Air Conditioning. She married Jerry Patrikus on July 26, 1986 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville. After retirement Sue traveled with her husband and family checking off her bucket list. They visited places like Alaska, Europe, Hawaii, and most recently to the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC.

Sue is survived by: Her Husband Jerry. Siblings and in-laws: Ken & Rachel DeCoster, Jean Frost, Wayne & Bev Harbath, Jerome & Verna Schuettelz, Ken & Mary Ladwig, Curt Schuettelz, Neil & Sheila Zastrow, Rochelle Netzel, Loren Schuettelz, Len & Gail Heling, Paul & Joanne Schuettelz, Jeff & Terri Schuettelz, and Lew & Tammy Schuettelz.

Also 31 Nieces & Nephews, numerous Great-Nieces & Nephews, Great-Great-Nieces & Nephews, Cousins, and Friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents Henry & Irene Schuettelz, father-in-law & mother-in-law Joe & Selma Patrikus, a brother LuAllen Schuettelz, a sister Kristi Schuettelz, a brother-in-law Mike Netzel, a sister-in-law Ruth Schuettelz, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Sue's funeral service were held Monday January 29, 2024 at 11am at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory (South location, 299 S. Main Street, Clintonville, WI 54929) with Fr. Timothy Shillox O. Praem officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday from 9am until the time of service. Interment will take place at St. Rose Cemetery in Clintonville in the spring. In lieu of flowers Sue's family prefers memorials be made to the local Lions Club of your choice. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Nielsen, Alice



On Sunday, January 28, 2024, Alice (Lindner) Nielsen of Iola, WI went to be at home with Jesus, at the age of 80. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family after an eleven-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Alice was born November 6, 1943, to John and Lorienta (Humke) Lindner of Greenwood WI. Alice graduated from Greenwood High School in 1961. She attended Wood County Teachers College and UWSP.

She married Roger Nielsen on May 29, 1965 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenwood WI.

Alice taught lower elementary grades in the Greenwood school district for 22 years. She retired to become a full-time farm wife working with Roger on their dairy farm. They farmed for a total of 21 years, before leaving the farm to move to Iola, WI to be closer to Amy and the grandkids. Once the grandkids where in school she started substitute teaching in Iola and did that for about 10 years. She enjoyed teaching and her students loved her.

Alice enjoyed many things, reading, entertaining, knitting, scrapbooking, quilting and crafts in general. She also loved flowers and was a member of the local garden club. She enjoyed spending time with Roger and his ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church, as they shared their love of Jesus Christ with many people. Alice loved spending time with her friends, if it was quilting at church, over coffee or over a meal, she had so many wonderful friends that she truly loved. Her most cherished times where spending time with her family, her biggest smiles were for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents and husband Roger. Alice is survived by their only child, Amy (Daniel) Bestul; Grandchildren, John Bestul and Jordan Bestul; Great Grandchildren, Ellaina, Lukas and Allison. Sisters Karen Martens and Dianne Lindner, brother-in-law, Wayne (Diane) Nielsen and sister-in-law, Sharon (Edward) Bushman, and many loving nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Big Falls), N10685 Petersen Rd, Marion WI 54950. Visitation starting at 9:00 AM, Service at 10:30 AM with lunch to follow on Friday, February 16, 2024. She will be interred privately at the King Veterans Cemetery next to Roger. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been set up at: St John's Lutheran, Attn: Quilting and Lutheran World Relief, N3882 County Rd KK, Weyauwega WI 54983. Voie Funeral Home of Iola is assisting the family.

Peeters, Kenneth



Kenneth J. Peeters, age 79 of the Town of Deer Creek, Outagamie County passed away Wednesday afternoon, January 24, 2024 at St. Joseph Residence in New London.

Kenneth was born on November 19, 1944 as the 3rd son of the late Walter and Vaiden (Stilen) Peeters. He grew up on a farm outside of Bear Creek. Kenneth may have only completed the 8th grade but he became an incredible engineer; doing all of his work old school with a paper and a pencil. He worked for Steinberg / H&S Manufacturing for 50 plus years in their engineering department and held over 20 patents in his name. One of Kenneth's favorite pastimes was chunkin' pumpkins and cabbage. To him, everyone was family and he was like a bonus dad to all of his children's friends and to his nieces and nephews.

He was an awesome dad to his 7 children: Brian Peeters, Wendall (Stephanie) Peeters, Tammy (Steve) Kluth, Lona (Rick) Blackburn, Kenny (Tara) Peeters, Chad (Fiance Jeni Schneider) Peeters, & Shannon Peeters.

Best "Papa" to Dominic, Dustin (Kassie), Tiffany, Cody (Hattie), Connor, Colton, Katelyn (Tor), Madelyn, Dylan, Zachary, Kaleb, Nathaniel, Brooklyn, Makena, Shelby, Jaxson, and Junior.

He was also "Grandpa the Great" to 7 and one more on the way.

Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law: Roger & Bonnie, Jim & Sonja, Donald & Patricia, Willis, Bob, Larry & Vickie, and Carol Prellwitz, and by Myrna & Phil Sasman, and Londa & Randy Phillips.

Also by a special friend Barbie Havnen.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents Walter & Vaiden, in-laws Willis & Myrtle Prellwitz, brothers Bernard, Raymond, Harold (Donna), a sister Ann, daughter Mary Jennifer "Jenny", brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Chester Prellwitz, Leo (Donna) Mohnen, and Beth Prellwitz.

A memorial service was held for Kenneth on Tuesday January 30, 2024 at 12:30pm at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory South Location (299 S. Main Street, Clintonville) with Fr. Timothy Shillox O. Praem officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 9:30am until the time of the service. The Peeters family would like to thank the staff at St. Joe's and Compassus Hospice for all of their help and assistance. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Lyons, Paul

Paul M. Lyons, 52, of Waupaca passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Friday, January 26, 2024. Paul was a graduate of Waupaca High School and an avid follower in Christ. Paul was born on March 4, 1971 to Larry and Janice (McPeak) Lyons in Waupaca, WI.

Paul had a passion for volunteering at Bethany Home, going to the movies, playing miniature golf and bingo, and also putting puzzles together at the library with his brother Chris. He also liked watching wrestling, watching the Packers, the Milwaukee Brewers, as well as caring for his two cats; Snapple and Billie Jo. He always looked forward to camping with his family at Lifest every summer.

Paul is survived by his parents; Larry and Janice Lyons, his brother; Christopher Lyons, Aunts and Uncles; Jerry (Karen) Lyons, Judy (Ken) Krassman, Cathy Nelson, Shari Erickson, Cindy (Steve) Christensen, Tom (Annette) McPeak, Julie (Todd) Waltz and many other beloved cousins and dear friends.

Paul was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather; Robert (Bob) Lyons, his paternal grandmother; Barb Lyons, his maternal grandfather; Erceel McPeak, his maternal grandmother; Joyce McPeak, three uncles; Bobby Lyons, Daniel Nelson, and Matthew Erickson.

A Funeral Service for Paul will be held at Calvary Chapel in Waupaca, WI on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 12:00 Noon. A Visitation will be held at church from 11:00 AM until the time of service. Pastor David Goyke will be officiating. Burial will be held at Cedar Lake Cemetery after the service. Memorials can be made to St. Jude's. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Knutson, Kenneth



Kenneth O. Knutson, age 94 of Neenah, WI formerly of Waupaca, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Ken was born on February 4, 1929; son of the late Earle and Stella (Walby) Knutson. He joined the United States Army in 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1949. On December 10, 1952 he married Irene Waldie in Alberta, Canada.

Irene preceded Ken in death on December 27, 2023. Ken is survived by his sons Kurt (Connie) Knutson of Eau Claire, WI; Kris (Charlotte) Knutson Lincoln, CA; Lennard Knutson of Mililani, HI; grandchildren Karl Knutson, Katie Knutson, Kooper Knutson, Andrew Knutson, Megan Knutson; also many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until time of service at the Church. Burial will follow at Lakeside Memorial Park in Waupaca. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Borchardt, James

James "Jim" A. Borchardt, age 83 of Clintonville, passed away January 24, 2024.

Handrich, Jean

Jean L. Handrich (Schnorr), age 84, Township of Larrabee, passed away January 24, 2024.

Prickette, Lawrence

Lawrence "Larry" D. Prickette, age 89 of Cecil, passed away on Wed. morning Jan. 24, 2024.

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The decedent, with date of birth 4/23/1944 and date of death 07/27/2023 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 86 Northwood Village New London, WI 54961.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St. Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Branch II, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Vicki L. Clussman, on 02/27/2024 at 11:30.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 19, 2024.
3. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St. Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate.
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715) 258-6429 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Form completed by: Matthew J. Linn
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
Telephone Number (920) 779-4140
Bar Number 1066187
Publish Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & 8, 2024
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Legals 7700

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that New London Star Market, LLC doing business as New London Star Market has filed an application with the City Clerk's office for a Class A license for a period from February 21, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

This request has been applied for by Agent Kurtis Miller for location of 1931 N. Shawano Street- Ste 200, New London, WI. The above license application will be acted upon at the February 20, 2024 Common Council meeting.
Nicole Ryerson
City Clerk
Publish Feb. 1, 2024 WNAXLP

DATE SIGNED: January 18, 2024
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Court Commissioner in Probate

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA L. KRAMER
DOD: 07/27/2023

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 2023PR109
WNAXLP

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:

MONUMENTS

Tony Knuppel
(920) 733-2938

Local Area Representative
Appleton Marble & Granite
800-472-5506

APPLETONMARBLE.COM

Legals 7700

DATE SIGNED: January 29, 2024 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle... STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY... NOTICE Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed...

Legals 7700

Appleton WI 54913, Plaintiff, v. Mayra Pasaeyes 28772 Bristol Street Highland CA 92346 Defendant. Case No. 23CV306 Amended Summons The State of Wisconsin to the above-named Defendant. You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you...

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

QuestCDN project number 8823133 for a nonrefundable charge of \$50. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration and downloading digital project information. The QuestCDN website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project...

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF FARMINGTON E913 PRAIRIE VIEW LANE WAUPACA, WI 54981 The Town of Farmington will receive sealed bids for the following work: 2024 King Road Improvement Project (LRIP-S) A Local Roads Improvement Program - Supplemental Project Contract No. 6373-24-01 Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

For this project, bids will be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN vBid Online Bidding, only. Paper bids will not be accepted. To submit a Bid online bid you must download the project bid document file from QuestCDN, which will add you to the plan holders list and gain you access to vBid Online Bidding. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in setting up a free standard membership registration, downloading this digital project information, and submitting your bid via the vBid Online Bid Portal.

There is a non-refundable fee of \$50 for a set of digital contract documents. (This fee includes both downloading of digital plans/specs and online bidding.) The unconfirmed bid results will be publicly read aloud after the bid portal closes on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. local time. The bid opening will be held by teleconference. Any interested Contractors or members of the public that would like to participate in the teleconference will need to call 1-414-877-0020 and enter the code 872098 when prompted.

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval: down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified check equivalent to 5% maximum proposal. If a check is submitted, it must be received in Robert E. Lee & Associate's office by the posted bid date/bid time. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid. Further, the Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid. The Owner reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work, or to omit portions of the work as may be deemed necessary by the Owner; and the same shall in no way affect or make void the contract, except that the appropriate additions to or deductions from the contract price will be made.

Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED Notices are mailed or e-mailed by the clerk for posting at the following locations: Union Star, Hahn-a-Lula Resort and are posted at the Wolf River Town Hall, and Fremont Post Office. Publish Feb. 1 & 8, 2024 WNAXLP

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City of Waupaca, Wisconsin REQUEST FOR BIDS Sealed bids for 2024 WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD will be received and read at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 4, 2024, at the office of City Clerk, City of Waupaca, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981. Bids must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope, the following: SEALED BID - CITY OF WAUPACA 2024 RECREATION CENTER ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD The City of Waupaca reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any bidding formalities and otherwise award a bid that is in the best interest of the City of Waupaca.

Barb Nowak City Clerk City of Waupaca Publish January 18 & February 1, 2024 Waupaca County Post WNAXLP

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids for 2024 Road Reconstruction, Contract A-24, will be received by the City of Manawa, City Clerk at the City Hall, 500 South Bridge Street, Manawa, WI 54949, by 3:00 p.m. (local time) on February 8, 2024, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The work, in general, will include the approximate quantities and items listed below: 3,750 L.F. 8-inch diameter Sanitary Sewer Main, Manholes, and Appurtenances 4,550 L.F. 6-inch to 10-inch diameter Water Main and Appurtenances 3,275 L.F. 8-inch to 30-inch Storm Sewer Main, Manholes, and Appurtenances 7,100 C.Y. Roadway Excavation 6,300 C.Y. Crushed Aggregate Base Course 15,100 S.Y. Asphalt Roadway 25,400 S.F. Concrete Sidewalk/Driveways 7,800 L.F. Concrete Curb & Gutter 5 Each Stormwater Drainage Basins Erosion Control Traffic Control Landscape Restoration The proposals shall be submitted on the forms furnished with the specifications. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond of a bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. This proposal guarantee shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by law. Complete digital project bidding documents can be downloaded at www.cedarcorp.com or www.questcdn.com. Reference

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Roll Call Approve Agenda NO PUBLIC INPUT New Business: 1) Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION - pursuant to WI Stats, 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved RE: Possible Litigation regarding Ordinance No. 11/20/23(2023). 2) Motion to Return to OPEN SESSION as a one-time non-precedent setting for the Board agreeing to (or denies) modifications to Ordinance No. 11/20/23(2023), passed on January 15, 2024, to Restrict Artificial Wake Enhancement on the Chain O'Lakes, Round and Rainbow Lakes specific with this adjustment. Adjournment Posted January 26, 2024, at Farmington Town Hall & Website www.farmingtonwi.com The Town Board may conduct a roll call vote, a voice vote or otherwise decide to approve, reject, table or modify any item on this agenda. If special accommodations are necessary, please contact Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 to make arrangements 24 hours prior to meeting. Publish Feb. 1 & 8, 2024 WNAXLP

The Royalton Town Board will hold the regular monthly Town Board meeting on February 8th, 2024 at 6:00pm. at the Royalton Town Hall located at E6132 Hwy 54, New London, WI. Publish Feb. 1, 2024 WNAXLP

The Town Board of the Town of Harrison will meet at the Northland Lutheran Church the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting business that may come up. The meetings will be open to the public. Fran Moen, Town Clerk Publish 2024 WNAXLP

The Village of Iola Board Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. at the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street. The Finance Committee meeting is held thirty minutes prior to the board meeting. WNAXLP

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BOARD OF EDUCATION CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION January 8, 2024 A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber Members Present: Ben Huber, Glen Drew Lundt, Mark Zachow, Laurie Vollrath, Chad Dobbe, and Kris Strauman. Members Present Virtually: Jason Moder Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, Lindsay Nordner, Megan Murphy, Madalyn Simonis, Shaun Liesch, and Stephen Reinke. Press represented: Bert Lehman of the Tribune Gazette. Also present: Sterling Van Straten and Michael Engel OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This January 8, 2024, meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman, to approve the agenda, switching the order of items IX (A Superintendent's Report) and IX B (CHS Student Representative). Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS: None FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Chad Dobbe to pay BILLS as listed and that general fund, special projects fund, debt service fund, and food service fund CHECKS, Series (A) budgetary #48737-48974, check Series (B) payroll #10795-10800, and ACH Series #900211056-900211642 Wire Series #0220300098-200200140 less any voids, in the amount of \$2,059,634.00 BE DRAWN ON THE TREASURY for their separate amounts; AND that GENERAL RECEIPTS for a total of \$1,445,339.74 in revenues BE DEPOSITED; AND that DEBT SERVICE RECEIPT(S) in the amount of \$2,151.85 BE DEPOSITED; AND that CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RECEIPT(S) in the amount of \$.41 BE DEPOSITED, AND that REFERENDUM RECEIPT(S) in the amount of \$9,790.61 BE DEPOSITED. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Funds and Cash Balance Report: Moved by Kris Strauman seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve the summary of fund balances and cash balances through November 30, 2023 from the General, Student Organization, Special Education, Debt Service, Capital Improvement, Referendum, Food Service, Community Service Funds, and Outstanding Checks. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS CHS Student Representative Report: Sterling VanStraten presented information regarding high school activities to the Board of Education. Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board of Education. Dellwood Child Care Hires a. Nancy LeCloux - Full-Time Teacher b. Laura Schwab - Part-Time Teacher Extra-Curricular Trainers a. Beau Hoffman - Boys JV1 Basketball Personnel Administrator and Director Job Descriptions: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve a second reading of changes to the following Administrator and Director job descriptions: a. Business Manager b. Director of Curriculum and Instruction c. Director of Pupil Services and Special Education d. District Reading Specialist e. Building Administrator f. Building Administrator - Associate g. District Assessment Coordinator h. Director of IMC/Library Media Specialist i. Activities Director/Strength and Conditioning Coordinator j. Director of Food Services k. Director of Recreation Center Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Other Athletic Update: Shaun Liesch, Activities Director presented current athletic program information and participant numbers to the Board of Education. Rec Center Committee Notes: The administration presented notes from the Rec Center Committee Meeting held on December 18, 2023. Review of Potential Savings for the 2024-2025 Budget: The administration presented a current list of possible considerations to save money for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Review of RFP and Bid Proposal for Electrical Upgrade at the Dellwood Child Care Center. The administration presented information for the electrical upgrade at the Dellwood Child Care Center. Rexford/Longfellow Building and Grounds Property Update/Notice of Timeline for Rezoning Application: The administration updated the Board of Education regarding the next steps for the sale of the Rexford/Longfellow building and grounds property, and the possible rezoning of the property, per timeline as sent by the city administration for the rezoning application: 1st Posting in the Newspaper - 12/26/2023 2nd Posting in the Newspaper - 1/2/2024 Plan Commission Meeting Scheduled - Wednesday, 1/17/2024 at 4:30 p.m. If Plan Commission recommends rezoning, it moves to City Council for consideration - Tuesday, 2/13/2024 at 6:00 p.m. Verification of Declarations of Candidacy: Board Clerk Mark Zachow verified, in the order they were received, the Declarations of Candidacy by the candidates who have filed candidacy papers to be on the School Board Election ballot for the April 2, 2024 Spring Election - 3 vacancies, each for 3 year terms: Kris Strauman - 199 Walnut Street Ben Huber - W8402 Rustic Dr. Clint Barkow - E9571 Laude Rd. Marie Vandenberg - 219 S. Main St. Board Clerk Mark Zachow drew lots to determine the School Board Spring Election ballot order. Candidates will appear on the ballot as follows: 1. Clint Barkow 2. Ben Huber 3. Marie Vandenberg 4. Kris Strauman POLICY/PERSONNEL None ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION 2024-2025 School District Calendar ANNOUNCEMENTS January 10 Early Release - Staff Collaboration 1:00 p.m. January 17-20 WASB State Education Convention January 19 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester January 22 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service January 22 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC February 7 Early Release - Staff Collaboration 1:00 p.m. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to adjourn to closed session for the consideration of matters over which the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e) - Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, for the purposes of reviewing individual employment contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance; for the purposes of reviewing administrative contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance; or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:34 p.m. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt, returned to open session. Roll call vote was taken with Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Kris Strauman, Glen Drew Lundt, and Ben Huber voting aye. Jason Moder left meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.) Motion carried and meeting returned to open session at 8:06 p.m. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Chad Dobbe to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Mark Zachow, Board Clerk Publish Feb. 1, 2024 WNAXLP

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF IOLA-SCANDINAVIA Regular School Board Meeting - Minutes

Elementary School - Room #6 (Hygge) 450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945 December 11, 2023 at 7pm I. Meeting was called to order in the Elementary School, Room #6 (Hygge) by Mike Harbridge at 7 pm with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present - Mike Harbridge, Diana Jones, Mike Grassl, Laura Krogwold, Paul Huettnert, Tony Neumann and Vanessa Kirms Administration present - Kirsten Nelson, Sarah Thiel, Jan Bue-Wells, Stacey Wester, Robbie Lashua, Diane Pedersen and Tammy Bauer Observers present - Bill Myers, Tessa Thurs, Hayli Breyhan, Erin Bonikowske, Julie Maus, Kacey Koch, Sam Passell, Erika Flowers, Barb Smith and Kayla Philippi II. Approval of agenda Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote. III. Public input/comments - Kayla Philippi - transportation concern IV. Approval of consent agenda Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote. A. Approval of the November 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes and December 4, 2023 Working Committee Meeting Minutes B. Auditing and approval of checks (receipts, checks) C. Treasurer's report and Pupil Activity Accounts D. Fundraiser requests 1. Choir and Band - Bake Sale and Clubs Choice 2. Hides for Heroes 3. Rotary Grants 4. DOJ District Digital Mapping Grant 5. Elementary Staff Presentation/Report - informational VI. Administration reports A. FAC Director's Report - informational B. Principal's Report - informational C. Administrator's Report - informational D. Business Manager's Report - informational E. Student Representative Report - informational F. Food Service Director's Report - informational VII. School Board News and Updates A. WASB Meeting/Convention Updates B. CESA 5 Meeting Updates VII. Old Business A. Discussion of Community Survey Results (Planning for next steps for track, safety and security upgrades and major building systems) - informational IX. Committee reports A. Building & Grounds - Chairperson Harbridge B. Personnel & Nominations - Chairperson Grassl 1. MS/HS Special Educational Assistant Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the hiring of Jenna Somers as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote. C. Finance - Chairperson Krogwold; lay committee members Erika Flowers and Mark Selter No report D. Transportation - Chairperson Neumann No report E. Curriculum - Chairperson Huettnert 1. 2025 Course Request Numbers Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Vanessa Kirms to approve the 2025 Course Request student numbers as presented and for Mrs. Bue-Wells to use her discretion as needed and as staff allows with courses that are held. Motion carried by a voice vote. F. Policy & Legislation - Chairperson Jones No report G. Negotiations - Chairperson Kirms

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No report X. New Business A. Taylor Field Lease Agreement (auto renewal) - informational B. Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,300,000 Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,300,000 as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote, all board members present. C. Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,300,000 Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Diana Jones to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,300,000 as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote, all board members present. XI. Future Agenda Items A. Upcoming Dates 1. January 2024 Working Committee Meeting - Cancelled 2. January 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 (Hygge) at 7 pm XII. Adjourn Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann at 8:19 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote. Publish Feb. 1, 2024 WNAXLP

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BUY THE COURT Hon. Raymond S. Huber 1/19/2024 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Kolton Joseph Zygarielko By (Petitioner) Brooke Nicole Zimmermann Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV18 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Kolton [Middle] Joseph [Last] Zygarielko To: [First] Kolton [Middle] Joseph [Last] Marks Birth Certificate: [First] Kolton [Middle] Joseph [Last] Zygarielko IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Judge Raymond Huber Waupaca County Circuit Court, BR111 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981 Date: March 4, 2024 Time 11:00 am If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the New London Press Star, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish Jan. 25, February 1 & 8, 2024 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT Honorable Vicki L. Clusman 01/19/2024 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Mariah Catherine Mellenberger By (Petitioner) Mariah Catherine Mellenberger Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV17 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Mariah [Middle] Catherine [Last] Mellenberger To: [First] Mariah [Middle] Catherine [Last] Gill Birth Certificate: [First] Mariah [Middle] Catherine [Last] Mellenberger IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Hon. Troy L. Nielsen Circuit Court Branch I 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 Date: 2/19/24 Time: 1:30 p.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-248-6430 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Waupaca County Post, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & 8, 2024 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/17/24 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Weston Lee Thompson By (Petitioner) Jordan Lee Thompson By (Co-Petitioner) Molly Elizabeth Benck Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV10 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Weston [Middle] Lee [Last] Thompson To: [First] Weston [Middle] Leland [Last] Thompson Birth Certificate: [First] Weston [Middle] Lee [Last] Thompson IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Hon. Troy L. Nielsen Place Circuit Court Branch I 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 Date: 2/16/24 Time: 8:30 am If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 4 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the New London Press Star a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish Jan. 25, Feb 1 & 8, 2024 WNAXLP

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BY THE COURT Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/17/24 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Weston Lee Thompson By (Petitioner) Molly Elizabeth Benck Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV19 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Satya [Last] Renteria To: [First] Lalita [Last] Correa Birth Certificate: [First] Satya [Last] Renteria IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Hon. Vicki L. Clusman 811 Harding St. - Branch II Waupaca, WI 54981 Date: 2/24/2024 Time: 10:45 a.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OUTAGAMIE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION BCG Equities, LLC 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield WI 53005 Plaintiff, vs. Ronald Martin Krimmer 710 E Alfred St Apt 31 Weyauwega WI 54983 Defendant. Case No.: 2023CV001240 Classification Code: 30301 The amount claimed is over \$10,000. PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 (forty) days after 01/18/2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 320 S. Walnut Street Appleton, WI 54911 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 19th day of January, 2024. DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC Attorneys for the plaintiff Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano Jillian E Caggiano State Bar No. 1101032 MAILING ADDRESS: 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 641-3715 Publish Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & 8, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OUTAGAMIE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION BCG Equities, LLC 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield WI 53005 Plaintiff, vs. Ronald Martin Krimmer 710 E Alfred St Apt 31 Weyauwega WI 54983 Defendant. Case No.: 2023CV001240 Classification Code: 30301 The amount claimed is over \$10,000. PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

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If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as to a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Waupaca Co. Post, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin.

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DATE SIGNED: January 17, 2024
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY L. MALLIET
10/31/2023

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR115

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/27/1938 and date of death 10/31/2023, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 107 E Becker Rd, New London, WI 54961.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 18, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate Office.

Form completed by:
Matthew J. Linn
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
Telephone: 920-779-4140
Bar Number: 1066187
Publish Jan. 25, 2024 WNAJPL

DATE SIGNED: January 17, 2024

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Steven A. Ludabec

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 1

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth November 5, 1960 and date of death December 21, 2023, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 401 E. Alfred St., Weyauwega, WI 54983.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] April 18, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.

Form completed by:
Atty. Thomas J. Hart
HART LAW OFFICE, LLC
100 S. Main St.
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-7633
Bar Number 1041124
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DATE SIGNED: January 19, 2024

Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver
Deputy Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA C. LEETE
DOD: 11/02/2019

Amended

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2023PR86

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/21/1938 and date of death 11/02/2019, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 36 16th St, Clintonville, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 22, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate Office.

Form completed by:
Matthew J. Linn
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
920-779-4140
Bar Number 1066187
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DATE SIGNED: January 29, 2024

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY L. TALADY
DOD: 10/22/2023

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR3

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/25/1952 and date of death 10/22/2023, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of E9292 County Road X, New London, WI 54961.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] April 30, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate Office.

Form completed by:
Matthew J. Linn
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
920-779-4140
Bar Number 166187
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DATE SIGNED: January 9, 2024

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SCOTT D. STEVENS

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23 PR 113

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/20/1956 and date of death 11/17/2023, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of E4698 County Road B, Ogdensburg, WI 54962.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 10, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate office.

Form completed by:
Attorney Kaye E. Anderson
112 S. Main, Ste. 2
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-9300
Bar Number 1020246
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DATE SIGNED: January 9, 2024

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD PAUL MATYAS
D/O/D/NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23-PR-114

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth APRIL 29, 1953 and date of death NOVEMBER 13, 2023, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of 1714 NASSAU, STREET, NEW

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LONDON, WI 54961.

3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 10, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.

Form completed by:
JOSEPH M. NORBY
225 N. RICHMOND STREET, STE. 201
APPLETON, WI 54911
920-202-3033
Bar Number: 1000940
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IN RE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

ALICE E. BRICKER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 28, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The process constituting the final administration of the ALICE E. BRICKER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 28, 2019, has been commenced.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 701.0508, notice is hereby given that all Creditors holding claims against ALICE E. BRICKER or the ALICE E. BRICKER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 28, 2019 must file their claims with the Trustee named below on or before MAY 15, 2024 or be barred.

ALICE E. BRICKER was born on NOVEMBER 7, 1939 and died on JANUARY 4, 2024.

ALICE E. BRICKER was domiciled in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, with a post office address of N6892 N. ROLLOFSON LAKE ROAD, SCANDINAVIA, WI 54977.

The Joint Trustees are as follows: MARGARET E. GUTGESELL AND MARTHA K. BJERKE
C/O VILLNOW LAW OFFICE, LLC
197 N. MAIN STREET
PO BOX 187
AMHERST, WI 54406
GARY R. VILLNOW, II
VILLNOW LAW OFFICE, LLC
197 N. MAIN STREET
PO BOX 187
AMHERST, WI 54406
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IN RE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

JOHN W. MANASTERSKI AND LOIS A. MANASTERSKI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 3, 2010

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The process constituting the final administration of the JOHN W. MANASTERSKI AND LOIS A. MANASTERSKI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 3, 2010 has been commenced.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 701.0508, notice is hereby given that all Creditors holding claims against JOHN W. MANASTERSKI, LOIS A. MANASTERSKI or the JOHN W. MANASTERSKI AND LOIS A. MANASTERSKI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 3, 2010, must file their claims with the Trustee named below on or before MAY 10, 2024 or be barred.

JOHN W. MANASTERSKI was born on AUGUST 6, 1933 and died on AUGUST 19, 2022. LOIS A. MANASTERSKI was born on SEPTEMBER 15, 1940 and died on NOVEMBER 18, 2023.

JOHN W. MANASTERSKI AND LOIS A. MANASTERSKI were domiciled in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, with a post office address of N2030 COUNTY ROAD K, WAUPACA, WI 54981.

The Trustee is as follows:
SCOTT W. MANASTERSKI
C/O VILLNOW LAW OFFICE, LLC
197 N. MAIN STREET
PO BOX 187
AMHERST, WI 54406
Publish Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1, 2024 WNAJPL

IN RE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

MERCEDES M. WILLARSON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCT. 30, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The process constituting the final administration of the (See above) REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCT. 30, 2023, has been commenced.

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Hatchets flex their hockey muscles over Comets

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – After struggling for years in the Great Northern Conference, the Tomahawk boys' hockey team headed to Waupaca Jan. 23 and returned home with a regular-season championship.

The Hatchets wrapped up conference play with a 4-2 win over Waupaca at the Waupaca Ice & Expo Center to finish their conference schedule with a 7-0-0 record. The Comets came into the game with a 5-1-0 Great Northern mark and could have forced a three-way tie at the top of the standings with Tomahawk and Lakeland, but fell to third place.

Waupaca rebounded from the loss Jan. 25 with a 4-2 non-conference win over Pacelli.

Waupaca 4, Pacelli 2

STEVENS POINT – Adam Mace, Jace Moen,

Ryan Mace and Dylan Smith scored for Waupaca as the Comets outshot the Cardinals 38-20.

Alex Gusmer had three of the Comets' seven assists, while Zach Gusmer added two and Ryan Mace and Colin Everts had one each.

Tomahawk 4, Waupaca 2

WAUPACA – Adam Mace and Cael Prey scored Waupaca's goals off of assists from Everts and Zach Gusmer.

Not only did Tomahawk wrap up a championship with the win, the Hatchets also secured the top seed for the conference tournament, which began Jan. 30.

Waupaca received the No. 3 seed and hosted No. 6 Northland Pines; Tomahawk hosted No. 8 Medford; No. 2 Lakeland hosted

Hockey
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Alex Gusmer and the Waupaca boys' hockey team will open Great Northern Conference tournament play Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Greg Seubert Photo



Weyauwega-Fremont's Hunter Meisenhelder guards Shiocton's Cody Young in the first half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-East game Jan. 25 in Weyauwega. Meisenhelder and the Warhawks moved ahead of the Chiefs in the CWC-East standings with a 75-62 win.

Greg Seubert Photo

W-F boys pick up home win

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – Weyauwega-Fremont kept pace with Bonduel in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East boys' basketball standings with a win over Shiocton.

Brayden Arndt's 22 points helped the Warhawks beat the Chiefs 75-62 win Jan. 25.

Arndt and Chris Gunst combined to score the Warhawks' first 19 points. Gunst's third three-pointer gave the home team a 17-12 lead and the Warhawks took a 41-31 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Chiefs got within seven points three times in the second half and trailed by as many as 15 points.

Gunst scored all 15 of his points in the first half

and Caleb Leschke also finished in double figures with 11.

Bennett Schmidt led Shiocton with 22 points.

The Warhawks improved to 7-2 in CWC-East play, while Bonduel is in first place at 9-0. Weyauwega-Fremont faced the Bears Jan. 30 in Bonduel and will host Iola-Scandinavia at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2.

Area wrestlers tune up for upcoming conference meets

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – Individual and team conference championships for several area wrestlers will be on the line Saturday, Feb. 3, as the Fox Valley Association and Bay, Central Wisconsin and North Eastern conferences hold their annual tournaments.

Hortonville will join teams from Appleton East, Appleton North, Appleton West, Fond du Lac, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Neenah, Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West for the FVA meet at Oshkosh North High School, with matches to get underway at 8 a.m.

Weyauwega-Fremont and Manawa will join Amherst, Bonduel, Menominee Indian, Pittsville, Rosholt, Shiocton, Tri-County and Wittenberg-Biramwood at the CWC meet, which starts at 9:30 a.m. at Shiocton High School.

Meanwhile, Waupaca High School will host the Bay and North Eastern girls' tournaments at 9:30 a.m. Bay teams besides New London include Green Bay United, Menasha, Seymour, Shawano, West De Pere and Xavier. North Eastern teams besides Clintonville and Waupaca include Denmark, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Little Chute, Luxemburg-Casco, Marinette, Oconto Falls and Wrightstown.

Three teams competed at individuals in Pulaski and



Manawa's Clayton Cheever wrestles Tri-County's Cayden Weis in a 138-pound match Jan. 25 at a Central Wisconsin Conference meet at Little Wolf High School that also included teams from Menominee Indian and Pittsville. Weis pinned Cheever and the Penguins defeated the Wolves 36-6. Cheever also pinned Pittsville's Kole Foltman in Manawa's 60-12 loss to the Panthers. All four teams will head to Shiocton High School Saturday, Feb. 3, for the CWC meet, which gets underway at 9:30 a.m.

Greg Seubert Photo

Marinette Jan. 27, while Weyauwega-Fremont wrapped up its dual meet schedule Jan. 26 with a win over Winneconne and conference wins over Amherst and Rosholt Jan. 25 in Rosholt.

Pulaski Invitational

PULASKI – Hortonville

and New London placed third and 13th, respectively, at the 16-team Pulaski Invitational.

Luxemburg-Casco won the team championship with 258.5 points, followed by Kaukauna (251), Hortonville (185), Freedom

Wrestling

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Sturgeon listing draws big crowd in small town

BY GREG SEUBERT
 SPORTS EDITOR

STOCKBRIDGE – The potential to add lake sturgeon to the federal Endangered Species List has touched a nerve in northeastern Wisconsin.

Judging from the more than 500 people that filled the Stockbridge High School gym Jan. 22 and the introduction of a bill that would keep the state's popular sturgeon spearing season in place, the prehistoric-looking fish that has thrived for years in the Lake Winnebago System has quickly become Wisconsin's latest hot-button environmental issue.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has a court-imposed deadline of June 30 to make a determination on the status of lake sturgeon. The Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the agency in 2018 for a threatened listing under the federal

Endangered Species Act for all lake sturgeon in the country or separate threatened or endangered listings of distinct populations.

The hour-long meeting came hours after Congressman Mike Gallagher introduced a bill that would exempt Wisconsin from any listing of lake sturgeon under the federal Endangered Species Act.

"We have something very special here in northeast Wisconsin, something incredibly special that we have to protect," he said. "We are the sturgeon capital of the world and that's a title that we've earned, that's a title that you've earned. Just look at the 500 people here tonight and the thousands of people that will flock to the lake when the timing is right."

Gallagher and Congressman Glenn Grothman announced the bill's introduc-

tion earlier in the day in Clintonville.

"It's called the Sturgeon Protected and Exempt from Absurd Regulations (SPEAR) Act," Gallagher said. "A lot of time was spent in the office trying to come up with the perfect acronym. The SPEAR Act would prohibit the lake sturgeon from being listed under the ESA (Endangered Species Act) in Wisconsin. As I'm sure everybody here knows, if it's not broke, you don't fix it. We don't want to let the federal government come in and mess with Wisconsin's successful management of sturgeon."

"It's hard to believe this is necessary," Grothman said. "Over the last 40 years, it's obvious that the number of sturgeon has gone up. The size of sturgeon has increased greatly over the last 40 years."

"We have a great story to tell," Gallagher said. "This is a story of successful conserva-



Two of more than 500 people that showed up at Stockbridge High School Jan. 22 listen as details are provided about the possibility of adding lake sturgeon to the federal Endangered Species List. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has a June 30 deadline to make a determination on the status of the prehistoric-looking fish that has thrived for years in the Lake Winnebago System.

Greg Seubert Photo

tion. This is a story of a successful partnership between you, the (state Department of Natural Resources) and federal stakeholders until recently. There is no justifica-

tion for the complaint being made. The potential negative effects of the decision to list lake sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act are many. Sturgeon spearing on

the Winnebago System is one of our longest-standing, most cherished unique traditions. It's also a crucial component

Sturgeon

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Parks, Recreation

Lutheran Dartball League

Second half standings: St. Paul's (Dupont), 5-1; St. Peter's 2 (Weyauwega), 4-2; Scandinavia (Scandinavia), 3-3; Immanuel (Waupaca), 2-4; St. Paul's (Manawa), 2-4; St. Peter's (Big Falls), 1-2; Trinity (New London), 1-2.

Jan. 18 results: St. Paul's (Dupont) 3, Immanuel 0; Scandinavia 2, St. Peter's (Big Falls) 1; St. Paul's (Manawa) 2, St. Peter's 2 (Weyauwega) 1; Trinity had bye.

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Clintonville Women's Pool League

Division 1

Week 19 standings (wins): Sticky Buns (119); Big Falls Tavern (97); Bun's Pocket Rockets (90); D's Corner Pocket (71); Club 45 (65); Mike's Saloon (60); Racks & Rails (57); Jeanne Rose 1 (57).

Division 2

Week 19 standings (wins): Gopher's (135); Lowell's Landing (109); Jeanne Rose 2 (95); Bun's Ball Busters (92); Bun's 1 (78); Suzy Q's (75); Philagain's (66); Bump's (63); Big Sal's (39).

8 ball run: Julie Anderson, Jeanne Rose 2.

Dance teams heading to state

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

LA CROSSE – Three local high school dance teams have qualified for state.

The Waupaca, New London and Hortonville squads will compete Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches' state competition at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse. Waupaca will compete in

the Division 4 Pom and Division 2 Jazz competitions; New London will compete in the Division 2 Hip Hop competition; and Hortonville qualified for the Division 2 Pom competition.

Scheduled performance times for each team are Waupaca Pom, 10:40 a.m.; New London Hip Hop, 12:25 p.m.; Waupaca Jazz, 12:35 p.m.; and Hortonville Pom, 2:55 p.m.

Manawa girls defeat I-S

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

IOLA – Manawa kept the Iola-Scandinavia girls' basketball team winless Jan. 23 by handing the Thunderbirds a 60-43 loss.

The Wolves outscored the T-Birds 30-18 in the first half and added to their lead with a 30-25 advantage in the second half.

Lexi Klotzbuecher and

Cassie Arndt led Manawa with 15 and 10 points, respectively, while Ava Printz and McKenzie Bonikowske scored 12 points for Iola-Scandinavia.

Manawa will host Wittenberg-Birnamwood Thursday, Feb. 1, while the T-Birds will host Weyauwega-Fremont Friday, Feb. 2. Tipoff for both games is set for 7 p.m.

Polar Bears lead FVA after wins over Fondy, Kimberly

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

HORTONVILLE

Three days after knocking off state-ranked Kimberly on the road, the Hortonville girls' basketball team picked up another Fox Valley Association win Jan. 26 with a 70-42 victory over Fond du Lac.

The win over the Cardinals, along with a 65-59 win over Kimberly Jan. 23, kept the Polar Bears on top of the conference standings with an 11-1 mark.

Hortonville 70, Fond du Lac 42

HORTONVILLE – Fond du Lac led twice in the first half, but a 17-0 run for the Polar Bears turned an 18-16 deficit into a 33-18 lead late in the first half. The Cardinals were able to cut the lead to nine points twice before halftime, but never got any closer.



Ayden Smith plays defense for Hortonville Jan. 26 in the first half of the Polar Bears' 70-42 win over Fond du Lac. Hortonville improved to 11-1 in the Fox Valley Association with the win.

Hortonville led 37-26 at the break and scored the first nine points of the second half to take a 48-28 lead.

Rainey Welson led Hortonville with a game-high 24 points, while Kardyn and Kallie Peppler added 10 each.

Lilah Johnson and Brooke Butler led Fond du Lac with 10 points apiece.

Hortonville 65, Kimberly 59

KIMBERLY – Mikayla Werner's game-high 20 points and 14 rebounds helped lead the Polar Bears over the Papermakers.

Hortonville led 34-20 at halftime. Kimberly opened the second half with a 16-4



Rainey Welson led Hortonville with 24 points in a 70-42 win over Fond du Lac.

Greg Seubert Photos

run to cut the lead to 38-36, but Hortonville answered with a 12-4 run.

Welson added 17 points for Hortonville and Bentley Drout led the Papermakers with 12.

Hortonville will travel to Appleton East Friday, Feb. 2, for a 6 p.m. FVA matchup with the Patriots before heading to the Oshkosh Arena Saturday, Feb. 3, for a rescheduled game with Oshkosh West at 7 p.m.

Witkowski scores 1,000th point in Warhawks' loss to Chargers

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – Olivia Witkowski is only halfway through her junior season with the Weyauwega-Fremont girls' basketball team, but she's already reached a milestone that most players only dream of accomplishing.

She became the first player in program history since Karissa Akey to score 1,000 points Jan. 25 and set the mark during the first half of the Warhawks' 67-36 loss to Wittenberg-



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kit Stewart keeps Weyauwega-Fremont's McKenna Ferg from getting open Jan. 25 during a rescheduled game in Weyauwega. Stewart and the Chargers handed Ferg and the Warhawks a 67-36 loss.

Greg Seubert Photo

Birnamwood.

The Chargers took charge in the second half after taking a 25-20 lead into the locker room at halftime and outscoring the home team 42-16 over the final 18 minutes.

Witkowski led the Warhawks with 22 points and Rory Salvesen led the Chargers with 26.

The Warhawks will travel to Iola Friday, Feb. 2, for a Central Wisconsin Conference-East rematch with Iola-Scandinavia before hosting Bonduel Tuesday, Feb. 6.



Gavin Hafferman stopped 37 of Tomahawk's 41 shots Jan. 23 in Waupaca's 4-2 loss to Tomahawk. The Hatchets wrapped up its Great Northern Conference schedule with a 4-2 win over Hafferman and the Comets.

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HOCKEY

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No. 7 Rhinelander; and No. 5 Antigo headed to No. 4 Mosinee.

Second-round games are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 6, and the first-through fourth-place games are set for Saturday, Feb. 10, in Mosinee.

WRESTLING

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(153), Pulaski (135.5), Bay Port (126.5), Coleman (121.5), Seymour (88), West De Pere (79.5), Oconto Falls (71.5), Denmark (61), Peshtigo (58), New London (52.5), Crandon (42.5), Port Washington (36.5), Elkhorn (35) and Antigo (32).

New London's Wyatt Magolski won the 120-pound title with a 5-3 win over Luxemburg-Casco's Carson Neubert and Hortonville's Henry Niebauer placed first at 150 with a 4-2 win over Luxemburg-Casco's Max Ronsman.

Two other Hortonville wrestlers came up short in their championship match. Tristin Ellerman dropped an 8-6 decision to Bay Port's Alois Schlumpf at 126 and Nolan Skebba forfeited the 138-pound match to Luxemburg-Cas-

co's Caleb Delebrea.

Three Hortonville wrestlers placed third, as Grant Harris defeated Seymour's Mason Bunnell at 157, Tage Wasmund handed Freedom's Vincent Cook a 5-3 loss and Ayden Needham picked up an 11-7 win over Pulaski's Elliott Karcz.

Wisconsin/ Michigan Border Battle

MARINETTE – Clintonville posted an 0-5 record at the Wisconsin/Michigan Border Battle in Marinette.

Little Chute won all five of its matches to place first overall, followed by Kingsford, Michigan (4-1); Marinette and Manistique, Michigan; Menominee, Michigan, Fox Valley Lutheran and Bark River, Michigan (2-3); and Clintonville (0-5).

Clintonville fell to Marinette 48-30, lost to Little

Chute 78-6, dropped a 48-12 decision to Fox Valley Lutheran, fell to Manistique 33-12 and lost to Bark River 30-24.

Clintonville's wrestlers included Myles Pluger (3-2 at 144); Landon Robenhagen (3-2 at 138); and Kaine Killips (3-2 at 157 and 165).

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Winneconne 18

WEYAUWEGA – The Warhawks won 10 of the meet's 13 contested matches against the state's ninth-ranked team in Division 2.

Weyauwega-Fremont's wins included Jaydon LeNoble's pin of James Barone in 3:18 (106); Josue Azuara's pin of JJ Mavroff in 1:20 (113); Alex Loehrke's pin of Tyler Engelke in 2:39 (150); Connor Johnson's pin of Brady Yonke in 4:31 (165); Tellyer Alix's pin of Carson Piotraschke in 1:10 (190); and Vanden

Hoffman's pin of Daniel Simon in 1:07 (285).

Rylan Konen picked up a 17-0 technical fall win over Addison Brown (120); Carter Birdyshaw beat Garrett Marks 10-6 (132); Aiden Marquette beat Bryce Johns 10-7 (144); and Carter McDaniel defeated Avery Piotraschke 6-4 (175).

Winneconne also forfeited the 215-pound match to Wyatt Wetzel.

The Wolves' wins came on Chase Starnard's pin of Jake Buss in 3:47 (126); Trey Zemke's pin of Dewayne Borntreger in 4:02 (138); and Brody Hart's pin of Zander Bayer in 2:23 (157).

The Warhawks also defeated Amherst 64-9 and Rosholt 81-0 and finished the season with a 8-1 mark in CWC duals and a 17-1 dual meet record that included wins over four state-ranked teams.

STURGEON

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of Wisconsin's highly successful and meticulous management plan which has set the example for the country and the world. The Winnebago System is home to a thriving lake sturgeon population, one of the largest in North America and one of the most successful sturgeon fisheries in the world.

"A listing under the ESA would potentially put decades of hard work and the future of spearing in jeopardy," he said. "That's what we're trying to prevent tonight."

Representatives from the DNR, USFWS and Center for Biological Diversity did not speak at the meeting.

Those that did address the crowd included former DNR sturgeon biologist Ron Bruch.

"I pretty much stayed out of this," he said. "I was told by the DNR two years ago that they were going to engage me in this process, but then I never got the call, so I don't know what happened there. In Wisconsin, we have our own (en-

dangered species) act as well and sturgeon are not listed as threatened or endangered in Wisconsin. They're called a species of concern. The federal act, which was passed in 1973, was designed to protect critically imperiled species from extinction. That was the basis for the federal law."

Bruch said he supports Gallagher's bill.

"I fully support passage of the SPEAR Act currently being considered by Congress," he said. "Wisconsin does not list lake sturgeon (as) endangered nor threatened in state waters; has in place a sturgeon program considered a world model for effective management and recovery; and as such should be exempt from any federal ESA listing of the species."

The bill also has the support of Sturgeon for Tomorrow.

"Sturgeon for Tomorrow is totally opposed to federal ESA listing of lake sturgeon in Wisconsin, and totally in support of the SPEAR Act," according to a joint statement from Jim Patt, Sally Gilson, Pat Braasch, Andy Horn and

Dean Schroeder, the organization's five chapter presidents around the Lake Winnebago System. "Working in a partnership with the DNR, we have built an excellent and proven program to effectively manage our lake sturgeon here in Wisconsin, and we do not need additional federal intervention."

The potential listing would not only threaten Wisconsin's existing sturgeon management plan, but would ignore the cultural importance and economic impact of lake sturgeon and sturgeon spearing to northeastern Wisconsin, according to Gallagher.

"Sturgeon spearing in Wisconsin is a long-cherished tradition and crucial to the livelihoods of our communities near Lake Winnebago," he said. "Wisconsin is the global leader in lake sturgeon management and these efforts should not be threatened by a federal government agency's nationwide, one-size-fits-all listing. This common-sense bill will ensure sturgeon spearing and Wisconsin's conserva-

tion success story will continue for generations to come."

The crowd included several avid sturgeon spears, including Drew Wudtke and his brother, Patrick, who made the hour-long trip from Bonduel.

"We go every year and grew up doing it," Drew said. "It's kind of a family tradition. It takes commitment. This will be my 14th or 15th year of going and I got one the whole time two years ago. It's better than shooting a big buck. Getting that sturgeon is really something."

Wudtke said he heard about the meeting online.

"(Patrick) called me after work today and said, 'Hey, let's go,'" he said shortly before the meeting started. "I think it's really unfortunate that someone would look to do that, especially here. They're managed quite well in Wisconsin. Just look how many you see when you go look at them (spawning in the Wolf River) in the spring. I'm not sure what they're going to tell us, but I hope that it gets taken care of and goes away."

Wudtke was asked what he thought would happen if a listing resulted in the end of Wisconsin's sturgeon spearing season.

"To be honest with you, I think a bunch of us would probably be getting in trouble," he said. "It would hurt the local economy and definitely have an impact on people going fishing. It's not just Stockbridge, it's the other side of the lake, the north end, the south end."

"People are obviously concerned about what's going on," Patrick said. "We're sticking up for family traditions in this area. Sometimes, when people talk about listing (sturgeon), they probably don't know what's going on around here. As this becomes more of a big deal, you'll see a lot more people get a lot more vocal. People are here searching for information more than anything right now."

"My big concern is it would be devastating to lose that tradition," he said. "There are some friends and family members that we only see for 16 days of the

year and that's the sturgeon season. To lose that would be terrible. What matters to us is more than the spearing of sturgeon. There's a lot more that goes into it. If you see them spawning on the banks of the river, that's an awesome sight to see. Our grandfather used to be part of the Sturgeon Guard program right from when it started. I can remember being a little boy going to see the sturgeon in the spring. We felt it was important to be here because if you don't come out and say something, then they instantly assume it doesn't matter."

Gallagher said his next move is to do what he can to get his bill signed into law.

"Get the SPEAR bill passed preventing them from listing it, that's the next step," he said. "It shows how serious the local population is taking this and how important it is for the (U.S.) Fish & Wildlife Service to listen to people that are actual experts in this, whether it's fisherman or the DNR. We have a great success story."

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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- Jan. 24 – A Waupaca caller on Union Street reported a man and woman were sending him threatening text messages regarding a van.
- Jan. 24 – A Clintonville caller on Buelow Road reported two groups of students have been feuding for the past year and this resulted in a fight around Halloween. One student is the primary aggressor and was messaging the caller.
- Jan. 24 – A Waupaca caller on Park View Way reported she was in Florida and a suspicious dark-colored Charger backed up to her shed and garage. She was notified by a neighbor. She requested a deputy look into it.
- Jan. 24 – A female caller re-

ported a pile of mulch that was smoldering and might be on fire.

- Jan. 24 – A Milwaukee man was retrieving his child per court order. He went to the mother's house and she tried to run over the caller with her truck. She did hit the caller's vehicle several times.
- Jan. 24 – A Waupaca caller on Demarest Avenue reported a man and woman were walking down Eighth Street and "playing chicken" in the roadway.
- Jan. 25 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile caused property damage.
- Jan. 25 – A Wausau caller reported her daughter's boyfriend was calling her and threatening and harassing her.
- Jan. 25 – A Scandinavia caller on Nottleson Road reported she was babysitting and the parents were in a domestic dispute that turned physical.

- Jan. 25 – A 911 caller reported a fire close to the house that was caused by a deep fryer.
- Jan. 25 – The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported a resident with dementia had an injury and could not recall how it occurred.
- Jan. 25 – Rustic Woods Campground reported someone broke into their shed.
- Jan. 25 – A Waupaca caller on High Street reported banging on her entry door and someone saying, "Help me." It was an elderly man who fell on the ice.
- Jan. 26 – An lola man on County Trunk J requested a welfare check on his father who sent a message that he was going to shoot himself and to "take care of grandma."
- Jan. 26 – An unknown caller reported he believed his wife overdosed on muscle relaxants.
- Jan. 26 – A Weyauwega man on Zabel Road reported evicted

renters came in and "took anything of value."

- Jan. 26 – A New London woman on Weiland Road reported a fraud involving electronic checks.
- Jan. 26 – A Waupaca woman on Brittany Lane reported a contractor failed to finish a basement remodel.
- Jan. 26 – Outagamie County Sheriff Office requested a check on a Waupaca address concerning a male and female involved in a drug case.
- Jan. 26 – A New London woman on Bean City Road reported her boyfriend attacked her. She was not injured but a knife was involved.
- Jan. 27 – A Waupaca woman on Granite Street reported hearing a gunshot and seeing a muzzle flash.
- Jan. 27 – A Waupaca man on Covered Bridge Road reported

a suspicious man talking to himself, rummaging through mailboxes and lighting people's mail on fire.

- Jan. 27 – ThedaCare in Appleton requested help contacting a man with "life-threatening lab results." The man previously mentioned to his sister about "going back to the shed and end it."
- Jan. 27 – A New London man on Jennings Road reported being threatened by a man about a stored vehicle.
- Jan. 27 – A Waupaca woman on Butts Drive reported suspicious people wearing all black in her woods and shining flashlights.
- Jan. 27 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.
- Jan. 27 – Thedacare in Waupaca reported a highly intoxicated and suicidal female was

in ER because she swallowed bleach.

- Jan. 28 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a student struck another student and the student was cut under the eye. No ambulance needed.
- Jan. 28 – Taco Bell in Waupaca reported an intoxicated female was in the restaurant.

There was an increase in deer-auto collisions during this period. Thirty-five controlled burns were called in. An lola caller reported a sick raccoon in her driveway. A 911 caller reported cattle were walking on the ice on the Little Wolf River and was concerned they would fall through. An anonymous caller reported an injured Irish Setter lying in the roadway. A Manawa caller reported black and brown steers in the roadway.

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