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Waupaca High School's dance team performed Feb. 1 during halftime of a boys' basketball game. The team wrapped up its season Feb. 3 by winning a pair of state championships in La Crosse. Greg Seubert Photo

Waupaca's dance dynasty

High school wins at state

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – On Sunday, Feb. 4, police cars swarmed a bus on the outskirts of Waupaca on State Highway 22. Two fire trucks came after. They escorted the bus downtown. Approximately 300 people lined Main Street. This was what victory looks like: coming home after a long journey to cheering crowds with a large trophy in hand.

The Waupaca High School Dance Team won the Wisconsin state championship in pom and jazz in the La Crosse Center. This tops off a dominating dance season where the Waupaca Middle School dance team won first place in pom and jazz at their state competition in Port Washington on Jan. 20. It was their second back-to-back state win in pom and jazz. The middle school team is coached by Hanna Waller.

It is the high school's 15th state title. Their first state win was in 2008. Their last state title was 2019.

Long season

They started practicing last July four times per week. Once school started it was three-hour practices every day.

What is unique about Waupaca's dance program is that they do their own choreography. Other schools purchase pre-made routines. As they figure out what moves work, teammates teach other teammates what they figured out. This do-it-yourself protocol also includes the middle school team. The choreography is constantly changed and refined throughout the season.

The high school team did four invitational competitions in Ashwaubenon, Little Chute, Freedom and Kaukauna. Their main contenders were from the southern part of the state and New Berlin Eisenhower

and Catholic Memorial are their biggest rivals. At the regional competition, Onalaska was a contender in jazz.

At the state championship, smaller schools performed on Friday evening. On Saturday, Feb. 3, they were up at five a.m. and it takes three hours to prepare the team. A platoon of volunteer "hair moms" help prep the girl's makeup and hair styling. The team pre-dance routine involves stretching and warm-ups and multiple visualization meditations.

Waupaca was on stage twice. Their pom performance was 10:30 a.m. and their jazz performance was at 12:50 p.m. Their pom song was a mix of multiple songs and the jazz song was Taylor Swift's "Trouble."

After that, it was long wait until 3:40 p.m. until the awards were announced. The judges announce the rankings of the top five teams in each division starting at five and Waupaca's

name was announced last.

"It was unbelievable, between the girls, the coaches and the crowd. It was amazing. We haven't taken a state title for a few years. We weren't expecting it but we were hoping for it. It was sweet. The community of Waupaca comes out to support our program amazingly. We by far had the largest crowd at the event. We feel so supported by this community. Everybody was out and amazing. It really helped," said Coach Amy Marcom.

School spirit

The celebrating did not end on Main Street on Sunday. On Monday evening, both the middle school and high school teams gave a repeat performance at the high school gymnasium that was dedicated to a fellow classmate that has cancer.

Owen Johnson, a 17-year-old Waupaca High School junior was diagnosed with

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Attorneys speak about Act 10, social media

Legal updates in New London

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – Can moderators of a school district Facebook page delete offensive comments?

Will Act 10 be repealed? Will teachers regain their bargaining powers if it is repealed?

Attorneys for the New London School District updated school board members on education-related legal issues.

Jim Macy and Ryan Heiden with von Briesen and Ropper S.C. spoke at a special board meeting Thursday, Feb. 1.

Among the issues, they discussed developments with Act 10 and social media obligations under the First Amendment.

Macy provided some historical background to Act 10.

He noted that when the law was enacted in 2011, it was controversial.

Act 10 ended collective bargaining for county workers, highway department workers, teachers and support staff in the schools.

Under Act 10, public employees could bargain only over wage increases no greater than inflation. It also prohibited the automatic withdrawal of union dues and mandated annual recertification votes for unions.

Police and firefighters were exempted.

At the time of its passage, the state legislature and school boards were being pressured to lower property taxes.

Macy said Act 10 targeted WEAC, the statewide teachers union, and not teachers.

"WEAC was very strong," Macy said, noting that it was the biggest lobby group in the state.

In addition to the dues it collected, WEAC also had funds from its health insurance for teachers, Macy noted.

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U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin visited the Waupaca County Democratic Party headquarters in Manawa. Emily Conroy Photo

Sen. Baldwin visits Manawa

BY EMMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin made a stop at the Waupaca County Democratic Party Office in Manawa Feb. 4 while on the campaign trail.

She spoke to voters about topics ranging from immigration to women's rights, from health care to the environment.

Stuart Walter started the event saying this is the first official meet and greet they have been able to host in their new building at 403 S. Bridge St. in Manawa.

Walter noted that there is only \$2,000 left on the mortgage. With the help of 40 to 50 volunteers

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Utilities project to cost \$6.8 million

Clintonville plans March groundbreaking

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The new Clintonville Utilities building to be constructed on the site of the former Armory building will cost \$6.8 million.

The Clintonville Common Council, at its Jan. 9 meeting, approved construction bids for the project. The council also approved a contract with Keller Inc. to oversee the project.

In addition, the council approved a 10% down payment for the project, not to exceed \$680,000, so contractors can start purchasing materials for the project.

To fund the project, the council approved the sale of approximately \$4.55 million in electric system revenue bonds and approximately \$3.07 million in water system revenue bonds.



The former Armory will soon be the site of a new Clintonville Utilities building. Jeff Hoffman Photo

Committee of the Whole

At the Clintonville Committee of the Whole meeting, held prior to the council meeting, Devin Flanigan, construction manager for Keller Inc., said the city received a total of 89 bids for the project.

After going through the bids, Flanigan said the new utilities building project will

amount to \$6.8 million. The project was originally estimated to cost \$6.6 million.

He said bids that the city thinks are too high could be rebid.

"Having gone through everything, getting multiple bids on every division, they're all pretty consistent," Flanigan said.

He added that he doesn't believe better bids would be received if some items

were rebid.

There is not much that can be cut from the project to lower the cost, Flanigan said.

"There's a balance between value engineering trying to save some dollars and being cheap," he said. "It does not make sense for us to be cheap."

Flanigan was asked why in some cases when there

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Shown from left are "Footloose" cast members Miranda Bruno, who plays Ariel Moore, Addy Hoyord as Urleen, Libby Maus as Rusty, and Bethany Schmoltd as Wendy Jo. Iola-Scandinavia students will present the musical Feb. 16-18. See story page 6. Emily Conroy Photo

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were multiple bids, the low bid was not chosen.

When the low bid wasn't chosen it was due to the bidder not submitting the proper paperwork, Flanigan said.

Bond sale

To fund the project, Brian Roemer, with Ehlers, the city's financial advisor, said two sets of revenue bonds will be issued: one for the electric utility and one for the water utility.

Revenue bonds sold for the water utility will amount to \$4.55 million, which represents 60% of the cost for the new building. That percentage is the electric utility's share. That includes the cost of the bond issuance and the debt reserve fund.

Revenue bonds sold for the water utility will amount to \$3.07 million.

The bonds sold will have a 20-year term from the date of the sale, Roemer said.

He added that the city will be allowed to prepay the bonds with no penalty, but there will be a no call window for a short amount of time. Without the no call window, Roemer said the city could expect to pay a 2% higher interest rate on the bonds.

A conservative estimate for an expected interest rate for the bonds would be 5.75%, Roemer said, but added that he expects the interest rate to range from 4.5%-5%.

The bond sales are estimated to take place Feb. 13. After the sale date, it will take several weeks before the closing of the

bond sales. He said the city should expect to receive the funds in early March.

Timeline

The start of the demolition of the Armory building is scheduled for February.

Clintonville Utilities posted the following message on its Facebook page on Feb. 1, "Attention: A fence will be going up around the southern block of Garfield Avenue for demolition of the Old Armory which will begin within the next few weeks. This portion of Garfield Avenue will be closed until further notice."

The removal of lead and asbestos from the building was done before the scheduled razing of the building.

The city expects to break ground for the project in March.

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Act 10 has been unsuccessfully challenged twice in state court and once in federal court.

Macy said the 2023 state Supreme Court election has increased the likelihood that Act 10 may be overturned.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court majority has shifted from 5-4 conservative to 5-4 liberal with the election of Justice Janet Protasiewicz.

In 2011, Protasiewicz participated in protests against Act 10 and signed a petition to recall then-Gov. Scott Walker.

Protasiewicz has said she may consider recusing herself from a case challenging Act 10.

On the conservative side of the high court bench, Justice Brian Hagedorn was Walker's chief legal counsel and had a role in drafting Act 10.

During his campaign for Supreme Court justice in 2015, Hagedorn would not commit to recusing himself from an Act 10-related case, the Associated Press reported.

Seven Wisconsin unions filed a lawsuit in Dane County Circuit Court, challenging Act 10.

They are challenging the law based on the state constitution's guarantee of equal protection.

While Act 10 substantially burdens and "disfavors" most public-sector unions, it specifically sets aside "public safety" employees.

"During the 2010 campaign that led to the election of Scott Walker as governor, only five public employee unions and associations publicly endorsed him and each of those unions represented workers who are classified in Act 10 as favored 'public safety' employees, a

classification never before known in Wisconsin law," according to the civil complaint challenging Act 10.

Macy told the board that if the state Supreme Court eventually changes Act 10, the board will need to "take it one step at a time," when bargaining.

Free speech, social media

Heiden's presentation focused on the First Amendment rights of district employees and the First Amendment issues related to social media.

Discussing employee comments via social media, Heiden said the First Amendment only protects their speech as a private citizen and on a matter of public concern.

"If they're speaking on social media while at work or about things they only know because of work, they are not speaking as a private citizen but as an employee," Heiden said.

He noted that while posts on social media may seem like a private communication, it can spread a message to dozens, hundreds or even thousands of people.

He said the district needs to be mindful of the level of disruption that a comment on social media may cause.

"Even if they are speaking as a private citizen on something that's public concern, if the speech is so significantly disruptive, you guys still have the ability to take action in that regard, whether it be disciplinary or other," Heiden said.

He added that the higher up in authority a district employee was, the more damage they could cause.

Heiden also addressed how the First Amendment affects what restrictions may be placed on visitors to a

district-operated social media site.

He pointed to a lawsuit that challenged former President Donald Trump for blocking opposing viewpoints on his Twitter account.

The Knight Institute argued in a 2017 complaint that Trump and his aides blocked seven people from commenting on his Twitter site because they criticized him.

Trump argued that it was a personal account not a government account.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the account was a "public forum" and the government could not exclude people from that forum. Banning critics from commenting on the account also denied them their right to petition the government.

"It really doesn't matter what the original purpose of that page was, it's what you're using it for now," Heiden said.

If the school board creates an interactive page, it becomes a public forum.

"If you're going to limit speech, you have to do it from what is called a 'viewpoint-neutral basis,'" Heiden said. "You can't take out comments because you like one viewpoint versus another."

He told the board that they can moderate comments if they have criteria that are "very easy and objective rather than subjective."

He said the administrator of a school social media page cannot delete comments because they are "offensive" because that is hard to define and subjective.

But it is permissible to establish a rule that swearing will be allowed in the comments on a school page.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On Lying

Dear Reader,

In a world saturated with lies, the consequences stretch beyond immediate distrust. Lies erode credibility and integrity, turning trust into a fragile commodity.

The story of the boy who cried wolf serves as a timeless reminder that repeated deceit tarnishes one's reputation, leaving them isolated and unheard when



the truth finally emerges. As adults, our responsibility to model honesty for children is paramount; failing to do so risks perpetuating a cycle of dishonesty that can harm relationships and society as a whole.

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BALDWIN

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helping to paint and fix minor repairs, they were able to get the event organized on short notice.

"From my stand point this was very easy to put together and rather than having to find another location we did it on a 10-day notice and it was great because it forced us to get our layout and get things fixed up to host a meet and greet," Stuart said. "There are a lot more things coming up for this election year."

Baldwin said what drove her to seek public office started with a childhood illness. She was born and raised in Madison, and her mother was 19 years old when she was born and was going through a divorce.

She moved in with her grandparents at only 2 months old. When she was 9 years old she was in the hospital for three months with a condition similar to spinal meningitis.

Baldwin said her grandparents' health insurance did not cover her medical bills and she was unable to secure health insurance on her own.

She said health care became a driving force for her

going into politics, wanting to ensure that quality health care is affordable and available for everyone.

Other issues she touched on were the Inflation Reduction Act, immigration, abortion rights, environmental rights, as well as her "buy American" provisions that she has been able to add to recent legislation.

Jackie Rosa, Baldwin's campaign press secretary, said the senator's re-election campaign launched last April. With only nine months away from election day, things are starting to get more exciting.

"Tammy prioritizes going to places that people don't normally expect Democrats to visit because she doesn't count anyone out," Rosa said. "She was elected to the U.S. Senate by the people of Wisconsin, which means she is committed to delivering for every Wisconsinite in every community across the state."

Rosa said there have not been any serious candidates to join the race, which is something that will change as it is rumored that Eric Hovde is expected to run for the seat in the next few weeks.

Baldwin said she expects Hovde to join the race some

time towards the end of the month, saying he is expected to be self-finance up to \$20 million for his run at the senate seat.

Tracy Walter, treasurer for the Waupaca County Democratic Party, said she was happy to hear Baldwin mention current legislation she has been working on, most importantly the immigration bill currently in Congress.

"We need to make sure that people understand what the hang-ups in that bill are right now," Walter said.

She noted that the messaging around these bills is important, and being able to get information from a number of sources is important.

"If you only have a few sources of where you get your information, that's a problem," she said. "I think if you do your research you can find out a lot of stuff from a lot of different groups."

Baldwin continued on the campaign trail that afternoon, with her next campaign stop in Steven's Point. There she hosted a roundtable discussion with local seniors about the work she is doing to cut health care costs, Rosa said.

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Waupaca NEWS

What happened to winter?

Warm weather affects events

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – It was the first weekend of February and Scoopers wasn't this busy since the hottest days of last summer.

The closed-for-the-season ice cream parlor was commandeered as a weigh-in station for the annual Wheelhouse Fisheree. The ice fishing tournament had a total of 238 registered fish and the money raised during the tournament will be donated to Walleyes for Kids, a volunteer group that helps local youth.

“Nobody fell in and everyone had a good time but this might be the last weekend,” said Brandon McPeak. He was referring to the warm weather that was slowly melting the ice.

He said he was planning on spearing sturgeon. That season opens on Feb. 10 but he was doubtful that would be possible. The extended weather forecast predicted warmer temperatures and a chance of rain.

The Battle on Bago, Wisconsin's largest ice fishing tournament on nearby Lake Winnebago cancelled ice fishing but other dry-ground activities would continue.

Waupaca's Parks and Recreation Department cancelled their annual Winter Rec Fest on Feb. 10, a fun day centered around sledding at Swan Park but also featuring snowshoeing, broomball and dog sled rides.

“Although we strived to create an event that is not solely reliant on snow, we cannot hold this sort of event without frost in the ground. Our various events would cause irreparable damage to our Swan Park fields when they are this muddy,” the department announced on its website.

The Waupaca County Snowmobile Association is composed of 18 individual clubs that maintain the county-wide trail network. On Jan. 24, Waupaca County Parks and Recreation announced all trails were closed due to rising temperatures and deteriorated trail bases.

So far snowmobilers had a brief window of opportunity when a few flurries of



Kolton Van Hande caught this 28-inch brown trout, but he could not enter it into the Chain O' Lakes tournament because the DNR permit to host it did not include trout as a targeted gamefish.

James Card Photo

snow accumulated in early January.

In Weyauwega, the city council voted to install an ice skating rink at Maasch Community Park. This was the first time in many years that the city had an ice rink at the park but the weather has not cooperated for that project.

The landscape throughout Waupaca County looks abnormal for this time of year. The ground is bare on most places except for some north-facing slopes and snow banks get smaller day-by-day. The snow-melting temperatures during the Feb. 3-4 weekend created an eerie and long-lingering mid-day fog as if some occult hand had moved Mother Nature's thermostat.

At the Iola Winter Carnival, the Iola Winter Sports Club was forced to cancel the community night ski, skijoring, the snowshoe hike, and the ski jumping events because of deteriorating conditions. The carnival still partially continued and Lake Iola was dotted with young anglers for the Youth Ice Fisheree. In the Chet Krause Legacy Park, sculptors carved up blocks of ice with chainsaws and ice chips and shavings covered the pavement.

There was speculation that the Wheelhouse Fisheree might get cancelled as a tractor when through the ice on Columbia Lake two days before the event. A tree-trimming company was doing some work at house with a steep hillside and needed to move some logs. Instead of fighting the hill, the operator decided to skid the logs across the

ice to the nearest boat landing. The tractor sunk very close to shore and a salvage team was able to recover the tractor the next day using a scuba diver and a cable-rigging system. The Minnow Bucket posted daily updates on conditions throughout the Chain O' Lakes and reported a thickness variance of 6 to 10 inches on some of the lakes.

Four inches is considered safe for walking and 5-7 inches is safe for snowmobiles and ATVs.

Back at Scoopers, McPeak and Adam Porrey weighed and logged the entries for what might be the last ice fishing event of the winter. The line of anglers extended out of the ice cream shop and into the parking lot where there was a giant campfire in a metal basin.

The largest fish caught was an 8.3 pound northern pike. Other top fish were a 2.4-pound smallmouth bass, a 3.7-pound largemouth bass, a 4.13-pound walleye, a 1.1-pound crappie, a 1-pound perch, a 1-pound rock bass and a 10-ounce bluegill.

The most noteworthy fish caught during the tournament was a 28-inch brown trout caught by Kolton Van Handel. He caught it at 4:30 a.m. By the time he brought it to the 2 p.m. weigh-in, the trophy lost most of its colors. He could not enter it into the tournament. McPeak explained that according to the tournament permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources, only certain species of gamefish could be entered and trout were not on the list.

people were sitting in the aisles. The dance team members sold 50/50 raffle tickets to raise money to covers Johnson's medical expenses. Donations can be contributed at www.gofundme.com/f/owen-johnson.

The dance competitions are not the only place to see the dance program's performances. The middle school team performed during Arts

on the Square last summer and during Halloween on Main, they teamed up with the Waupaca Senior Center for a performance. The high school team danced at Park Vista twice at Christmas.

“It was such a huge hit, we got invited to come back,” said Marcom.

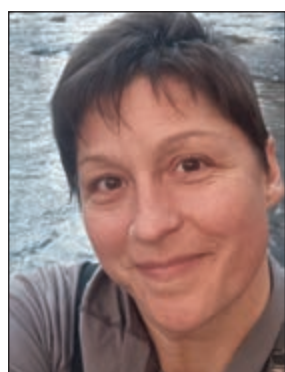
Winchester speaker on foraging

WAUPACA – Kira Morrissey will present “Foraging for Good and Fun” at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Waupaca Area Public Library lower-level meeting rooms.

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

A Minnesota native living in Wisconsin since 2002, Morrissey grew up with parents who were lovers of all things outdoors, instilling in her a sense of awe and wonder in plants and wild animals.

Morrissey has become enamored with how the plants growing in backyards are of-



Morrissey

ten the ones with the most health benefits.

She has taken online courses, read backyard plant websites, and has taken journeys down the

herbology route.

She uses what she learns to turn a walk in the woods into a foraging adventure.

She will discuss easily identifiable common weeds plentiful in most backyards that can become part of a diet.

Julie Eiden and Dave Larson are this program's sponsors.

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.

Indian Crossing Casino sold

WAUPACA – Owners Brian Wagner and Dion Block have sold the Indian Crossing Casino to Jim and Lisa Pekar, Thad and Amy Marcom, and Michael Solberg.

The new ownership group plans for the historic venue to be open this summer with a new menu and

more renovations.

Wagner and Block purchased and renovated the casino in 2017 and reopened it that spring. Their goal was to have it open every summer, add another fine dining option to the area and put some big-name bands back on the stage.

In its heyday, the venue

hosted Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, the Beach Boys, the Everly Brothers and other prominent musicians of the 1930s through 1970s.

Under Wagner and Block's stewardship, the BoDeans, Everclear, Marcy's Playground, LeAnn Rimes and many other acts have headlined there.

Rotary to host Casino Royale

WAUPACA – Rotary Club will host Casino Royale from 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Par 4 Resort.

The event features blackjack, poker, roulette, strip cards, a 50-50 raffle, gift baskets and a photo booth.

Hijinx, a trio that plays classic songs, will perform. Tickets are \$20 and available from the Waupaca chamber of Commerce or from any Rotarian.

Proceeds will benefit both local and international charities.

Par 4 Resort is located at 201 Foxfire Drive, Waupaca.

Al-Anon meets in Waupaca

WAUPACA – Waupaca Area Al-Anon meets weekly from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, at Faith Community Church, 2641 County Trunk K.

Waupaca County sheriff's report

- Jan. 29 – An unknown caller in Manawa reported a juvenile was refusing to go to school. There was screaming in the background.

- Jan. 29 – Victory Church in Waupaca reported a catalytic converter was stolen off their bus.

- Jan. 29 – A Waupaca man on Larsen Road reported a trespassing dirt bike rider who was travelling on a snowmobile trail that passed through his property.

- Jan. 29 – A female caller reported she was scammed through Facebook and PayPal.

- Jan. 29 – ACR Repo reported they would be repossessing a 2019 Chrysler Pacifica.

- Jan. 30 – Royalton Station in New London reported a gas drive-off valued at \$21. The person was driving a white car.

- Jan. 30 – A Waupaca Woman on Round Lake Road reported a fraud where \$1,060 was taken from her BMO account.

- Jan. 30 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a

runaway, a bullying incident and two youth throwing ice chunks at the staff.

- Jan. 30 – A Waupaca woman on Washington Street reported she was upset because she learned that a sex offender was living next door to her and she was never notified.

- Jan. 31 – A Tigerton man reported someone tried to open three accounts in his name.

- Jan. 31 – A 911 caller reported an unresponsive 80-year-old man with a pulse but not breathing. He was cold to the touch.

- Jan. 31 – An unknown caller reported a friend called her and said, “I need help.” The line disconnected. The caller tried calling the friend back and the call went to voicemail. A month ago the friend mentioned suicide.

- Jan. 31 – A Weyauwega man on Evanswood Road reported that someone broke into two vehicles in his driveway in the night. Money and other items were missing.

- Feb. 1 – The New London bus garage reported a

black Ford F150 drove past a school bus with the stop sign arm extended and red lights flashing.

- Feb. 1 – A Scandinavia caller on Weimann Road reported a man was threatening him. The man said he was coming over to get some property and said he was going to turn in the caller for drinking and driving on his four wheeler.

- Feb. 1 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile hit a staff member.

- Feb. 1 – A Waupaca woman on County Trunk E reported a suspicious white truck along the ditch and an older man in the truck was watching the caller's granddaughter as she fed the horses.

- Feb. 1 – A Weyauwega woman on Hillside Drive reported a suspicious SUV driving up and down the road.

- Feb. 1 – A male caller reported suspicious vehicles driving up and down the road.

- Feb. 2 – A Weyauwega

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Ewing sarcoma with metastasis to his lungs. During football season, a knee injury was then thought to be Osgood-Schlatter disease, a knee problem related to growth spurts. Later an MRI and a bone biopsy determined it was Ewing sarcoma.

The gymnasium bleachers were completely packed and

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Clintonville NEWS

Free rent for community meal organizers in 2024

Group encouraged to seek grants

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The local churches that are providing a free community meal four times a month at the Clintonville Community Center, will again not be charged rent by the city to use the facility.

That was the decision the Clintonville Common Council agreed upon at its Jan. 9 meeting.

Along with that decision, the council encouraged the group to continue seeking grants to help fund rental costs of the community center.

The council also directed City Administrator Caz Muske to work with the group to reach a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the use of the community center.

Muske's memo

In a Jan. 9 memo to council members, Muske said waiving the group's rental fees would cost the city \$5,720 a year in lost revenues. She also noted that the group received a \$4,000 Food Insecurity-ThedaCare grant in 2023 to help offset the facility costs.

"Allowing free/reduced rentals could create concerns with future operations/maintenance/capital costs," Muske said in the memo. "The City was able to reduce the taxes needed for the community center by 27.75% FY2023 and replace the roof due to fund balance; if we allow fee reductions, the City may have to raise the levy to sustain future costs."

She asked council members to ask themselves, "What justifies a 'free' or 'reduced' fee for a non-profit reservation(s)?"

She pointed out that 12 other non-profit entities rented the community center in 2023, with all 12 pay-

ing the rental fee.

"If all non-profit fees were waived in 2023, that would result in a \$9,744.30 revenue loss, which would impact the Special Revenue Fund for the Community Center," Muske said in the memo.

Committee of the Whole

The topic was discussed at length at the Jan. 9 Committee of the Whole meeting, held prior to the council meeting.

Ald. Greg Rose said representatives from several different churches involved with the free community meals spoke at the Jan. 8 Clintonville Finance Committee meeting about how successful the meals are when held at the community center over the past year.

He said the meals are more community based, and not church based.

"It's a little bit more work for them they said because they have to haul the food over here, but in the big picture, they would rather do that than the other way around," Rose said.

He added that he views the community meals as a good program that needs to be continued, but said the city needs to be wary of letting non-profits use the facility without a written plan.

"If we open the door to this one group, who's to say the next group won't do the same based on that precedent," Rose said.

Rose recommended that the city and the group organizing the community meals develop a MOU for the use of the community center.

"We don't want them to make assumptions that it's free, and it will always be free to use the facility without any effort on their part," Rose said.

Muske said a MOU could include things such as financial components, as well as stipulations that the group be required to solicit grants

and how many meals per month would be hosted.

"There are various clauses and details we can add," Muske said.

Mayor Steve Kettenhoven said he "struggled" with what to do in this situation. He agreed that the community meals provide a needed service to the community.

"But a lot of non-profits could say the same thing, that their services provide something for our community," Kettenhoven said.

By helping making sure the community meals continue, Kettenhoven said it would be a way for the city to give back to the community.

Ald. Brandon Braden said he didn't think all non-profits should be exempt from paying a rental fee for the use of the community center, adding that it might be possible to develop a litmus test for the purpose of the facility use.

Ald. Mark Zachow reminded the council that the money for the construction of the Clintonville Community Center was donated by a resident in the community.

"I think it's important that this building is used for community things in the city," Zachow said. "I think that's extremely important. The city didn't pay for the majority of this building, a person did. I think we need to remember that."

Muske said she appreciated that fact being brought to the attention of the council, but also noted that the city is responsible for maintaining the building. Rental fees collected by the city help cover maintenances costs.

"That has to be taken into consideration," Muske said.

Rose pointed out that the community meals group is different from other non-profit groups using a city facility because some non-profits require people to be a member to be part of the group. Those who come to the community meals don't have to be a member of any group.



Traveling Closet is expanding its coverage area to include Clintonville. Shown, from left, are Johnna VanDeurzen, Jenny Radtke, Andrea Peterson, Sandy Richmond, Kristi Isca and Lisa Jones.

Submitted Photo

Traveling Closet comes to Clintonville

CLINTONVILLE – For 43 years, Community Clothes Closet has provided the basic necessities of clothing, outerwear, footwear, towels and bedding to people in need free of charge.

Originally, families who needed clothing had to visit the facility in Menasha.

Now, the Traveling Closet brings clothing to families where they live. The truck visits homeless and domestic abuse shelters, community centers and schools every 60 days.

In late 2022, thanks in large part to investments by a fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and several of its geographic affiliate foundations, the Trav-

eling Closet expanded to serve residents in O Waupaca and Calumet counties.

"Our special thanks to the Community Vision Fund, the Clintonville Area Community Foundation, the Waupaca Area Community Foundation and the Chilton Area Community Foundation," commented Clothes Closet Executive Director Lisa Jones.

"Without the collaboration of the team at the Community Foundation, the Traveling Closet would not be reaching nearly as many people. Their donors understood the vision and helped us dream big," added Jones.

This year, the Traveling Closet will distribute more than 39,000 items of clothing to the underserved ar-

eas in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Traveling Closet was recognized as one of nine winners at the recent Wisconsin Innovation Awards. More than 300 businesses, products and services from around the state were nominated.

An unexpected outcome is developing as well. Clothes Closet staff are receiving calls from other areas of the state and the country from organizations who would like to replicate the impact of the Traveling Closet. The staff is working with these agencies to bring mobile clothing delivery to their communities – most likely with the help of their local community foundations.

Rotary Student of the Week

Jordan Jaskolski is the Clintonville Rotary Student of the Week.

A senior at Clintonville High School, she is the daughter of Sally Miller Jaskolski and Joe Jaskolski.

Jaskolski's extracurricular activities include being vice president for one year and a member for two years of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, a member of the National Honor Society and Link Crew for two years, Sources of Strength for four years and School



Jaskolski

to Work for one year.

Among her achievements, Jaskolski has earned an academic letter, NHS letter, and certificates as a

teacher's aide and assistant childcare teacher. She has also been named Employee of the month at A&W, where she has worked for three years.

Jaskolski's community activities include volunteering at Ruby's Pantry, Make a Difference Day through St. Rose and St. Mary's Catholic Church and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and major in elementary education.

Suspect charged with reckless endangerment

COUNTY – Russell J. Dankert, 32, Clintonville, is charged with possession of narcotics with intent to

deliver, first-degree reckless endangerment, obstructing an officer and felony bail jumping.

On Dec. 30, 2023, Clintonville police responded to a 911 hangup call on North Park Street.

When Sgt. Andrew Kizewski arrived at the scene, he found a woman whose face and mouth appeared pale and swollen.

According to the criminal complaint, the woman said she needed Narcan and was going to die.

Kizewski went to his vehicle, called dispatch and requested an ambulance. When he returned to the house, he gave the woman a dose of Narcan nasal spray.

Kizewski reported the woman was pale, trembling, drooling and had difficulty speaking.

She told the ambulance

crew that she had smoked fentanyl.

EMTs transported her to ThedaCare Medical Center in Shawano.

While Kizewski obtained a search warrant, Officer Brett Price remained at the house to ensure the safety of the woman's two children.

Officers found several charred pieces of aluminum foil.

An examination of the victim's cellphone uncovered several text messages that allegedly referred to a drug deal. Police believed the phone number the woman was messaging belonged to Dankert.

On Jan. 5, Price pulled over a car that Dankert was driving.

A K-9 unit that was deployed to the scene of the traffic stop alerted to the odor of narcotics in the vehicle, the complaint says.

While Kizewski was at the scene, he used his department-issued cell phone to call the number that the overdose victim had been messaging.

A phone in Dankert's pocket began ringing. Dankert silenced his phone.

Kizewski called the number again and a phone in Dankert's pocket rang again.

When questioned by police, Dankert denied providing fentanyl to the victim.

The woman later told police that Dankert had come to her late father's house where she lived. They

both went into the garage where Dankert allegedly placed a purple substance in a piece of aluminum foil and smoked it. He told the woman the substance was fentanyl, the complaint says.

The woman said she only took one hit.

Dankert left the house and the woman began feeling ill. She took a dose of Narcan, then began calling several people when it didn't seem to work.

When she was unable to contact anybody who could help her, the woman called 911.

Dankert was released from custody after posting a \$3,000 cash bond.

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

I-S students to stage 'Footloose'

Musical set for
Feb. 16-18

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA - Students have been hard at work rehearsing for "Footloose: The Musical."

Shows are slated for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17-18, at Iola-Scandinavia High School.

Teacher Shannon Huettner, one of the play's five directors, became involved with the musical program when her youngest son, Bryce, began working sound and lights.

He eventually auditioned and was given a lead the following year.

"I just saw what a difference it made for him," Huettner said. "This was something really special. He gained friends he may not have had if not involved."

When Bryce Huettner became a senior in 2017, they lost their director and the program was in danger of being discontinued. She

volunteered as a director during the 2018-19 school year.

She immediately started recruiting more people to assist in the production.

She brought Erin Bruno, the choreography director and a teacher in the district, on board as well as Janet Gladowski, pit director, and Dale Bestul to help with stage crew and set. They also had a new choir director Zach Shulfer who was interested in becoming involved.

Today the musical boasts a cast of 49 students and 10 members of the stage crew. Students in seventh through 12th grades are participating.

Community sponsorships are funding the musical program.

Huettner said last year they were able to raise about \$7,000 in sponsorships, that amount grew to \$18,000 this year.

The sponsorships help pay for stage, costumes, licensing fees for the play as well as for T-shirts for the cast and crew.

Huettner has a long term goal of being able to update



Ryan Kampert, who plays Ren McCormack, and Alex Shelley, who plays Willard Hewitt, at dress rehearsal for the Iola-Scandinavia student production of "Footloose: The Musical." Emily Conroy Photo

the auditorium, through sponsorships and ticket sales, hoping to offset the cost of such a renovation.

"It's been amazing how the community has just embraced this is a great community event," Bestul said.

"Its just been really overwhelming, really gratifying to see from start to finish what the kids go through and what they do, its just

really impressive."

Huettner said the musical program is a family and despite busy schedules for the students and staff, they commit to the hours and have fun while doing so.

"When you step into the musical it doesn't matter who you are or what group you are a part of, this is a whole new family and everyone is accepting,"

Huettner said.

Senior Alex Shelley, who plays Willard Hewitt, agrees.

"I like that anybody can be involved," Shelley said. "You don't have to have certain skills. Anybody can be in it, everybody is accepting here and it's just a good environment to be around, everyone is joyful."

Junior Ryan Kampert, who plays Ren McCormack, is one of those cast members who has a packed schedule that includes sports, solo ensemble and Quiz Bowl, alongside his school work.

"What makes this so special is the fact that everybody has so much other stuff going on ... its incredible that all of us can find the time to put this together," Kampert said.

Being musically inclined is not a requirement, Huettner said many kids may start as stage crew to see what it is all about, then want to try out for a part. Some students develop their talent over time.

"It's more just having fun and seeing the growth of them from the beginning

to the end and seeing the smiles and seeing how from day one to when they finally put it all together is just so rewarding," Erin said. "To see them grow and gain that confidence to be on stage and that self-esteem, I just love to see that."

Senior Miranda Bruno, who plays Ariel Moore, grew up dancing and on stage, and has worked hard to improve and build her voice into what it is now.

"The hard work really pays off in the end and you don't even think about the hard work because of the fun you're having," Miranda said.

Kampert said he has been musical all of his life, singing on stage in church as a child, and agrees the hard work pays off.

"I like the fact that no matter who you are or what social status you have in school everybody here is equal. You go out on stage and you can be a totally different person, you can be a goofball," Kampert said.

Tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by emailing ishs-musicals@gmail.com.

Winter Carnival held despite warm weather

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA - With mild temperatures and decent ice conditions, many of the events planned for the Iola Winter Carnival took place over the weekend.

The ski jump, skijoring, snow bully fat bike race, and all planned activities at the Iola Winter Sports Club were cancelled.

Greg Loescher, with the Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce, noted that although the Iola Winter Sports Club had to cancel its events, he was still happy they were able to continue with the rest of the carnival's activities.

"The warmer weather ... made it easy for people to make the short chili walks

to our venues in downtown Iola," Loescher said. "It was nice to see people checking out our venues, many seeing them for the first time."

Eight teams signed up for the ice sculpture carving contest, with the top place going to Sara Griena Skadsen and Adam Skadsen for their carving of a Viking, with the face carved out to take a photo.

Joshua Stacy, a participant in the ice sculpting contest, said he has taken first place the previous two years.

Stacy said he continues to come out to participate because money raised goes to non-profit groups within the community.

"It's our third year out, we love it, the people are cool," Stacy said. "It's super fun."

The ice conditions re-



Sara Griena is working on her sculpture, "Viking Photo Op," which won first place at the Iola Winter Carnival on Saturday, Feb. 3. Emily Conroy Photo

mained decent with ice measuring in at 12 inches, Tracey Ambacher, main organizer for the youth fish-

erie program, said he has not seen the ice get below 12 inches in the last week.

He said according to his

records from the previous year, the ice is only 2 inches thinner, with 2023 measuring at 14 inches.

Ambacher said he was pleased with the turnout, noticing a lot of larger fish were coming in. With blue gills measuring in at 9 inches and crappies at almost 10 inches.

Ambacher also had free food set up for the participants as well as door prizes and raffles.

The Iola Mills was a participant in the chili walk cook-off, Angie Lemar, who owns the facility with her husband Ed, entered their white chicken chili into the contest.

Lemar said the chili she served is on their regular menu and is the in-house recipe.

The customers were steady, Lemar said, as generally during the winter months they open on special weekends, like holidays and winter carnival.

"Its been great, we are super appreciative that the city did [the chili walk] and involved all of these venues," she said.

The Iola Mills won the chili cook off, as voted on by the community participants.

Loescher is looking forward to expanding the event next year, and building on current activities.

"Committee members have already been brainstorming on how to make next year's event better, and we hope the weather cooperates with the snow," he said.

Manawa NEWS

Manawa encourages student connections

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA - The subject of at-risk students came up at the Manawa School Board meeting Jan. 22 and yielded a lengthy discussion due to the 7% drop in the graduation rate in 2023.

Mary Eck, an at-risk program teacher in the Manawa School District, presented her data for student graduation rates at the meeting.

She reported that there were two students who failed to graduate in 2023, while no students failed to graduate in 2022.

Eck estimated that the

number may increase in 2024 however, she said she is optimistic and hoping for good things heading into the second semester.

Eck said there can be a number of reasons behind how a student becomes considered at-risk. They may hate school, have experienced health issues or learning gaps due to bullying.

"It's a little bit of everything and each kid is different, a different mix of those kind of things," Eck said.

District Administrator Ryan Peterson agreed with Eck's assessment of why students become at-risk. He

said issues such as truancy, legal referrals, teen pregnancy and credit deficiency, are also considered in determining who is at risk.

Peterson said the state Department of Public Instruction says if a student qualifies under two or more categories then they are considered at risk.

"You could, in theory, be a kid that is doing really well with your grades and we would still think that you are at risk if you need extra support in some capacity," Peterson said.

There are many ways to help students get back on

track for graduating if they are at risk, one of which, Eck said, was helping connect students with teachers.

"I think that we have a phenomenal staff at the high school that are willing to make those connections with kids, because the truth of the matter is not every teacher is going to connect with every student," Eck said. "So, being able to find that person for the student I think is a skill that we are getting pretty good at."

Eck said some of the connections they have been able to make between students and teachers have helped

that student feel more like they are a part of the school community.

Michelle Johnson, principal of Little Wolf High School and Manawa Middle School, agreed that helping students feel as though they belong is fundamental to their success.

"It is so important to feel as part of a community and Mrs. Eck is right, finding that right person, sometimes it takes getting to know the student and digging down below a bit," Johnson said.

In creating a plan for students who may need extra support, Johnson said, they

will inquire about what staff member they connect to and trust most, as well as who is a trusted group of friends.

"Building those relationships also has a close tie to engagement and encouraging a sense of purpose," Johnson said. "This along with creative solution seeking from teams of teachers and staff surrounding each student and his [or] her unique situation provides a platform for our staff to partner with both students and families in finding the path-

way that best meets their needs towards graduation and beyond the building."

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Sanders, Betty



Betty L. Sanders, 94, of Aberdeen, SD, passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at her home at Davis Court.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father David Janes officiating.

A time of fellowship and luncheon followed Mass at the parish hall.

Burial was at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery following the luncheon.

Visitation was 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb 1, at Schriver's Memorial Chapel with a liturgical wake service starting at 7:00 p.m. followed by a time of sharing and rosary. Visitation continued one hour before Mass at the church.

Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, 414 5 th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.schrivermemorial.com. Services will be live-streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SchriverMemorial>.

Betty L. Winkler was born June 10, 1929, in Waupaca, WI, to Laurence Harry and Edna May (Dawes) Winkler. She attended Bunker Hill Grade School and Waupaca High School, graduating in 1946. She worked as a stenographer for Cary Mfg. Co. in Waupaca, WI.

Betty moved to Aberdeen, SD, in 1950. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, John "Jack" L. Sanders, on October 11, 1952, and they made their home together in Aberdeen. Betty worked at Aberdeen Glass Co. and the Milwaukee Railroad in Aberdeen.

Betty was an active and dedicated member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and also volunteered for various organizations in Aberdeen. She was a Girl Scout leader, "First Lady" of Aberdeen in 1989, and was instrumental in bringing the "Santa House" to Storybook Land. She loved dancing, music, gardening, playing bridge, and socializing with all her special friends. Betty especially enjoyed many memories with her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Blessed to have shared in Betty's life are her three daughters: Jacqueline (Richard) Cook of Waupaca, WI, Nancy Cleveland of Aberdeen, SD, and Jody (John) Vallario of Edgewater, MD; grandchildren: Christine (Kenneth) Lewallen of Amherst, WI, Natasha Cleveland of Aberdeen, SD, Allison Vallario of New Hyde Park, NY, and Anthony Vallario of Edgewater, MD; great-grandchildren: Drew Lewallen and Claire Lewallen of Amherst, WI; siblings: Harold Winkler of Stevens Point, WI, Ramona Metz of Winona, MN, and Patricia (Ron) Cook of Waupaca, WI; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" L. Sanders; parents, Laurence and Edna Winkler; brother, James Winkler; sister, Marena Kapitzke; grandson, Jonathon Cook; parents-in-law, Lester and Margaret Sanders; son-in-law Steve Cleveland; sisters-in-law Mary Winkler and Mary Lou Sanders; and brother-in-law Roger Metz.

Weasner, James



We are saddened to share that James "Jim" A. Weasner passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King at the age of 79. Jim was born June 18, 1944 in Indianapolis, Indiana; son of John and Julia (Hungerford) Weasner. On December 11, 1981, he married Mary (Byrd) Nicholas-Krizan in Waupaca and together they shared 28 years of marriage before her passing on July 16, 2010.

Jim was a devoted member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Waupaca. He served in the U.S. Army and took great pride in his service to his country. In his younger years, he was an avid pool player and bowler. Jim served as a volunteer fireman for the St. Lawrence/Ogdensburg Fire Department for a number of years. He enjoyed the outdoors through hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. In his later years, he worked and retired from the Waupaca Foundry. Yet, Jim was a farmer at heart, both beef cattle and dairy, and he loved his time on his farm in Ogdensburg.

James is survived by his three siblings Jackie (Terri) Weasner, Jeffrey (Nancy) Weasner, and Judith (Leo) Hopfensperger; two step-daughters Melanie Johnson and Rachel (Al) Knapstein; step-grandchildren Brianna (Shae) Coyle, Kaleigh (Jeremy) Chapman, and Jaidyn Johnson; step-great-grandchildren Brayden and Brockton Coyle and Karter Chapman; a sister-in-law Patricia Weasner; his dear friend Harry Fredrickson; and also by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Julia Weasner; his wife Mary Weasner; step-grandson Tazmin Wroldstad; a brother Jerry Weasner; a brother-in-law Terry Fietzer; and a nephew Mark Weasner.

A Memorial Service for Jim was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 2:30 PM at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, E3273 Apple Tree Lane, Waupaca, WI. A visitation was held on Saturday from 12:30 - 2:30 PM at the Kingdom Hall. Burial will take place this spring at Big Falls Cemetery where full military honors will be performed. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.



Allan (Al) Keith Swenson born Nov.25th, 1952 in Iola, WI to the late Lucille (Larson) & Merlin Swenson. He passed away suddenly on Feb.4th,2024 at his home.

Growing up, special times were had at the family cottage on the lake up north. He graduated from Iola High school in 1972. He made his career as a Fisheries Technician at the state fish hatchery at Woodruff, WI.

After retirement he moved back to Iola where he spent many hours at "The Farm" hunting, bird watching, hiking with his canine companions, making maple syrup & enjoying all wildlife. He especially loved sitting around the campfire with family & friends. He enjoyed gardening & looking after his apple trees. Al was a dedicated sports fan. Special times were had with friends fishing on the Fox River down in Princetown & he especially valued time spent with lifelong buddies from school.

He helped the family carry on old world Christmas traditions taking on the task of cooking lutefisk & even rolling out lefse.

Al is survived by sisters Geri(Scott) Sannes, Donna Guthu & Lynn Swenson, also by one aunt Janice(Roger)Clapp, nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews, Godchildren & cousins.

Preceded in death by his brother Lee, Brother-in-law Ben Guthu, cousins, aunts & uncles.

Allan will be sadly missed by all who loved him. Viit Voiefuneralhome.com for service information.

House, Steven



hu-man-i-tar-i-an /hyoo, manə /'terəən/ Noun a person who seeks to promote human welfare; a philanthropist.

Steve House passed away on January 20th, from cancer one day after his 74th birthday. Summing up a person's life, especially one who lived for 74 years, for such an occasion seems impossible - futile really but here goes....

Steven Harold House was born on January 19th, 1950, on the Wounded Knee Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, as his father was employed there as an engineer with the Indian Bureau of Affairs. Education and religion were staples in his upbringing, his mother was a teacher, and his parents were devout Episcopalians. Growing up in South Dakota, Kansas and Montana with his brother Merle and sister Kaylene, he was involved in a variety of sports, especially the "tough" kind. There was even a stint as an amateur boxer. After high school he joined the Army and was trained to be an MP. Despite many being drafted, he enlisted voluntarily, and went off to the Vietnam war. Serving 2 years, 2 months, 11 days, 24 minutes, and 16 seconds, as he would state when asked "how long were you in". After his tour in Vietnam, he was discharged from active duty, and continued his military service as an active reservist for the next 16 years. Shortly after returning from active duty, he enrolled in the college of Great Falls, Montana. There he met the vivacious Patti Geniesse. Once that spark flew it didn't take long for the two to get married. Taking their new life to Wisconsin, they embarked on many adventures, most often ones that included caring for others such as running group homes for both young girls and boys and later being foster parents who provided respite care for older adults. Thus, his humanitarianism started. Eventually, and a few Wisconsin cities plus three children later, they settled in Waupaca, where he became employed at the Wisconsin Veterans home in King, working there for many years as a Social Worker and AODA counselor before retiring in 2005. Retirement brought new opportunities for him to become more involved in veterans' affairs. He ran a veteran's homeless shelter, held several elected positions with different Veterans organizations, most notably as President for the Wisconsin State Chapter of VVA, being appointed by the Governor onto the board of directors for the Wisconsin Veterans Affairs and editor of the state VVA News and Views publication. He enjoyed traveling back to Vietnam and was also engaged in philanthropic efforts to build libraries in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodian villages, with the Libraries of Vietnam Project which besides his children was his pride and joy. Lastly, he had an ever-evolving list of artistic hobbies, which his grandchildren enjoyed doing with him. Physical activity was important as he spent many years as an avid runner and along with Patti the two partook in many community sports. There was great pride in his children and grandchildren's activities, especially his boys' football days. Steve was a deeply caring individual and made it his mission to help others. His actions always spoke louder than his words. When he did choose words, sage advice was sure to follow. Steve will be greatly missed, however the impacts of his selfless acts of service will be remembered forever more.

He is survived by his wife Patti, three children Stephanie (Jesse) Rintala, Nathan (Holley) and Simon, his 5 grandchildren Axel, Eleanor, Sloane, Franklin, and Henry. He is also survived by his sister Kaylene, along with a slew of sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. And not to forget all his good buddies from younger days till now, there are lots and I promise we will mention you all at service.

He was preceded in death by his infant twins, Elizabeth and Adam, brother Merle, mother Lu and father Bill.

There will be a service to honor and remember Steve on Saturday February 17th. Visitation at 10am with a Church service to follow at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Waupaca WI. Military honors will take place at the church after the service. A burial will be set for a later date at the Veterans Military Cemetery in King, WI.

The Maple Crest Funeral Home of Waupaca assisted the family with arrangements.

Klug, Russell



Russell R. Klug, age 84, passed away on Saturday January 27, 2024, at Crossroads Care Center in Weyauwega.

Russ was born on January 4, 1940, at home in Weyauwega to Ralph and Bernice (Peskie) Klug. He graduated from Weyauwega-Fremont High School in May 1958.

After graduation, Russ enlisted in the Army and went to basic training at Fort Hood. After basic, he was briefly stationed at Fort McKinley before being deployed as a member of the 101st airborne to Germany from 1958 to 1962. Russ returned home where he had a short stint at Appleton Coated before joining Miller Electric in Appleton, WI.

On July 22, 1972, Russ married Sally (Nusz) Klug and had 3 children: Luke, Micah, and Jeremiah. Russ and Sally raised the boys in their home on Partridge Crop off the Wolf River. Though they eventually separated, Russ and Sally stayed close right up to Russ's passing.

Russ loved all sports, he was dedicated and had a will to win. This garnered him the nickname "Cocky" as he was very confident and never shied away from a challenge. He ran track, cross country, played football, basketball and played on multiple softball leagues throughout the years. Russ achieved many accolades during his sporting career. With family by his side, he was enshrined in the Weyauwega-Fremont Athletic HOF on November 11, 2017.

In addition to sports, Russ loved to fish. Together with Daniel Thiel, they built a walleye raft (Riff Raft). Together (along with their boys for extra poles!) they caught many stringers of walleyes.

Russ retired from Miller Electric in 1996 after 34 years of service. From there he helped his brother Gary at the local Party Shop in Weyauwega. He would bring the customers in with his gift of gab.

Russ is survived by his children: Luke Klug, Micah Klug, and Jeremiah Klug; grandchildren: Kalyon Klug, Gabriel Klug, and William Klug; brother, Gary (Gloria) Klug; cousins: Linda Klug, Mary (Greg) Oehlke, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Bernice Klug; niece, Kim Pope; life-long friend, Daniel Thiel.

Special thanks to the nursing staff of Theda Care Hospice Care and Crossroads Care Center in Weyauwega for keeping Russ comfortable and providing conversation and care during his stay. Special acknowledgement to his dear friend Danny Wilson who was a daily visitor until the day of his passing. To Danny: Russ truly cherished every moment you two shared together. "Therefore, you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you." - John 16:22

A memorial service that will celebrate Russ's life will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church (312 W. Main St.) in Weyauwega with Rev. Aaron Kristopit officiating. Prior to the service on Saturday, a gathering of family and friends will be held at the church from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Friends may visit www.dahlkefuneralhome.com to share memories and condolences with Russ's family.

Wilken, James



James "Jim" L. Wilken, age 80 of New London, formerly of the Town of Union, Waupaca County passed away at his home Wednesday evening January 31, 2024.

James Lawrence Wilken was born on June 25, 1943 in Clintonville as the son of the late Lawrence and Delores

(Schoepeke) Wilken. He graduated from Clintonville High School in 1962 and went on to serve his country in the Army National Guard Red Arrow Division. On May 2, 1964 Jim was united in marriage to Nancy Janke at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Symco. The couple made their home in the Town of Union and became members of Trinity Lutheran Church in the Town of Bear Creek where Jim had served as a church elder. Jim spent 43 years and 8 months working as a welder and assembler for Seagrave FWD in Clintonville until his retirement. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and working in his shop in the garage. Jim was a big fan and past season ticket holder of the Green Bay Packers. He was proud of both of his boys and cherished each of his grandchildren.

Survivors include: His Wife: Nancy Sons: Steve (Annette) Wilken & Scott (Christine) Wilken. Grandchildren: Kristy (Eric) Van Ark, Ryan Wilken, Nickolas (Gwen) Wilken, Jordan Wilken, Seth (Page) Wilken, and Casey Wilken.

Great-Grandchildren: Harley, Elijah, Aiden, Shawn, Anakin, Brady, Rosie, Carson, Gabriel, Harmony, Shelby, Kinley, Kenzie, Brielle, and Jaylan.

A brother: Ronald (Sue) Wilken. Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law: Judy Wilken, Virginia (Jerry) Olsen, and Michael (Dorothy) Janke. Also Jim's life-long friend: Arden Patri.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Delores Wilken, in-laws Walter and Dorothy Janke, a brother Robert Wilken, and a brother-in-law William Janke.

Jim's funeral service will be held Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 11am at the Trinity Lutheran Church in the Town of Bear Creek, Waupaca County with Rev. Aric Fenske officiating. Inurnment will take place at the church cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 9am until the time of the service. Military honors will follow outside of the church by members of the Clintonville American Legion Post #63, VFW Post #664, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63, and DAV Chapter 53. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established by Jim's family. The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory of Clintonville is assisting his family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

"We will always carry your memory in our hearts." Love and miss you Jim, dad, and grandpa.

Nelson, Fern



Fern Yvonne Nelson, aged 96, of Waupaca, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2024.

Born on May 9, 1927, in Waupaca, she was a pillar of strength, independence, and cherished memories with her family, especially her 5 sons.

Fern is survived by her sons: Todd (Sharon) Nelson, Waupaca, WI, Tom (Diane) Nelson, Shingle Springs, CA.

Daughters-in-law: Cathy (Dan) Nelson, Chico, CA, Michele (Paul) Nelson New Bern, NC and Katherine (Kip) Nelson West Bend, WI.

Sister: Mary (Luft) Ring, Appleton, WI

Brother: Steve (Pat) Luft, Sun City, AZ

Grandchildren: Erin Nelson, Seth Nelson, Tammy Nelson, Holly Nelson-Birkedal, Andrew Nelson, Michael Nelson, Joe Nelson, Bryna Caves, Jon Nelson, Emily Weisberg, Nora Nelson-Hartzell, Jon Fain, Ashley Lampley

Great-grandchildren: Gabriella George, Inga Nelson, Charlie Birkeid, James Nelson, Catherine Nelson-Smith, Gavin Birkeid, Kolten Birkeid, Nora Nelson, Zoey Nelson, Abraham Futch, Leland Futch, Nathan Eddins, Cassidy Nelson, Liam Caves, Kian Caves, Tzofiah Weisberg, Oriel Weisberg, Yarah Weisberg, Lewis Hartzell, Maren Hartzell, Beckham Fain, Damian, and Emily Lampley.

She also leaves behind numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and most everyone around Waupaca with the last name of Johnson.

She left a legacy of friendship throughout Waupaca Wisconsin and later Sarasota Florida where she and her husband, L.E. "Wormy" Nelson, moved in the late 1970's. Fern thereafter became known as "Grandma Florida" to her grandchildren. Fern remained in Sarasota for forty years.

Fern was predeceased by her parents: George and Bertha (Johnson) Luft.

Husband: L.E. (Wormy) Nelson.

Sons: Daniel, Paul and Kip Nelson

Sisters: Elizabeth (Luft) Miller, Betty (Luft) LaBar, and brother David Luft;

As well as dear Florida friends: Al Pajonas, David Kaplan, and Ed Stein.

A pioneer in her family, Fern grew up on a small farm near Ogdensburg WI. She was the number 1 student in her class grades 1st - 8th at Ware Road elementary school where she was also the only student in her class. Fern was a diligent student being the first of her family to attend and graduate high school but it wasn't easy. She worked as a domestic and lived with a family in Waupaca in exchange for room and board and the ability to attend classes graduating in 1945. Fern valued education, hard work and good manners, traits that were evident throughout her life. Fern was a very beautiful and classy lady, elegant, always happy, always smiling. She lived by the motto: If you can't say anything good about anyone then don't say anything at all.

Fern and her husband L.E. (Wormy) owned and operated Edmunds Boat Line in King WI (currently Clearwater Harbor) in 1950's & 60's She also worked at the Sears Catalog store in Waupaca and as head teller at King Bank. Fern also enjoyed her time in Florida working and spending time at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center in Sarasota.

An avid reader and writer, Fern's passion for words was evident in her heartfelt correspondence, often adorned on newspaper and magazine clippings in her neat penmanship in the margins and borders. She also enjoyed interviewing and writing about senior residents at the Jefferson Center in Sarasota.

A celebration of Fern's life will be held later this summer, providing an opportunity for friends and family to gather in remembrance of a life well-lived. She's going to be missed by many.



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Wisconsin. All comments and objections will be considered at this hearing and thereafter, the amount of the assessments will be finally determined. Although the Engineering Report shows the amount that was presented to affected residents in September, the Village Board reserves the right to review/water the given amount, along with years of payback and interest, which will be discussed at the meeting. Vane Booth, WCMC Village Clerk-Treasurer Publish: February 8th, February 15th WNAAXLP

Name Change 7730

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 Zygarcic
By (Petitioner) Brooke Nicole Zimmermann

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 24CV18

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: [First] Kolton [Middle] Joseph [Last] Zygarcic
To: [First] Kolton [Middle] Joseph [Last] Marks
Birth Certificate: [First] Kolton [Middle] Joseph [Last] Zygarcic
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 WNAAXLP

BY THE COURT
Honorable Vicki L. Clussman
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

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
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 WNAAXLP

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
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 WNAAXLP

BY THE COURT
Hon. Troy L. Nielsen
1/22/24
Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA, COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Satya Renteria
By (Petitioner) Satya Renteria

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 24CV19

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
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. Clussman
811 Harding St. - Branch II
Waupaca, WI 54981
Date: 2/24/2024
Time: 10:45 a.m.
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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BY 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
Mariah Catherine Mellenberger
By (Petitioner) Mariah Catherine Mellenberger

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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
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Judge's Name Judge Raymond Huber
Waupaca County Circuit Court, BR111
811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981
Date: 2/24/2024
Time: 10:45 a.m.
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Notice To Creditors 7735

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

Notice To Creditors 7735

(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 WNAAXLP

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. Ladubec

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
Publish Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & 8, 2024 WNAAXLP

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 02/21/2019, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 36 16th St, Clintonville, WI 54909.
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
Publish Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & 8, 2024 WNAAXLP

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
Publish Feb. 1, 8 & 15, 2024 WNAAXLP

DATE SIGNED: January 30, 2024
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JON L. BILLINGTON

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR2

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 31, 1963 and date of death July 16, 2023, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N876 Pope Road, Waupaca, WI 54981.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 1, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.
Form completed by: PHILIP J. DANEN
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IN RE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The process constituting the final administration of the MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ REVOCABLE TRUST was filed in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 701.0508, notice is hereby given that all Creditors holding claims against MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ or the MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 must file their claims with the Trustee named below on or before JUNE 5, 2024 or be barred. MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ was born on July 22, 1933, and died on JANUARY 12, 2024.

MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ was domiciled in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, with a post office address of 950 COUNTY HWY QQ, #134, WAUPACA, WI 54981. The Trustee is as follows: DEBRA BUCHHOLZ C/O VILLINOW LAW OFFICE, LLC 197 N. MAIN STREET PO BOX 187 AMHERST, WI 54406. GARY R. VILLINOW, II VILLINOW LAW OFFICE, LLC 197 N. MAIN STREET PO BOX 187 AMHERST, WI 54406 Publish Feb. 8, 15 & 22, 2024 WNAAXLP

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)

Notice To Creditors 7735

REVOCABLE TRUST DATED Oct. 30, 2023, has been commenced. In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 701.0508, notice is hereby given that all Creditors holding claims against MERCEDES WILLARSON or the (see above) REVOCABLE TRUST DATED Oct. 30, 2023 must file their claims with the Trustee named below on or before May 13, 2024 or be barred. Mercedes Willarson was born on May 5, 1933 and died on January 13, 2024. Mercedes Willarson was domiciled in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, with a post office address of N1891 Cty K, Waupaca, WI 54981. The Joint Trustees are as follows: Maria W. Greisch Amy McBurney Publish Feb. 1, 8 & 15, 2024 WNAAXLP

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New London wrestler Thessa Voight works on Menasha's Cecelia Street Feb. 3 in a 120-pound match at the Bay/North Eastern Conference girls' tournament at Waupaca High School. Voight pinned Street and went on to place third in her weight class. Greg Seubert Photo

Krueger sets her sights on three-peat

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – If things fall into place for Hailie Krueger, the New London High School junior will wrap up her wrestling season later this month the same way the last two ended.

That would be standing on a podium with a state championship medal around her neck.

Krueger is well on her way to another run at a state title, as she pinned all five of her opponents Feb. 3 to win the 152-pound weight class at the Bay/North Eastern Conference girls' meet at Waupaca High School while improving to 34-0 on the season.

She's no stranger to the sport of wrestling, as her dad, Nate, coaches New London's wrestling program and her brother, Preston, is

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Waupaca's Caylin Johnson puts the finishing touch of a pin over Shwano's Courtney Schenk in a 152-pound match at the Bay/North Eastern Conference girls' tournament. Johnson posted a 4-1 record at the tournament to place second behind New London's Hailie Krueger. Greg Seubert Photo

Hortonville, W-F wrestlers place second

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – Two area wrestling teams placed second at their respective conference meets Feb. 3.

Weyauwega-Fremont had six champions at the Central Wisconsin Conference meet in Shiocton and Hortonville had three champions at the Fox Valley Association meet at Oshkosh North High School.

Central Wisconsin Conference

SHIOCTON – The Warhawks had a wrestler place fourth or better in all 14 weight classes, but still finished 18 points behind tournament champion Shiocton.

Shiocton won the meet with 267 points, followed

by Weyauwega-Fremont (249), Wittenberg-Birnamwood (225), Amherst (96), Bonduel (75.5), Rosholt (67), Pittsville (60), Tri-County (53), Menominee Indian (31) and Manawa (23).

Jaydon LeNoble (106 pounds), Josue Azuara (113), Carter Birdyshaw (132), Connor Johnson (157), Carter McDaniel (165) and Vanden Hoffman (285) placed first for Weyauwega-Fremont, as the Warhawks had a school-record six champions.

"It was another intense battle between the two powerhouse teams, but Shiocton came out on top in the tournament just like they did in the dual (with the Warhawks) two weeks

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New London to host wrestling regional

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – Three area wrestling teams won't have far to travel for their upcoming WIAA regional meet, while another is heading in a different direction for the first time in years.

Regional meets are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10, while sectionals will be held Saturday, Feb. 17. Wrestlers need to place in the top four at their regional meet to advance to the sectional round.

Division 3
Weyauwega-Fremont

and Manawa will head to regionals in Poynette and Crandon, respectively.

Instead of heading north, Weyauwega-Fremont has been assigned to the Poynette Regional, which also includes Almond-Bancroft/Pacelli, Laconia, Lomira, Markesan, Montello, Oakfield, Omro, Pardeeville, Poynette, Princeton/Green Lake, Tri-County and Westfield.

Besides Manawa and Crandon, the Crandon Regional also includes Bonduel, Coleman, Elcho, Florence, Lena, Oconto,

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Weyauwega-Fremont's Parker Wilson calls for the ball while being guarded by Iola-Scandinavia's RJ Opperman Feb. 2 during the first half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-East game in Weyauwega. Greg Seubert Photo

Arndt scores 1,000th point in Warhawks' win over Thunderbirds

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – For the second time in less than two weeks, basketball fans at Weyauwega-Fremont High School had a chance to see a player score their 1,000th point.

Olivia Witkowski reached the milestone Jan. 25 in the girls' team's 67-36 loss Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Then it was Brayden Arndt's turn, as his basket in the first half turned out to be two of his game-high 28 points Feb. 2 in a 65-58

Central Wisconsin Conference-East win over Iola-Scandinavia.

Arndt is the first player in the boys' program to score more than 1,000 points since Quinn Dittmann in 2022.

The lead changed hands seven times before the Warhawks headed to the locker room at halftime with a 31-25 lead.

Alex Robbins' basket with 10 minutes remaining in the game cut the Warhawks' lead to 38-37, but Weyauwega-Fremont responded with a 13-2 run and the

Thunderbirds never got any closer than five points the rest of the way.

Caleb Leschke and Chris Gunst added 11 points each for the Warhawks.

Robbins led the T-Birds with 22 points, while Korz Loken and RJ Opperman finished with 17 and 10, respectively.

The Warhawks will head to Keshena Thursday, Feb. 8, for a CWC-East matchup with Menominee Indian, while the T-Birds are scheduled to host Shiocton Friday, Feb. 9. Both games will tip off at 7 p.m.



Waupaca's Aaron Wolff, New London's Michael Helsten and Waupaca's Henry Mouw keep their eyes on the ball after a missed free throw Jan. 29 during a nonconference game in New London. Helsten and the Bulldogs defeated the Comets 63-54. Greg Seubert Photo

Big second-half run lifts Bulldog boys over Waupaca

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – Aaron Wolff's buzzer-beating three-pointer from half-court sent the Waupaca boys' basketball team to the locker room with a 29-28 lead in the Comets' annual nonconference matchup with New London.

The Comets couldn't take advantage of that momentum, however, and ended up on the short end of a 63-54 score Jan. 29.

Both teams also dropped conference games Jan. 26, as Waupaca fell to Freedom 62-54 in a North Eastern Conference game and Seymour picked up a 78-67 win over the Bulldogs.

New London also fol-

lowed its win over Waupaca with a pair of Bay wins over Menasha and Green Bay East. The Bulldogs defeated Menasha 76-52 in a rescheduled game Feb. 3 and also topped Green Bay East 78-39 Feb. 1.

New London 63, Waupaca 54

NEW LONDON – New London led by as many as 12 points in the first half before the Comets tied the game at 26-26 with a 17-5 run. A pair of free throws from Jonah Schlueter gave the lead back to the Bulldogs before Wolff's three-pointer gave Waupaca its first lead.

Waupaca opened the

second half with three unanswered baskets to go up by seven points, but the Bulldogs scored the next 15 points and never trailed again. Waupaca cut the lead to 48-45 on another three-pointer from Wolff, but didn't get any closer down the stretch, as the Bulldogs' final seven points came from the free-throw line in the final minute.

Eight players – for from each team – scored in double figures. Paul Vuillaume led the Bulldogs with 14 points, while Tyler Gerrits, Joseph Daly and Schlueter added 13 each.

Austin Adamczak, Riley Bechard and Wolff led

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REGIONAL

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Oneida Nation, Rosholt, Shiocton, Suring/Gillett and Wabeno/Laona/Three Lakes.

Sectional qualifiers out of Poynette will advance to a sectional meet at Dodgeland High School in Juneau, while qualifiers out of Crandon will compete at the Bonduel Sectional at Shawano High School.

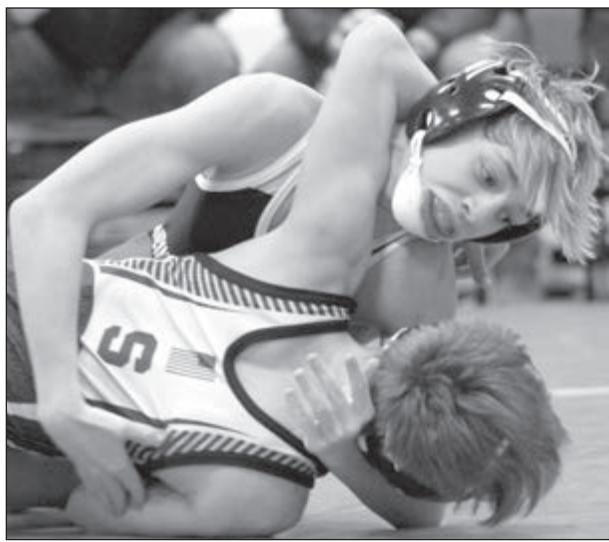
Division 2

New London will host a regional that also includes Clintonville and Waupaca. Other teams heading to New London are Amherst, Antigo, Crivitz/Wausaukee, Freedom, Marinette, Menominee Indian, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Seymour and Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Sectional qualifiers will advance to a sectional at Luxemburg-Casco High School.

Division 1

Hortonville will face Appleton East, Appleton North, Appleton West, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Me-



Jaydon LeNoble and the Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team will head south for its WIAA regional and sectional meets. The Division 3 regional meet will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at Poynette High School and wrestlers that qualify for the sectional round will compete Saturday, Feb. 17, at Dodgeland High School in Juneau. *Greg Seubert Photo*

nasha and Neenah at a regional meet in Kaukauna.

Sectional qualifiers will advance to the Kimberly Sectional.

The WIAA State Individual Tournament for boys and girls is scheduled for Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 22-24, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

The the top two boys in each weight division in Division 1 at sectionals and the top three in divisions 2 and 3 qualify for state.

On the girls' side, the first-place sectional finisher in each weight class qualify for state. Tournament competition for girls will start with sectionals Feb. 17.

WRESTLING

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ago," coach Tim Potratz said. "Shiocton won the title with less champions, but more second- and third-place finishers. We wrestled great and battled to the very end of the tournament."

LeNoble handed Shiocton's Holdyn Volkman a 12-10 loss in his championship match, Azuara picked up a 13-7 win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Bo Davis, Birdyshaw defeated Shiocton's Jackson Young 11-6, Bonduel's Jose Lagunes forfeited his match to Johnson due to an injury, McDaniel had a 10-2 major decision over Shiocton's Isaiah Carton and Hoffman pinned Pittsville's Caden Behselich in 1:25.

One other Weyauwega-Fremont wrestler advanced to a final. Tellyer Alix dropped a 5-4 decision to Shiocton's Ilijah Sanchez at 190 pounds.

Also placing for the Warhawks were Rylan Konen (third, 120); Jake Buss (third, 126); Ezra Balthazor (third, 138); Aiden Marquette (fourth, 144); Alex Loehrke (fourth, 150); Caleb Abbey (fourth, 175); Wyatt Wetzel (fourth, 215).

Hoffman improved to 33-1 on the season while picking up his second CWC championship and was named the conference's wrestler of the year.

Johnson (33-9) also won his second conference championship.

"He is so physical that his opponents cannot match his pressure for a six-minute match," Potratz said.

Alix (32-10) may have had the best tournament of any Weyauwega-Fremont wrestler, he said.

"He beat a very good Tri-County wrestler in the quarterfinals and then



Weyauwega-Fremont's Vanden Hoffman won the 285-pound championship at the Central Wisconsin Conference meet Feb. 3 at Shiocton High School. The senior won his championship with a first-period pin of Pittsville's Caden Behselich. *Perry Thomas Photo*

pinned Nathan Waupakenay of Wittenberg-Birnamwood, who he had never beaten, in the semifinals," he said. "In the championship match, he lost 5-4 to third-ranked Ilijah Sanchez in a great match."

Three Manawa wrestlers also placed: Owen Schuelke (fourth, 120); Isaiah Schuelke (sixth, 126); and Kaiden Lew (sixth, 285).

- Weyauwega-Fremont and Manawa did not have any wrestlers in the girls' competition. Wrestlers from Bonduel, Menominee Indian, Rosholt and Shiocton competed.

Fox Valley Association

OSHKOSH – Tristin Ellerman (120), Cash Botting (126) and Henry Niebauer (150) won championships for Hortonville.

Kaukauna won the meet with 264 points, followed by Hortonville (217.5), Neenah (179), Oshkosh West (138.5), Appleton North (133), Kimberly (112), Appleton West (65), Fond du Lac (55.5), Oshkosh North (40) and Appleton East (10).

Ellerman pinned Neenah's Eli Armatti in 2:51 to win his championship, Botting pinned Neenah's Logan Tessier in 1:44 and Niebauer picked up a 10-3 win over Kaukauna's Kolin

DeGroot.

Two other Hortonville wrestlers came up short in their final. Kaukauna's Liam Crook picked up a 16-1 technical fall over Tage Wasmund (165) and Oshkosh West's Nelson Fournier beat Austin McHugh 6-2 (215).

The Polar Bears' other placers included Sam Ellerman (third, 106); Collin Schroeder (third, 138); Grant Schroeder (third, 144); Ayden Needham (third, 175); Brock Schmidt (fourth, 190); Pierce Gansen (fifth, 132); and Derek Henrickson (sixth, 113).

- Hortonville also placed fourth in the girls' competition with 58 points behind Neenah (190), Appleton West (77) and Kimberly (69) and ahead of Appleton North (49), Fond du Lac (44), Oshkosh West (14), Oshkosh North (11), Appleton East (0) and Kaukauna (0).

Mackenzie Schiedermayer won a championship for the Polar Bears without wrestling a single match, as she was the only competitor at 145 pounds. Mya Ulmen and Hannah Huza placed second at 114 and 120, respectively. Neenah's Ashlynn Schiedermayer pinned Ulmen in 1:25 in their championship match, while another Neenah wrestler, Amari Richard, defeated Huza 10-4.

Kanaman added 15, 14 and 12, respectively.

Tayden Wilke led Menasha with 15 points.

New London 78, GB East 39

GREEN BAY – The Bulldogs kept the Red Devils winless while improving to 6-3 in conference play and 10-6 overall.

New London headed to the locker room at halftime with a 47-23 lead and outscoored the home team 31-16 in the second half.

Michael Helsten and Vuillaume led the Bulldogs with 17 points each and Schlueter and Kanaman added 11 apiece.

New London will head to Appleton Friday, Feb. 9, for a conference rematch with Xavier. The Hawks handed the Bulldogs a 55-50 loss Jan. 5 in New London.

Parks, Recreation**Lutheran Dartball League**

Second half standings: St. Peter's 2 (Weyauwega), 8-4; St. Paul's (Dupont), 7-2; Scandinavia (Scandinavia), 6-3; St. Peter's (Big Falls), 4-5; Trinity (New London), 6-3; Immanuel (Waupaca), 3-9; St. Paul's (Manawa), 2-10.

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

Batters over .499: Mike Kohls (.688); Arden Sellin (.625); Darrell Krueger (.563).

Jan. 25 results: Trinity 3, St. Paul's (Manawa) 0; Scandinavia 3, Immanuel 0; St. Peter's 2 (Weyauwega) 3, St. Peter's (Big Falls) 0; St. Paul's (Dupont) had bye.

Batters over .499: Tom Schmude (.600); Lisa Harde (.588); Mike Kohls (.500).

Clintonville Women's Pool League**Division 1**

Week 20 standings (wins): Sticky Buns (125); Big Falls Tavern (104); Bun's Pocket Rockets (97); D's Corner Pocket (71); Club 45 (67); Mike's Saloon (67); Racks & Rails (59); Jeanne Rose 1 (59).

Division 2

Week 20 standings (wins): Gopher's (140); Lowell's Landing (113); Jeanne Rose 2 (98); Bun's Ball Busters (98); Bun's 1 (84); Suzy Q's (78); Philagain's (69); Bump's (69); Big Sal's (42).

8 ball run: Tammy Long, Jeanne Rose 2.

Clintonville Volleyball Leagues

Week 3 standings (men): Radents, 12-0; Isaiah Holbrook's Team, 5-4; Ar-

moured Fencing, 5-4; Benjamin Holbrook's Team, 4-8; All Phases Electric, 3-6; G-Force, 1-8.

Jan. 30 results: Radents 3, Isaiah Holbrook's Team 0; Isaiah Holbrook's Team 3, G-Force 0; Benjamin Holbrook's Team 2, All Phases Electric 1; Armoured Fencing 2, G-Force 1; Radents 3, Benjamin Holbrook's Team 0.

Week 3 standings (women): Carmen Henschel's Team, 11-1; Blazers Bar & Grill, 10-2; Katie Holbrook's Team, 6-6; Country Queens, 6-6; Serves of Steel, 6-6; Kerry Baird's Team, 3-9; Hannah Armour's Team, 0-12.

Jan. 29 results: Carmen Henschel's Team 3, Hannah Armour's Team 0; Carmen Henschel's Team 2, Blazers Bar & Grill 1; Blazers Bar & Grill 3, Kerry Baird's Team 0; Katie Holbrook's Team 2, Serves of Steel 1; Kerry Baird's Team 3, Country Queens 0.

Warhawks keep T-Birds winless

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

IOLA – The Weyauwega-Fremont girls' basketball team held Iola-Scandinavia to 11 points in the second half and went on to pick up a 45-26 Central Wisconsin Conference-East win over the Thunderbirds.

The Warhawks led 17-15 at halftime before outscoring the home team 28-11 in the second half.

Olivia Witkowski led Weyauwega-Fremont with 20 points and Ellie Koplien added 12.

Ava Printz led the T-Birds with seven points.

Weyauwega-Fremont

improved to 5-5 in CWC-East play and 9-8 with the win, while the T-Birds fell to 0-20.

Both teams have CWC-East games scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9. The Warhawks will host Menominee Indian and Iola-Scandinavia will head to Shiocton.

KRUEGER

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a freshman on the boys' team.

Krueger's championship – along with Thressa Voight's third-place finish at 120, Bella Flease's fifth-place finish at 132 and Joselyn Eckhart's seventh-place finish at 126 – helped the Bulldogs finish fifth out of 12 teams at the tournament, which included five Bay Conference teams (New London, Shawano, Menasha, Xavier and West De Pere) and seven out of the North Eastern Conference (Waupaca, Wrightstown, Marinette, Freedom, Luxemburg-Casco, Oconto Falls and Fox Valley Lutheran).

Shawano won the tournament with 93 points, followed by Menasha (86), Wrightstown (47), Waupaca (43), New London (41), Marinette (34), Freedom (25), Luxemburg-Casco (24), Oconto Falls (17), Xavier (16), West De Pere (10) and Fox Valley Lutheran (8).

Waupaca had a pair of second-place finishers in Savana Hansen (138) and Calin Johnson (152) and a third-place finish from Ryllyn Eskildsen (165).

Krueger and Johnson pinned their first four opponents.

Krueger pinned Marinette's Ariana Wickman in 1:38, Oconto Falls' Nicole Woosenraft in 2:38, Fox Valley Lutheran's Sarai Sanches in 1:48 and Shawano's Courtney Schenk in 5:21.

Johnson pinned Schenk in 3:02, Sanchez in 20 seconds, Wickman in 23 seconds and Woosenraft in 25 seconds.

Those eight pins set up a showdown between Krueger and Johnson in the fifth round, with Krueger getting the pin in 5:08.

Krueger is one of seven female wrestlers competing for New London this season.

"There were three of us my freshman year and last year, I was the only one," she said. "This year, we had at least five or six girls in the room every day."

Most of Krueger's opponents know they're facing a two-time defending state champion.

"I've had my parents tell

me, 'Oh yeah, that coach was asking if you're dropping down (a weight class) so they know where they can put their girls,'" she said. "I definitely feel like there's a target on my back and sometimes, I feel like they're running from me."

Krueger is wrestling at 152 pounds this season, which is up from 145, her weight class as a freshman and sophomore.

"There are a lot of new girls and it's nice to see them help build the sport," she said. "I've had a lot of matches where there were really good girls. I knew if I kept myself healthy and stayed away from injuries that I could become really successful. Lucky for me, I have stayed away from them, but unfortunately for my teammates, a lot of them have had small injuries or large injuries that have taken them out. I feel very fortunate that I've been able to avoid an injury."

Most of Krueger's matches have been at invitationals instead of conference dual meets.

"A lot of teams in our conference don't always have girls that wrestle in my weight class," she said. "I wrestled the Friday before Christmas break and then I don't think I wrestled until mid-January. It was two or three weeks before I got to compete again."

More coaches have made a difference for Krueger this season.

"It definitely helps having multiple coaches in the room this year," she said. "We have a girls' coach – Addison Young – and she wrestled for my dad in high school. I've known her forever, I like her and she does a great job."

"I guess it also helps having my dad in the room," she said. "We go home, watch film on my matches, figure out what went wrong and work on those things. I do find that it is an advantage having my dad as my coach. I go home with my coach all the time and he's always helping me and showing me new videos. We're always working on the little things that went wrong."

Although wrestling is her main sport, Krueger also competes in shot put and discus events in track

and joined the girls' swim team last year to help get in shape for wrestling.

"My brother joined wrestling first when I was little and I sat out for a year," she said. "I watched and thought, 'I can do that.' The next year, I decided that I wanted to wrestle. I was in second grade when I decided to join."

Krueger won her first championship in 2022 at a tournament for girls in La Crosse, but last year's championship came at the Kohl Center in Madison, as the WIAA combined the boys' and girls' individual meets for the first time.

"It was a little scary at first," she said. "There were three other matches going for first. There was a great atmosphere and it was super-exciting, I was nervous, but it was amazing being there."

She won her second championship with a 13-9 decision over Cuba City/Southwestern/Benton's Chloe LaRue.

"At first, I didn't know if I had won or lost," she said.

"I just couldn't wait to go hug my coaches and my mom because I knew they were so proud of me."

Krueger plans to continue wrestling in college.

"I've had one coach ask me to fill out a recruiting form," she said. "I'm looking at a couple of colleges and I'm hoping to go to a college with wrestling. I see myself wrestling through high school and college and coming back to help coach one of our programs. "Of all the sports, wrestling has the tightest bond," she added. "We are all so close. We're out there individually, but the bond with wrestling is so amazing and I just love it. My male teammate and my female teammates, it doesn't matter. I have a great bond with them. I don't see myself cutting wrestling out ever."

In the meantime, Krueger will work toward her goal of four state championships.

"My ultimate goal is eventually four, but to get four, you have to get three," she said. "Right now, I have my eyes set on three. I want three state titles and I want to see some success for my teammates as well."

BASKETBALL

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Waupaca with 13 points and Henry Mouw chipped in with 12.

Freedom 62, Waupaca 54

FREEDOM – Freedom kept pace with Fox Valley Lutheran at the top of the North Eastern standings with a home win.

The Irish took a 33-28 lead into the locker room at halftime and outscoored the Comets 29-26 over the final 18 minutes.

Mouw and Bechard led Waupaca with 22 and 12 points, respectively, while Donovan Davis led the Irish with 22.

Seymour 78, New London 67 (OT)

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Youth wrestlers

Several Clintonville Youth Wrestling Club wrestlers competed at recent tournaments in Kimberly and Crivitz. Six Truckers (above) wrestled Feb. 4 in Kimberly, including Caden Maas (second place), Stanley Thiel (second), Braxton Maas (first), Aidan Lamberg (second), Declan Lamberg (fourth) and Alivia Lamberg (third). Tessie and Asher McAuly (right) placed fourth and third, respectively, Feb. 3 in Crivitz.

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VanDehy runs at Olympic trial

BY GREG SEUBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

ORLANDO – It wasn't the finish she was hoping for, but a Hortonville High School graduate is happy with her effort at her first U.S. Olympic Team Trial.

Kathy VanDehy of Menasha placed 67th among females Feb. 3 at a marathon race in Orlando, Florida. She would have needed a top-three finish to qualify to run on the U.S. women's marathon team this summer at the Summer Olympics in Paris, France, and placed 67th with a time of 2:40.29.

She had qualified for the trial by placing fifth among female runners at last year's Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minnesota, with a



Hortonville High School graduate Kathy VanDehy placed 67th among female runners in a U.S. Olympic Team Trial race Feb. 3 in Orlando, Florida. VanDehy, the former Kathy Derks, competed in track as a high school athlete in Hortonville.

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time of 2:29.45.

VanDehy, the former Kathy Derks, competed in track at Hortonville and ran on eight Division 1 relay teams from 2010-13 at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships.

She graduated from Hortonville High School in 2013 before joining the track team at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"(I) endured the U.S. Olympic Trials marathon, battling the Florida heat," VanDehy wrote on her Instagram page. "Despite the struggle, I pushed through, leaned on my training and finished with heart. (I) didn't hit my goal, but standing tall and gritty, (I'm) proud to have competed on this elite stage."

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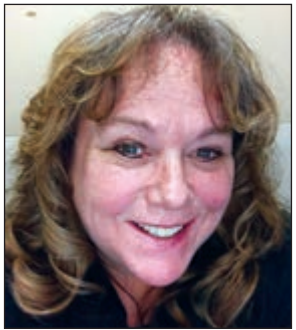
The Highway 15 bypass has created a very unique opportunity for Hortonville to rebrand itself. No longer is it that little town you pass through on your way to somewhere else.

We as a village board need to take steps to create a vision and see it through to encourage new businesses to locate here.

I would envision a more "boutique" sort of feel, with antique and craft stores, vintage shops and artist studios among others.

Continuing to develop our parks will help with this endeavor as well, as they will invite people to spend more time here to enjoy what Hortonville has to offer.

Most importantly, creating this environment will help our existing business owners to continue to thrive here.



Judy Peterson

There is more to vision now than it is really done. But, for now, if you can walk out the front door of a business and not have to wait a half hour for traffic, that is a good change. I would hope to see more little businesses coming in and making this a place for people to come relax shop and spend

more time.

I would like to explore more options for additional parking in the downtown area and find a way to support businesses in updating their facades.

I also believe in supporting our community civic groups and volunteers like our fire department and first responders that give our village our safety net that we all take for granted.



**Julie Arendt
Vanden Heuvel**

With the recent opening of the Highway 15 bypass, we need to rejuvenate the historic downtown business district. As community leaders, we are exploring incentives that will attract and retain our outstanding small businesses. Our ongoing efforts include redesigning the downtown area to prioritize pedestrian safety and provide a more user-friendly experience for patrons.

We aim to diversify amenities and businesses accessible to both residents and visitors. This involves initiatives such as wider sidewalks to accommodate outdoor seating and display options for restaurants and retail establishments. Addressing parking convenience, improving visibility, and implementing measures to slow down traffic.

We are working on connecting multimodal trails to the new trails along Highway 15 and the WIOWASH trail. This interconnected trail system aims to encourage patrons from outside our community to explore the unique offerings of Hortonville.

Village officials and business owners, working together, can turn our community into an exciting and vibrant destination.



First glimpse

More than 100 visitors viewed floor plans and of the former First State Bank building Saturday, Feb. 3. The New London Public Library and Museum Board hosted three open house events in the community to share its vision for transforming the former bank into the New London Public Library. Library Director Ann Hunt says participation numbers were strong and public reaction has been positive.

John Faucher Photo

Police respond to domestic violence

New London man faces charges

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – Police arrested a man twice within three hours following domestic violence reports.

Jaime C. Ovalle Jr., 24, New London, is charged with disorderly conduct, two counts of criminal damage to property, felony intimidation of a victim and burglary, all as acts of domestic abuse and as a repeat offender.

He is also charged with resisting an officer.

Shortly before 3 p.m. Dec. 16, 2023, New London police were dispatched to a home in Northwood Village.

Dispatch advised that a female caller reported that her boyfriend had been drinking before he came to her home and destroyed some of her belongings.

According to the criminal complaint, the caller suddenly hung up the phone and dispatch suspected her boyfriend had taken it away from her.

When New London Police Officer Brant Gosh arrived, he found Ovalle in

a van attempting to leave. Ovalle exited the vehicle and Gosh saw blood dripping from his hands. Gosh handcuffed Ovalle and placed him in the back of his squad car.

The suspect smelled of alcohol. Ovalle said he injured his hand by slamming it in the door of his van. Then he said he closed the mobile home door on it, the complaint says.

He denied trashing the inside of the home.

Sgt. Nick Kamba and Officer Brent Seavecki arrived and entered the house to speak to the victim.

Seavecki reported seeing "a refrigerator that was completely flipped over and a large glass kitchen table was smashed leaving shards of glass everywhere. There were open condiments that were opened on the floor and blood on the refrigerator, carpet, the inside and outside of the entrance door, as well as blood on the face of victim that she was attempting to clean up from. Victim indicated the blood was from Jaime, who cut himself destroying all this property that belonged to her."

Seavecki also noted Ovalle "began ranting

about previous domestic disturbance convictions and how he was trying to be a productive member of society."

The victim told police Ovalle had threatened to beat up her father and her brother in the past and to report her to child protective services.

Ovalle was transported to the jail in Waupaca.

"When I returned to the police department, I was going to contact on-call probation to see if they were going to put a hold on him," Gosh reported. "At this point, he had already been released from jail, having been bonded out by his mother."

Police called back to scene

Shortly after 6 p.m., a neighbor reported Ovalle had returned to the home and could be heard trashing it again.

Sgt. Chase Schroeder, Seavecki and Gosh arrived, saw Ovalle's van and attempted to call Ovalle out of the home. Nobody came to the door.

They observed new damage to the deck railing since their prior visit.

With guns drawn, officers entered the home to check on the victim's welfare and to remove Ovalle. They found Ovalle in a bedroom closet, dragged him out, escorted him to the floor and handcuffed him.

The victim was not there because she had left after cleaning up the broken glass.

Ovalle's mother arrived at the scene. She told officers she brought Ovalle to the home because he said he needed things.

"She thought it was weird because he officially moved out and told his probation agent he did not have anything at the home anymore," the complaint says.

Additional damage at the home included the deck, a fan ripped from the ceiling, the door torn from the refrigerator and a vacuum cleaner broken in pieces.

After the second incident, Ovalle was returned to jail, where he remains on a \$1,500 cash bond.

He has two prior convictions of domestic abuse offenses, as well as a felony conviction for possession of methamphetamine.



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