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Promotions cause consternation in Waupaca schools

New business manager, associate principal

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA - Unexpected promotions in the Waupaca School District have caused what some school board members called "disruptions" at the Feb. 13 meeting.

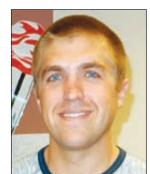
In response to Carl Hayek's resignation as the district's business services director in January, District Administrator Ron Saari quickly promoted two district employees.

Austin Moore was promoted from associate principal at Waupaca Middle School to the position of business services director.

Devon Feldt was promoted from being a seventh- and eighth-grade advisor at the Chain Exploration Center (CEC) to associate principal at WMS.

At the meeting, Saari read a memo that he sent to board members about the appointments to fill the vacant posi-

"We knew that we had one highly qualified individual on staff working on finishing his director of busi-Saari said. "We also knew that earlier this year when Weyauwega had that same position posted, it took approximately eight months to find someone. There are cur-



Feldt



Moore

rently several business director positions posted around the state. Qualified candidates are hard to find."

Saari noted that Moore has worked in the district for three years and has 27 years experience in education.

"He also demonstrated evidence of high educational and professional standards," Saari said. "Austin is a known entity with a background in teaching, technology integration coach and adminis-

Moore worked as a technology coach at the Neenah Joint School District from August 2014 to July 2021

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Lauren Griggs, the children's library director, leads the Winter Wiggles program Feb. 16 at the Iola Village Library. See story page 6. Emily Conroy Photo

Waupaca County papers, SP Gazette set to merge

WAUPACA – Multi Media Channels announced Feb. 19 that the Waupaca County Post and the Stevens Point Gazette have formed a strategic partnership for combined delivery, effective immediately.

In response to industry challenges, this cost-saving initiative ensures continued high-quality journalism while adapting to evolving market demands.

Maintaining unwavering journalistic standards, the Waupaca County Post will continue to provide comprehensive content including news, sports, advertising, obituaries and legal notices.

Readers in Waupaca,

New London, Clintonville, Weyauwega-Fremont, Iola-Scandinavia and Manawa will continue to see weekly coverage of their communi-

Delivery via USPS remains unchanged, with some subscribers benefiting from earlier arrival times.

This collaboration marks a proactive step toward sustainability in media operations.

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This mixed-media drawing by Waupaca 11th grader Lalita Renteria was featured in the Youth Art Month exhibit at the Waupaca Area Public Library. On display is the best artwork of the year from students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The artwork will be on display until Saturday, April 6. See story page 3.

New London recommends capital spending projects

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON - Members of the New London Common Council voted to approve more than \$560,000 in spending when they met Feb. 7 as the Capital Projects Committee of the Whole.

Of that amount, \$42/,000 is for overflow parking and a pier at the city's old street ga-

A trail along the Wolf River, running from The Waters Supper Club to Johnny's Little Shop of Bait, is also included in the Parks and Recreation

The resolution stipulates that the Park and Recreation Department receive 50% state DNR funding for the project. The city also plans to help fund the project by using \$58,000 in reserve funds from its boat launch fees.

"People are paying their boat launch fees and they like to see things getting done," Treasurer/Finance Director



The city of New London plans to rennovate this trail along the Wolf River as a future capital spending project. John Faucher Photo

Judy Radke said. "My suggestion would be to approve this be paid for out of assigned boat launch dollars because that is what they're for."

Radke noted that Park and Recreation Director Ginger Sowle was working to obtain state Department of Natural Resources grants for the proj-

"What I would suggest you do is approve the project at \$427.000 in anticipation of a grant that will be written to cover at least half of it and the rest of it come out of assigned fund balance," she said, noting that Sowle needed city approval for the project and a plan in place before she could apply for the grants.

"If we don't get the grants, then we can't spend the money," Sowle said.

The city also plans to spend

\$63,300 for engineering and design of a Newton Blackmour State Trail bridge.

A Waupaca County Greenways grant is expected to pay 20% of the project's cost, bringing down New London's actual outlay for the bridge to \$50,000.

Located over the Embarrass River on New London's east side, the bridge ran into obstacles in 2022 after engineers said the bridge needed to be high enough to allow boats to float beneath it during a highwater event, but not so high that a bucket truck would be unable to access nearby power

"I feel like we're dumping a lot of money into this walking trail," Ald. Tim Roberts said. "I feel like we already hit a brick wall by the DNR saying we can't put one (bridge)

Sowles said the DNR has confirmed that the site would

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Clintonville volleyball booster club funds ignite controversy

Money given to another club

BY BERT LEHMAN

STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE Questions have been raised regarding funds from the Clintonville volleyball booster club that were donated to Northern Ignite volleyball club.

Was the donation was approved by the booster club and what role the Clintonville School District should take regarding the situation.

Funds from the Clintonville volleyball booster club were donated to Northern Ignite by Jade Czarnecki, who was the varsity head coach of the Clintonville Truckers High School volleyball team at the time.

As head coach, she had authority to spend booster club funds. Czarnecki later resigned as Clintonville's head volleyball coach, then accepted the club director position with Northern Ignite.

The Clintonville Tribune-Gazette contacted Czarnecki,

Northern Ignite board members and Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn for information about the situation. The information they provided is listed below.

Czarnecki

Czarnecki was the varsity volleyball coach for Clintonville High School for two years, which put her in charge of the Clintonville volleyball booster club funds. She told the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette that the statement she provided refers to her time as the head coach of the high school volleyball team, and not her time with Northern

I still did not feel like I was do-

ing enough for our girls and

the volleyball community."

"During my two years as head coach we hosted camps, open gyms, and even allocated funds for professional volleyball athletes to host a camp in our home gym," Czarnecki said in the statement. "Even with all these wonderful opportunities, not every player was not able to participate and

Czarnecki said that while she was the volleyball head coach, she researched schools in Clintonville's conference who had a successful volleyball program, asking one of the coaches what made them successful.

"The coach immediately attributed the success to having an established club that runs out of their home gym and all but three players in the school's program play club volleyball whether at that club or elsewhere," Czarnecki said in the statement.

That conversation, according to Czarnecki, was when she knew that a successful volleyball program in Clintonville couldn't be achieved during only two months out of the school season, as that wasn't "enough time to effectively develop players and ignite their

passion for volleyball." "The varsity head coach is responsible for player development of the seniors all the way down to fifth grade," she said in the statement. "I needed to look at the big

picture to understand what

it would take for Clintonville Volleyball to be successful in 5, 10, or 15 years. I then did research and as the head coach, I chose to donate to a non-profit that would have a greater impact on Clintonville Volleyball than I could have ever achieved through my role alone."

Since WIAA rules limit who can coach student athletes in the offseason, Czarnecki stated that "between that and assisting with the establishment of the club, I made the difficult decision to resign from the head coaching position as to not put either program in a compromised position."

She concluded her statement, "As an alumni of the school, I am excited to see where club volleyball will take the Clintonville program and wish the best for both parties."

Northern Ignite

Northern Ignite provided the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette a statement signed by

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be approved.

"We haven't applied for the permits yet, but we met onsite with the waterways and floodways directors and they have said it's definitely a site that would be approved," she

City Administrator Chad Hoerth said the information that the DNR would not approve the site came from FEMA engineers. The DNR has since indicated that the site was something that could be worked out.

"This is \$63.000 just to engineer it and then we're going to talk about another \$200,000 to build it," Roberts said.

'The state has a lot of

money right now that they

want to put into silent sports

like this," Sowle said.

Council members approved all the capital spending projects unanimously except for the Newton Blackmour bridge. Roberts cast the sole vote against it.

Council members also approved \$20,000 for two new bleachers and \$7,000 for renovations of the ball diamond

at Pfeifer Park.

In 2021, the Park and Rec Department was quoted \$34,000 for a dump truck, which they ordered in early 2022. Due to vehicle supply chain issues, the truck did not arrive until recently and the price had risen by \$25,000 due to inflation.

Other capital projects include barricades and a small equipment for the Public Works Department, an additional \$25,000 for a zoning ordinance rewrite and \$6,000 for stump grinding and clean up at the cemetery.

ter school where the focus is on project-based learning.

and as a teacher in the Oshkosh School District from 2014 to 2021.

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He earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education and teaching from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from UW-Oshkosh and advanced training in educational leadership and administration.

"It has been a very busy past month and a half, but I think I am starting to settle in," Feldt said.

In his statement to the board, Saari said administrative staff reviewed its options when hiring an associate principal at the middle

'We believed that hiring an interim external or internal AP would create more disruption than finding a quality and proven person from within our organization," Saari said. "We also mutually agreed that Mr. Devon Feldt was a highly qualified person on staff who had previously interviewed for an administrative position inside the district. Devon has proven himself to be a leader as a person who commands respect while exhibiting the qualities of genuine kindness and good humor, which are essential

in effective leadership." Feldt began teaching in 2019 at the Chain Exploration Center (CEC), a char-

He received his bachelor's degree in elementary education from UW-Stevens Point and a master's degree in educational leadership and policy from UW-Osh-

Prior to coming to Waupaca, Feldt taught for four vears in the Wevauwega-Fremont School District.

His father, Dale Feldt, is a retired WHS math teacher and president of the Waupaca School Board. He left the meeting during discussion of the contracts for the promotions.

Discussion

At the beginning of the meeting, Sandy Robinson, a former school board member and current president of the CEC Governance Council, spoke about the impact of the sudden promotions.

"For the things facing you in light of the disruption that's happened not only in our school, but in echoes throughout the district, I feel for you and I appreciate how hard you are working to make things as right as you can in a very challenging situation," Robinson

She urged board members to continue honoring its "commitment to our families and our community, our students, our staff, to fulfill the mission of the CEC, which is to provide

a place where children will explore their passions and gain a strong educational foundation through projectbased learning in a collaborative community."

"I am sorry that this all happened so quickly," board member Betty Manion said. "In hindsight, it's easy to see steps that were missed and interviews perhaps that could have been held but weren't, and this has nothing to do with Austin or Devon, who are highly qualified."

She said the hiring process should have been equally open to all qualified employees.

Board member Brooks asked if they could step back from the associate principal's appointment and allow WMS and the Chain to share Feldt until the end of the school year.

vice-president Board Steve Klismet criticized the lack of communication with the CEC, noting the school board and governance council have been making progress while working together.

"I feel that we might have bent that trust a little bit," Klismet said. "It's a little upsetting that it happened so fast."

Several board members commented positively on Moore and Feldt's qualifica-

The board voted unanimously to approve the appointments.

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three of its board members. They described Northern Ignite as "a non-profit volleyball club located in Clintonville, WI. Our goal is to bring as many opportunities to Clintonville Area volleyball athletes as possible, whether that be club teams, camps, clinics, sport specific education or access to a gym/weight room."

The statement said that in its first year of existence, Northern Ignite hosted more than 100 volleyball athletes through various camps and clinics.

"We were able to field 40+ athletes over four teams, ranging from 11-17 years old," the statement read. "A majority of those athletes were from the Clintonville School District."

The statement continued, "The donation we received during our inception helped establish Northern Ignite as a non-profit and solidify an infrastructure that can support continued success, just like we've seen in our first year. We encourage the community to keep supporting these female athletes as they continue to grow in a sport that they love."

Clintonville School District responds

In an interview with the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette, Kuhn said the account that the funds were used from belongs to the Clintonville volleyball booster club, which the Clintonville School District has no jurisdiction over.

"The (high school volleyball) coaches are in charge of the booster club, as well as the Trucker Volleyball Club (which is a school group), so that's where the difference of opinion comes in," Kuhn said "First of all, the booster club should probably have a board set up. But the way it was set up originally, that this is going to be an account where we can put money in or out of without necessarily going through the school."

Kuhn said the volleyball booster club was formed before he was hired by the school

Regarding the relationship the district has with the volleyball booster club, Kuhn said the district does not work with the booster club because it is an entity not associated with the school district. He added that any checks written to the Clintonville School District for a fundraiser are deposited in a school activity account even if the funds are from a fundraiser organized by the booster club.

"The booster club was doing fundraisers, but they weren't specific about who to write the check to. Any checks that were written to the Clintonville School District got deposited in the student account, not the booster club account," Kuhn said. "There was never any transfer from Clintonville (School District) to booster or from booster to Clintonville."

While the funds were used to help start Northern Ignite, Kuhn said it was his understanding that "talk of creating an area volleyball club began years ago in anticipation of getting Clintonville and other kids extra reps to be successful in the future.

"To my understanding, there's two main differences in opinions right now," Kuhn said. "Was it ever disclosed that the money raised was specific to create a volleyball club? And two, was there an agreement, and who agreed to how to use the booster money to create the club, and how much money should be used to create a club?"

Kuhn said he became aware of the use of funds from people who heard about it in the community.

"I want to thank those people because if we did something wrong, I want to be the first to correct our policies and procedures, but also, not just myself, the school board members, everybody," Kuhn said. "The whole situation put a black eye on the district, especially the volleyball program, so we want to get as much factual information out there that we can share. Like we said after we investigated everything, the money was completely separate from the school district and we wanted

to make sure that the public knew there was no wrongdoing by the district and that we separate ourselves from booster clubs. That's why we put all that stuff on the (school) board agenda."

Upon hearing about the funds use, Kuhn said the district checked the Clintonville Trucker Volleyball student account and found that none of those funds were missing.

"After the post was published, my phone was blowing up," Kuhn said. "And it's really hard for me to tell people that I have been advised that I can't do anything about this because it's not our money. However, being the face of the district, I worked with people. The Northern Ignite board members called me, as well as the current coaches, and I said you guys have to figure this out because the school is not a part of the booster club money. That's where I would say the difference of opinions

He said he also contacted the attorney for the school district to see what the district's role should be regarding the

"The district's attorney said the school has no say in any of these funds, just back up and let other people handle it because you don't have jurisdiction over that," Kuhn said.

When asked why student activity accounts and use of district facilities were placed on the Feb. 12 school board agenda, Kuhn said, "We wanted to be transparent as a district. We wanted to show the public that we do have policies in place, we do have procedures in place. But yet at the same time, we can't tell a booster club how to run their program or use their money. We can't do that."

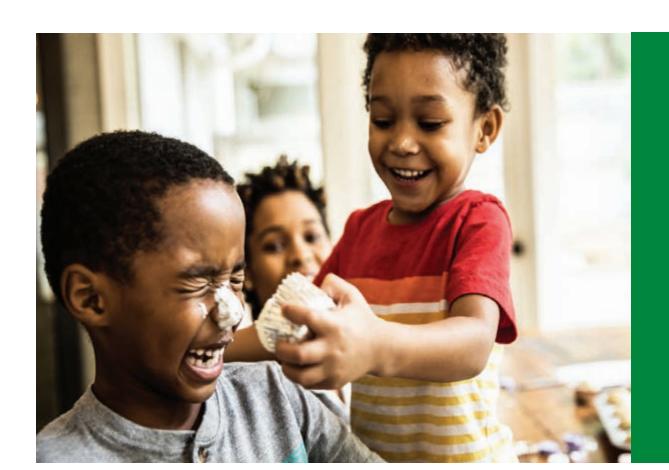
Kuhn added that in order for funds to be used from a student group activity account, a request for funds by the group has to be made and then there are a series of steps and approvals needed before the funds are released. This helps prevent situations like the one the Clintonville volleyball booster club is currently dealing with.



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Waupaca NEWS

Waupaca celebrates young artists

Art showcased at library

> **BY JAMES CARD** STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - There is a giant whale shark in the Waupaca Area Public Library.

The aquatic beast hangs from the ceiling in the downstairs exhibition room and is part of the annual Youth Art Month exhibit.

The papier mâché shark was crafted by 11th grader Kionna Jorgenson. It is one of many works of art in the exhibit.

The work ranges through many mediums: ceramics, pottery, sculpture, pencil sketches, paintings, textiles, metalwork, jewelry, etchings, found objects, printmaking and mixed media.

A collaboration of the Waupaca School District, Waupaca Area Public Library and Waupaca Public Library Foundation, the exhibit shows the best artwork from kindergarten through 12th-grade students.

The exhibit was curated and organized by Waupaca art teachers Mackenzie Burns, Erika Elgersma, Mathew Lawniczak and Tricia Price. The ongoing exhibits at the library are organized by Liz Kneer, the exhibit room coordinator.

An awards ceremony was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 20, to honor the outstanding artists. The Best in Show was Lily Swendrzynski. For Waupaca High School, first place went to Cooper Roberts, second place to Ula Rozanska and Lalita Renteria took third. Honorable mentions in-



This whale shark that hangs above the Youth Art exhibit at the Waupaca Area Public Library was made by Kionna Jorgenson.



This pointillist sketch at the Waupaca library's youth art exhibit was done with a Sharpie by Daylin Breitzman.

clude Sarah McCourt, Jenna Olson, Claire Hemmila, Stephanie Nickerson, Kevin Crawford, Brooke W., Tustin Phillips

For Waupaca Middle School, Jordan Cockrell took first place, Christine Packingham, took second and Luka Adkinson took third. Honorable mentions include Kendall Rice, Aiden Folz, Garrett Bohringer and Bailey Nelson.

For elementary school students from the Waupaca Learning Center and the Chain Exploration Center, Silas Hackett took first place, Lisette Heinsohn took second and Evelyn Fritz got third place. Honorable mentions include Cass Garrison, Liam Wohlrabe, Theodore Doscher, Emma Storck, Zachary Doscher, Grace Washburn and Jaqueline Johnson.

Fly-in with wheels

No snow, no problem

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - Unlike other snow-dependent events that have been cancelled this winter, the annual Ski Plane and Chili Fly-in at the Waupaca Municipal Airport will continue despite a lack

It will be held from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Hosted by Waupaca's 444 EAA Chapter, the event will be held in the Celestial Kinetics hangar, home to the airport's newest aviation school. The event is open to the public.

"Planes will still be arriving and landing on either

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the standard runway or the of items to bid on. grass. The lack of snow this year is really disappointing but some planes are also equipped with 'wheel skis' and allow the regular wheel to drop past the ski for regular runway use," said Mike Ryszkiewicz, the chapter's president.

The spot landing contest is set for noon. The goal is to land on or after a runway stripe in the shortest distance and landing before the line gets a zero. Each pilot gets two attempts to land.

A viewing area will be set up for spectators can what the action up close.

Besides the chili and deserts, the club will also have a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction with \$3,500 worth

Ryszkiewicz is expecting a big turn-out with aviators coming in from all over Wisconsin.



WAUPACA So peaceful! This 3BR/2BA character filled Waupaca home is nestled near the back of this 6 acre partially

wooded retreat adding much privacy. Main floor has great room, kitchen primary bedroom, full bath, and laundry/craft room; two additional upper bedrooms-one with a patio door and deck to backyard with views of the back acreage. The 24x24 garage has an extra 15x8 workshop area.



Local novel recognized

STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - Local author Richard Sweitzer's novel, "Ode: The Scion of Nerikan" was awarded a Star rating from Kirkus Reviews.

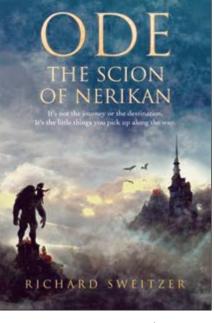
The star rating highlights books of exceptional merit and only 10% of novels published by traditional publishing houses receive one.

Sweitzer self-published his book and for novels published independently, less than 2% get a star rating. The star rating also puts his book in the running for the annual \$50,000 Kirkus Prize.

"My little book, written and published in Waupaca, made the cut," said

The novel is a story about an immortal monster searching for a way to die, and a little girl who gives him reason to live for a little longer.

The Kirkus review describes the fantasy novel as "The author takes readers across the expanse of the richly imagined Eisen, around forests, into various cities and villages, and through harrow-



ing mountains. No journey, however, is more fulfilling than the emotional one at this story's core."

The book is available online and and at the Bookcellar in Waupaca.

Winter hike planned in Waupaca

WAUPACA - A winter hike on the Shambeau Hill and Shambeau Park trails is planned from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25,

The "Hike Under the Snow Full Moon" event includes two hiking options - Shambeau Hill toward the Depot and the Shambeau Park Loop and trail leading to the Depot. The historic Depot at 525

Oak Street will be open for warming, hot drinks, activities and a campfire outside All ages are welcome to this free event.

Parking for the hike is available at Shambeau Hill under the water tower, at the Depot and at Shambeau Park.

This event is sponsored by the Waupaca Historical Society, the Waupaca Area Public Library, and Waupaca Parks and Recreation.

PUMC offers youth grant program

WAUPACA - Parfreyville United Methodist Church (PUMC) has announced a seventh round of its Children and Youth Grant Program.

Based on a memorial donation dedicated for children and youth programs within PUMC, the grant program was created to make funds available within the local commu-

Qualifying projects are typically awarded grants ranging from a few hundred dollars up to \$1,000.

PUMC will accept applications from religious or non-religious-, public or private organizations that focus on the needs of children and youth.

Project and program examples may include, but are not limited to, addressing health and nutritional needs, poverty and homelessness, education and youth mentoring.

Grant applications are to be submitted by April 30. Recipients will be notified by May 15 with funds available by May 30.

To obtain grant guidelines and application forms, contact the church office at 715-258-8615 or email office@ warmumc.com.

Parfreyville United Methodist Church, part of the Waupaca Area Regional Ministry, is located at N1979 County Trunk K in Waupaca and on Facebook at Waupaca Area Regional Ministry of the UMC.

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Clintonville NEWS

Clintonville reviews club policies

Volleyball booster club controversy

BY BERT LEHMAN

STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Funds missing from the Clintonville volleyball booster club prompted the district to review policies for the student groups and clubs under its jurisdiction.

The Clintonville School Board reviewed its policies at its Feb. 12 board meeting.

The district has no jurisdiction over the volleyball booster club.

Student fundraisers

Superintendent Troy Kuhn told the board that the district does have policies regarding student fundraisers. He said that the district's administrative guidelines form asks for information about which club wants to do a fundraiser, as well as what the raised funds are intended to be used for.

"I try to be very specific when I talk to staff who do fundraisers, that a lot of time people will donate more money if they know exactly what it's going to be used for," Kuhn said.

The fundraising application is for any group or club who keep their money in the district's student account. These groups or clubs must follow the district's guidelines.

Clintonville School Board President Ben Huber said that booster clubs do their own fundraising and accounting.

"All funds go through them. The school does not have any accounting over that in any way, shape, or form," Huber said. "That is a booster that is separate from (the district). There are several booster clubs that are separate from the district, and the district does not review those accounts. They (district) are not involved and have no jurisdiction over those booster clubs."

Huber added that he thinks some people are having difficulty separating a school student group from a booster club.

"The funds that go through our accounting process and our business manager, those funds are extremely, closely watched," Huber said. "Booster funds are done by the club that applies for the 501c3, which, we as a district, don't have any control over."

School Board member Jason Moder used the Clintonville Quarterback Club as an example of a Clintonville booster club that has a board of directors who overlook the club's financials and decide on how the funds should be spent.

Huber said if checks are written to the Clinton-ville School District for a fundraiser, the funds are deposited in the student group account, which the district oversees. Whereas, if checks are written to a booster club, it is deposited by the booster club, and the district has no say in what happens to those funds.

Even though the district has no input regarding fundraisers conducted by a booster club, Kuhn told the board he would like to recommend that booster clubs let the district know when they are doing a fundraiser so the district is aware of the fundraiser.

School Board member Glen Drew Lundt asked the board members if changes need to be made to district policies so "certain situations" don't happen again. Specifically, Lundt asked if the district could help a booster club organize.

Huber said, "No, we are not in the business of forming booster clubs. We should not be involved, and I don't think statuto-

rily we can be involved."

Moder recommended that any group that wants advice on the ins and outs of being a booster club should contact one of the long-established booster clubs in the community.

"Board members on those said boosters can walk them through the process," Moder said. "The entire thing is not an easy process. I can tell you that from experience."

Student activity accounts

Kuhn provided the board with information about the various student activity accounts in the district.

He said the majority of every athletic team and school club has a financial activity account. There are also staff accounts that are used for various things.

"All of these accounts have to follow school policy and guidelines," Kuhn

Facilities rental, usage

Kuhn told the board that there is a lot of case law regarding who is allowed to rent a district facility because the district's buildings are public buildings.

"If you open it up to one community group, you need to open it up to all (community groups)," Kuhn said. "We can't discriminate against one or the other. Luckily, we haven't run into any of that, but that always has to be on the back of your mind if you have a group in there, that we're not going to set a precedence for the future."

Regarding the cost of renting a district facility, Moder said there shouldn't be a fluctuation in price between groups and clubs with members of the district versus groups and clubs with a high number of non-district members.

Foundation shares \$10,850 in grants

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Area Foundation (CAF) awarded \$10,850 in grants to six charitable organizations serving the Clintonville area.

The grants, which benefit a range of community causes, were awarded from a variety of charitable funds within the community foundation this year.

"We are proud to announce that the Clintonville Area Foundation will once again this year be sharing funding with seven area nonprofit organizations, who will use these monies for better nutrition, clothing, victim services, museum signage and a local dog park," said Sue Aschliman, advisory board chair of the Clintonville Area Foundation.

Eligible nonprofit organizations submitted grant requests through the Foundation's annual competitive process. The Foundation's volunteer grants committee members Foundation shares recommend grant recipients to the advisory board for approval.

Grants awarded

• The Compassionate Connection Center – \$2,000 to support Harvest of the Month Healthy Eating initiative benefiting students and families in the Clintonville School District by providing locally sourced, in-season produce each month, as well as six parent/child cooking class sessions.

• Clintonville Goodfellows Association – \$1,500 to support milk and food vouchers redeemable at a local grocery store for each household that



Sue Aschliman, advisory board chair of the Clintonville Area Foundation, presents a \$3,000 grant to Mary Dobbe and Nancy Immel of the Clintonville Food Pantry.



Sue Aschliman, advisory board chair of the Clintonville Area Foundation, presents a \$2,250 grant to Lisa Jones, with the Community Clothes Closet.

Submitted Photos

attends the 2024 holiday distribution.

• Clintonville Area Food Pantry – \$3,000 to ensure pantry users have access to fresh fruit despite rising food costs because fresh fruit is key to foundational nutritional eating.

• The Community Clothes Closet – \$2,250 to support six Traveling Closet distribution events in 2024, which provide free clothing, winter gear and other essentials to Clintonville families with a demonstrated need.

• Mission of Hope House of Wisconsin – \$1,500 to provide vouchers to help clients have their basic needs met while working on their recovery from substance use and/or mental health disorders.

• Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Support Center – \$600 to purchase tools to keep the shelter pantry and clothing rooms more organized, which support client's emergency needs.

To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.ClintonvilleFoundation.org, write Clintonville Area Foundation c/o Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, 4455 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton, WI 54914 or call 920-830-1290.

City to vacate part of Garfield

BY BERT LEHMAN

STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Common Council approved a resolution to vacate the portion of Garfield Avenue between 12th Street and Wilson Street so it can be incorporated into the new campus of Clintonville Utilities.

The approval came after a public meeting on the matter during the council's Feb. 13 meeting. No residents spoke at the public meeting.

The council had started the process to vacate that portion of Garfield Avenue when it passed a preliminary resolution at its December meeting. At the Feb. 13 meeting, Clintonville Utilities Manager Dave Tichinel said the city would vacate the portion of Garfield Avenue for the new Clintonville Utilities building that will be constructed where the former Armory building was located. The Armory was razed over the past couple weeks.

The new building will have a dock for large truck deliveries. "The main reason for me asking for this to be vacated is for safety," Tichinel said.

By vacating that portion of Garfield Avenue, the large trucks making the deliveries will not have to worry about traffic on the street.

Another reason for vacating that portion of Garfield Avenue is so the Clintonville Utilities properties can be secured with fencing, Tichinel said.

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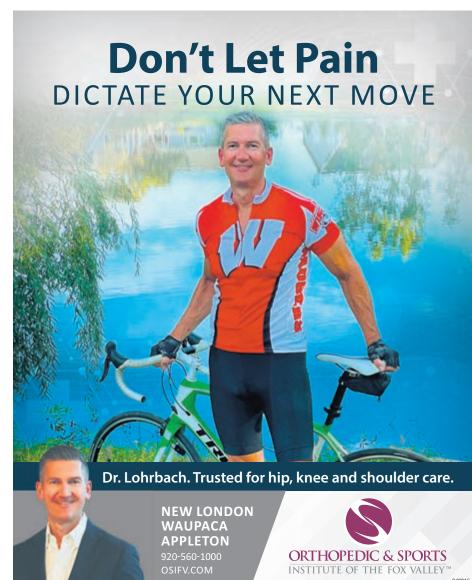
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New London & Hortonville NEWS

New London art show winners

NEW LONDON - Wolf River Art League members growth in numbers once again at their 54th annual Mid-Winter Art Show at Crystal Falls Feb. 11-12.

Organizers say 143 artists registered this year, with 40 additional pieces of artwork on display.

A People's Choice Award ribbon and \$50 went to student Morgan Sommer of New London, who wowed the crowd with her convincing black and white illustration of the character Gandalf from the Lord of the Rings.

Art educator and jazz performer Roberta Miles of Chicago, was the 2024 judge She awarded the following ribbons:

Professional 2D

First, Ashley Ellis, New London; second, Jeremy Bielfuss, New London; third, Mike O'Connell, New London.

Professional 3D

First, Kelly Polsin, New London; second, Don Nelson, Appleton; third, Yolanda Piekarczek, New London.

Professional Photography First, Michael Vanevenhoven, Hortonville; second, John Faucher, New London;

third, Michael Vanevenhoven, Hortonville.

Non-Professional 2D

First, Nick Pinch, New London; second, Jeanne Ruppel, Appleton; third, Scott



New London student Morgan Sommer captured the People's Choice Award at Wolf River Art League's Mid-Winter Art Show Feb. 10-11 at Crystal Falls with this pencil illustration of Gandolph from The Lord of the Rings. Sommer also placed second in the 3D category with a pen drawing of her cat. Submitted Photo

Krug, Shiocton;

Non-Professional 3D

First, Loriann List, Clintonville; second, Ashley List, Clintonville; third, Karl List, Clintonville.

Non-Professional Photography

First, Brenda Hartstern, Denmark; second, Heather Nash, Weyauwega; third, Brenda Hartstern, Denmark. Student 2D

First, Amara Collar; second, Morgan Sommer; third, Fin-

ley Peterson. Student 3D

First, Kaylan Lenhardt; second, Lila Wesenick; third, Claire Ott.

Student Photography

First, Brandon Janssen; second, KaiLeigh Siebers; third, Lily Faucher.

Each year the league awards a scholarship to a graduating senior, and scholarships to a middle and high school student to attend UW-Green Bay Summer Art Camp. In 2021, the league added an additional scholarship for surrounding high schools.

Art scholarship fundraising efforts were supported throughout the show, with a door prize drawing that included Paine Art Museum family memberships, WRAL founding member Henry

Miles original watercolor, a basket of art supplies, art books, and artisan donations.

Children's book author and illustrator Jolene Hedtke entertained children and parents with her illustrations by using an overhead projector so they could view her drawing in process. She is creating her third interactive book of "Porcupine and Frog."



Karl List, of Clintonville, was received a thirdplace award in the nonprofessional division with his three- dimensional Lori Schneider Photo

Jason Hornung demonstrated block printing, Lori Uvaas spun wool, Brady Looker made glass ornaments, Patrick Pelkey demonstrated his wood carving techniques. Two ice sculptures were created on site, with the talent of Casey Early Krueger.

In 2019 the league and community members created a downtown mural on Amazing Low Prices furniture building as a fundraiser to support their Start Art mural project. Nearly \$15,000 was

year, the league This launched a sculpture trail project, and sold engraved metal fish that will become part of a community sculpture along the trail at Riverside Park. Monies raised in selling the fish will be applied to sculpture footings, landscaping and signage for the trail.

During the art show, children enjoyed filling a map of the trail with their own mini sculptures, which allowed them to understand the league's upcoming project.

The league is looking for financial support and volunteers who want to be a part of this sculpture trail.

Find more information on Wolf River Art League's Facebook page, their new website at wolfriverart.org, or contact club President Lori Schneider at 920-982-1068.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Dollar General moving in

New tenant in old IGA

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA - During the Feb. 19 meeting, the common council voted to approve an offer to purchase two parcels of land between the city of Weyauwega and Lennon Holdings LLC, an investment group.

The parcels are two squares of parking lot that is part of the old IGA grocery store. One parcel is paved, the other is gravel.

Mayor Richard Luedke said the negotiation had been going on since September 2023. The investment group wanted the parking lot owned by the city. JD's Café expressed interest in purchasing some of the land for more parking for their customers. Luedke offered to swap parking lots with them: the city would get the gravel parcel, the investment group would get the paved parcel.

"Lennon [Holding LLC] is Dollar General. Dollar General doesn't own any properties. They lease from everybody. If you look at the other ones in the county, everyone has a different investor. When we had the [previous, interested] buyer for the IGA, we were going to give them the parking lot and \$40,000 to help repave it. That parking lot needs a lot of work so it's a win

Also a golf ace

BY JAMES CARD

STAFF REPORTER

exander (Alec) Muir is the

new business director for

the Weyauwega-Fremont

He has worked in the

education field since 2019

when he was a special edu-

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for us. We get more money on the tax roll. If you're really bored someday, look at how much tax revenue that comes in off those properties. Every Dollar Gernal is worth over a million dollars. That's tax revenue coming into the city. And we're helping out JD's [Café] that wants to expand. So basically, we're swapping parking lots and once we have the parking lot, we will discuss with JD's about purchasing the gravel lot. And as far as I can see, every Dollar General signs for a 15-year lease," said Luedke.

Luedke said as soon as Dollar General gets the paperwork, they will have people in the old IGA building this week, inspecting and prepping for a remodeling makeover.

Open alderman seat

The council discussed how to proceed to fill the open position in Aldermanic District 3 after the resignation of council member Kaley DuCoeur. According to the bylaws, the position would be appointed by the mayor and the person would serve for one year. There were two candidates and Luedke said he would interview them and recommend one person to the council.

New badge

City Clerk Becky Loehrke swore in new police of-ficer Colton Wegener and

New business director at W-F

tion in school business man-

Chief of Police Brandon Leschke pinned a badge on his uniform.

'We hired him part-time and will serve when the fulltime officers are on vacation or training. He will be here to take care of the community and we are happy to have him," said Leschke.

Repainting the silo

Mary Jane Baehman of the Weyauwega Area Historical Society briefed the council on some of the society's recent activities and focused on three upcoming concerns that could use community-wide help: the mural on the landmark silo in Stevenson Park will need to be repainted and an informational sign next to the silo needed to be replaced and moved to a more visible spot. She also advised the council of an initiative to digitalize Weyauwega's old newspapers as a way to preserve the city's history.

Picnic and fireworks

The council approved a Community Picnic to be held at Maasch Community Park on Sunday, June 23. The police and fire departments would be there and the picnic is open to everyone in the city. It would be a free-swim day and the park would host a baseball game. The council also approved a \$7,000 quote for a fireworks show to be held on July 3 at the Waupaca County Fair-

February leap year flashbacks

JOHN FAUCHER

NEW LONDON - In recognition of leap years, we looked back through the pages of the Press Star from prior leap years and collected some news tidbits.

February 1956

 New London Troop 7 Girl Scouts were working on their Community Badges when photographed in the telephone company offices. They learned how switchboard operators handle incoming calls. Operators were Mrs. Rosalind Girard and Miss Jean Edminster. From the New London Daily Press, Feb. 15, 1956.

•Mr. George Gitter, 1504 Wyman St. was fined \$25 and cost of \$6 for leaving the scene of an accident after hitting a parked car on Division Street. He appeared before Justice of the Peace Carl Schoenrock Saturday.

February 1960

• Tews Auto at the intersection of Highway 54 and 45 adver-

tised the U.S. produced AMC Rambler on sale for \$1,795 and offered immediate delivery. Today's inflation calculator estimates the purchasing power of that amount from then to now being about \$47,750.

February 1948

• On Feb. 29, 1948, Dr. John Monsted delivered another leap-year baby, Eugene Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Collier. Dr. Monsted practiced medicine in New London for 54 years and delivered over 3.500 babies here, several of them leap-year babies. Dr. Monsted's office was at 112 N. Water Street from 1926 to 1980. He moved here in 1910 and grew up in the home located at 405 Wyman Street.

February 1960

 Alderman Richard Berglund was named director of Civil Defense Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1960, by Mayor Gus Krueger Berglund has been active in Civil Defense work for several years. His station at the corner of Hwys 45 and 54 was the call point into the Green Bay Filter Center for unidentified aircraft.

 Curwood Inc. put its second polyethylene filmmaking machine in operation last week, which is shown in the process of making blown tubing. The company, which began operations here less than a year ago, extruding polyethylene film, has increased its production and now employs 14 people. Production has been maintained on a 24-hour a day schedule. Shown in the picture are Tom Sartor, 1209 Shiocton Street, on the left and Ken Thern Rt. 1, New London operating the machines

February 1980

 New London Bowler Jim Stern "Rocked the Pins" for a 708 series at New London Lanes to become the fourth bowler in the lanes history to do so. Stern had games of 245, 264 and 199 to win a bottle of Scotch. Other bowlers on the team and their scores were Gary Herres 686, Mike Loughrin 644, Vern Kroll 571, and Bob Stewart 504. As a result, the Franklin House team had games of 1085, 1032 and 996 for 3,113.

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cation paraprofessional and regular education paraprofessional with the Chequamegon School District in Park Falls. During that time, he earned a master's of science in data analytics and a master's of science in educa-

agement at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

"I find it very interesting that the mascot here in Weyauwega-Fremont is a Warhawk and my alma mater at UW-Whitewater was also a Warhawk," said Muir.

He previously worked as the business operations specialist with the Oshkosh Area School District. Muir was born in To-

ronto, Ontario and spent the first 30 years of his life in Canada before he met my wife who is from Wisconsin. They were married in 2016 and spent their first

two years together teaching at Quality Schools International in southern China. They travel back to Canada every Christmas to spend time with Muir's side of the family. During summer weekends, Muir volunteers as a cook

at Camp Phillip in Wautoma. He loves to play golf in the spring, summer and fall and looks forward to being a part of the golf coaching staff in Weyauwega.

'I started golfing when I was 5," said Muir.

He plans become involved with the W-F golf team as a coach.

Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Iola Village Library loan fully paid

BY EMILY CONROY STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The children's expansion at the Iola Village Library was paid off at the end of January.

The largest donation was from an anonymous donor who has given more than \$400,000 dollars since 2017.

Library Director Robyn Grove said the project was not one that she had planned to pursue. However when the anonymous donor came to her in 2017 and offered to help pay for a new children's section of the library she was excited to start the expansion.

Dave Harper, village of Iola president pro tem, recalled when Grove first brought the project to the board at the Feb. 12 meet-

ing.
"The library board was very specific when it came to the village board back in 2017 that the project would be completely funded in the manner that not a single tax dollar would be used," Harper said. "They have lived up to that promise."

Along with the anonymous donor, they also raised



Wendy McDougal brings her registered therapy dog, Po, to the Iola Village Library Feb. 16.

funds through raffles and donations from the Iola community.

The new section doubled the library's space, and features nine computers, a study room and a kitchen

"It's beautiful, it's comforting, that's what I am told," Grove said. "We have people that come up from other communities and

they're so relaxed in here. It's very, very nice."

The new children's section construction was started in May 2018 and was open to the public by October 2018.

Jenny Mitchell has been coming with her children to enjoy the youth programming since last summer, averaging about one day a week. She commutes to the library from the Waupaca

"I love it, it's big and spacious and my kids just love playing, even without the programs they love it here," Mitchell said.

Grove said at the Iola Village Board meeting Feb. 12 that the project wouldn't have been possible without the community, stating that she cried when she received the last check at the end of January that would pay off the remainder of the loan.

We wouldn't have had this without the support of the community and the village," Grove said. "I am very proud of the town that we live in."

Programming like Preschool Storytime Wednesdays and Friendly Fridays where families can make crafts and do puzzles together, are just a few of the things families can enjoy together.

The adult programming is growing and includes their once a month meeting of the Mystery Book Club.

For more information on their programming, follow the Iola Village Library on Facebook or go to www.iolalibrary.org.



Ray and Mary Staral enjoy a steak and lobster dinner at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenburg. The meal was Ray Staral's last wish. The Starals are shown with Sous Chef Mitchell Giles.

Ho-Chunk Gaming grants lola veteran's final wish

IOLA – A local army veteran and Iola resident, Ray Staral, had his final wish come true for himself and his wife, Mary Staral.

Ray's last wish was to visit Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg and have a steak and lobster meal with his wife.

Compassus Hospice in Stevens Point set into motion the plans for the couple's outing together.

Compassus Hospice has provided opportunities in the past to patients nearing the end of their life, giving them a last wish.

'Words cannot express what this means to us," said Fletcher Collins, executive manager at Ho-Chunk. "To be able to provide such a request was so compelling and meaningful that we had to make this happen."

Ray served in the Vietnam war from 1965 through 1966 in the United States Army. He was a supply man and provided support for the helicopter squadron that he served.

The Starals moved back to Wisconsin 25 years ago, coming from the Chicago area after Ray retired from a trucking company that he

Mary and Ray have been married for 57 years, with two children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Slot service technician at Ho-Chunk, Adrianne Peters, was able to meet the Starals and their family while at the casino.

"Watching Ray tear up while talking about their grandchildren and greatgrandchildren was so very touching. I am blessed to have been apart of their visit and will always remember Ray's face smiling, proud and happy," Peters said.

The couple received Ho-Chunk Gaming gifts and rewards play to enjoy during their visit.

Sous Chef Mitchell Giles treated Ray and Mary to a treat upon arrival to the casino and later prepared a three-course steak and lobster banquet.

"I am grateful and honored to be a part of a team and community that is willing to work hard and go the extra step to make sure our guests have an amazing experience," Giles said. "Thank you to Ray and Mary for giving us a chance to be part of your lives in such a special

The Starals were able to enjoy the meal in privacy as Ho-Chunk closed the restaurant down to the public

"We've been treated so good here, I'll never forget this," Mary said. "I'm glad to see him happy and I'm trying to stay strong.'

Ray agreed the day was memorable.

"Everyone has been so nice," Ray said. "I can't believe what everyone has done for us today."

Manawa NEWS

Teens helping teens in Manawa

BY EMILY CONROY STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA - Two Little Wolf High School students have been working together over the past three years to raise money to help fellow teens in need at Christmas.

This year was their biggest year yet.

Alexis Ferg and Kaidence Nicholson have been friends for most of their young lives, and when they saw a fellow student continue to come to school in broken shoes they both decided they wanted to do something about it.

At the time, they decided to go to their confirmation teacher, Jane Suehs, at Zion Lutheran Church and told them they wanted to raise money to help their fellow students.

"The girls came up with this



Shown from left are Alexis Ferg and Kaidence Nicholson of Manawa. **Emily Conroy Photo**

all on their own," Suehs said. "I just guided them along."

Suehs assisted in steps they needed to take, which included presenting the project to the church council.

Ferg and Nicholson put together their presentation, and showed it to the council on their own.

This year they became an

official non-profit organization and through the last three years they have been able to help 23 teenagers in need.

"This year it bloomed into what we wanted it to, and it all fell into place. The last two years were trial and error," Nicholson said. "We were really happy with it."

Nicholson said the idea for Teens Helping Teens originally came from when she and her mom would go to Walmart and see the Giving Tree She noticed that teens remained on the tree and had yet to receive a Christmas present.

The first year Nicholson and Ferg held a bake sale and Zion Lutheran also collected money for the endeavor. The dinner and this past year they had a pasta dinner, which they said was a huge success. The pasta dinner was not

second year they had a soup

charged per plate, however they served all you can eat pasta and accepted donations.

Nicholson and Ferg are both sophomores this year, and are content with just the two of them organizing and planning the project. However, they are open to those who may want to help out. Eventually they hope to hand it down and keep the program running after they head to college.

"We want to keep it going but it's hard because it's two years in and we are almost in college and we want to pass it down to our church and we have other people in confirmation that maybe would like to take it over, but we are still going to keep running it for a little bit," Nicholson said.

Suehs said she just can't say enough nice things about Nicholson and Ferg, noting that they are compassionate and always stay positive.

"I think its very, very special for these girls to want to give up their time and help other kids, I mean that to me is just unbelievable," Suehs said.

Snodeo Riders

Rodeo City Riders Jocelyn Seeger and Krystal Draeger with Dan Casey, a Snodeo board member. he is sitting on Stanley the Snowmobile, the official mascot for the Manawa Snodeo, which was canceled due to dangerous ice conditions on Saturday, Feb. 17. A vintage snowmobile show was held in its place. **Emily Conroy Photo**

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Manawa library screens Aldo Leopold event

MANAWA – The Sturm Memorial Library will screen an Aldo Leopold event at noon Monday, March 4.

The event will feature Lyanda Lynn Haupt, who is an author and naturalist. She will speak about her recent book, "Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit."

Haupt's writing combines science with poetic prose.

Aldo Leopold was a conservationist, writer, educator and outdoor enthusiast. According to www.aldoleopold. org, he was best known for a concept known as "land ethic," which calls for an ethical and caring relationship

between humans and nature. Library Director Sue Vater

Olsen obtained permission to screen an Aldo Leopold Week program, she chose one that she thought would appeal to area residents. The screening is called

"Where Ethics Meet Earth," and will be one hour.

Aldo Leopold week runs from March 1-8.

There is no charge to attend and watch the screen-

For more information about the event visit www. aldoleopold.org, or find the event on the Sturm Memorial Library Facebook page.



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Public hearing on Lind digester

Residents and visitors of Waupaca County and Wisconsin – please attend a critical public hearing for the town of Lind in Waupaca at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Waupaca High

This hearing revolves around a controversial zoning change proposed by Vanguard Renewables/Blackrock in the town of Lind. The proposal's plan is to convert approximately 8 acres of agriculturally zoned farmland into industrial zoning to accommodate a manure/industrial waste anaerobic codigester facility. Vanguard Renewables plans to construct this facility on leased land from a local dairy farm CAFO(Concentrated An-

imal Feeding Operation). In preparation for the public hearing, please educate yourself about the goals set by the town of Lind's comprehensive plan and the irreversible impact that can come from digesters. You can find valuable information collected on the website: NoDigester.com and the Facebook Page: Citizens Protecting Rural Waupaca County.

These platforms, funded by concerned citizens, prioritize the integrity and purity of our county's natural resources, as well as personal health and property. It offers scientific evidence from experts studying the impact of anaerobic digesters, testimonies from residents living near similar facilities in

Wisconsin and across the US, and topics of sustainable farming techniques without the use of a digester. This reliable and transparent research stems from credible experts without conflicts of business interests.

Additionally, explore the Vanguard Renewables website or an informational meeting (I attended the 9/5/23 meeting). They put forth a 'win win win' and a 'trust me' kind of sales pitch from the CAFO and the companies who will greatly benefit monetarily. While I favor prosperity for all my neighbors, I strongly object to profits gained that put our environment, health and property at

At the public hearing, you have the opportunity to voice opinions on the zoning change in a three-minute speech and/ or submit a letter to the town of Lind supervisors regarding the proposal. Letters must be submitted by 2/27/24. See website: TownofLind.org

We are neighbors, both now and to future generations who will live here. Differing opinions should not divide us but rather open constructive and honest conversations to work toward a legacy of a true sustainable healthy environment for every-

I look forward to meeting you at the public hearing on Feb. 28.

MICHELLE WINTER TOWN OF LIND

Wisconsinites charged for defrauding COVID funds

BY HINA SUZUKI THE BADGER PROJECT

During the pandemic, the federal government distributed a massive \$4.2 trillion to local governments, businesses and people. Some of those funds were stolen, and one estimate puts the amount in the hundreds of billions of

Now, the government is trying to reclaim at least some of those stolen funds and prosecute the thieves.

In August 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice announced it had charged more than 3,000 defendants across the country with offenses related to COVID-19 fraud and seized over \$1.4 billion in relief funds.

In Wisconsin, federal prosecutors have charged nearly 40 people with crimes related to COV-ID-19 fraud.

The exact amount of stolen relief funds nationwide is unclear, but a 2023 analysis conducted by the Associated Press estimated nearly \$300 billion was illegally obtained from CO-VID-19 relief funding.

Most, according to the Associated Press, came from temporary programs established by the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill launched in 2020 during the Trump administration. Those programs were intended to aid small businesses and unemployed workers affected by the economic fallout of

"People have to come to grips with what happened, its scope and scale and how sophisticated [COVID-19 fraud] was to the point where it drew bad players and actors from overseas," said Seto Bagdoyan, a director of the Government Accountability Office's Forensic Audits and Investigative Service team. "The very sophisticated were committing frauds across states, countries and programs too, so many of these schemes will take years to unravel and make

cial process." Among those charged were 30 members of a Mil-

the pandemic.

Here's Sen. Josh Hawley, fraudsters insurance benefits. their way through the judi-The funds were used to



Higher education and state's future job market

WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

Amid a national debate about the value of higher education, a college degree would be required for a nearly two-thirds of higherpaying job openings that state officials project to exist in Wisconsin through 2030.

In recent months, national journalists and academic leaders have discussed a waning confidence among some Americans in the value of a college education. Rising tuition costs and expanding student loan debt are raising questions about whether the benefits of a college degree outweigh the costs.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum's latest research examines the educational requirements of future job openings in Wisconsin, as projected by the state Department of Workforce Development. For each occupation, the projections estimate annual job openings and provide information about the typical education needed for entry, wage data, and more.

three-quarters Nearly (74%) of the roughly 357,000 jobs projected to open each year in Wisconsin between 2020 and 2030 are in occupations that typically did not require a college degree or credential as of 2020.

For individuals seeking higher-paying jobs, however, these numbers tell only part of the story. Among jobs expected to open each year in Wisconsin through 2030, about 95,000 (26%) are in occupations that paid median wages of \$50,000 or higher in 2020.

For these jobs, more than half (54,802, or 58.1%) will be in occupations that typically require a bachelor's or advanced degree for entry. Raising the bar further to occupations that pay a median wage of \$75,000 or more annually, 91% of jobs would require a bachelor's or advanced degree.

Most job openings are due to retirements or turnover. But looking at jobs projected to be newly created in Wisconsin through 2030, in higher-paying occupations, nearly 70% would require a bachelor's or advanced degree. Thus, new higher-paying jobs are even more likely to require a degree than those that already exist.

Concerns about the cost and value of college may not be wholly mitigated by these findings. The institution one attends and field of study can make big differences in assessing costs and benefits, and completing one's studies is critical. In fact, accumulating debt without completing a degree or certificate can put an individual in a worse long-term financial situation than if they had not gone to college at all.

In addition, projections can only tell us what is most likely to occur. Unexpected events or technological advancements could impact the job market in ways that are difficult to forecast.

Despite these uncertainties, changes in Wisconsin's job market over the last 10 years, and projected changes through 2030, show a college degree will be an imperative for those seeking to fill many of the state's higher-paying jobs.

This information is a service of the Wisconsin Policy Forum, the state's leading resource for nonpartisan state and local government research and civic education. Learn more at wispolicyforum.org.

Hurling verbal spitballs won't protect your kids

BY BILL BARTH

My older son Kyle, who has always been rather direct, calls it "Crackbook."

Don't get him started. or you'll likely hear a rant about people walking around in a daze staring at the phone in their hand. Living for "likes" and getting emotional if their "friends" are slow to comply. Not to mention filtering pictures that make people look like Casper the friendly ghost.

That's just Facebook. Look, I'm way too old to keep up with all this, but I've at least heard of Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok and X (aka Twitter). No doubt there are more where the young and hip hide out from the old and ornery.

At its best, social media is just kind of silly, a place where people hang out and show pictures of their food and pets. And grab their 15 seconds of fame by dancing around, cavorting with pals or some other inane but innocent activity.

The much darker side involves addiction, bullying and sexual exploitation. Congressional hearings were held recently on such topics and how harmful social media can be when abused, with or without the tacit approval of companies and people who make an economic killing in the in-

R-Missouri, lambasting Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook: "Your job is to be responsible for what your company has done. You've made billions of dollars on the people sitting behind you here. You've done nothing to help them. You've done nothing to compensate them. You've done nothing to put it right. You could do so here today and you should."

At which point Zuckerberg stood up, turned to families in the gallery, and said he was sorry. He did not reach for his wallet.

Good theater from Zuckerberg. And Hawley. Then everybody went home.

Meanwhile, the phones are still in the hands of the addicts and the weirdos. The addiction pushers at the companies continue to rake in all the money.

One is reminded of the old saying usually attributed to Mark Twain, but really originated by Twain's friend, essayist Charles Dudley Warner: "Everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does

anything about it." Don't expect Hawley - the fist-pumping, mobfleeing hero of Jan. 6 - to do anything, either. He and his congressional colleagues may speechify and preen for the cameras, but they have avoided for years taking action to rein in Big Tech in the only effective way - by hitting them in their wallets.

Instead, tech companies hide behind section 230

of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which shields them from liability for harmful material on their sites. The federal law was passed in 1998, at a time when the internet as we know it was more of a dream than reality. It was believed entrepreneurs attempting to blaze a trail to the digital future needed some protection from lawyers and liability. Probably true. But those conditions have dramatically changed. Today's tech giants sit on mountains of cash. They spend generously to grease the wheels in political cir-

Color me cynical, but maybe that has something to do with why politicians strut and babble in front of the cameras, while doing nothing to regulate the industry and hold the billionaires legally accountable for harm occurring on their platforms.

The harm, by the way, is not limited to bullying and exploiting vulnerable young people. It also includes what can only be called propaganda - be it left or right - meant to fool voters. Studies have shown social media platforms, as a business plan, steer more propaganda toward users who show an appetite for viewing such disinformation. It doesn't require much tech understanding to see the link between that targeted content and America's rapidly increasing disunity.

Now, throw in AI, or artificial intelligence, with all its Terminator-like possibilities. This mess is not going to fix itself.

With legacy media newspapers and television, for example - there are bright lines of legal accountability. Producers know false, harmful content can be costly. Ask Fox News, after the network lost a defamation case and agreed to pay Dominion Voting Systems \$787.5 million.

Congress could expose digital companies to similar standards and make them liable for harmful content on their platforms. Of course, they will claim it's too hard to police such matters. Apparently, though, it's easy enough for them to know if you are looking for a certain pair of shoes and flood your feed with offers.

Tech billionaires may be the bad guys here, but they're not alone. Congress can't (won't?) get it done.

Follow the money, folks. You'll find out who owns these political show ponies. Then maybe, when elections roll around, give somebody else a chance to do the right thing.

Bill Barth is the former editor of the Beloit Daily News, and a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame.

waukee street gang known as the Wild 100s. They were charged for their role in a scheme involving millions in fraudulently obtained pandemic unemployment

solicit murder for hire and for pay in 2021. Thomas to purchase firearms, con-Smith, trolled substances, jewelry Pewaukee, admitted fraud-

and vacations, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office of Eastern District of Wisconsin. Two members, Ronnell Bowman and Ronnie Jackson, are accused of arranging and executing a murder

ulently receiving over \$1.2 million in business loans through applications to an insured financial institution on behalf of eight different companies, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Wisconsin.

Smith made numerous false and misleading state-

ments about the companies' payroll expenses and directed his co-conspirators to send him portions of the funds.

Smith pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud in 2021 and was sentenced to 57 months in prison. He was ordered to pay \$960,000 in restitution.

Obituary Notices



Sven Fritjof Carlson passed away on Tuesday, February 13 2024, peacefully at home. He was born on May 30, 1935 in Scandinavia, WI to the late Frank and Louise Carlson. In 1953, he married his one and only true love, Shirley A. Snyder, whom he met while she was helping his family pick potatoes. To this day, they still celebrate Potato Day.

Together they lovingly raised four children: Diane (Jim) Stiebs, Christy (Arthur) Hill Jeff Carlson, and Terri (Rick)

Pomerenke.

Sven was one who was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He could fix anything one way or another - his ingenuity amazed us all. He was always creating fun adventures for his kids and their friends - from a giant swing to an old school bus converted to a camper. Sver retired from the Waupaca Foundry in 1998 after 43 years. He was one of the original "gang of 13" who worked at the foundry before it was changed to Waupaca Foundry, Inc Even after he retired, he would haul his grill up there and cook hamburgers for some of the workers.

Sven was preceded in death by his siblings: Elias (Gerri) Carlson, Clara (Gunder) Gunderson, Franklin (Thordis) Carlson and Arne (Ada) Carlson; and daughter-in-law, Judy

He is survived by his four children as well as his grandchildren: Jamie Storm, Jon (Miranda) Stiebs, Amanda Kealiher Gregory (Rachel) Hill, Andrew (Emma) Hill, Ryan (Anna) Hill, Jenny Carlson, Jason (Teresa) Carlson and Jackie Carlson. He is also survived by great grandchildren: Norah, Alex Brody, Torin, Talon, Kaleb, Evelynn, Oliver, Teddy, Jack Parker and Warren. He is further survived by several nieces

The family would like to extend their appreciation to hos pice workers Krissy and Nikki for all of their help and support during this time.

Per Sven's wishes, no funeral services will be held.

Paap, Virgil



Virgil A. Paap, age 90, left this world at Bethany Home in Waupaca on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 after a valiant battle with cancer. Hewas born to the late John and Edna (Zempel) Paap on December 14, 1933. He graduated the 8th grade from the "Tin School" near his home in Weyauwega. Virgil was baptized, confirmed and was a lifelong member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Waupaca, where he also served as organist for over 30

vears. He married Joyce Bartel on November 16, 1963. Together they built their home in the Clarks Mill Community of rural Weyauwega on his grandfather's land and remained there until he moved to Bethany Home in Waupaca in

Virgil was self employed as a house painter/wall paperer and cleaning service. He also enjoyed antiquing, cooking and baking, gardening and keeping up with the "going-ons" in the community. He was the family historian and could remember dates, ancestors and their stories and share for hours on end.

He is survived by his brother: Larry (Judy) Paap; sister-in-law: Barb Bartel; nephew: Scott (Vicki) Paap; nieces: Kim (Gene) Rogers; Dawn Paap; Jodi (Dan) Jensen-Schuelke and Melissa (Jim) Paap-Young; great nephews: Alec and Ethan Jensen, Garett Paap, Rhett Young and great neces: Adeline and Campbell Young. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

The family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to the nurses and staff of Bethany, Bethany Pines and Hospice for their loving care during his stay at their facilities.

The Funeral Service was on Friday, February 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. The visitation took place on Friday at the funeral home from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery in West Bloomfield.

Gall, Linda



Linda L. Gall, age 76, of Waupaca, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, February 12, 2024. She was born in W. on December 14, 1947 to the late Walter and Grace (Olson) Miszewski. On March 21 1964, she was united in marriage to Eberhard "Mike" Gall. Linda worked as a real estate agent for 35 years. This lead to her passion of painting and decorating homes for every season and holiday. She enjoyed living on the lake and getting together with her "lake

girls" to enjoy a glass of wine She will be dearly missed by her husband of 59 years, Eberhard "Mike"; three sons: Douglas (Lori) of Milwaukee Christopher and Michael, both of Waupaca; grandchildren Addam (Dallas), Jordon (Sara) and Sierra; great-grandchildren: Mamie, Austin and Amelia; brother, Gary Miszewski sisters: Deanna Gomez and Susan (Dale) Bonack; sister-inlaw, Teresa "Terri' Miszewski; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her brothers: Wally, Jr, Glen and Dennis; sister, Belita Miszewski; brother-in-law: Jim Gomez;sisters-in-law: Kathy and Phyllis Miszewski and in fant great granddaughter, Everleigh.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 beginning at 11 a.m. at The Lakes, 153 Cty QQ, Waupaca with luncheon to follow. There will be a visitation at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

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Crosslin, James



James Randall Crosslin, 88, of Iola, passed away on Monday February 12, 2024.

He resided at the Willows in Iola. James was born on September 3, 1935, in Royal Oak, Michigan to the late George and Virginia (Oakland) Crosslin. He married Mary Enerson on January 3, 1960. She preceded him in death in 2010.

James is survived by his Daughter: Laura (Ron) Scott of Iola; Son: Paul Crosslin of Iola; Grandchildren Severina

(Puneet Sidhu) Scott and Charlie (Jessica) Scott, Great Grandchildren: Delaney and Ruth, Brothers: Paul Thomas (Monica) Johnson and Kenneth Johnson along with other relatives and friends.

James was preceded in death by his Sister: Audrey Lev-

Dad was an expert at baseball. He was recruited to a major league team out of high school, he was that good. Though events prevented his from pursuing that dream, he loved and studied the game all his life. He won his fantasy baseball leagues almost every year; he would have made a heckuva manager. He was very proud of his service as a radio operator in the US Navy. Dad loved to sing, and dance, and he played a mean game of golf in the rare moments of recreation. Mainly, he strove to work hard and provide for his family, running his own successful air freight forwarding brokerage. He was scrappy and tough, but he was also funny, and kind. His grin, and his voice, will be much missed.

The Funeral Service with full Military Rites for James was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the Central Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in King with Rev. Dale Wilson officiating. For those attending, please meet at the cemetery office by 12:30 PM to follow the procession to the committal shelter.

The family would like to thank the staff at Iola Living Oaks and the Willows for the wonderful place that they made for James; his last days were such happy ones, in the care and company they provided so sincerely

Voie Funeral Home of Iola is assisting the family with arrangement



Frances S. Lein, age 86, of the Town of Belmont, passed away Friday, February 16, 2024. She was born in Chicago, IL on August 3, 1937 to Bruno and Frances (Kwasigroch) Myszkowski. Frances was working at Western Electric while she was living in Cicero, IL. Her friend and co-worker Margie introduced her to her brother Edward at her wedding. They started dating and were married on April 30, 1960.

A couple of years after they were married, they moved to Wisconsin to a farm that Edward bought in 1959 while he was in the army. They raised four children on their dairy farm. Several nephews, nieces and other relatives would spend time in the summer at the farm. Frances always made her family a priority. Once her children were all in school, she began working for USDA as a fruit/vegetable inspector, from 1978 until her retire-

She loved watching horse races ever since she lived in Illinois, as her brother used to have a race horse. Frances loved to listen to polkas, enjoyed trips to the casino as well as scratch-off tickets. Her family and friends meant the world to her and she was always willing to go out of the way to help. She loved telling stories, which always ended

Frances was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Heffron until its closing, where she was active in helping with funeral luncheons and church picnics. She was a former member of the Wild Rose Lioness Club as well as the Almond American Legion.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Edward M. Lein; sons: Edward B. Lein, Frederick Lein and Theodore (Barb Kasprowicz) Lein; and daughter, Frances Lein. She had two beautiful granddaughters, Candace and Nora, whom she greatly adored and enjoyed spoiling (she always made sure they had ice cream or some kind of dessert before they ate their meal). Frances is also survived by a sister, Norene Myszkowski; brother, Hubert "Buzz" (Judi) Myszowski; and several nieces and nephews.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Bernie and Norbert; and a few nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at a later date at Hope Cemetery in Heffron.

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JILLIAN RAASCH and ANDREA

83 NORTHWOOD VLG NEW LONDON WI 54961 You are being sued by MAYFLOWER PARK, LLC C/O BIECK MANAGEMENT INC. in the Small Claims Court of OUTAGAMIE County, 320 S. Walnut St., Appleton, WI 54911. A hearing will be held at **8:30 a.m.** on **March 11, 2024**. If you do not appear, a judgment may be

given to the person suing you. (A copy of this claim has been mailed to you at We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt

Dated this 14th day of February, 2024

Attorney for Plaintiff Heuer Law Offices, S.C. Ryan M. Peterson, State Bar No. 1050583 9312 W. National Ave. West Allis, WI 53227

Phone: (414) 224-3500

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Electronically signed by Judge Troy L. Nielsen Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE J. PELZEK D/O/D: 10/05/2023

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration) Case No. 24-PR-6
A Petition for Formal Administration was

THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth January 22, 1947 and date of death October 5, 2023 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI 54946.
A PETITION FOR ADMISSION OF WILL

COPY HAS BEEN FILED. THE COURT ORDERS: . The Petition be heard at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Br. I, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Troy L. Nielsen, on

March 6, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection. 2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 3, 2024. 3. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054 Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
 Publication of this notice is notice to

any persons whose names or addresses

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are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6429 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation

Form completed by Attorney John G. Movroydis/DeWitt LLF 13845 Bishop's Drive, Suite 300 Brookfield, WI 53005 262-754-2840

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC

Stephen Cook, Kaycee Cook, Jane Doe Cook, Absolute Resolutions Investments, LLC and Midland Credit

Management, Inc. Defendants NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 23-CV-000220
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on

December 6, 2023 in the amount of \$133,696.09 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as TIME: March 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment,

10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash. cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (persona checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: On the front steps of the Waupaca County Courthouse, City and County of Waupaca DESCRIPTION: Lot 31. Westerly Pines Plat, Town of Lind, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. PROPERTY ADDRESS: N1835 Kristin Ln Waupaca, WI 54981-9040

DATED: January 11, 2024 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt. Publish Feb. 8, 15 & 22, 2024 WNAXLP

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY MidFirst Bank Plaintiff,

Timothy Stueck, Jane Doe Stueck, Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and UHG. I. LLC

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 23-CV-000081 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 27, 2023 in the amount of \$189,104.68 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as ORIGINAL TIME: January 30, 2024 at

ADJOURNED TIME: March 5, 2024 at

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash. cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and PLACE: On the front steps of the Waupaca County Courthouse, City and

County of Waupaca DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 745, recorded June 16, 1977, in Volume 2 of Certified Surveys, Page 344, as Document No. 371872 being part of the Fractional Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and part of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 1, Township 25 North, Range 14 East, Town of Larrabee, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. PROPERTY ADDRESS: N12011 County Road Dd Clintonville, WI 54929-9076 DATED: January 30, 2024 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Nationstar Mortgage LLC 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 Plaintiff,

personally liable for the debt. Publish Feb. 8, 15 & 22, 2024 WNAXLP

N2045 County Road X Weyauwega, WI 54983-4016 Jane Doe Peterson a/k/a Amber Peterson N2045 County Road X Weyauwega, WI 54983-4016 The United States of America c/o US Attorney 517 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202 Vision Williams (Vision September 1950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Rm B-103 Washington, DC 20530-0001 State of Wisconsin c/o Attorney General 114 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53703 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS The Honorable Raymond S. Huber Case Code 30404 The amount claimed exceeds THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after February 8, 2024 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 811 Harding Street, Waupaca WI 54981-2012 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney whose address is 16345 West Glendal

Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You

may have an attorney help or represent

you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 31 day of January, 2024. Grav & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff

Patricia C. Lonzo State Bar No. 1045312 Case No. 24-CV-000007 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-1987

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 11625 N Community House Rd Charlotte, NC 28277 Plaintiff.

Scott L. Krake 1302 Wyman St New London, WI 54961-2038 The Estate of Trisha L. Krake, Deceased 4357 County Rd S Oshkosh, WI 54904-9575 Jane Doe Krake 1302 Wyman St New London, WI 54961-2038 PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 23-CV-000312 The Honorable Vicki L. Clussmar (Foreclosure of Mortgage) The amount claimed exceeds \$10.000.00 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after February 22, 2024 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 811 Harding Street Waupaca, WI 54981-2012 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale

Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment

awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 14 day of February, 2024. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021717-08-0 Permittee: Village of Iola, 180 S. Main Street, Iola, WI, 54945 Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Iola Wastewater Treatment Facility, 500 West Townline Rd., Iola, Wisconsin Receiving Water And Location: East bank of the South Branch of the Little Wolf River, about 1/4 mile downstream of the Townline Road Bridge Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The existing oxidation ditch activated sludge wastewater facility is owned and operated by the Village of Iola. Located in northwest Waupaca County, the facility annual average, dry weather, design flow is 0.179 million gallons per day (MGD) and the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) design is 450 pounds per day (lbs/day). The facility conveyance and treatment units include: a 12" interceptor sewer, a submersible pump lift station, a 10" force main, a mechanically cleaned rotary fine screen an anoxic selector "process control" tank for phosphorus removal, an oxidation ditch- Carrousel system, a final clarifier, and an Ultraviolet Radiation (UV) system for effluent disinfection. Treated effluent flows by gravity through a 10" outfall sewer and enters the South Branch of the Little Wolf River via outfall

Finally, an onsite concrete tank stores waste activated sludge prior to land application. Influent and effluent flow measurement devices and flow proportional composite samplers are present, and a natural gas standby generator is also available Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Amanda Perdzock, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707, (608) 267-7635 Amanda.Perdzock@wisconsin.gov Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Roy Van Gheem, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5191, Roy.VanGheem@wisconsin.gov The Department has tentatively that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the abovenamed basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed. The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the

Information on file for this permit action including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 267-7635 or by writing to the Department.
Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the

internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/Publict Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an qualified individuals upon request NAME OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Waupaca County Post ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: PO Box 408, Waupaca, WI 54981

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BLACK OTTER LAKE DISTRICT

(BOLD)
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
OWNER – The Black Otter Lake District (BOLD) acting through its commissioners, hereby gives notice that bids for the following Comprehensive Watershed Plan will be received through electronic submission by March 27, 2024 (3 p.m. CST deadline).

PROJECT –The purpose of this project is for the chosen consultant to develop a comprehensive plan for the Black Otter Lake watershed focusing on pollutant source and pollutant load assessment (Nitrogen, Phosphorus & Sediment).

This plan will include: Pollutant Modeling Results
 Critical Areas Identification and Prioritization

- Implementation Strategies and Action The consultant should identify the methodology that will be used for estimating pollutant loads and targeted load reductions for Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Sediment. Evaluate different scenarios to assess the effectiveness of potential management practices or policies in reducing nutrient and sediment loads. Interpret results and provide recommendations for watershed

management strategies to mitigate nutrient and sediment impacts on Black Otter Lake The consultant may suggest

adjustments or alternative approaches to this comprehensive watershed plan as long as a clear justification is provided. Consultant must present the final comprehensive watershed management plan document at a Black Otter Lake

District Commissioners Meeting before the end of 2024. BIDS – Bids will be received (1 electronic copy in PDF format) by email submission to: Aaron Steber, Director of

Public Works, Village of Hortonville (email: dpw@vohortonville.com) by 3 p.m. CST March 27, 2024. Late responses will not be considered. **BID REJECTION** - The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all

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REQUEST FOR BIDS - Additional complete Request for Bids document located on the Village of Hortonville's

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website at: https://www.hortonvillewi.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-BOLD-Watershed-Management-Plan-RFP.pdf or by requesting a copy from Aaron Steber at dpw@vohortonville.com RUN – February 22, 2024 & February WNAXLP

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, LICENSES AND PERMITS CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code, Licenses and Permits Code, to amend 12.27 Providing for the Regulation of Mobile Food

Establishments. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard.

A copy of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Community & Economic Development Department.

/s/ Barbara J. Nowak

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ZONING CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code, Zoning Ordinance, to amend 17.123(3) R-3 Multi-Family Residential District, Dimensional Standards. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard.

A copy of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Community & Economic Development Department. /s/ Barbara J. Nowak City Clerk

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CITY OF WAUPACA
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 17, ZONING CODE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
Common Council of the City of
Waupaca will hold a public hearing on
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in

the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code, Zoning Ordinance, to amend 17.305 Zero Lot Line or Common Wall Single-Family Attached Development. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard A copy of the proposed changes may be

obtained from the Community & Economic Development Department /s/ Barbara J. Nowak

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giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to

A copy of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Community & Economic Development Department. /s/ Barbara J. Nowak

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WAUPACA COUNTY AMENDING OR REPEALING ORDINANCE 11/20/23(2023) RESTRICTING ARTIFICIAL WAKE ENHANCEMENTS ON THE CHAIN O' LAKES, ROUND AND RAINBOW
LAKES.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

Board of the Town of Farmington Waupaca County will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 18, 202 6:00pm in the Town Hall, E913 Prairie View Lane, Waupaca, Wisconsin to hear testimony on amending or repealing Ordinance 11/20/23(2023) Restricting artificial wake enhancements on the Chain O'Lakes, Round and Rainbow Lakes specific

The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to he heard

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School District of Weyauwega-Fremont REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Monday, February 26, MONDAY, FEDTUATY 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STEM ACADEMY AGENDA POSted: 2-19-24 @ 8:30a.m.

Call the meeting to order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll call and establish quorum

- 4. Report of meeting notification
- 5. Communication and Visitors
- b. Administration District Administrator
- Middle/High School Principal
 Weyauwega/Fremont Elementary
- Director of Pupil Services Business Manager
- c. Board of Education d. Recognition and Special Guests
- e. Student School Board Representative Lauren Wisner 6. Consideration and approval of vouchers
- a. January monthly vendor payments b. January monthly cash receipts
- 7. Old Business a. Charter School Update
- 8. Consent Agenda a. Committee of the Whole Meeting 2-
- b. Regular Board of Education Meeting
- c. Hires Director of Business Services, Paraprofessional 9. New Business
- a. 2022-2023 District Audit Presentation (Discussion) b. 2024 Summer School Dates (Action)
- c. Out of State Field Trip (Action)
- d. 2024-2025 District Calendar (Action)
- Calendar & Future Agenda Items
 Adjourn Meeting
- Monthly Regular Board of Education Meeting agenda will be posted on the district website at www.wegafremont.k12.wi.us, the
- Weyauwega Public Library, Waupaca County Post, Weyauwega City Hall, Fremont Village Hall, Neuschafer Community Library, and at all W-F
- MISSION STATEMENT We will work in partnership with our community by engaging them in a collaborative manner and supporting student and stakeholder success. We will do that by listening, communicating, being respectful and honest, learning,

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engaging, imaginative, being uniform and open-minded, and following policy. When we are together, we will be dedicated, respectful, patient, flexible, informed, committed, proactive, show understanding and have perseverance. Publish Feb. 22, 2024 WNAXLP

The Village of Iola Board Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. at the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street. The Finance Committee meeting is not thirty minutes prior to the board meeting. WNAXLP The Finance Committee meeting is held

WAUPACA CHAIN O'LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT PO Box 71, King, WI 54946 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

2/29/24 9:00 A.M. 644 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 2, Waupaca

1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call

Open Meeting Statement Approval of agenda 5. Review and approval of 1/29/24

meeting minutes
6. Public Comment
7. President's Report – Bob Ellis
8. Financial Report and investments –

Julie Prahl AECOM Report – Angel Gebeau
 Work in progress and projects

b. Lift station review and replacement

design c. King Veterans Home Invoice d. Cleaning and televising schedule Woolsey Report – Bill Woolsey
 Work in progress and projects

completed
b. Lift station repairs Generator 11. Date for next board meeting 12. Adjournment Publish Feb,. 22, 2024 WNAXLP

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CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION January 22, 2024
A regular meeting of the Board of

Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Members Present: Ben Huber, Glen

Drew Lundt, Mark Zachow, Laurie Vollrath, Chad Dobbe, Jason Moder and Kris Strauman Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, Brittany Schmidt, Megan Murphy, and Stephen Reinke Press represented: Bert Lehman of

Trihune Gazette Also present: Denise Guex and Erik

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This January 22, 2024, meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman, to approve the agenda, moving item IX C Administrative Restructuring/Interim Administrator into closed session. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye

Motion carried The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by

those in attendance
READING AND APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath,
seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve
the minutes of the Regular Meeting of
January 8, 2024. Ayes and nays called,
all voting aye. Motion carried.
PUBLIC

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

None FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Chad Dobbe to pay BILLS as listed and that general fund, special projects fund, debt service fund and food service fund CHECKS, Series (A) budgetary #48975-49111, check Series (B) payroll #10801, and ACH Series #900211643-900212200, and WIRE Series in the amount of \$2,029,395.34 BE

DRAWN ON THE TREASURY for their separate amounts. AND that GENERAL RECEIPTS for a total of \$3,079,899.52 in revenues BE DEPOSITED; AND that DEBT SERVICE RECEIPT(s) in the amount of \$2 228 43 BE DEPOSITED: AND that CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT RECEIPT(s) in the amount of \$.40 BE DEPOSITED AND that REFERENDUM RECEIPT(s) in the amount of \$9,449.96 Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

Funds and Cash Balance Report: No action was taken to approve the summary of fund balances and cash balances through January 22, 2024 from the General Fund. Student Organization Fund, Special Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Referendum Fund, Food Service

Fund, Community Service Fund, and ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Budget Forecast Projections: Erick
Kass, Director of Public Finance at PMA

Securities presented a 5-year budget forecast model for the Clintonville Public Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board

presented DISURCE, of Education.

Support Staff Resignation

Michelle Williams – Food Service III,

effective Jan 22, 2024 Support Staff Hours Increase
a. Tina Rindt – Food Service II – from 33.75 hrs/week to 35 hrs/week b. Linda Shufelt - Food Service III om 33.75 hrs/week to 35 hrs/ week

Extracurricular Hire a. Danielle Mihalski – FFA Advisor, effective Jan. 22, 2024
Personnel: (The Board may choose to go into Executive Session per section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statues to

discuss a personnel issue, and then return to open session to take action)

Administrator Retirement: Moved by Chad Dobbe, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to approve the retirement request for Kelly Zeinert, High School Principal, effective February 2, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion

Administration Restructuring/Interim
Administrator: Moved to Closed

Director Job Descriptions: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to approve a first reading of changes

a. Director of Buildings and Grounds
b. Director of Daycare Center c. Director of Technology Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

Teacher Overload: Moved by Laurie
Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve an overload for Scott Owen for Special Education services being provided outside of the normal school day, with a partial overload for 1/2 of the 1st semester and a partial overload for the 2nd semester. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

Other: 2024-2025 Clintonville School District Calendar Approval: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to approve the 2024-2025 Clintonville School District Calendar as presented.

Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. WASB/WASBO/WASDA State

Education Convention Update: Laurie Vollrath, Glen Drew Lundt, and Jason Moder presented information from the State Education Convention they attended January 17th - 19th, 2024. Rec Center Usage: The administration and the Board of Education discussed Rec Center usage. Open Enrollment Space Determinations for the 2024-2025 School Year: Moved 7725

by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve Pupil Services Director, Megan Murphy's recommendations with no limit on regular education open enrollment seats, one special education seat in the 7th grade, and two special education seals in the 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year based on the criteria outlined in the board's open enrollment policy #5113. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. of RFP and Bid Prop

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Electrical Upgrade at the Dellwood Child Care Center: Moved by Kris Strauman conded by Laurie Vollrath to accept bid proposal from Krueger's Sign and Electric for the Dellwood Child Care Center Electrical Upgrade. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion Rexford/Longfellow Building and

<u>Grounds Property Update:</u> The administration and Board President Ben Huber updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the Rexford/Longfellow Building and Grounds purchase POLICY/PERSONNEL

Future Policy Meeting with Neola – New Undate Released ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION ANNOUNCEMENTS January 23 Start of Second Semester January 23 CES Winter Family Night

5:00 p.m. January 25 CMS./CHS Winter Family Night 5:00 p.m. February 7 Early Release – Staff Collaboration 1:00 p.m. February 12 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC February 19 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-

February 26 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to adjourn to closed session for the consideration of matters over which the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c)(e) - Considering employment promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, for the purposes exercises responsibility, for the purpo-of reviewing individual employment contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance; for the purposes of reviewing administrative contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance; to discuss an administrative contract matter; or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; to discuss a potential real estate transaction. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Jason

Strauman voting aye. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Moved by Chad Dobbe, seconded by Jason Moder to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken with Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Kris Strauman, Glen Drew Lundt, and Ben Huber voting aye.

Motion carried and meeting returned to open session at 8:21 p.m. Administration Restructuring/Interim Administrator: Moved by Kris Strauman seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve the posting for interim administrator positions as needed, and appoint James

Moder, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris

Blashe interim high school principal with an addendum to original administrator contract. Ayes and nays called, all voting ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting ave. Motion carried and the

meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Mark Zachow, Board Clerk Publish February 22, 2024 WNAXLP

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR **MEETING** OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Monday, January 8, 2024
PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman M.
Grossman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer,
T. Wegner, and M. Wilz. I. Wegner, and M. WIIZ.
I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION
(PUBLIC FORUM)
II. CALL TO ORDER AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order at 6:00
p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A
upuring was established. The pledge of at 6:00

quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the Policy Committee

Meeting of Wednesday, December 6, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of

Monday, December 11, 2023

• Minutes of the Facilities, Capital Projects & Energy Conservation Meeting of Thursday, January 4, 2024 Resignation of Personnel
Debra Calabria, Elementary Teacher (retire at the end of the 2023-24 school

Deborah Volk, Reading Teacher (retire at the end of the 2023-24 school)

 Lori Gonnering, Payroll Clerk, District Victoria Wood, Educational Assistant,

Tori Zirbel, Educational Assistant, ISMS Employment of Personnel

Vicky Heise, Educational Assistant, Tarina Manley, Educational Assistant. ISMS

 Lauren Stroesenreuther, Educational Assistant, ISMS Motion carried. IV. REPORTS

The calendar, monthly celebrations, and director reports were reviewed. V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by T.

Wegner and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the expenditures in the

amount of \$1,408,257.90 as per list of January 4, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. C. Martinson noted receipts from the

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of January 4, 2024, in the amount of \$1,473,969.12.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update from Chartwells Food Service Management Company
J. Marquardt and M. Bauman gave an update on the Food Service program

update on the Food Service program. Policies/Administrative Guidelines
S. Bleck reviewed the following revised policies/administrative guidelines

171 Regular Board Meetings
361.1 Selection of Education 362.2 Selection of Library Media **Educational Materials** 410 Student Policies Goals (NO

POLICY)
• 411.1 Student Harassment 411.3 Ensuring the Educational Stability of Children in Out-of-Home Care (Foster Care) 412 School Census

 412.1 Full-Time Students
 420 Admission Requirements
 421 Early Admission Requirements • 422 Admission of Nonresident

Students (Other than Open Enrollment Students) (NO POLICY) • 422.1 Admission of Foreign **Exchange Students** • 422.2 Home-Based Private Education Entry/Re-Entry Into School (Full Time)
 423 Open Enrollment (Full Time)

 424 Participation of Private School and Home-Based Students in District Courses/Programs (Part Time)

• 426 Homeless Education 431 Attendance C. Review and Potential Approval of

School Bus Purchase
J. Marquardt reviewed the school bus purchase. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the purchase of one school bus from Mid-State Truck Service, Inc., as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0 D. Budget Calendar
J. Marquardt reviewed the budget

E. Act 20 Impact and Update

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D. Sievert reviewed the requirements of Act 20. F. Review of ESSER III Funds S. Bleck and J. Marquardt reviewed the proposed ESSER funding. The Board was in agreement with the items presented, subject to final costs.

G. Review and Potential Approval of

Open Enrollment Spaces
K. Martin and S. Bleck reviewed the open enrollment spaces for 2024-25. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to limit the number of open enrollment spaces as presented for regular and special education for the 2024-25 school year based on 2023-24 staffing or potential new resident enrollment. Motion carried.

H. Board of Education Student

Representative Potential Process The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed Board of Education student representative process, as well as the pros and cons of having a student representative. D. Sievert suggested that if the Board is seeking student voice, beginning next school year, B. Yerkey could bring a Principal Advisory Council member to report out on a rotational basis. The Board will continue discussion of these two concepts at a future Board meeting VIII. CLOSED SESSION
It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H Schweitzer to enter into closed

session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of It was moved by T. Wegner and It was moved by I. Wegner and seconded by M. Wilz to enter open session at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried. IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS X. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn

seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried Katie Batten, Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Thursday, February 1, 2024
PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, and T. Wegner.
ECUSED: M. Wilz.
I. PUBLIC FORTIM I. PUBLIC FORUM

II. CALL TO ORDER AND

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

p.m. by C. Martinson, President, A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Attorney firm von Briesen and Roper IV. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried

Katie Batten, Clerk Publish Feb. 22, 2023 WNAXLP

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING

Monday, January 22, 2024
PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman M.
Grossman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer,
T. Wegner, and M. Wilz. I. Wegner, and M. Wilz.
I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION
(PUBLIC FORUM)
II. CALL TO ORDER AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order at 6:00
p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A
quorum was established. The pledge of
allegiance was led by C. Martinson

allegiance was led by C. Martinson III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
It was moved by T. Wegner and
seconded by M. Wilz to approve the

following consent agenda items:

Resignation of Personnel
Stefanie Doszak, Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach Employment of Personnel Grace Kriewaldt, Van Driver Bryce Jaglinski, Varsity Golf Coach Molly Brown / Margie Brown, Spring Play Director (shared)

Motion carried IV. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

A. Second Reading for Review and Potential Approval of Revised

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following revised policies: • 171 Regular Board Meetings • 361.1 Selection of Educational

• 362.2 S

Educational Materials 412 School Census VII. NEW BUSINESS A. City of New London Public Library Building Project Update Ann Hunt, City Librarian, and Virginia Schlais were present and reviewed the

public library building project update. They reviewed the spaces planned for each floor of the new location and the various interactive spaces B. Review and Potential Approval of ESSER III Purchases
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve

the additional ESSER funding areas as presented. Motion carried on a roll call C. Review of Indicator 8 Parent

Feedback K Martin reviewed the parent feedback for State Performance Indicator 8 which is required to be completed every five D. WASB Education Convention Board Member Feedback

M. Grossman, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, and S. Bleck gave a report of the WASB Education Convention that E. Review of WASB Board Self-**Evaluation Tool** The Board reviewed the Board self-evaluation tool. The survey will be emailed the week of January 29 and

returned by February 18. The Board will potentially set goals for the next year based on 2-3 weak areas after analyzing the survey results. F. Continuous Improvement Strategic

Plan Update S. Bleck reviewed the status of the Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan. VIII. CLOSED SESSION It was moved by K. Batten and seconded M. Wilz by to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:23 It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter open session at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION
TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the contracts for the principals. Motion carried. X. ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk Publish Feb. 22, 2024 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 HS COMMUNITY FORUM ROOM Meeting called to order by President, Sandra Smith at 6:00 p.m. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegience. Roll Call -

Board members present: Kohl, aye; Smith, aye; Wagner, aye, Loehrke, aye, Gerrits, aye. Board members absent: Doug Ehrenberg and Brandon Leschke Meeting properly noticed: Yes. Quorum: Yes. Administration present: Phillip Tubbs, John Kiefer, Jodi Alix, Donald Ryan, Nick Schultek.

Administration absent: None. Supervisors present: None.
Others Present: Stephanie Haase,
Kristy Schmidt, Collin Jorgensen, Adrienne Rice, Connie Peterson Chamomile Nusz, Paul Krause, Ryan Lemke, Kate Zank, Sam Benjamin, Dan, Kiedrowski, Wally Sedlar, Kyle Easter, Rvan Dolnik, Jav Welson, Rion Urven

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VISITORS: ADMINISTRATION PHILLIP TUBBS
Mr. Tubbs noted that the district will be contracting with Advance Physical Therapy Associates for an athletic

trainer to be at all athletic home events as well as Mr. Bailey helping out with the physical therapy for students. Mr. Tubbs thanked the staff as well as the neighboring districts for reaching out to help out in anyway with they could with the tragedy that happened. JODI ALIX

Mrs. Alix had nothing to report.
DONALD RYAN
Mr. Ryan had nothing to report.
NICHOLAS SCHULTEK Mr. Schultek had nothing to report.

JOHN KIEFER Mr. Kiefer noted that the health is up at

will. Neight indeed that the readilit is up at this time compared to last year and will be meeting with The Horton Group to see about getting costs down. OTHERS – Chamomile Nusz – High School Needs Assessment Chamomile Nusz gave an update to the board on the needs assessment. There was a survey that was sent out to families asking a number of questions on what they are looking for in a school There would need to be board approval in move forward to apply for a charter in those loward to apply on a charter school grant for the high school. If the district would receive the grant the 2024-2025 school year would be a planning year and the 2025-2026 school year would be the first year for students to attend. The same board that oversees the Fremont Stem Academy would oversee the high school charter schoo to start off with

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Nothing to report.
RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL GUESTS – Rotary Club Waupaca Grant Mr. Tubbs wanted to thank the Rotary Club of Waupaca for the two grants that were received by the district on behalf of Mrs Peuse and Ms Wilson STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Ms. Wisner was not present at the

OF VOUCHERS

Motion by Smith, seconded by Gerrits, to approve the November monthly payments as printed. Roll call vote: Smith, aye; Kohl, aye; Wagner, aye; Loehrke, aye; Brad Gerrits, aye. Five (5) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried Motion by Smith, seconded by Loehrke, to approve the August monthly cash receipts as printed.
Roll call vote: Kohl, aye; Gerrits, aye;

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

Wagner, aye; Smith, aye; Loehrke, aye. Five (5) ayes. Zero (0) nays. **OLD BUSINESS** CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE
Mr. Krause noted that they had their annual meeting last week and they are going to move forward with the stem academy enrollment for grades five through eight next year. The open enrollment for the Stem Academy to attend the next school year will be open from February through April.

CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Loehrke, seconded by Kohl,

Five (5) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried Under the Consent Agenda, the Board of Education approved the following:

A. Committee of the Whole Meeting –11-

to accept the consent agenda as

E. Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 11-27-23
C. Resignations – Christy Hintz -Reading Teacher Mr. Tubbs thanked Ms. Hintz for her service and noted that Ms. Hudziak is helping out in her absence **NEW BUSINESS**

ERIC LARSEN PRESENTATION ON STATE REPORT CARD (Action) Mr. Eric Larsen from Cesa 6 who is the Director of Learning and Assessment gave a presentation on the District Report Card. He noted that the scores are based on four areas which include achievement, growth, target group outcomes and on track to graduation. He noted that he has been working with the administrative team to look at all of the data and how they are trying to make gains in growth from one year to the next. START COLLEGE NOW

APPLICATIONS (Action)
Motion by Smith, seconded by Wagner, to approve the Start College Now Applications for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL AUTHORIZER (Action)
Motion by Loehrke, seconded by Smith, to approve the School District of

Weyauwega-Fremont as the Authorizer for a High School Charter School.
Two (2) ayes. Three (3) navs. Motion failed. CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION (Action)

No action was taken on this item.

CALENDAR & FUTURE AGENDA

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Charter School Grant at January Committee Meeting The January Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the High School Community Forum Room Motion by Smith, seconded by Kohl, to adjourn meeting at 7:17 p.m. Five (5) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried Monthly Regular Board of Education Meeting agendas will be posted on the district website at www.wegafremont.k12.wi.us, the Weyauwega Public Library, Weyauwega City Hall, Fremont Village Hall,

Neuschafer Community Library

District locations

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Board Secretary

Waupaca County Post, and at all W-F

Publish Feb. 22, 2024 WNAXLP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2024 Regular Meeting (Rescheduled due to Inclement Weather

on 01.09.24)
Pursuant to the regulations, the regular Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room and live streamed via YouTube. The meeting was also broadcast on TV Channel 991. The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click here.

President's Comments and Pledge of

Dale Feldt welcomed everyone and thanked staff for their participation in the virtual learning day on Tuesday. He then asked Alec Olson to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dale Feldt at 5:30 p.m.

Present in the WHS Community Room: Dale Feldt, Steve Klismet, Betty Manion, Molly McDonald, Bob Adams, Ron Brooks, and Nic Genske. Also Present: Present in the WHS Community Room:

Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Steve Thomaschefsky, Laurie Schmidt, Michael Werbowsky, Jenifer Erb, Austin Moore, John Erspamer, Carrie Naparalla, Rob Scherrer, Dar Pflugardt, Kyle Scherwinski, Alec Olson, MLSS Interventionists Elizabeth Krcmar, Karen Koehler, Raquel Daye, and Brittany Schnobrich, as well as students David Trzebiatowski and Greta Olson. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Bob Adams and seconded by Ron Brooks to approve the agenda as presented. The motion

carried unanimously on a voice vote

WIAA Sportsmanship Summit:

Minutes Director of Co-Curricular Activities/Athletics Rob Scherrer advised that he along with Cross Country Coach

Jess Bank and three student athletes recently attended the WIAA Sportsmanship Summit. It emphasized that high school sports are educationbased, and the importance of sportsmanship and respect in a safe and supportive environment. Two of the three student athletes who attended the Summit, David Trzebiatowski and Greta Olson, summarized what they learned at the presentations. They also outlined the goals they will be working towards to inspire more WHS sportsmanship, school spirit and culture. Overall, it was a great experience for everyone

Public Comment:

Review of Board Meeting Norms: The Board reviewed their collective commitments Board Reports:
Student Representative Report:
Alec Olson advised of several events

occurring at WHS, including the PBIS assembly to introduce winter sports, students are selecting courses for next year, and the Art Show started tonight in the WHS Library. In addition, a total of 1,200 pairs of shoes were donated for the FBLA shoe drive.

<u>Upcoming Meetings and Other</u>

Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
January 25, 2024 – Joint SB-GC
Charter School Contract Committee

Meeting – 5:30 p.m. February 22, 2024 – Joint SB-GC Charter School Contract Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m

Calendar: The Board members were asked to complete their availability calendars WASB Resolutions:
Board member and WASB Delegate

attending the WASB State Education Convention next week, so if any of the Board members had any concerns with the WASB Resolutions they should let her know. She shared that she is particularly interested in the Resolutions regarding the Office of School Safety, artificial intelligence, and temporary/ emergency licensure and certification. Spring Election Candidates: Board President Dale Feldt advised that there are six candidates for the four positions in the spring School Board election, and they will be on the ballot as randomly selected as follows: Steve

Klismet (I), Betty Manion, (I), Nicolas Genske (I), Tom Link, Bob Adams (I), and Lori J. Verhalen.
School Visits or Other Board Report:

opening soon. CEC Liaison Report: CEC Liaison Betty Manion shared that the CEC Governance Council met last week. The BEST survey is being used for teachers regarding mental health awareness. They also reviewed the school's report card, and are looking at earning a micro-credential on culture. In

Council Charter School Contract Committee: Committee Chairperson Dale Feldt advised that the Committee did not meet on Tuesday due to the inclement weather. Their next meeting is

p.m.
Consent Agenda: the items of the consent agenda as Approval of Minutes:
December 12, 2023 Joint SB-GC

Financial Reports: Accounts Payable Approval: \$2,228,843.17, and Building Fund Payable: \$352,437.11 Cash Receipts: \$3,639,141.22 Resignations:
Kristina Koch – Food Service Class II

Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors WHS Volunteer Advisor Joseph Duda - FBLA Salary Step Changes:
Devon Feldt – 8M18 to 8M24
Evelyn Kabke – 10M6 to 10M12
Jennifer Miller – 6B18 to 6B24

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. Communications:
Mr. Saari advised that January 22-26 is

unsolicited donations that the District recently received: a donation of clay targets and ammunition from Delta
Dental to the Trap and Skeet Club; a
monetary donation from First State Bank to the School Social Workers to support student activities; a monetary donation from the Waupaca Lions Club to the School Social Workers to support student needs; as well as donations from Good Samaritan and the Knights of A motion was made by Molly McDonald

accept, with gratitude, the donations as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote District Administrator's Report Mr. Saari reviewed the Waupaca Relocation Campaign website which is now complete, with its goal being to

and seconded by Betty Manion to

He advised that the DOT has two projects planned for the summer of 2026 on Highway 10, which will affect several on/off ramps in our area and will impact bussing. It is planned to begin in early May and end by October 31, and they will try to limit the ramp impacts. GoRiteway is aware of these projects as well.
Mr. Saari shared a Session Notes

template for the Board members to use to record their notes while attending the meetings at the WASB State Education reunification process at St. Mary's Magdalene Church by all safety teams will take place January 31, and on February 19 the individual schools will practice this walk-through.
Mr. Saari shared an invitation he received from the New London School development opportunity for all school board members in Waupaca County scheduled for January 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. Every school district in our county will have representatives attending. He and Mr. Feldt will be attending, and asked that if any of the other Board Mr. Saari advised that Mr. Grohman was on vacation so there is no monthly Grant Writer update.

Monitoring:
Budget Update/Review, including

indicating the overall year-to-date Fund 10 expense to budget percentage as of December 31st as compared to prior years. As noted, we are at the point where we would expect to be. He also

Activities: The Board was reminded of the ollowing upcoming meetings and other January 23, 2024 - Finance Committee

Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
February 13, 2024 – Joint SB-GC
Charter School Contract Committee
Meeting – 3:45 p.m.
February 13, 2024 – Regular Board

Completion of Board Member Availability

Betty Manion advised that she will be

Board member Betty Manion visited Sunny Day 4K and attended game night at CEC. Several of the Board members shared that they enjoyed the Christmas program at WLC. Board member Molly McDonald advised she attended the junior counselor meeting and found it to be very informative, particularly the job shadowing opportunities. Board President Feldt advised that senior applications for scholarships through the WHS Scholarship Foundation will be

addition, a mental health grant was written and two Rotary grants were addressed. They are looking forward to the Gala next week at Par 4 Joint School Board-Governance

scheduled for January 25, 2024, at 1:00 A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve

Charter School Contract Committee December 12, 2023 Regular Board

Secretary Hires – 2023-2024 School Year: Lester Deschler – WMS Custodian Kate Rolfs – Part Time WHS Custodian

David Peterson – 0518 to 0524
David Peterson – 22M24 to 22M30
Hannah Whipple – 4B24 to 4M
Girls Hockey WIAA Cooperative Team
Sponsorship Agreement

Adult Crossing Guard Week <u>Donations:</u>
Mr. Saari advised of the following

encourage people to move to the City of

Convention next week. He advised that a walk-through of the District regarding a professional members are interested in attending, they should let him or Mr. Feldt know

Mr. Saari provided a budget update.

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shared a listing of the various substantial grants that will be used to supplement the budget, and that everything will be claimed in full. Food Service Update: Food Service Supervisor Dar Pflugardt provided a financial comparison of the past few years of Fund 50, noting the current Fund balance of \$569,029.50. She also explained how meals per labor hour (MPLH) are calculated and that this is an industry standard used to evaluate the success of the program. She noted that the MPLH includes the hours necessary to prepare and serve meals only, it does not include any support staff or administrative hours. Ms. Pflugardt shared the MPLH for the District as a whole as well as for each school, and all are within industry standards and on track except the CEC. However, the MPLH calculation at CEC has been consistent throughout the

years and is OK.
Ms. Pflugardt also advised of all the kitchen equipment updates that have been made throughout the District, pointing out that the installation costs for the two dishwashers were very high due to other work that was required to be

completed per code. Mr. Saari pointed out that Ms. Pflugardt has done an excellent job in running the Food Service Department, with zero operating transfers being required for the past few years Administration:

Construction Update:
Because Mr. Breest was unable to attend tonight's meeting, Mr. Saari provided an update on the construction projects at each of the schools. At CEC, WMS, and WHS, additional casework is being fabricated and will be installed this month. At WMS and WHS, an additional card reader and wiring have been installed and all doors are now operating correctly, and the transaction counter at WHS is completed and fully operational. The flooring issues have been resolved at CEC and exterior signage will be

installed soon. At WLC, the interior work continues and is on track to be completed by the end of February. In addition, the exterior brickwork should be completed later this month along with the installation of the exterior wall panels and aluminum windows. The addition is

weatherproofed and temporary heat is installed, and exterior storefront doors will be installed toward the end of the construction to prevent any damage.

Open Enrollment Limits:
Director of Student Services Laurie Schmidt advised that this is a standardized report which is required in January setting out the District's limits for open enrollment which begins in February. She noted that these numbers are projections, and shared the District's availability of open spaces to accommodate non-resident open enrollment applications for regular education in each of the grade levels at each of the schools for the 2024-2025 school year. She pointed out that non-resident open enrollment applications for special education will be closed for all grade levels and categories. A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve the recommendation regarding spaces available for non-resident open enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year for regular education as presented. The motion carried

unanimously on a voice vote A motion was made by Nic Genske and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve the recommendation that no space is available for non-resident open enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year for special education as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote

eMLSS Guidebook Presentation: Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten advised that an Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Supports (eMLSS) includes all of the ways and programs used to make sure all students are learning at grade level and meeting expectations. Meeting the academic and behavioral needs of all of our students is the responsibility of all District staff, and requires looking at a multitude of evidence and data to identify student

areas of strength and need.
The District's reading and math interventionists, Elizabeth Krcmar, Karen Koehler, Brittany Schnobrich, and Raquel Daye, spoke about the eMLSS process. It requires a variety of actions review, and adjustments which usually take place during PLC time, so if a student is not meeting the goal(s) set for them, they have the tools to go in a different direction. They noted that many students overlap with reading and math

intervention so they work as a team to prioritize. Every interventionist serves approximately 40 students and the most youngest. In addition, there are three different levels of intensity of support provided -Tier 1-Universal, Tier 2-Targeted, and

Tier 3-Intensive. Tier 1 is where all students review core instruction and universal academic and behavioral strategies within their classroom; Tier 2 is where a small group of students receive research-based targeted interventions or enrichment, usually within their classroom, in addition to Tier 1 instruction; and Tier 3 is where a few students receive intensive support utilizing research-based interventions or enrichment, usually in a separate oneon-one or small group setting, in addition to Tier 2 instruction. They noted that support is provided for struggling students as well as for gifted and talented students. eMLSS is going to look different at each building but follow the same overall structure. Approximately 85% of students are in

Tier 1, approximately 10-15% of students are in Tier 2, and approximately 5% of students are in Tier 3. The influx of non-English speaking students has affected the numbers somewhat. They also noted that a large number of the class of fourth graders

needs additional support (because of the shutdown), but they are seeing that bell curve go down with the current first through third grade classes. The interventionists noted that developing relationships with the students and their families is important, and they build off that from year to year

which helps to close the gap. They communicate directly with the parents to keep them informed.
The interventionists shared the eMLSS non-negotiables, as well as the eMLSS

Guidebook, which is a work in progress Mr. Flaten added that the guidebook formalizes the processes and systematic approach by the teacher. Activities/Athletic Department Update and Fall Co-Curricular Acknowledgment: Director of Co-Curricular Activities and

Athletics Rob Scherrer shared the many achievements of the fall athletic programs as well as the individual athletic achievements. In addition, the musical was very successful, he has hired a new girls' basketball coach, the dance team is doing great, and the hockey and chess teams have seen an increase in numbers. Several of the Board members added that it was great to see the enthusiasm he has brought to

Mr. Scherrer advised that he is looking for feedback from the Board regarding what they would like to see in these updates/reports moving forward. In addition, Board member Nic Genske asked for his feedback on the

challenges involving indoor practice space, which Mr. Scherrer will continue

Adjournment into Closed Session: A motion was made by Molly McDonald and seconded by Steve Klismet to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensatior or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(f), Considering financial,

medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically, to receive updates on pending grievances. The

motion carried unanimously on a roll call

vote at 6:58 p.m.

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Reconvene Into Open Session to Consider Action on Matters from Closed Session: A motion was made by Ron Brooks and

seconded by Steve Klismet to reconvene into open session to consider action on matters from closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 8:09 p.m.
A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Steve Klismet to accept the retirement of Director of Business Services Carl Hayek and wished him the best. The motion carried unanimously

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Nic Genske to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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on a roll call vote.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 30, 2024 Special Meeting
Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held on the above

date in the Waupaca High School Community Room. The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription

of the meeting. **Call to Order:**The meeting was called to order by President Dale Feldt at 4:30 p.m. Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Dale Feldt, Steve Klismet, Molly McDonald, Betty Manion, Ron Brooks Bob Adams, and Nic Genske. Approval of Agenda:
A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Steve Klismet to

approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice **Review of Board Meeting Norms**:

Adjournment into Closed Session: A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(f), Considering financial,

medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically, to discuss individuals and staffing matters. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 4:34 p.m.
The Board did not reconvene in open

Adjournment:
A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice

____Date__ Dale Feldt, President Board of Education
Date
Molly McDonald, Clerk Board of Education

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SCANDINAVIA Regular School Board Meeting -Minutes Elementary School - Room #6 (Hygge) 450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945

January 8, 2024 at 7 pm

I. Meeting was called to order in the Elementary School, Room #6 at 7 pm by Mike Harbridge with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present - Mike Harbridge, Diana Jones, Mike Grassl, Laura Krogwold, Paul Huettner, Vanessa Kirmse and Tony Neumann Administration present - Chris Nelson, Sarah Thiel, Stacev Wester, Jan

Bue-Wells, Kimberlisa Przychocki and Tammy Bauer Observer's present -Tim Welch, Tessa Thurs, Emily Draska, Kayla Phillipi, Emily Conroy, Pete Bowen, Mark Sether, Robbie Lashua, Erikka Flowers, Shannon Huettner, Libby Maus, Ryan Kampert, Alex Shelley and Miranda

Bruno II. Approval of agenda Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote. III. Public input/comments - None

IV. Approval of consent agenda Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Paul Huettner to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

A. Approval of the December 11, 2023

B. Auditing and approval of checks (receipts checks) C. Treasurer's report and Pupil Activity

D. Fundraiser requests 1. Spanish Club - Seasoning Mixes

E. Gifts and Donations

1. Whitetail Beef & Trinrud Family

V. Middle/High School Presentation Musical Cast VI. Administration reports
A. FAC Director's Report

informational B Principal's Report - informational

C. Administrator's Report -D. Business Manager's Report -

informational E. Student Representative Report -

VII. School Board News and Updates A. WASB Meeting/Convention Updates B. CESA 5 Meeting Updates

VIII. Old Business A. Track Discussion Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve fundraising for track improvements at the current lola location. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

IX Committee reports A. Building & Grounds - Chairperson

B. Personnel & Nominations
Chairperson Grassl 1. Hiring

a) Part-Time Custodial position Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve hiring Kalani Malio as the new Part-Time Custodian as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
b) Elementary - ELL
Interpreter/Educational Assistant

Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the ELL Interpreter/Educational Assistant position as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
2. Educational Assistant Leave of

Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Harbridge to approve the Educational Assistant Leave of Absence as presented. Motion carried

by a voice vote. C. Finance - Chairperson Krogwold; lay committee members Erikka Flowers and Mark Sether 1. Financial Forecast - informational

D. Transportation - Chairperson

1. Bus Routes Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Laura Krogwold to maintain bus routes with district boundaries. Motion carried by a voice

E. Curriculum - Chairperson Huettner

No report
F. Policy & Legislation - Chairperson

 Reading Specialist Job Description
 Special Education Teacher Job Description Motion was made by Paul Huettner and

1. Teacher Job Description

seconded by Mike Harbridge to approve the Teacher, Reading Specialist and Special Education Teacher job descriptions as presented. Motion

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carried by a voice vote. G. <u>Negotiations</u> - Chairperson Kirmse X. New Business

A. Digital Mapping Quotes - StrataSite and CRG (Covered 100% by grant) Motion was made by Laura Krogwold and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve CRG Digital Mapping quote (covered 100% by grant) as presented Motion carried by a voice vote. B. 2024-2025 School Calendar Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried by a voice

C. 2024-2025 Special Education Oper Motion was made by Paul Huettner and

seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve zero special education open enrollmer spaces for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried by a voice vote.

D. 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Spaces
Motion was made by Diana Jones and
seconded by Tony Neumann to approve 2024-2025 open enrollment spaces with limited space.. Motion carried by a voice

E. Pre-Referendum and Referendum Contractor Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Paul Huettner to approve Hoffman as the Pre-Referendum and Referendum Contractor, Motion carried by voice vote.
F. Overnight trip - DECA

Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve the DECA overnight trip as presented. Motion carried by a voice XI. Future Agenda Items

A. Upcoming Dates
1. February 5, 2024 Working
Committee Meeting, Elementary School,

Room #6 (Hygge) at 6 pm 2. February 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Elementary School, Room #6 (Hygge) at 7 pm XII. Adjourn to executive session. The following motion would be in order (roll call vote): Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann at 9:05 pm to go into executive session in accordance with Wisconsin §19.85 (1) (c), (e) and (f) for the purposes and taking action, if appropriate concerning 1. Employment, compensation, or

performance evaluation data
a. District Administrator Evaluation and Goals

Motion carried by a roll call vote. XIII. Reconvene into open session to take possible action regarding XII. Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Tony Neumann at 9:52 pm to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by a roll call vote. XIV. Adiourn

Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Paul Huettner at 9:53 pm to adjourn. Motion carried by a voice Publish Feb. 22, 2024 WNAXLP

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF IOLA-**SCANDINAVIA** Working School Board Committee
Meeting
Elementary School - Room #6 (Hygge)

450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945 Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6 pm I. Meeting was called to order in the Elementary School - Room #6 (Hygge) at 6 pm by Mike Harbridge with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present - Mike Harbridge, Diana Jones, Mike Grassl, Laura Krogwold, Paul Huettner, Vanessa Kirmse. Absent; Tony Neumann Administration present - Chris Nelson, Stacey Wester, Sarah Thiel, Jan Bue-Wells, Tammy Bauer and Kimberlisa Przyzchocki

II. Approval of agenda
Motion was made by Laura Krogwold
and seconded by Paul Huettner to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried by a voice vote. III. Public input/comments - None
IV. Old Business
A. Middle School Softball and Baseball

No action was taken. - IN O ACUON WAS TAKEN.

V. Committee reports - It is suggested that each committee set its meeting for the coming month at the regular board meeting. This will enable us to get a proper public notice published.

A Building & County Chairman Building & Grounds - Chairperson

 Garbage & Recycling - GFL 5 year ement - No Action was taker B. Personnel & Nominations -

1. Resignation - MS/HS Special Education Assistant Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the MS/HS Special Education assistant resignation as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2. Job Descriptions a) MS/HS Counselor

b) Athletic Director c) ES Counselor d) Math Interventionist

e) Instructional Support Teacher MS/HS f) Speech and Language Pathologist No action was taken regarding the job descriptions

C. <u>Finance</u> - Chairperson Krogwold; lay committee members Erikka Flowers and Mark Sether 1. Financial Audit Services - No action

D. Transportation - Chairperson

1. Kobussen Contract - 2 year extension - No action was taken

. <u>Curriculum</u> - Chairperson Huettner

F. Policy & Legislation - Chairperson Policy Updates - Vol.33, No.1 - overview and policies

overview and policies
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and
seconded by Paul Huettner to approve
Vol.33, No. 1 policy updates as
presented. Motion carried by a voice 2 Vol. 33. No. 1 - New Policies

a) Policy 6236 b) Policy 6611

c) Policy 7250.01

d) Policy 7540.08 Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve the first reading of policies 6236, 6611, 7250.01 and 7540.08 as presented. Motion carried by a voice

G. <u>Negotiations</u> - Chairperson Kirmse

No report
VI. New Business
A. Spanish Trip - No action was taken VII. Future Agenda Items

A. Upcoming Dates
1. February 12, 2024 Regular Board
Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6

(Hygge) 7 pm.
VIII. Adjourn
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl at 6:26 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a Publish Feb. 22, 2024 WNAXLP

7735 **Notice To Creditors** DATE SIGNED: February 8, 2024

Electronically signed by Angel Dahle
Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN. CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MERLE H. MANTEUFEL

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR7
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth
12/4/1956 and date of death 12/6/2023,

was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of E4213 Preuss Road, Ogdensburg, WI 4962. 3. All interested persons waived notice 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 9, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: Attorney Bruce J. Meagher P.O. Box 335 Iola, WI 54945 715-445-7000 Bar Number: 1013332

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Notice To Creditors 7735

DATE SIGNED: January 30, 2024

<u>Electronically signed by Angela Dahle</u> 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.

The decedent, with date of birth May

1, 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 ROELS KEIDATZ FRONSEE & DANEN

515 George Street, De Pere, WI 54115 920-336-4242 Bar Number: 01027415 Publish Feb. 8, 15 & 22, 2024 WNAXLP

IN RE: THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

administration of the MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 has been commenced. In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Section 701.0508, notice is hereby given that all Creditors holding claims against MARJORIE A. BUCHHOLZ or 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 VILLNOW LAW OFFICE, LLC 197 N. MAIN STREET PO BOX 187 AMHERST, WI 54406. GARY R. VILLNOW, II

Ordinances

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VILLNOW LAW OFFICE, LLC 197 N. MAIN STREET PO BOX 187

AMHERST, WI 54406

ORDINANCE NO. 15-23 (2023)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 3.05 OF THE MUNICIPAL
CODE
RELATING TO PURCHASES,
APPROPRIATIONS AND PAYROLL
The Common Council of the City of
Waynaga do ordiain as follows: Waupaca do ordain as follows SECTION 1. Section 3.05 of the Municipal Code – Purchases, Appropriations and Payrolls, is hereby mended to read as follows: (1) No supplies shall be purchased by any person unless previously ordered by the Common Council or unless he/she shall obtains approval from the department head. A committee chairperson or department head may authorize payment for all operating expenses such as materials, supplies of services and budgeted capital outlay for his/her respective department not to exceed \$10,000. Budgeted operational expenditures between \$10,000 and \$25,000 shall require 3 written quotes and the approval of the appropriate Board or Committee. Operational purchases over \$25,000 require 3 written quotes or proposals utilizing a sealed bid process and approval of the committee/board and Common Council. Cooperative purchasing agencies or other government purchasing programs may be utilized in lieu of 3 written quotes or proposals. (Am. Ord. #13-06; #06-19(2019))

(2) All emergency purchases over \$2,500 shall be approved by the Mayor or the appropriate committee

(3) Any request for an appropriation of funds shall be laid over to the next Council meeting, except by suspension

(4) The City Treasurer/Finance Director may make such immediate payr may be necessary for weekly or semimonthly payrolls, contracted services, utility bills and expenses approved by the appropriate committee board or commission

(5) CAPITAL OUTLAY/EXPENDITURES. (Am. Ord.

#13-06)
(a) For Capital expenditures between \$10,000 and \$25,000, 3 written quotes or proposals shall be obtained unless it is a sole source purchase and is of such a nature that it is impossible to get comparative quotes or proposals Budgeted capital expenditures under \$25,000 may be approved by the responsible committee or board without Common Council approval and shall be reported in the committee/board minutes for informational purposes. Nonbudgeted capital expenditures under \$25,000 shall be approved by the Common Council.

(b) For any budgeted or nonbudgeted public construction capital expenditures over \$25,000, 3 quotes or written proposals shall be obtained through a sealed bid process and shall be approved by the Common Council. (c) For any budgeted or nonbudgeted capital expenditure over \$25,000 that does not meet the definition of a "public construction" project, 3 quotes or written proposals shall be obtained and shall be approved by the Common Council. A sealed bid process is not required.
(d) For budgeted capital expenditures between \$10,000 and \$25,000, 3 written quotes or proposals shall be obtained with the approval of the appropriate Board or Committee required. A sole source purchase is a purchase that is of such a nature that it is impossible to get truly comparative proposals, and in such a case the purchase may be approved

by the responsible committee or board This type of purchase requires no further Council approval but shall be reported in the committee/board meeting minutes for informational purposes. For nonbudgeted capital expenditures between \$2,500 and \$25,000, committee/board and Common Council approval is required. (e) For all capital expenditures included in subsections (a), (b), and (c) cooperative purchasing agencies or other government purchasing programs may be utilized in lieu of 3 written quotes or proposals. (Cr. Ord. #06-19(2019))

(6) For the procurement of professional (6) For the procurement of professional services, the City will follow a "Professional Services Procurement Policy" as approved by the City Council on April 19, 2005. (Cr. Ord. #06-10/2019). (7) A written list of all payments made each month shall be placed on the

Council agenda at the end of the meeting for approval by roll call vote. (Rn. Ord. #06-19(2019))
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication

effect upon passage and publica according to law. /s/ Brian Smith, Mayor Adopted: February 6, 2023. Published: February 22, 2023. ATTEST: /s/ Barbara J. Nowak Barbara J. Nowak Barbara J. Nowak, City Clerk Publish Feb. 22, 2024 WNAXLP Announcements

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Weyauwega-Fremont's Zander Baehnman works on Cambridge's Curtis Peterson Feb. 13 at a Division 3 team sectional at Waterloo High School. Baehnman handed Peterson a 14-6 loss and the Warharks went on to defeat the Blue Jays 64-16 in the semifinal round before beating Waterloo in the final. Perry Thomas Photo

Warhawks dominate team sectional

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

WATERLOO – Four teams remain in the hunt for a WIAA Division 3 team wrestling state champion-ship.

One of them is the Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks.

The Warhawks are heading to the state team tournament – scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, at the University of Wisconsin Field House in Madison – for the first time in program history after defeating two teams Feb. 13 at a team sectional at Waterloo High School.

Weyauwega-Fremont will join defending Division 3 champion Fennimore, Coleman and Cumberland at the state meet. Semifinal matches will begin at 10 a.m., with the No. 1 seed to face the No. 4 seed and the No. 2 seed to meet the No. 3 seed. The semifinal winners will then wrestle for the state championship at 3 p.m.

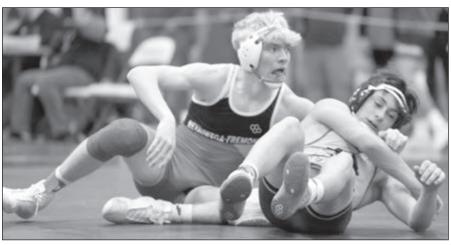
The Warhawks handed Lomira a 42-28 loss in the championship match in Waterloo after opening the sectional with a 64-16 win over Cambridge.

W-F 42, Lomira 28

Jaydon LeNoble (106 pounds), Aiden Marquette (144), Alex Loehrke (150), Tellyer Alix (190), Wyatt Wetzel (215) and Vanden Hoffman (285) had wins for the Warhawks in a matchup with the Lions.

LeNoble picked up a 5-3 win over Jordan Lisiecki, Marquette pinned Skyler Kindler in 1:47, Loehrke pinned Koby Sacotte in 2:52, Alix defeated Easton Neuman 13-8, Wetzel defeated Andrew Reha 3-1 in overtime and Hoffman beat Warren Sauer 6-2.

Sectional CONTINUES ON PAGE 12



Weyauwega-Fremont's Aiden Marquette reacts after pinning Waterloo's Gavin Schroud in a 144-pound match Feb. 17 at a WIAA Division 3 sectional at Dodgeland High School in Juneau. Marquette went on to place third and is one of eight Weyauwega-Fremont wrestlers heading to state.

Perry Thomas Photo

W-F sending eight to state, after winning D3 sectional

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

JUNEAU – It's been a season of firsts for the Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team.

The Warhawks sent a school-record 13 wrestlers to a WIAA Division 3 sectional meet at Dodgeland High School Feb. 17 and set another school record by qualifying eight wrestlers for the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships, set for Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 22-24, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Weyauwega-Fremont also qualified for the first time for the state team championships, which will be held Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, also in Madison.

Four of the eight wrestlers won sectional championships and helped the Warhawks place first with 164 points: Jaydon LeNoble (106 pounds), Carter Birdyshaw (132), Carter McDaniel (165) and Vanden Hoffman (285).

The Warhawks' other state qualifiers are Connor

Johnson (second, 157); Josue Azuara (third, 113); Aiden Marquette (third, 144); and Tellyer Alix (third, 190).

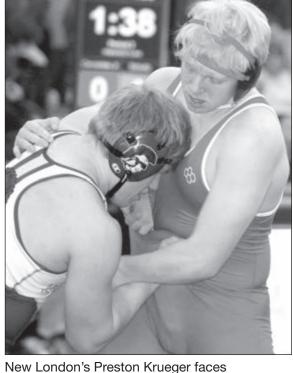
"It was a dominating performance from start to finish," coach Tim Potratz said. "In the opening quarterfinal round, we won 12 out of our 13 matches and never looked back. We won the most matches of any team, qualified the most wrestlers to state, had the most pins and scored more points in their matches than any team in the tournament."

LeNoble won his championship with a 7-1 win over Westfield's Lincoln Beyer; Birdyshaw beat Marshall's Tucker Cobb 3-2; McDaniel defeated Johnson Creek's Taylor Joseph 7-1; and Hoffman pinned Omro's Andyboi Hernandez in

Azuara lost a third-place match to Markesan's Gavin Slark 6-0; Marquette beat Johnson Creek's Luke Hartz in their third-place match; Johnson dropped a 7-3 decision to Pardeeville's Caleb Mackey in their championship match; and Markesan's Noah Hanefeld picked up a 5-4 win over Alix in another third-place match.

Weyauwega-Fremont's other wrestlers included Rylan Konen (120); Jake Buss (126); Ezra Balthazor (fourth, 138); Nolan Schrei (175); and Wyatt Wetzel (215).

"It is an honor as a high school athlete to be able to represent your team, your school and your community in a state tournament," Potratz said. "These kids will get to do that this week in the state individual tournament and our entire team will get to do that next week in the state team tournament. Congratulations to everyone in our wrestling family, from our youth and middle school coaches to parents to our awesome volunteer coaches, our fans, first-year assistant coach Tyler Wetzel and especially (assistant coach) Trevor Potratz for his skill, energy and positivity that has raised this program's level of performance to our current position."



New London's Preston Krueger faces
Luxemburg-Casco's Ezra Waege in a
215-pound match Feb. 17 at a WIAA Division
2 sectional in Oconto Falls. Krueger defeated
Waege 6-5, but did not qualify for state after
placing fourth.

Greg Seubert Photo

State meet up next for 3 wrestlers

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

OCONTO FALLS – The season will continue for a pair of New London wrestlers and one from Waupaca.

New London's Hailie Krueger and Wyatt Magolski placed first and second in their respective weight class Feb. 17 at a WIAA Division 2 sectional meet at Oconto Falls High School.

Meanwhile, Waupaca's Caylin Johnson pinned Chilton/Hilbert's Samantha Meyer in 2:26 in the girls' 145-pound match. They were the only competitors in the weight class.

All three wrestlers have advanced to the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships, which will be held Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 22-24, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Krueger, the two-time defending girls' state champion at 145 pounds, moved up to 152 pounds this season and placed first in Oconto Falls with a pair of first-period pins.

She pinned Crivitz/ Wausaukee's Cupcake Rolls in 1:42 in the semifinal round and won the championship by pinning Oconto Falls' Nicole Woosencraft in 1:29.

Magolski, a senior who placed fourth at state at 113 last year and third at 106 in 2022, made it to the finals with a 17-0 technical fall over Elkhart

State CONTINUES ON PAGE 12

Hortonville has six champions

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

KIMBERLY – A solid season isn't over yet for the Hortonville wrestling team.

The Polar Bears had four champions Feb. 17 at a WIAA Division 1 sectional meet in Kimberly. All four wrestlers, as well as two others that placed second, qualified for the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships, which begin Thursday, Feb. 22, in Madison.

Cash Botting (126), Henry Niebauer (150) and Austin McHugh (215) won boys' championships, while Mackenzie Schiedermayer won the girls' 152-pound championship.

Botting pinned Pulaski's Conner Nooyen in 2:22 to win his championship; Niebauer beat Kaukauna's Kolin DeGroot 10-3; McHugh handed Appleton North's Blake Miller

Hortonville Wrestling CONTINUES ON PAGE 12

Comets win with two late goals

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA – At first, it looked like the Waupaca boys' hockey team would open WIAA state tournament play with an overtime game.

The Comets and Antigo headed into the final minute of regulation tied at 4-4, but Liam Bloedow's two goals gave Waupaca a 4-2 win over the Red Robins Feb. 15 in a Division 2 regional semifinal at the Waupaca Ice & Expo Center.

Waupaca, a No. 4 seed in its sectional bracket, headed to Tomahawk Feb. 20 to face the top-seeded Hatchets for a regional championship. Tomahawk defeat-

ed eighth-seeded Rhinelander 5-3 in the Hatchets' tournament opener.

The Comets scored the game's first two goals. Blake Schoenecker opened the scoring with 3:53 remaining in the first period off of an assist from Jace Moen.

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Adam Mace gave Waupaca a 2-0 lead with 10:33 left in the second period, with Ryan Mace and Bloedow getting credit for the assist.

Eli Kassler's unassisted goal with 3:01 remaining in the second period cut Waupaca's lead to 2-1 and the Red Robins tied the game seven minutes into the third

Hockey
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From softball diamond to Hall of Fame

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

WISCONSIN DELLS

– Tom Anderson's accomplishments as Iola-Scandinavia High School's softball coach keeps growing.

Eight months after coaching the Thunderbirds to the program's first state championship, he is among the newest members of the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The association inducted Anderson and three other coaches – Waterloo's Debra Braatz, Kaukauna's Tim Roehrig and Dodgeville's Gene Van Dyck – Feb. 10 during a banquet in Wisconsin Dells.

Anderson CONTINUES ON PAGE 12



The Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association inducted Iola-Scandinavia softball coach Tom Anderson and three others into its Hall of Fame Feb. 10 in Wisconsin Dells.

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Spring hearings scheduled for April

MADISON - There's still time to participate in the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' spring hearing process.

The WCC and state Department of Natural Resources have scheduled spring hearings in each county for Monday, April 8. The DNR is still finalizing times and locations for each hearing, but Waupaca County's hearings have been held for years in the Waupaca High School Performing Arts Center.

Scott Bestul of Iola, one of

Waupaca County's four WCC delegates, said changes have been made to the process of submitting resolutions.

"There have been some changes to the process of submitting resolutions to the Conservation Congress." he said. "We will be accepting resolutions until Feb 26. (The) author will then be contacted by a committee member and any changes (will be) made before being put on (the) agenda for the April 8 in-person county meetings. (The)

author or a representative must be in attendance at (the) April 8 meeting for (the) resolution to be acted on.

The WCC is an independent organization that advises the DNR and state Natural Resources Board on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources.

Online comments on submitted resolutions will be accpted from Wednesday to Saturday, April 10-13.

State residents can submit resolutions online thorugh

Feb. 26. Resolutions must meet the following criteria: The concern must be of

statewide impact. • The concern must be practical, achievable and reason-

able. • The concern must be within the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Conservation

Congress. Individuals can submit up to two resolutions per year. Those interested in submitting a resolution are encouraged to reach out to the WCC Resolution Review Committee or their WCC county chair for guidance in drafting a resolu-

Additional tips on preparing a resolution are available on the WCC and DNR's spring hearings webpage.

WCC representatives for area counties are:

• Waupaca County: Arlyn Splitt of Clintonville, chair; Bob Knorr of Clintonville, vice chair; and Scott Bestul of Iola and Jason Shelley of Iola, delegates.

 Outagamie County: Doug Seidl of Seymour, chair; Steven Ninneman of Hortonville, vice chair; and Matt McHugh of New London, Michael Kohl of Appleton and Dave Ninneman of Hortonville, del-

egates. Waushara County: John Piechowski of Redgranite, chair; Brad Heath of Plainfield, vice chair; and George Grimm

of Redgranite, delegate. Portage County: Pete Theisen of Stevens Point, chair: Jessica Tomaszewski of Stevens Point, vice chair; and Shayne Scheuermann of Stevens Point, Mike Nicholson of Bancroft and Jeffry Giese of Stevens Point, delegates.

 Winnebago County: Clarence Koch of Oshkosh, chair; Wright Allen of Omro, vice chair; and Douglas Nelson of Winneconne, Justin Loehrke of Neenah and Jeremy Thull of Winneconne, delegates.

• Shawano County: Duane Beyer of Shawano, chair; Mark Conradt of Shawano, vice chair; and Brian Heins of Bowler, Andrew Heinz of Shawano and Bob Bohardt of Shawano, delegates.

Contact information each representative can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov and searching "Conservation Congress."

SECTIONAL

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Josue Azuara (113), Carter Birdyshaw (132) and Carter McDaniel (175) won their matches by forfeit.

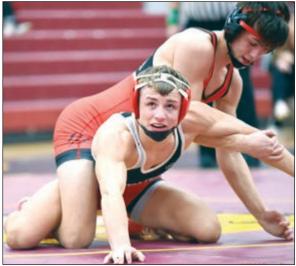
Lomira scored its points on Colin Weber's pin of Ezra Balthazor in 5:46 (138); Isaiah Giese's pin of Connor Johnson in 2:36 (165); Marek Lisiecki's 14-0 major decision over Zander Beyer (157); and forfeits to Jack Baron (120) and Marshall Hanke (126).

W-F 64, Cambridge 16

Six pins, a major decision and three forfeits helped the Warhawks defeat the Blue

Marquette pinned Conner Tarras in 3:18 (144), Johnson pinned Owain Nelles in 1:07 (157), McDaniel pinned Sam Hanson in 2:57 (165), Alix pinned TJ Terland in 43 seconds (190), Wetzel pinned Jamayne Flom-Pressley in 4:32 (215) and Hoffman pinned Sam Incha in 22 seconds (275).

Zander Baehnman picked



Weyauwega-Fremont's Ezra Balthazor faces Lomira's Colin Weber in a 138-pound match at a team sectional in Waterloo. Weber ended up pinning Balthazor in 5:46, but Weyauwega-Fremont won the match 42-28. Perry Thomas Photo

up a 16-4 major decision over Curtis Peterson (106) and Cambridge forfeited matches to Azuara (113), Birdyshaw (132), Balthazor (138) and Nolan Schrei (175).

Aiden Sperle had the Blue Jays' only win in a contested match, as he beat Loehrke 10-1.

The Warhawks also forfeited matches to Clayton Stenjem (120) and Mason Sonnenberg (126).

The win over Lomira was a team effort, according to coach Tim Potratz.

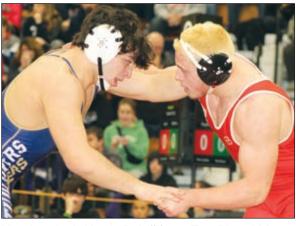
We had young kids step up and perform great," he said. "When one of our best wrestlers got beat, the next for guys came out and got us the big wins we needed. This was a great high school wrestling match with upsets, comebacks and close matches."

STATE FROM PAGE 11

Lake/Glenbeulah's Lacota Lisowe and a 3-2 win over Brillion's Logan Mueller. The win over Mueller set up a finals matchup with Luxemburg-Casco's Carson Neubert, but Magolski dropped a 7-5 overtime decision to place second.

One other New London wrestler made it to the finals. Sophia Hull-Riggs faced Freedom's Katherine Cook in the girls' 100-pound final, but Cook got the pin in 2:46. Hull-Riggs advanced to the final by pinning Two Rivers' Destiny Parker in 2:21.

Magolski was one of seven New London boys to compete in Oconto Falls. Preston Krueger placed fourth at 215, while William Christopher (113), Trevor Schultz (126), Jackson Pecher (175), Howie Roloff (190) and Braxton Bryant (285) did not place.



New London's Howie Roloff faces Two Rivers' Max Matthias in a 190-pound match at a sectional meet in Oconto Falls Feb. 17. Matthias pinned Roloff in 3:49 and went on to win the weight class championship. Rolon stayed alive in the tournament, but his season ended in the next round with a 6-4 loss to Oconto Falls' Nick Trepanier. Greg Seubert Photo

Clintonville's Kaine Killlips (157) and Waupaca's Owen Hansen (175) competed, but did not place.

Two wrestlers from Waupaca and New London joined Krueger and Johnson in the girls' competition, but did not place. Thressa Voight and Bella Flease wrestled for New London at 120 and 132, respectively, while Savana Hansen (132) and Rylynn Eskildsen (165) wrestled for Waupaca.

ANDERSON

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Waupaca Area

via assistant softball coach Stacy Bestul and Anderson's two children - Brooke Manley and Brett Anderson presented him at the event. Anderson led the T-Birds

to a 23-9 record in 2023 that included a 10-6 win over Braatz's Waterloo team Longtime Iola-Scandinain the WIAA Division 4 state championship game.

He is entering his 33rd year as coach at Iola-Scandinavia and his 440-257 overall record includes two sectional championships, 10 regional championships and four conference championships.

He has also taken eight teams to spring training trips at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Anderson made his softball coaching debut in 1991 at Necedah High School before moving to Iola-Scandinavia the following year. He was a fifth-grade teacher in the Iola-Scandinavia School District for more than 30 years before retiring in 2017.

Anderson joins two other former Iola-Scandinavia coaches inducted into their respective Hall of Fame. The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association inducted Steve Fleckenstein in 1998 and the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association inducted Judy Morey in 2000.

Parks, Recreation

Clintonville Women's Pool League Division 1

Week 22 standings (wins): Sticky Buns (136); Big Falls Tavern (109); Bun's Pocket Rockets (103); D's Corner Pocket (79); Club 45 (76); Mike's Saloon (74); Jeanne Rose 1 (69); Racks & Rails (64)

Division 2

Week 22 standings (wins): Gopher's (151); Lowell's Landing (124): Jeanne Rose 2 (114): Bun's Ball Busters (108): Bun's 1 (90); Suzy Q's (88); Bump's (78); Philagain's (77); Big Sal's (44).

Clintonville Volleyball Leagues Week 4 standings (men): Rodents, 19-2; Isaiah Holbrook's

Team, 8-13; All Phases Electric, 8-13; G-Force, 2-16. Feb. 13 results: Isaiah Holbrook's Team 3. Beniamin Holbrook's Team 0; All Phases Electric 2, G-Force 1; Rodents 3, G-Force 0; All Phases Electric 3, Armoured Fencing 0; Isaiah Holbrook's Team 2, Rodents 1.

Team, 16-5; Armoured Fencing, 7-11; Benjamin Holbrook's

Week 4 standings (women): Carmen Henschel's Team, 20-1; Blazers Bar & Grill, 19-2; Katie Holbrook's Team, 10-11; Serves of Steel, 10-11; Country Queens, 8-13; Kerry Baird's Team, 3-15: Hannah Armour's Team, 2-19.

Feb. 15 results: Blazers Bar & Grill 3. Katie Holbrook's Team 0; Blazers Bar & Grill 3, Country Queens 0; Country Queens 2, Hannah Armour's Team 1; Carmen Henschel's Team 3, Kerry Baird's Team 0; Serves of Steel 3, Hannah Armour's Team 0.

HORTONVILLE WRESTLING

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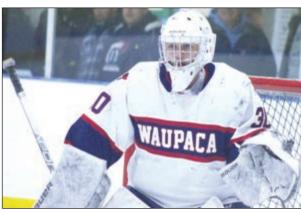
a 9-6 defeat; and Schiedermayer won her championship with a 16-1 technical fall of Bay Port's Renezmae Rhoades.

Two other Polar Bears made the finals on the boys' side and are also heading to state. Nolan Skebba dropped an 11-3 major decision to Kaukauna's Lucas Peters at 132, while Ayden Needham fell 5-3 to Pu-

laski's Chase Woosencraft at 190. Hortonville's wrestlers

that also placed on the boys' side include Sam Ellerman (fourth, 106); Grant Harris (fourth, 157); and Tage Wasmund (fourth, 165). Other wrestlers included Tristin Ellerman (120), Collin Schroeder (138) and Kyle Agnew (175).

Hannah Huza tied for fourth in the girls' 120-pound weight class, while Mya Uelmen competed at 114.



Goalie Gavin Hafferman stopped 12 of Antigo's 14 shots Feb. 15 in Waupaca's 4-2 win over the Red Robins in a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal in Waupaca. Liam Bloedow's two goals in the final minute of the game broke a 2-2 tie. Greg Seubert Photo

HOCKEY

FROM PAGE 11 period on Owen Dickman's unassisted goal.

The score remained 2-2 until Bloedow scored with 52 seconds remaining in

regulation. Adam and Ryan Mace assisted on the goal before Bloedow added an empty-net goal with 23 seconds left in the game.

Waupaca outshot Antigo 41-14.

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Clintonville FFA members learn leadership

BY CLINTONVILLE FFA SPECIAL TO TRIBUNE-GAZETTE

The Clintonville FFA Chapter has planned many exciting activities for FFA week, and we cannot wait to celebrate.

We have gained a lot of new, active members this year, and we can't wait to see all of our members succeed in their events and competitions this year.

In the last year, the Clintonville FFA Chapter has increased not only our chapter size, but also our member involvement in Supervised Agricultural Experiences, CDEs, LDEs and more.

At the beginning of the month, members competed in their respective Leadership Development Events. Jacob Harbaugh advanced to sectionals in Discussion Meet. This years Parlimentary Procedure Team will be returning to sectionals again. The team consists of Abigial Krueger, Arianna Jepson, Nicole Sasse, Jenna Rogers, Logan Harbaugh, and Jacob Harbaugh. This year we have 5 Career Development Events compet-



Clintonville FFA members.

ing on March 22.

These teams consist of Dairy and Livestock Judging, Milk Quality and Products, Forestry, and Veterinary Science.

Not only does the Clintonville FFA participate in competitions but they also earn awards and get in-

volved in the FFA in other ways.

In June of last year, Logan Harbaugh competed in Creed Speaking at the State Level and placed third. Jacob Harbaugh earned a 3-Star Leadership Award. We were awarded the P.R.I.D.E Award for our in-

crease in membership. The chapter also earned a blue ribbon on its 2021-2022 scrapbook.

In October, while attending the National FFA Convention, the chapter earned its 2-star National Chapter Award.

Not only are they earning

awards and becoming leaders, but they are also having fun. This fall the chapter traveled down to Madison, Wisconsin to participate in the events at the World Dairy Expo.

We have also hosted many events such as a Back to School cookout, Pumpkin Carving Contest, and a Holiday Party. Many members and school personnel are awaiting our annual Drive your Tractor to School Day.

While having fun is always good, a big part of FFA is growing leaders for tomorrow and strengthening your community. The Clintonville FFA has grown leaders through leadership conferences such as the Fall Leadership, the I AM/Connect and the Halftime Conference

At these events, members have gained leadership skills and learned tips to improve their chapter.

To strengthen their community the chapter has sponsored plant sales, taught younger students about agriculture, and handed out boxes of donuts to all of the hard-working farmers in our area.

The Clintonville FFA is excited to be celebrating FFA Week. We are very proud of the things we have accomplished and what is in store for us in the future.

Join One 'n' Udder in Manawa FFA

BY MANAWA FFA

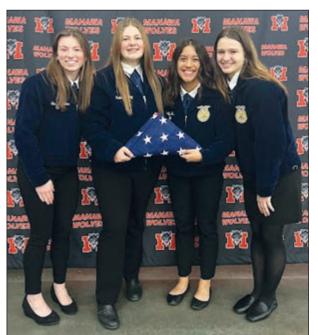
SPECIAL TO POST

The Manawa FFA has been recognized as an elite chapter in Wisconsin for their program of activities that focus on growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture.

FFA members set a positive example with their leadership, work ethic and community service activities. There are currently more than 120 members of the Manawa FFA under the tutelage of Advisor Sandy Piechowski Cordes.



Traveling to and attending conferences and conventions connect Manawa FFA members to opportunities to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Shown from left, Manawa members Olivia Tomko-Santos, Emily Buch, Ellie Schneiderwent, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Isabella Ferg, Abby Elmhorst and Kelsey Behnke represented the chapter at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.



Each November, Manawa FFA helps to organize a program for Veterans Day in our community as one of our citizenship projects. Shoen from left, FFA members Lexi Klotzbuecher, Isabella Ferg, Emily Buch and Abby Elmhorst shared an informational reading and demonstration about proper flag folding at an all-school assembly open to the public.

The officer leadership team includes Emily Buch, Spencer Strebe, Isabella Ferg, Kelsey Behnke, Olivia Tomko-Santos, Lexi Klotzbuecher, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Abby Elmhorst, Jolie Jaeger, Daisy Krueger and Julia Seeger.

During National FFA Week, members will focus on service to others. Activities planned during the week include dress up days, collection drives, an all-school milk and cookie

break, a teacher appreciation activity, and other fun events.

A vital component to Manawa FFA is the emphasis on service learning. Manawa FFA members participate in a wide array of service activities including the Wolfwalk, Think Pink for cancer awareness, the Manawa Rodeo, Veteran's Day program, food pantry projects, elementary school projects, recycling, community beauti-



Join One 'N' Udder is the punny slogan decided by the FFA Officer Leadership Team. Shown from left are, FRONT: Jolie Jaeger, Lexi Klotzbuecher, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Emily Buch; MIDDLE: Julia Seeger, Abby Elmhorst, Isabella Ferg: BACK: Spencer Strebe, Olivia Tomko-Santos, Daisy Krueger and Kelsey Behnke.

fication, and agricultural literacy.

FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures – what kind of people, citizens and professionals they intend to be. The impact can be different for each student, but the core mission remains the same. The chapter strives

to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

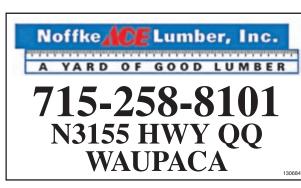
For more information about the Manawa FFA or Manawa FFA Alumni and Supporters, contact Sandy Cordes at Little Wolf High School via email at scordes@manawaschools. org or call 920-596-5800.













CACIONAL FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024 FFA WELL

Busy year for New London FFA members

BY NEW LONDON FFA SPECIAL TO PRESS STAR

In 2023, members of the New London FFA had a busy, successful and, most importantly, fun year.

There were lots of competitions, community service events and fun local activities for members to participate in.

To begin, our chapter has been active in the state and national conventions this year.

In June, nine members went to the State FFA Convention. Brooke Casey was the Section 8 State FFA Vice President who led the proficiency session at convention and assisted with many other convention highlights.

Evan Retzlaff participated in the state choir. Evan Retzlaff, Carolynn Backes, Heidi Weyland, Hanna Gorman and Jake Flocker participated in the Leadership Development Event or LDE Agricultural Issues and placed first in the state. They competed at nationals and placed bronze. Lora Korth and Heidi Weyland received their state degrees.

Lora Korth competed in the proficiency award areas of Forage and Diversified Agriculture. Brooke Casey competed in the proficiency award areas of Veterinary science and Equine. Casey won her veterinary science proficiency area and also won at the national level. Lora Korth also competed in the Wisconsin Star Farmer and Wisconsin Star in Agricultural Placement.

Samantha Prahl and Shannon Prahl competed in the agriscience fair and received a first and received a bronze rating at the national level. Evan Retzlaff also competed in the agriscience fair receiving a silver rating.

New London members traveled to Indianapolis, Nov. 1-4, 2023, for the National FFA Convention.

Other achievements not listed above include Abigail Weyland and Rachel Weyland receiving their American Degrees which is the highest degree a member can receive in FFA. Also in attendance were Samantha Prahl, Brya Schmidt, RJ Weyland and Kimberly Murphy who enjoyed many tours of the agriculture industry.

An all time favorite activity of members is Ag Olympics. Members form a team of four to six where they compete in different agriculture activities all morning. Competitions include rutabaga toss, tug of war, calf hutch carry and more. This year 16 members attended; they worked as a team throughout the morning to get as many points for their team as they could. After the competition there is food and drinks and the members are able to socialize with each other.

The New London FFA

SCHOOL DISTRICT



New London FFA members who attended the State FFA Convention were, from left, FRONT: Heidi Weyland, Brooke Casey, Hanna Gorman, Shannon Prahl; BACK: Lora Korth, Jake Flocker, Evan Retzlaff, Carolynn Backes and Samantha Prahl.



New London FFA members who attended the National FFA Convention were, from left, FRONT: Kimberly Murphy, Brya Schmidt, Rachel Weyland, Abigail Weyland, Heidi Weyland and Samantha Prahl; BACK; Hanna Gorman, Jake Flocker, RJ Weyland, Evan Retzlaff and Carolynn Backes.



New London FFA members put together hygiene baskets for residents of Saint Joseph's Nursing Home. Shown, from left, are FRONT: Jaylynn Dallman, Josh Tank, Ben Murphy, Keeley Phillips, Allison Knoespel; MIDDLE: Carolynn Backes, Wyatt Adamovich, Layne Eidenberger, Hanna Gorman, Danielle Tank, Vincent Backes, Brya Schmidt, Alyssa Stoll; BACK: Lauren Nollenberg, Elizabeth Murphy, Morgan Williams, Kimberly Murphy, Sadie Belling, Jalaina Hintzke, Kylie Wagner and Evan Retzlaff.

also does many things to help out the community. The biggest event is hygiene baskets. Members brought in items and decorated cans for the season to fill with hygiene products for residents at Saint Joseph's Nursing Home Assisted Living. Members delivered 29 cans to residents this year. We also made cards for residents of Saint Joseph's Nursing Home.

Another way FFA is in the

community is through picking up trash. Every spring and fall the FFA picks up trash on the side of the road on highway 54. While this is a great community service activity, it also gives members the opportunity to bond with each other.

Another community service is providing petting zoos where students educate the youth about agriculture and the animals in agriculture.



New London FFA members organized a May Day Petting Zoo. Shown, from left, are Morgan Williams, Kimberly Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy, Hanna Gorman and Carolynn Backes.

The FFA went to four petting zoos and were able to teach kids about washing their hands before and after being with the animals, how to be safe around animals and learn more about animals and how to care for them.

New London FFA members also work every year preparing for the Waupaca County Fair. Members work with dairy cattle, swine, goats, sheep, poultry and beef cattle.

Claire Duch, Heidi Weyland and Nick Duch showed pigs, Samantha Prahl, Lora Korth and Zachary Korth showed Dairy Cattle. Evan Retzlaff and Heidi Weyland exhibited sheep, and Evan also exhibited poultry. Rachel Weyland and Claire Duch exhibited beef cattle.

Some highlights include Claire receiving grand champion and reserve champion market steers, Heidi win-

Scott Spiegelberg

ning reserve champion market lamb, Morgan Williams receiving grand champion with her pygmy goat. Zach winning grand and reserve champion Ayrshire cattle. Lora winning grand and reserve grade Holstein cows and Evan winning reserve champion Texel sheep.

Overall the New London FFA had a successful year and looks forward to 2024.



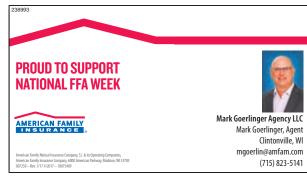




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Marion prepares for FFA Week 2024

BY MARION FFA SPECIAL TO TRIBUNE-**GAZETTE**

The Marion FFA is excited to share some of our big events and big happenings with you.

Marion FFA kicks off the year with our summer officer retreat. This year we hosted the event in our Ag classroom.

Officers had the opportunity to grow as leaders and to plan events for the first semester.

This fall our members worked with our Alumni chapter to volunteer at Coloroma. They had a float in the parade and helped with cleanup Sunday afternoon. Our float won first place in our division.

Members also had the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. On our way we toured Albanese Candy Factory, Broken Wagon Bison Farm and Twisted Genetics.

Students also attended several general sessions, the career fair and the FFA shopping hall.

Members also had the opportunity to attend World Dairy Expo in Madison. Students had an opportunity to check out world class cattle and to visit with businesses from around the world.

Throughout the semester we had students attend the Sectional Leadership Work-

shop, Edge Conference and the Mission and Impact Conferences. These conferences give our members an opportunity to grow as leaders within our chapter and in their personal life.

Members also attend our monthly meetings, which include the business of the month and a fun activity. This year we have been averaging over 90% attendance at our meetings.

This year's FFA Week includes dress up days in both buildings, an elementary school coloring contest, lunch activities and the week wraps up with Ag olympics.

Ag olympics is an assembly at the high school where classes compete for points in various competitions. A few of the competitions are milk chug, lasso contest, relay, bale toss and tug o war. The winning class receives an ice sundae bar and the Ag Beam.

The Marion FFA is looking forward to a busy spring semester. In the upcoming months we have FFA week, CDE's, banquet, our greenhouse sale, drive your tractor to school day and Ag on the Lawn.

Ag on the Lawn is an event we host at our elementary school. We bring in farm animals, farm machinery, and farm related products. We spend the day teaching students about various aspects of agriculture!.



Marion FFA members attended the National FFA Concention in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Members of Marion FFA went out and cleaned the highway as a community service.

Agri-sciences going strong in Waupaca

BY WAUPACA FFA SPECIAL TO POST

Waupaca Agri-Sciences is dedicated to creating a viable curriculum, ensuring individuals are rigorously engaged in a relevant education to promote inquiry, innovation, professional excellence and the continued creation of a sustainable community.

While most are settling in for winter the WHS Agri-Science Department is preparing for spring.

We experienced a successful fall as the Waupaca FFA a members traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National FFA Convention where they received their Three Star Chapter Award. This award is only obtained by 3% of the nations FFA

chapters annually. Our FFA members got the opportunity to network with schools and businesses from across the nation, connected by a common passion for the agriculture industry. Attendees toured Fair Oak Farms, an industrial apple orchard and a quick stop at the Albanese candy factory for tradition. While at the convention FFA members listened to uplifting motivational speakers, attended one of the largest career and education fairs in the nation and cheered on fellow FFA members as they were recognized for their accomplishments.

Three Waupaca FFA Alumni received their American FFA degrees this past convention. Karyn Mor-



Waupaca FFA members Aubrey Barbau, Emma Brunner, Rylee Nelson, Elwood Riley, Brett Strobush, MaKayla Parman, McKenna Cichy abd Owen Bartel.



Shown, from left, are Emmalee Schmid. Braden Parman and Karyn Morrissey. They received their American FFA degrees at the National FFA Convention.

rissey, Emmalee Schmid and Braden Parment where among the 1% of FFA members to receive this honor.

As we are gearing up for

CTE month in February, the Agri-Science department will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 17-24. FFA members choose to celebrate



The annual Waupaca High School agri-sciences greenhouse sale will be on May 10-11.

this week to bring awareness to the agricultural industry, its diversity as well as the broad spectrum of opportunities for personal growth, premier leadership and ca-

reer success that FFA offers to all students here at WHS. Waupaca FFA will celebrate the week with a

number of events, keep an eye out for updates on the Waupaca Facebook page. Looking toward the

warmth of spring, the annual WHS greenhouse sale seems right around the corner. This year the greenhouse will be open 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. May 10-11. Visit the Waupaca FFA Facebook page for updates and more details.

The WHS floral and landscape design class will also be taking custom planter orders again this year, if you have a planter at home you that would like filled, they can be set outside the greenhouse starting March 1. Please include with your planter a sheet of paper detailing the following information: Name, email address, phone number, color preference, planter location (sun/shade/partial).

For more informations, email Hannah Whipple at hwhipple@waupacaschools.



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FFA WEEK FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024

W-F FFA wins National Chapter Award

BY W-F FFA SPECIAL TO POST

The 94th annual Wisconsin State FFA convention was held June 12-15, 2023, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

This convention attracted more than 3,700 members, advisors and guests each day who participated in workshops, activities and attended daily sessions. Weyauwega-Fremont had 25 mem-

bers attend. Reviewed during convention were the past year of service and successes for students involved in Wisconsin Agricultural Education and the FFA. In addition, local, chapter and individual achievements were also celebrated.

The W-F FFA won first in the National Chapter Award of almost 300 Chapters. The National Chapter Award looks at the FFA program as a whole and evaluates the program's activities and diversity. The chapter rank in each of the National Chapter Areas include, first place in Growing Leaders, second in Building Communities, and fifth in Strengthening Agriculture.

The W-F FFA Chapter earned Silver in their Food For America program. Food For America is where FFA members educate students in our district and community members about where their food comes from.

W-F FFA Chapter had 20 State Finalists in their Proficiency area. They include Brayden Grimm



Weyauwega-Fremont officers, shown from left are FRONT: Addysen Mitchell, Cathryn Gunst, Grace Radtke; BACK: Rio Hildebrandt, Christopher Gunst, Jessica Magdanz, Connie Peterson, Avery Samz, Luz Gomez-Chavez. Submitted Photo

and Maintenance, Cody Hudziak – Agricultural Education, Ethan Marquette – Agricultural Processing, Ava Johnson Beef Production, Bethany Magdanz - Dairy Production,

Eli Nett - Dairy Production, Ava Johnson - Diversified Livestock, Skylar Hahn - Equine clude Liza Pomrening Science, Ava Johnson -Equine Science, Cadence tion 8 in her Middle Schumacher – Equine Science, Ashley Warren Food Science, Brayden Grimm – Forest Management, Victor Kiedrowski - Poultry Production, Bethany Magdanz -

- Ag Mechanics Repair Poultry Production, Ava Johnson – Sheep Production, Cody Hudziak -Specialty Animal Production, Ellie Pomrening -Specialty Animal Production, Bethany Magdanz - Swine Production, Eli Nett - Swine Production, and Cody Hudziak Vegetable Production.

> Additional Awards inwas ranked first in Sec-School Essay Contest. She had to write an up-to 500 word essay about the theme chosen this year, which was "Elevate." Seven FFA members earned their State FFA Degree.

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the state association can bestow upon its members.

The members earning the State FFA Degree were Ava Johnson, Bethany Magdanz, Eli Nett, Aida Zeinert, Bradley Winters, Ethan Marquette and Ryleigh Far-

Bethany Magdanz received the Three-Star Leader award. The award recognizes a selected member from a chapter for their work and dedication in student development, chapter development, and community development.



Weyauwega-Fremont FFA member Cody Hudziak earned first place for his proficiency in Vegetable Production at the 95th annual National FFA Convention on Nov. 3, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana.



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