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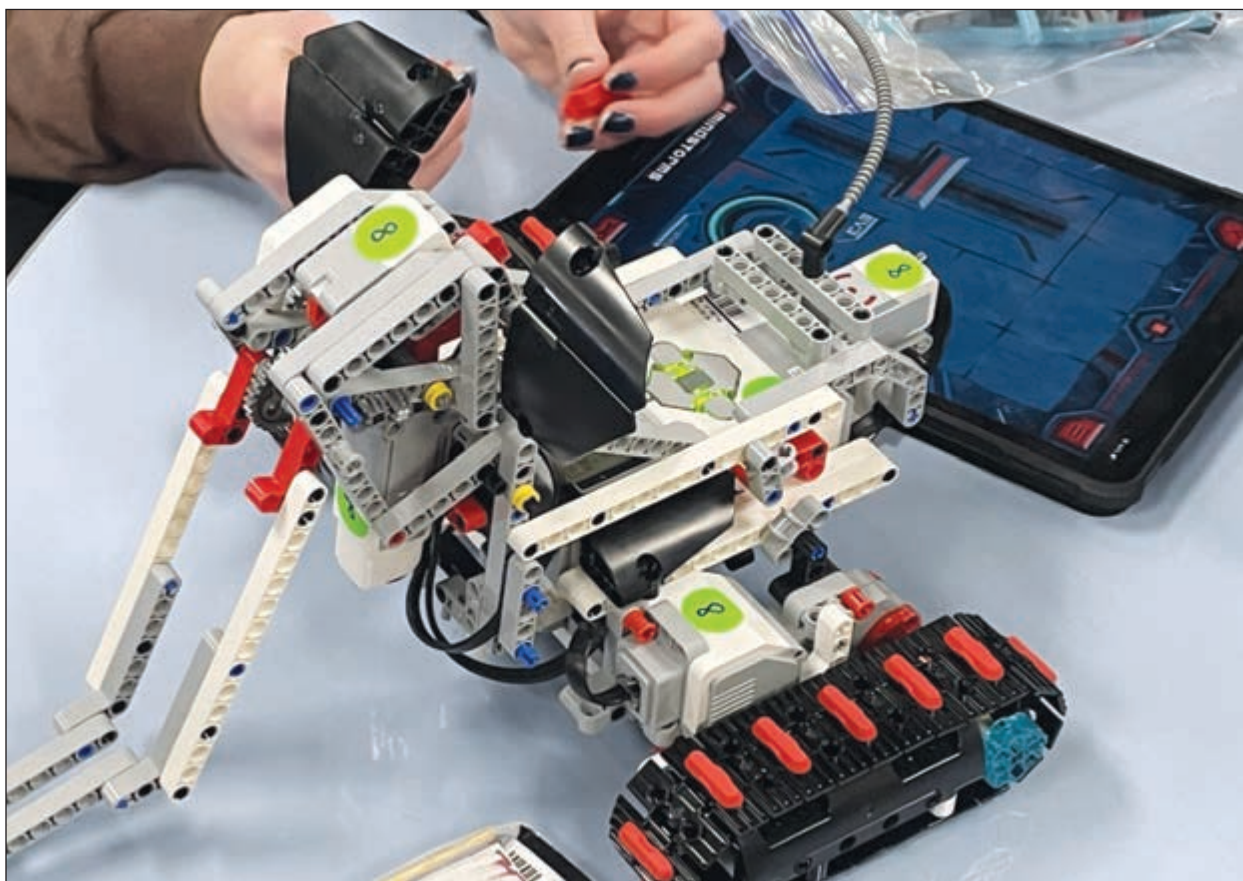
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A student builds a robot at Point of Discovery School in Stevens Point. See story page 4. Ollivia Coffin Photo

## Portage County votes to buy land for new jail

Proposed site in Plover

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

STEVENS POINT – The Portage County Board approved the purchase of land in Plover as the site for its new jail and law enforcement center.

County Chair Allen Haga said he had tried to purchase land for the jail in the city of Stevens Point, but ran into a number of obstacles.

“The city of Stevens Point offered us land at \$35,100 and some change per acre plus the cost of road improvements in front of it, plus the cost of the intersection to the property and that was for 18 acres and we had asked for another 2 acres of land,” Haga said.

He noted the total price for the Stevens Point land was nearly \$1.15 million, which included deed restrictions that prohibited the construction of a new courthouse or county administrative offices.

Haga also said the city of Stevens Point expected the county to tear down the jail and transfer ownership of the parcel to the city to be redeveloped.

“Or we as the county would agree to pay in lieu of taxes \$70,000 annually in perpetuity with a CPI increase annually,” Haga said.

The county’s Space and Properties Committee began looking at other options and found 42.24 acres of vacant land in the village of Plover owned by Worzella & Sons Inc.

Haga told the board that the parcel is near the county highway and solid waste departments.

It also abuts a heavy industrial business park.

“Heavy industrial zoning covers some of the most noisy, noxious things you can have in your neighborhood,” Haga said.

He noted that the proposed site in Stevens Point abutted six homes.

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## Audience questions digester plan

Brooks, Vanguard host meeting

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Brooks Farms and Vanguard Renewables hosted a community conversation about a planned co-digester on Thursday, Feb. 22, at Par 4 Resort.

After opening remarks by the hosts, an extensive question-and-answer session followed. Approximately 125 people attended.

Brooks Farm submitted an application to amend the comprehensive plan, and to recommend that the county amend the zoning map from an agricultural enterprise to rural industrial development. The amendment would affect 7.8 acres of land.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Waupaca High School.

The digester planned for the Brooks Farm is a co-digester, meaning the machine allows for simultaneous anaerobic digestion of multiple organic wastes that transforms it into biogas. In this case, this would



The panel discussion was led by Kevin Chase, the Vanguard co-founder; Anna Raschke, Vanguard engineer; Ron Brooks of Brooks Farms; Donal Boozer, Vanguard senior operations manager; and Libby McDonald, a Vanguard manager.

James Card Photo

be manure from the Brooks Farm and that would be supplemented with trucked-in food waste.

### Digester skeptics

This has raised numerous concerns by local residents about a number of issues: water and air quality, road traffic, potential pollution, property values and other concerns.

A Facebook group named “Citizens Protecting Rural Waupaca County” is a discussion forum for these topics. The group has 698 members.

On Feb. 6, the website www.nodigester.com was launched anonymously. It includes information about the

town of Lind, how to take political action, groundwater and air quality issues and ethical concerns. There is no contact page or information about who administers the website except for a link to the Facebook page of “Citizens Protecting Rural Waupaca County.”

There is also a gofundme.com page dedicated to assist with expenses related to the opposition of the Vanguard/Black Rock Anaerobic Co-Digester Proposal in the town of Lind. So far the page has raised \$4,180. The organizer is listed as an “Anonymous [sic] Resident” from Waupaca. There is no explanation of

how the funds will be used.

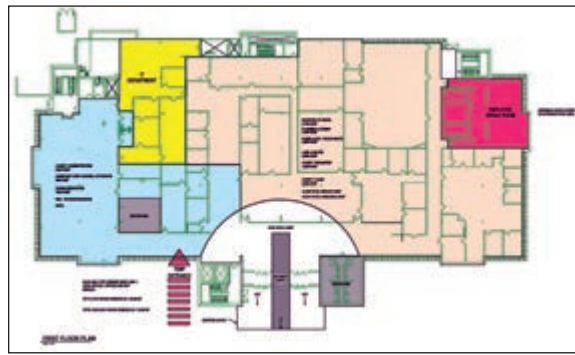
On the website www.change.org, an online petition has garnered 261 digital signatures. The creator of the petition is by an “Anonymous Resident.” However, in the Reasons for Signing section, multiple residents expressed their views without the cover of anonymity.

“I value my clean well water and our artesian well in the town of Lind! We don’t need any more pollution,” wrote Katie Jorgenson.

“I live less than a mile away and am extremely concerned about the odor, discharge into

**Digester**

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Possible first floor of courthouse after remodeling project. Rendering: Dimension M, Source: Waupaca County Courthouse Space-Facility Needs Assessment Report

## Waupaca County plans courthouse remodeling

Tax impacts, cost examined

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – Heidi Dombrowski, the Waupaca County finance director, updated the county board on plans and potential costs to modernize the courthouse.

She spoke to the Waupaca County Board at its Feb. 20 meeting.

A modernization project subcommittee of the county’s Public Property Committee is currently working

with Dimension IV Madison Design Group, an architectural and planning firm.

Dimension IV has estimated the project to cost \$35 million to be paid in two phases of borrowing.

The county would borrow about \$20 million in the first phase of bonding in 2024 and \$15 million in the second phase in 2026.

Dombrowski’s presentation focused on how bonding for the project could affect the county’s future debt payments and tax rate.

**Remodeling**

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## Sale of school clears another hurdle

Rezoning moves to city council

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – In a meeting that was marred by confusion, the Clintonville Plan Commission recommended the city council to approve rezoning the former Rexford Longfellow Elementary School property.

The property would be rezoned from residential to B-1 Downtown Business District. The commission unanimously approved the recommendation when it met Feb. 26.

Even though there was a public hearing on the issue scheduled for the meeting, some residents spoke on the topic during public comments.

Roger Zschaechner, who owns two properties next to the former elementary

school, said he thinks the community is more concerned about what is going to happen to the property. He asked what special provisions would be allowed on the property if it were rezoned for B-1. He also asked how property taxes of neighboring properties would be impacted.

He said he does not want to see the former elementary school turned into low-income housing.

Troy Pfefferle of Fun Factory Sensory Gyms, who wants to purchase the property, addressed those in attendance, saying there has been a huge misunderstanding about the property being rezoned.

“This is what happens when I let attorneys handle things with other attorneys,” Pfefferle said. “He thought it was going to be one of our manufacturing facilities. This has nothing

to do with manufacturing. And since I’ve met all these wonderful people from St. Martins, I may never even put an employee in that building. There’s too many other good things (that could go in that building).”

Nothing would be put in the building that would make loud noise, Pfefferle said.

“The only reason I threw my hat in on this building, and I’ll do whatever I have to do now to get that building, because of the benefits for the wonderful people in this community, was to bring three of our production facilities under one roof,” Pfefferle said. “I can stay where I’m at. The only reason I did (offer to purchase the building) is because I heard of this low-income housing thing.”

He added, “I bought that building to help. I want to be part of the solution, not part of the problems.”

Resident Clint Barkow said he is against rezoning the property, adding that if a property needs to be rezoned, the purchaser of the property should make the rezoning request.

“The way it was done was totally wrong,” Barkow said. He said he preferred to have the property remain zoned for residential.

### Public hearing

During the public hearing, City Administrator Caz Muske said she thinks there has been some confusion about the rezoning process.

She said the city received a petition for rezoning the two parcels of land the Rexford Longfellow Elementary School complex sits on.

The first time the Clintonville School District submitted a rezoning request,

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## New London reconsiders downtown parking plan

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – The New London Common Council revisited a Public Works Committee vote recommending permits for overnight parking in downtown city-owned parking lots.

At the Feb. 5 committee meeting, Ald. Tim Roberts cast the lone vote against a proposal to require permits for downtown residents to park in city lots from 3-6 a.m.

On Feb. 20, Common Council members voted 6-3 in favor of a motion by Roberts to put the plan

on hold and send it back to committee.

Roberts said he spoke to downtown property owners, employees and tenants about the proposed permits.

“By not allowing overnight parking in any public lot, you are promoting drunk driving,” he said. “You can say, ‘Oh, they can call the police and get a one-time OK to stay in the lot,’ nobody’s going to do this. If you’re too drunk to drive the night before, you’ll probably be too drunk to drive in the morning and you’ll possibly get a DUI.”

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**REMODELING**

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In 2025, Waupaca County's total payments on existing debt service will decrease by approximately \$2.07 million, from \$3.82 million to \$1.75 million annually.

If the county board authorizes issuance of bonds for the modernization project, Waupaca County's debt payments are estimated to be \$2.28 million in 2025, Dombrowski said.

Based on a plan for level debt service payments of

about \$1.4 million annually, the tax rate for debt service would rise by approximately 3 cents, from 64 cents in 2024 to 67 cents per \$1,000 of equalized value in 2025.

The effect on the debt-service tax rate would remain the same even after the second bond is issued.

By 2031, the rate is projected to drop below 60 cents per \$1,000 and continue dropping.

A second amortization plan focuses on paying down principal. It has more

of an increase in the tax rate – from 64 cents in 2024 to a high of 74 cents per \$1,000 of equalized value. The rate for debt service beginning to gradually drop the following year.

Dombrowski said the county pays more up front in the second scenario but saves more on interest.

Waupaca County's debt service payments would increase by a total of \$769,000 over the first three years, but the county would save \$1.75 million in interest.

Dombrowski stressed that these numbers are for discussion only, since no floor plan or final design has been approved.

The numbers are also based on changing factors, such as interest rates, construction costs and growth in the property tax base.

**Proposed projects**

Among the changes to the courthouse, the subcommittee has proposed that the county board room, the jury assembly room and UW-Extension offices be moved from the first floor to the lower level of the courthouse.

The Veterans Service Office and the Aging and Disability Resource Center would move to the first floor, where there would also be an open lobby.

Circuit Court Branch 3 would be relocated to larger space on the third floor and the district attorney's office would have more space.

Providing security for employees is a major concern of the remodeling project. It will be harder to access floors and departments,

where there will be secure vestibules with controlled seating for waiting visitors and bullet-resistant glass and walls.

Changes in the building's infrastructure have also been proposed.

"The replacement HVAC system will likely include a geothermal heat pump system, closed-loop water-glycol wells for heat transfer to and from the earth," according to a subcommittee report in January. "For eliminating any negative effect on the environment and groundwater, these systems will heat and cool (air-condition) in roughly equal amounts, and frequently they heat and cool concurrently."

Fluorescent lights will be replaced with LED light fixtures and the electrical will be upgraded.

**Remodeling Finance space**

The first remodeling project at the courthouse has already begun.

All staff related to Waupaca County's fiscal operations will be consolidated into a single space in the lower level of the courthouse.

Currently, four employees of the Finance Office are working in the lower level. Seven more staff, who are now working in Human Services space on the second floor will be moved to the lower level.

The Finance Office project is estimated to cost \$1.25 million and Dombrowski said she hopes it will be completed in early October.

**NEW JAIL**

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"Their backyard would be the jail," Haga said, adding that there were no homes within a quarter mile of the proposed jail site.

Within a quarter mile from the Stevens Point site there is also a library, the children's museum and two playgrounds.

There are 147 homes within one mile of the Plover site. Haga said he lives in one of those homes.

"I think it's an ideal location," said Portage County Sheriff Mike Lucas. "We have the interstate right there, we have County B, County HH, County R. Driving through Stevens Point with emergency traf-

fic is very challenging and is probably my worst fear for my officers."

Building a new jail will also result in savings for the county.

Portage County paid Waupaca County jail nearly \$460,000 in 2022 to house 35 inmates on a contractual basis.

Haga told the Stevens Point Gazette that the estimated cost for this land is about \$1.26 million.

The county board passed a resolution authorizing purchase of the land by a vote of 18-6.

Supervisors Vinnie Miresse, Chris Doubek, Joan Honl, Andrew Rockman, Suzanne Oehlke and Greg Hakala voted against the resolution.

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Muske said it "didn't make sense" based on the potential businesses the city heard were being considered for the building. The school district had originally requested the property be rezoned to industrial usage.

The city then amended its zoning code to allow the potential of light manufacturing. The new zoning recommendation requested by the school district was B-1 Downtown Business District.

Muske said even if the property would be rezoned B-1, that wouldn't mean light manufacturing would be allowed on the property. The owner of the property would still need to obtain a permit for conditional use from the Clintonville Plan Commission. The permit for conditional use would not transfer if the property is sold. In that case, the new owner would need to petition the Plan Commission.

Plan Commission member Darrell Hansen said he was confused and asked Pfefferle if he still wanted the property rezoned.

"Like I said, I am not

against anything that is going to be of value to the community. If it needs to be rezoned for what we're looking to do, then, yes," Pfefferle said. "If it doesn't need to be rezoned for working with St. Martins or any of the other people in the community that are going to benefit from the building, I'm willing to do whatever."

Plan Commission member Jeanine Supanich said the property is currently zoned R-2 Residential, so if the property is not rezoned, it can be used for only residential purposes.

Clintonville School Board President Ben Huber told the Plan Commission that the board unanimously approved selling the property to Troy Pfefferle. He said the school district wants to sell the property to a responsible member of the community, adding that Pfefferle has been part of the community for decades.

Clintonville School Board member Glen Drew Lundt interrupted Huber, saying, "Ben, this isn't a school board meeting. Let them have their meeting. If they want to know where

the school board stands,

they should come to the school board meetings."

Huber ended his statement by saying the school board has unanimously voted to go through this process.

Lundt then said, "I for the life of me can't figure out where all the confusion is and why you guys are trying to move forward when nobody seems to know with what. I don't know why the seller is trying to rezone. I've never heard of such a thing. Doesn't that give them permission to do that? So, then if it's sold, don't they have to go through this whole process again. I don't understand any of that. I have questions, being on the school board myself. People are calling me. I don't have answers for question. Nobody seems to have an answer. To me, that's not right. If you're going to do it, you have the power to do it, do your meeting. But have the answers, explain to people what's going on. You're just tearing the whole town apart because of the confusion."

Muske reiterated that only the owner of the property can petition for rezoning.

Pfefferle said he didn't want to cause any confusion.

City property owner John Heideman said he thinks Pfefferle is the only person who has an idea of what the buildings would be used for if the property was rezoned.

"It would open up a wide swath of potential uses that I don't think the city intends to allow," Heideman said. "Why would you allow this. There's a lot of reasons not to allow it, but the reasons for are as clear as mud."

Plan Commission Chair Stephanie Bonikowske said rezoning the property to a Downtown Business District would allow businesses to be housed on the property.

"That's why we went away from industrial (rezoning)," Bonikowske said.

Zschaechner, who, at the start of the meeting, said he was against rezoning the property, told the Plan Commission that after hearing Pfefferle's plans for the property, he was now in favor of rezoning the property to Downtown Business District.

**PUBLISHER'S LETTER****The Subtle Touch**

Dear Reader,

In the course of daily living, we all experience subtle touches from those around us. Somebody says something, and somebody else says another thing, and then the conversation continues on and on.

I feel this strongly when I am with my grandchildren spending time with them; they are young and don't have the disruptions and distractions of the world yet. They are just being who they are innocently loving everyone that graces their presence on one day, followed by another, followed by yet another. We can wonder where this blend of soul comes from — is it a part of this world or some other place?

These subtle touches are needed in this world, to bring greater civility and love to us all.



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# Waupaca NEWS

## DIGESTER

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the creek and the ground water which feeds into our well," wrote George Schneider.

### Public forum

It was in this contentious milieu that Brooks Farms decided to hold a community conversation. The crowd was mixed with supporters, skeptics and those unsure about it. Members of the discussion panel included Kevin Chase, the co-founder and chief development officer of Vanguard Renewables; Ron Brooks, fifth-generation farmer of Brooks Farms and a Waupaca school board member; Libby McDonald, a development manager with Vanguard; Donal Boozer, senior operations manager at Vanguard; and Anna Raschke, an engineer at Vanguard.

The Brooks/Vanguard team also brought in guests such as Peter Melnick, a farmer from Deerfield, Mass. who has a digester on his farm, some researchers who specialize in packaging and biogas. Brian Haase, a conservationist for Waupaca County, and Casey Beyersdorf, the Waupaca County Highway Commissioner.

The question-and-answer session was moderated by Tara Goodwin, an event creation and management consultant.

### Water

Kevin Sorge, the superintendent of the wastewater treatment plant in Oshkosh, asked, "What is the expected flow out of the digester daily?" he asked.

"The expected output is 41,000 gallons. Other material that comes in is going to be solid. That solid is going to be separated," said McDonald.

"Obviously the solids you are going to bring in are going to generate a lot of their own liquid, so the liquid that comes out of that - which you are going to use for irrigation which is awesome - how is that going to be treated and tested for phosphorus and ammonia?" asked Sorge. He also asked about how it would be tested before applying it to the soil.

McDonald said the liquid would be passed through an ultra-filtration system that would separate the water and nutrients. She then passed the rest of the question to Brooks.

"We will be constantly testing everything that is in that lagoon. It will be tested before it goes out to the field. We have a 529 Nutrient management Plan. Our team will be constantly testing that—just like we test our manure now. Every load of manure gets tested. Every day we document it. It won't be any different with the digester," Brooks said.

Sorge asked if an anammox system would be put in to deal with the high ammonia or would a biological treatment be used to break down the nitrates before it goes into the water supply.

Brooks said they had not got that far yet. "That's the end goal. The Holy Grail on this is what the De Jong family is doing in Texas and Indiana where they are taking the nutrients— it's about 2 to 1, phosphorus to nitrogen, and they are separating them and making stable nitrogen and phosphorus products. And then we can apply those

as individual nutrients," said Brooks.

"I've operated anaerobic digesters for 20 years so I don't have any concerns with that. I understand this side because we've got the same concerns but I also understand the process. As far as the toxicity, it's just like a stomach, you can't put anything in it that's going to make it sick because they don't make Tums as big enough for this," said Sorge as he turned from the panel and looked back at the audience.

Addressing the panel, he said, "From what I'm able to see, you guys are 85 or 90 percent there from a process standpoint with the water that comes out that you would reuse or irrigate with, if you put a secondary treatment process or a biological something to take the nutrients out, then essentially its drinking water."

Brooks agreed and said that was the next step in their process and reiterated that was their Holy Grail, the place where they aimed to be.

Sorge acknowledged the different standards between industrial and agriculture wastewater permits. "But for this side of the room," he said waving his list of questions to the audience, "if that clean water had to meet the criteria of every wastewater plant, I'd discharge 12 million gallons of wastewater to the Fox River a day and it's cleaner than the water in the Fox River."

However, he said he wanted more information and verification and McDonald said they were working on that through a permitting process with the DNR.

No wells will need to be drilled for this project. Manure is 90 percent water. Water is recycled on the farm four times in various functions and Brooks pointed out that it will never go down the drain, that the final use will be for irrigation and the water is returned to its natural cycle.

### Discharge in wetlands

The system has 10 months of storage for irrigation water from the digester (there is no irrigating in winter). "That permit is being applied for as a safety valve. We really don't need it with ten months of storage. Think of that discharge as a back-up generator for your home. It's something you hope you never have to use, and if you do, boy, you're glad you have it. We have the option to turn on the reverse osmosis system and discharge absolutely pure water," said Brooks.

### Air

The most noticeable benefit of the digester to the nearby community is the smell of cow manure will not be in the air. It will all go into the digester.

### Roads

What about the truck traffic and road depreciation? Who pays for that?

They produced a map of the route: Exit off of State Highway 10 to County Trunk A for 1.9 miles to Cross Road for 0.3 miles to the digester site. Depart the same way. Brooks Farms is located near the intersection of County A and Cross.

"County road A is getting upgraded to no weight limits. There will be no posted weight limits to County A after the

upgrade. It will be slightly wider and I think we're going to have a bike lane. Phase one is Highway 10 to Lind Center Road. Phase two is from Lind Center Road to Saxeville Road. Phase three is from Saxeville Road to the county line. About 700 feet of Cross Road is impacted by this project and that will be upgraded by Vanguard before the project starts to no weight limits," said Brooks.

As for the outgoing traffic, the fertilizer will be most likely to be going to farms in the Central Sands area. He pointed out that there will be fewer trucks on the road after the digester is installed. No more trucks hauling LP manure, sand and fertilizer.

### 20 years later

The contract is for 20 years. What happens after that? "After 20 years, another 20," said Brooks clarifying that the second 20 years is broken up into separate five-year contracts. "Nobody in the ag industry has ever given me a 40-year commitment - that I can assure you."

### Who is liable?

A woman from Lind center asked who foots the bill if some kind of catastrophic accident were to happen?

Brooks pointed out that Vanguard never had a failure or catastrophic spill in its history.

"It's very clear in our contract who is liable for the product when it comes to the digester and when ownership stops and starts," said Brooks.

He said his agent from American Family Insurance was present and said he was comfortable that everything was covered completely on liability issues.

### Outside manure?

Brooks was adamant that only manure produced on his farm would be used. Each farm has unique pathogens and exposing a herd to new pathogens is too great of a risk.

### Microplastics?

There are concerns of microplastics entering the digester from the food waste. Dr. Keith Vorst of Iowa State University studies de-packing systems - removing foodstuffs from packaging on an industrial scale.

"The majority of the microplastics are not coming from the packaging," he said. That amount was miniscule.

He said microplastics were already in our food and shrimp and chicken nuggets had high levels. Everyone in the room had microplastics in their body, he said.

Vorst said microplastics mainly come from textiles, carpets, cosmetics and vehicles.

## Program examines early days of King

WAUPACA - Steven T. Sheehan, Ph.D., will present "The King Veterans' Home: Early History" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Waupaca Area Public Library lower-level meeting rooms.

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

Sheehan is associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh-Fox Cities.

The Wisconsin chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic established the Wisconsin Veterans' Home in King in 1887. They hoped to create a facility to allow aging and indigent veterans, their wives and widows, to



Sheehan

live out their final years in honor and comfort.

GAR members believed the presence of women residents, something unique to Wisconsin at the time, would ensure a more home-like atmosphere.

Several roadblocks impeded making it the idyllic home its founders envisioned.

Sheehan's program traces the founding of the King Veterans' Home and the struggles of its founders, managers and residents to make it a true home in its first 20 years of operation.

Vance and Ann Linden are the sponsors of this program.

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

## Foundry engineers redesign conveyor system

Installed in 16 days

WAUPACA - Foundry engineers in Waupaca have designed a new conveyor system that replaces a 30-year-old vibratory system at the Waupaca Foundry Plant 4 in Marinette.

The system was installed on budget in 16 days over the recent holiday shutdown and is expected to improve its maintenance downtime by over 50%.

The vibrating shaker system that transports gating and sprue material was replaced with a state-of-the-art conveyor system in the foundry's ductile casting shakeout department. The new conveyance system required extensive renovation downstream of six iron casting sorting tables. "Preparation and planning were critical leading into the project due to the scope of work required given the defined shutdown install window," said Jarrod Osborn, vice president of manufacturing engineering who is based in Waupaca.

Waupaca engineering teams started planning for the capital project in 2022 to fit the longer conveyor system at the end of the molding lines within the current manufacturing footprint.

The legacy vibratory shaker was replaced with two parallel Magaldi Superbelt conveyor systems designed to offset maintenance and energy costs,

eliminate iron casting jams, abate noise, and decrease dust exposure.

The engineering team identified nearly 300 action items to complete the capital project successfully. This included mapping every installation step, identifying risks, and simulating the plant and new equipment.

Before starting any work, foundry engineers modeled the existing space with 3-D scans of the existing footprint. The model was used to examine and validate the new equipment layout, existing equipment and building modifications, and installation access points, as well as confirming equipment fit the space.

The new chain-driven belt system was somewhat longer than the previous shaker system. To accomplish the installation in record time, plant engineering and maintenance with contractors removed the existing system, which included relocating 25 support beams and corresponding ductwork.

To complete the installation during the shutdown, Waupaca Foundry depended on collaboration with contractors Beson and Houle and IVI, as well as in-house engineering and maintenance.

"It was a huge advantage to have home-grown engineers," said Rob Jezewski, Waupaca Foundry engineering manager. "We live in this environment, so

we were intimate with the details needed to create an efficient process and install an entirely new operating system for Christmas."

The old shaker system was prone to gating jams, which shut down all molding lines for repair. The Magaldi Superbelt conveyors improve gate and sprue transportation uptime, reduce energy costs, and reduce maintenance costs—all in all, improving quality and delivery performance to Waupaca Foundry customers.

Equally important, the new conveyors improve the foundry workplace because they run more quietly and improve indoor air quality.

"The safety benefits of the new system were as important as the bottom-line savings," Osborn said. "By replacing the vibrating system, we significantly reduced the amount of airborne dust and created a healthier working environment for our team."

According to representatives from Magaldi, the system has innovative features that are equipped to transport large volumes of gating and sprue material.

"Because our system does not vibrate, the iron returns do not collect and jam up, silica dust is not generated, and the system is very quiet," said Brandon Kruse, general manager of Magaldi Technologies. "To minimize energy consumption, we can speed up or slow down the conveyor if we notice heavy tonnages because there's an advanced algorithm in the system that tracks scrap loading on all six lines."

## Bridge club meets at Holly Center

WAUPACA - The next duplicate bridge games in Waupaca are scheduled for 8:45 A.M. Friday, March 8, in the Holly Center, 321 S Main St., Waupaca.

All area bridge players are invited.

Results of the games on

Feb. 23 were first place, Rob Webster of Ripon and Eric McVickar of Appleton; second place winners were Jay and Cathy Quella of Waupaca, and third place was awarded to Patricia Hoehn and Roger Collins of Waupaca.

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# Stevens Point NEWS

## Project-based learning at Discovery

BY OLIVIA COFFIN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – Point of Discovery is a public charter school that serves students in grades 6-12.

It uses project-based learning to engage and empower students who learn by actively participating in real-world and personally meaningful projects.

In project-based learning, students work on a project over an extended period – from a week up to a semester.

The project engages them in solving a problem or answering a complex question. Students then demonstrate their knowledge and skills by having a “Celebration of Learning.”

Students, families and community members are welcome to come and see their celebration which is held twice a year, at the end of each semester.

Dan Lathrop, principal of the school, has been with Point of Discovery for nine years.

“When we use project-based learning it creates an environment where every student is successful,” Lathrop said.

Students learn collaboration, independence and character growth.

“Project-based learning is a more authentic learning, there isn’t a teacher standing at the front of the room telling students what to do, the teacher is there to guide the students with their learning and projects” said Lathrop.

Cath Barbier, a teacher at Discovery, has always worked



A Point of Discovery teacher, Jospech Vinopal, is timing how long it takes one robot to push the other off the table.

Olivia Coffin Photo

at a project-based learning school,

“I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else, the kids love it, and so do I,” Barbier said.

The way the students are taught gives them a larger opportunity for group work and research. The process grows the students’ curiosity.

The students have their interest project they work on throughout the semester that they present at the celebration.

Simon Murray was in the first graduating class at Discovery.

“The school pushed me out of my comfort zone, I was struggling at my last school and this place made me feel welcomed and allowed me to

learn my way,” Murray said.

Having mixed grades and small classes, each student can connect with their teachers and most of the students have the same teacher for years.

“I had an awesome experience here and this place helped prepare me for college in so many ways,” Murray said.

Randy Wotruba, who has been with Discovery for six years, said, “We offer the same education, same information, and have the same WA guidelines that every school does.”

Since this is a project-based learning school it is often mistaken for not having to take tests or using the same material as other schools,

“Our students get the same

education as everyone else, we just go at it a different way.” Wotruba said, “Our students usually come from other schools or have been home-schooled. We give these kids a chance to take their learning into their own hands, with our help of course.”

Last year the school received a grant that allowed them to purchase new tools for the students such as a greenhouse and Lego parts to build robots.

“It’s open to the public and the kids would love to show you their projects,” Wotruba said.

On Thursday, May 16, Discover will host its annual Celebration of Learning and invites the community to visit.

## Following the journey of recyclables

BY AMANDA HAFEFLE  
PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID  
WASTE DIRECTOR

Most recyclables in Portage County are transported to the Portage County Recycling Facility, located in Plover.

When they arrive, trucks stop on the scale and are weighed. Once weighed, the trucks make their way around the site to empty their contents inside the recycling facility. Inside, a front end loader scoops up the recyclables and dumps it into an open top semi-trailer.

Once full, the trailer is covered and materials are transported to Outagamie County’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for sorting.

At the MRF recyclables need to go through presort line where easy to spot contamination is removed. This can include black garbage bags, propane cylinders, sharps or needles, large pieces of metal, diapers, or even a huge chunk of cheddar cheese as was the case at the Outagamie County MRF a few years back.

After presort, glass is generally removed due to its abrasive nature. Screens or spinning metal shafts with rubber disks separate 2-dimensional materials (paper/cardboard) from 3-dimensional materials (cans/bottles). Machines like optical sorters or robots separate out plastics, eddy currents remove aluminum cans, and magnets remove steel cans. The remaining material is considered residual or garbage and will go to the landfill.

Recyclables are then baled and semi loads of bales are sold to processors and manufacturers who create new products and goods.

Bales can weigh anywhere from 625 pounds to 1,450 pounds depending on the material being baled.

Paper and cardboard are sold to paper mills in the Green Bay area. Clean glass is bought by a glass processor in Delavan before being resold to nearby end markets.

Non-salable glass is used as alternative daily cover at the landfill in Appleton. Steel cans are sold to mills in Wisconsin. Aluminum cans are sold to buyers in Georgia and plastic bottles and containers are sold to a processor in Michigan.

Once a purchase agreement has been made, the company that buys the materials sends a release number that is used to verify and track what’s being picked up. Semi-trucks are weighed before and after being loaded so

there is a record of each material’s weight. This weight is used for billing and record keeping purposes.

The baled recyclables journey to their new home where some are processed further before eventually being remade into new materials. Secondary processing can include anything from sorting plastics or glass by color or type using machines, washing, flaking or grinding materials into smaller pieces, or even melting them into blocks for later use.

### What do recyclables become?

Plastic bottles and jugs, such as soda or water bottles, are transformed into items such as T-shirts, sweaters, fleece jackets, insulation for jackets and sleeping bags, carpeting and more bottles. Detergent and milk jugs might be made into new bottles and containers, plastic lumber, picnic tables, lawn furniture, playground equipment, recycling bins, and more. Butter tubs and yogurt containers are recycled into new food storage containers, plastic dishes, take-out containers and more.

Recycled cardboard and paper are used to make new tissue paper, toilet paper, napkins and notebook paper.

The majority of glass bottles and jars are recycled into new bottles and jars, but others are turned into fiberglass that’s used to make insulation, and specialty items such as countertops.

Other uses of glass include glass road beads (used to help with reflective properties in road paint) and sand blasting media.

Non-salable glass (glass that’s too contaminated with paper shreds, food debris, dirt, bottle caps and other non-recyclable materials) is used as an alternative cover at the Outagamie County Landfill in Appleton. Landfills need to be covered each night with an approved medium to reduce litter and rodents. Non-salable glass is an alternative to soil.

Steel and aluminum cans are used as feedstock to create items such as new soda or soup cans, baseball bats, building materials for vehicles, structures, and homes, as well as parts for bicycles or playground equipment.

In 2023, Portage County residents recycled approximately 6,000 tons of recyclables which is equivalent to the weight of approximately 1,263 full grown African elephants.

## Lincoln Center Senior Spotlight

The mission of the Aging and Disability Resource Center is to support seniors, adults with disabilities, and their families and caregivers by offering easy access to services and by fostering a caring community that values lifelong contributions, maximum independence, and individual dignity.

### Nutrition program

The nutrition program is open to Portage County seniors age 60 and older. Call the ADRC Nutrition Program for more information or to register as indicated below. Donations of \$5 per meal are

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- Stevens Point: Lincoln Center. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations are required one or more days in advance by calling 715-346-1421.

- Plover\*: Municipal Building, 2400 Post Road. Serving at noon every Tuesday.

- Amherst\*: Jensen Center, 487 North Main St. Serving at noon every Wednesday with bingo after.

- Junction City\*: Park Lodge, 224 Case Ave. Serving at 11:45 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

- Rosholt\*: Nelson-Kaminski American Legion Post 509, 290 Grand Ave East. Serving at noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

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livered between 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Hot meals are delivered Monday through Thursday. Call the ADRC at the number above to learn more.

### Intro to Medicare

A free Introduction to Medicare class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 11.

This class is designed to help anyone enrolling into Medicare for the first time better understand their available options. It is suggested that you attend one session three to four months prior to starting Medicare.

Topics covered will be the basic parts of Medicare (A, B, C, D), how they work, how to enroll, the additional insurance options available, drug coverage requirement, along with the Extra Help program and Medicare Savings program that help cover some of the costs for Medicare premiums.

To register for this free class, call the ADRC at 715-346-1401 or 800-920-2525.

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# Clintonville NEWS

## Tensions at school board meeting

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Normally, approving the agenda is a mundane part of a meeting, but that wasn't the case when the Clintonville School Board met Feb. 26.

When it came time to approve the meeting's agenda, school board member Glen Drew Lundt requested that the Rexford/Longfellow building and grounds property informational update on the agenda to also include a vote.

School Board President Ben Huber said a vote could not be added to that item on the agenda since it was listed as only informational on the agenda.

Lundt said according to the school board's bylaws, a vote could be added.

Huber again said a vote could not be added.

"I would like discussion and action on that," Lundt

responded.

Huber said he didn't think that was possible.

Lundt said according to policy 0131-1, "When compelling reasons exist for an immediate revision."

"I don't know if there are compelling reasons," Huber said.

Lundt did not say what the compelling reasons were for an immediate revision.

Superintendent Troy Kuhn asked Lundt how he wanted the agenda item to be listed.

"For discussion and action," Lundt responded.

School board member Laurie Vollrath asked, "What kind of action?"

School Board Secretary Mark Zachow added that the board normally doesn't change the agenda at meetings.

"Generally, that is not allowed," Huber said.

Lundt said the issue "keeps getting strung down the road."

"When are we going to make a decision? And when

is it going to be completed," Lundt asked. "Because there's a lot of other, more important topics than selling a building."

Huber told Lundt that the board has voted on the sale of the Rexford Longfellow Elementary School complex, adding that changing that decision would have only been allowed at the board meeting immediately following the board meeting that the original vote took place.

Lundt countered that "technically, our motion is illegal, too. There has to be a timeline. An expiration date."

Huber told Lundt his comments were no longer about the approval of the agenda.

"This is exactly the agenda, because there is no timeline, and I want to vote on it so we all know when this is going to be done," Lundt said.

The timeline refers to how long a sealed bid can be opened, Huber said.

"The sealed bid process was legally done. We as a board

legally voted on it. It was a 7-0 vote," Huber said. "And if at the next board meeting, we wish to put that on the agenda, we can talk about it. But I do not want to entertain changing the agenda for a non-emergency brief."

Only hours before the school board meeting, Lundt interrupted Huber while Huber was speaking at a Clintonville Plan Commission meeting.

The Plan Commission was holding a public hearing about rezoning the property of the former elementary school complex, which is a stipulation of the sale of the property.

Also at that meeting, Lundt questioned why the Plan Commission would consider rezoning the property when it didn't have answers to questions, and also accused the Plan Commission of, "tearing the whole town apart because of the confusion."



The Clintonville High School forensics team includes, from left, FRONT: Hilary Salinas, Mariah Kriegel; CENTER: Audrina Rassmussen, Kailee Green, Calleigh Zoellick; BACK: Cienna Kuhn, Tais Avelar, Lorelei Krueger, Victoria Havlik and Esmeralda Santiago. Not pictured: Addison Lundt. Submitted photo.

## Clintonville forensics team advances

CLINTONVILLE – All 12 members of the Clintonville High School forensics team advanced from the subdistrict round to the district round of competition on their quest toward state competition.

The Clintonville team kicked off the 2024 Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech and Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA) season by participating in the WISDAA Subdistrict 6D Festival at Clintonville High School, Feb. 22.

This year's subdistrict round included teams from Appleton West, Clintonville, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Hortonville and Wrightstown.

By category, the Clintonville team's WISDAA roster includes Impromptu

Speaking: Cienna Kuhn and Tais Avelar; Informative Speaking: Calleigh Zoellick and Victoria Havlik; Poetry: Cienna Kuhn, Mariah Kriegel, Lorelei Kriegel and Esmeralda Santiago; Prose: Tais Avelar; Radio News Reporting: Addison Lundt; Group Interp: Mariah Kriegel and Hilary Salinas, and Audrina Rassmussen and Kailee Green.

The team's top performers in the subdistrict round included Mariah Kreigel and Salinas in Group Inerp, Rassmussen and Green in Group Interp, and Avelar in Impromptu.

The team resumes Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association competition on March 9 in Neenah.

## Local veteran receives service award

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – John P. Fandrey, a member of VFW Post 664 in Clintonville, was awarded the 2023-24 Bob Munro Service to Veterans award.

Fandrey was presented the award by Paul Morrison, District 7 Bob Munro Award chairman, at a ceremony Feb. 20 at VFW Post 664 in Clintonville.

This is the second straight year that a member of VFW Post 664 has received the District 7 Bob Munro Award. Theodore Kirmse received the award last year.

"The purpose of the award is to honor those among and around us who go above and beyond ordinary efforts in support of veterans, active duty troops and their families," Morrison said during the ceremony. "The award is named in honor of the late Bob Monroe."

He added that Bob Monroe had a long history with the VFW.

### Fandrey background

During the presentation, Morrison shared details about Fandrey's military background.

Fandrey is a "Life Member" of VFW Post 664. He served two tours in Vietnam



Shown, from left, are VFW Post 664 Commander LeRoy Wilken, District Chairman Paul Morrison, 2023-24 Bob Munro Service to Veterans award recipient John Fandrey and Clintonville Mayor Steve Kettenhoven. Bert Lehman Photo

with the U.S. Army with the 573rd Combat Engineer Company building bridges and driving vehicles in convoys to deliver supplies to vital areas.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat, along with other Vietnam campaign medals.

After active duty, Fandrey served in the U.S. Army Reserves for four years when he ended his military service.

After joining American Legion Post 63 in Clintonville, Fandrey was active with military funerals and community outreach programs. After becoming a Life Member of VFW Post 664 he continued his service to veterans, serving in roles of Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Post Commander for more than

20 years.

Fandrey is also an active member of the Disabled American Veterans Organization in Shawano.

Continuing his work within the community, Fandrey participated in a panel discussion at Clintonville High School about topics related to a particular course of study.

At age 76, Fandrey continues to participate in joint Military Funeral Honors with the VFW and American Legion, organizing parades, creating collection boxes for retired flags, and coordinating patriotic flag folding at the local elementary school.

He has also coordinated and conducted a flag retirement ceremony for middle school students and participated in numerous "Buddy

Poppy" distribution events. Three of his daughters were VFW Poppy Princesses.

When he was the commander of Post 664, Fandrey obtained a 100% retention rate.

He was also instrumental in organizing and assisting in moving Post 664 into the city of Clintonville.

"John has been involved in supporting veterans for over 56 years and supports any veteran that he can," Morrison said, concluding his remarks. "John continues to display the best attributes in service, companionship, and staying active in the Clintonville community, District 7, and the State of Wisconsin."

### Fandrey reaction

Fandrey said he was "pretty excited" when he found out he would be receiving the 2023-2024 Bob Munro Service to Veterans award because he didn't expect to receive it.

He added that the award isn't a one-man award.

"It's really a Post 664 VFW club and auxiliary award because of all the community service projects members have done together over a period of time," Fandrey said.

## Marion Rotary Student of the Month

Kasey Roethle was named the Marion Rotray Student of the Month.

The son of Tammy and Nick Roethle, he is a senior at Marion High School.

Roethle's extracurricular activities include varsity football, varsity golf, girls' basketball manager, Badger Boys State, Quiz Bowl, Knowledge Masters, Spirit Club, Snowmobile Club, prom committee and band.

Among his achievements, Roethle has been named to High Honor



Roethle

Roll, earned six varsity letters, the Captain's Award, CWC Academic All Conference awards, Youth Apprenticeship Certificate of Completion and Spanish Certificate of Excellence.

He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to major in nuclear engineering and be a member of Navy ROTC. After graduation, Roethle wants to be a nuclear propulsion engineer board an aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy.

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS



The 2024 Sturgeon Shuffle will be held in New London on Saturday, May 4.

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## New London to host Sturgeon Shuffle

### Event slated for May 4

NEW LONDON – Participants will be running and walking on County Trunk X along the Wolf River for the Sturgeon Shuffle.

The family-friendly events includes a 10K run and a 5K run/walk and take place on Saturday, May 4, beginning at and returning to New London Middle School, 1000 W. Washington St.

The 10K run starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:15 a.m. Both runs are chip timed.

Pete Gasper, an event organizer, said proceeds raised from the Sturgeon Shuffle will benefit Project Backpack in communities throughout Waupaca County. These programs address hunger among school children.

All levels of athletes children through seniors, may participate.

Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youths age 14 and younger, if paid by March 1.

Fees are \$30 and \$10 if paid between March 2 and April 10, and \$35 and \$15 if paid April 11-16.

For in-person registration,

fees are \$40 for adults and \$20 for ages 14 and younger.

Go to [bit.ly/48xztR1](https://bit.ly/48xztR1) to register online in advance,

Participants can register in person from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 19, at First State Bank, 113 W. North Water St., New London, or from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at New London Middle School.

Participants who register by April 18 are guaranteed event T-shirts.

New London city ordinance does not allow pets at the race.

## Hortonville primary results

HORTONVILLE – Six village board candidates remain in a race for three available village board seats in the April 2, spring election.

One candidate was eliminated out of the field of seven running in the February 20 primary election.

Two-hundred eighty-one voters cast ballots in

the primary vote.

Vote counts in respective order are as follows: Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel-172, Bob Jewell-112, Jason Abendschein-109, Michael J. Paltzer-99, Shauna L. Keel-91, Judy Peterson-82, and Thomas J. Zartner-53.

There were four write-in votes registered.

## Library plans March activities

NEW LONDON – Another open house will offer an opportunity to view the future home of the New London Public Library from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the former First State Bank building.

Guests will be able to go on guided tours and view architectural renderings.

The March Take a Break to Make will take place Thursday, March 14 with two one-hour sessions at 1 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

The program will feature cake decorating with Bev Meyer. She will show participants how to decorate their own mini cake

with a classic border and other techniques. Register by calling 920-982-8519. Children are welcome with an adult. The New London Public Library will host a Peeps Diorama contest from March 4-15.

Participants can stop in from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, to start their dioramas or pick them up to work on at home. Dioramas are due March 15. Voting will take place March 18-22. Shoeboxes will be provided while supplies last.

Story Time will take place at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays from March 6 through

May 8. There will be no Story Time on March 27.

Babygarten will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays from March 7 through May 9 with no Babygarten on March 28.

Take-home craft kits will be offered throughout the month of March. Children can make a leprechaun hat, leaping frogs, and a baseball glove. Adult kits will feature materials for a paper lattice folded bookmark.

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

## PARKING

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Roberts also pointed to the hardships that the parking restrictions would cause tenants with young children due to the permitted parking being restricted to areas farther from downtown buildings.

"They will have to walk several blocks," he said. "Some will now have to carry a small child, groceries and laundry several blocks because they have to park in designated parking spaces. Do any of you have to walk blocks to your home because of the location of where you can afford to live?"

He also noted the difficulties the parking restrictions would impose on babysitters staying with children

overnight while their parents were away.

"This arrangement also takes away the tenants' rights to have guests spend the night or a weekend," Roberts said. "Would any of you like to be told that your sister or mother or friend could never come to visit for the weekend because the city council doesn't think you should be able to park in the lot overnight?"

Roberts asked why downtown tenants cannot have the same rights as homeowners and renters in other parts of the city.

"Is this really fair or is it discrimination because of where they live or can afford to live?" he asked.

"We've been discussing this for probably five to six years," Ald. Mike Bar-

ington said. "We have heard for how many years that people have been complaining there's no parking spaces downtown. We tried to come up with a solution. How long are we going to spread this out?"

Several council members thanked Roberts for doing the research and bringing these other issues to their attention.

Roberts' motion to send the proposal back to committee passed by a vote of 6-3.

Voting in favor of the motion were BaLynda Croy, John Hass, Dennis Herter, Bernie Ritchie, Roberts and Charlene Magolski.

Voting against the motion were Robert Besaw, Barrington and John Faucher.

# Wega-Fremont NEWS

## New city administrator

### Rennicke making the rounds

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – So far Marcus Rennicke has walked one way on Main Street, meeting and greeting business owners.

Next, he will burn some shoe leather in the other direction and do the same.

He recently started as the city's new administrator.

Rennicke grew up in Kaukauna, son of a business owner and a graphic design artist. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with the goal of becoming a police officer. He joined ROTC and was ready for that career



Rennicke

but a medical condition his senior year thwarted those plans. He worked for six years with Central Boarding Academy, an international boarding school.

During the Covid pandemic, he earned a master's degree in public administration from UW-Oshkosh and worked with a firm that helped place international workers with

Oshkosh companies that needed extra help.

"And I started getting interested in how I could give back to a bigger community," said Rennicke. The city manager of Oshkosh helped point him in this direction.

"I'm a people-person at the end of the day. That's what I bring to the town – someone that is not afraid to try different things. They're not all going to work but a lot of them will. I think I can bring those skills to the community to bring more businesses here," said Rennicke.

He has a golden retriever. "We're very outdoorsy and you'll probably see me running around with her and getting to know people," he said.



The new addition to the Weyauwega Public Library nears completion. On the interior, there is some painting, flooring and fixture work left. On the Tyvek-covered exterior, siding will be put up soon. Library Director Kelly Kneisler said the project is on track to be finished by late March-early April.

James Card Photo

## Weyauwega to remove lead pipes

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced the city of Weyauwega has applied for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to improve its public drinking water system.

The project includes lead service line replacements in the city of Weyauwega.

Activities related to this project are minor actions

under Chapter NR 150, Wis. Admin. Code, for which no environmental analysis is required; however, following the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program federal requirement 40 C.F.R. §35.3580, an environmental review must be conducted before funding this project.

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that the project will not result in significant adverse environmental effects, and no further environmental review or analysis is needed before proceeding with funding the project.

The public is encouraged to submit comments

regarding this decision and the potential environmental impacts of this project. Submit comments by March 6, to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, C/O Michelle Brietzman, Community Financial Assistance, CF/2, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

Based on the comments received, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR's consideration of the project's impacts and reasonable alternatives.

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# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

## County zoning decision appealed

### Sand mine opponents sue

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Opponents of the proposed sand mine on the Iola Car Show grounds filed an appeal of its conditional use permit (CUP) on Feb. 19 with the Waupaca County Board of Adjustments.

The appeal was sent on behalf of some residents whose homes and properties border the sand mine site.

The Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Committee voted 4-1 in favor of the permit on Jan. 23.

Christa Westerberg, a Madison attorney who specializes in environmental and land use law, drafted and filed the appeal.

The appeal highlights several concerns the neighbors of the potential sand mine have.

One of the concerns in the appeal was that the conditional use permit application was incomplete. Missing information includes plans for controlling noise, details about mining methods, lighting at the site and the storage and handling of potentially hazardous materials.

Three of the neighbors were named in the appeal: Laura and Ron Scott, Greg and Chris Ambrosius and Kenneth and Joanne Mentzel.

According to the appeal, “Appellants are aggrieved by the Committee’s decision because it will lead to a decrease in the value of the property, as well as a decrease in their quality of life and loss of use and enjoyment of their own properties.”

Two of the families are also worried about their wells.

The appeal noted that the Ambrosius property has a well that is 35 feet deep and the

Mentzel property well is 320 feet away from the proposed mine. Both worry that the mine will affect their water quality.

Westerberg said the Waupaca Planning and Zoning committee believed that “substantial evidence” excluded citizen testimony.

Substantial evidence refers to facts and information, other than personal preferences or speculation.

Westerberg said in 2017 the Wisconsin Legislature changed the law for CUPs, where a CUP is not granted unless it is supported by substantial evidence.

“Citizens who live in the neighborhood of a proposed development will have lots of facts and information about, for example, things like traffic, impacts of noise, environmental conditions, wildlife, and the like,” Westerberg said. “While we’d agree that someone saying ‘I don’t like gravel pits’ might not be substantial evidence, this doesn’t mean other citizen testimony does not meet that definition.”

Westerberg had a similar case in Green Lake County, where a limestone mine CUP was approved by the Green Lake County land use and planning committee. The board of adjustments in Green Lake upheld the appeal, stopping the mine. The board found that not all of the requirements had been met.

Faulks Brothers was reached for comment.

“Faulks Bros believes the County Staff and Zoning Committee followed the law and made a sound decision, and that Faulks Bros is prepared to defend that decision,” Jon Faulks said.

The Iola Car Show did not have a statement at this time.

## School referendum on April 2 ballot

### Funds sought for security, upgrades

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Voters in the Iola-Scandinavia School District will see a capital spending referendum on their April 2 ballot.

The capital referendum seeks \$2.3 million to be used to address safety concerns, security and building upgrades.

In a survey sent out last October, the community agreed that safety and security is a priority at the schools and that they would support a capital referendum that would address those two objectives.

District Administrator Chris Nelson went over what the capitol referendum would cover at I-S school board meeting Feb. 12. He said \$1.3 million would be allocated to updating major building systems and \$1 million to support safety and security.

The building upgrades include new doors, windows,

two new boilers in the high school, a new HVAC controller, a new entrance at the high school and the roof over the bus garage and part of the fitness center.

Nelson said many of the doors and windows in the elementary and high school are the original ones from when the buildings were constructed.

The windows are currently single pane glass, which will be changed to double pane with a vapor lock. This upgrade will help maintain a more weather efficient effect on classrooms.

A small peep window will replace the large window doors currently in place. The glass will be shatterproof. The handles will also be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

Nelson said some of the teachers have expressed concern about the large windows in the doors, saying the smaller windows will make them feel more secure.

Along with the doors and windows, the capital referendum would expand the main entrance at the high school.

Currently, there is a moni-

tor who sits and watches the door. The monitor has to meet people and bring them in. This can put the monitor’s safety at risk, whereas the new entrance would have an office adjacent to the front doors.

This new office would have a window to communicate with people, a pass through drawer if any items need to be delivered to a student, and there would also be a better view of visitors coming in as the monitors would be able to have a better line of sight to the parking lot.

Two of the boilers would also be replaced at the high school, since they were part of the building when it was constructed in 1979.

The roof of the bus garage would also be replaced, along with a portion of the fitness center.

Nelson said none of the capital referendum funds, if passed, will be used to upgrade the track.

The track was recently approved to stay and be upgraded at the high school. That project will be funded through private donations and fund raising efforts.

If the referendum passes,

most of the projects will not begin until the spring of 2025, with the boilers and roof hopefully getting done sooner.

“The community has always been very supportive,” Nelson said. “I think and hope that they understand that we are being fiscally responsible, but yet these are just things that we need to get done as a district to make sure that we have the best place for our kids to learn.”

Nelson will hold a couple open houses for the public to go over what the referendum will pay for and answer questions the community has ahead of the upcoming election April 2.

A formal presentation will be held in the high school auditorium at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, and 6 p.m. Monday, March 18. Nelson will also be at ScandiHus in Scandinavia from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, to answer questions the community may have.

Then he will be at Crystal Café in Iola from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 14.

# Manawa NEWS

## Speaker on Inflation Reduction Act

MANAWA – David Shorr will discuss the Inflation Reduction Act at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Waupaca County Democratic Party headquarters, 401 S Bridge St., Manawa.

Space is limited to 40 seats, so reservations are requested by emailing waupacademocrats@gmail.com.

Shorr is an active member of Portage County and

Stevens Point Democratic Party.

He is vice president of state Democratic Environmental Caucus and a past member of the Stevens Point city council.

Shorr will speak about the Biden administration’s Inflation Reduction Act, which addresses climate change through items such as household energy savings, greenhouse gas emissions and public health.

## New Manawa ATV, UTV shop opens

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Alex and Kathryn Coenen realized their dream on Feb. 19 when they opened Clover Motors.

The new auto repair shop is located on 301 S. Bridge St., in Manawa, at the former location of Suehs Motors.

Clover Motors will service cars, all-terrain vehicles and utility task vehicles.

The couple met at a dealership and have been together for the last nine years. They were married in 2020.

“We met at a Ford Dealership and we bought a former Ford dealership,” Kathryn said. “That’s one of those things you just can’t duplicate if you try.”

Kathryn has worked customer service in the automotive industry for 10 years, while Alex has been working on cars for 15 years, and went to school for ATV and UTV repair after high school.

With mild winters becoming more prevalent, the number of ATVs and UTVs on roadways and trails has increased, as snowmobile trails



Alex and Kathryn Coenen recently opened Clover Motors in Manawa. Emily Conroy Photo

are more difficult to open due to lack of cold and snow.

While researching the market in the area, the Coenens found it difficult to find even simple parts for their own UTV.

Kathryn said currently the supply is not meeting the demand for ATV and UTV parts.

“There are not enough ATV, UTV part dealers, repair places located in Waupaca County over all for the popularity of them,” Kathryn said. “Most people are trailering

them for repair out to the valley or up to Shawano.”

Power sports are a mutual interest for the couple, who reside in Greenville with their two dogs, Jordy and Jinx.

“We absolutely love our power sports, we are ATV, UTV junkies,” Kathryn said. “If we’re not at work we are camping and if we are not camping, we’re on the trails.”

Currently, they are taking in cars for repair, however they will be able to start doing regular maintenance on ATVs and UTVs in the next couple

of weeks as soon as they are able to get oil filters. They will also be selling oil change kits for anyone wanting to do it on their own.

Also within the next couple months they hope to take in used ATVs and UTVs to sell.

The Coenens will plan to keep on long-time shop employees, including Ryan Suehs at the parts counter and Tal Arndt as a mechanic.

The Coenens state on their web site:

“Suehs Motors has been a cornerstone of the community and we are honored to continue its legacy of exceptional service and customer care.”

The central location of Manawa, the opportunity to buy a repair shop and the years of experience they share in the industry, the Coenens are both excited to grow their business and begin this new chapter.

For information regarding Clover Motors or when customers can start bringing in their UTVs and ATVs for maintenance, go to www.clovermotorswi.com they are also on Facebook at Clover Motors.

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www.sacredheartmanawa.org

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**Weyauwega 2100**  
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**SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church**  
608 E. Main St., Weyauwega. Mass Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 10:30am Tues 9am, Thurs 9am 920-867-2179 www.sspeterpaulchurch.org

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City Legals 7710

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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

Agenda for the meeting of the Lake Iowa Lake District Commissioners to be held Thursday March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Iowa Village Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, HEALTH AND SANITATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin.

PUBLISH: February 29 and March 7, 2024

The Village of Iowa Lake Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. at the Iowa Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street.

Minutes 7725

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, January 16, 2024 A regular and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was convened on January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Notice To Creditors 7735

DATE SIGNED: February 13, 2024 Electronically signed by Chris Marfilius Probate Registrar

Ordinances 7740

PUBLISH: February 29, 2024 Notice of Ordinance Amendment PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Common Council of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, approved an ordinance amendment on February 19, 2024, revising Chapter 23 of the Revised Municipal Code.

Minutes 7725

Daughter Dance on February 17 at the Washington Center. She said the sled hill was open and said residents should watch the Facebook page for information on the ice rink due to weather.

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# Sports

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New London's Hailey Krueger made history at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships Feb. 24 as the first girls' three-time state champion. Krueger wrapped up her third title with a 7-3 win over Lomira's Kara Kuge in the 152-pound title match.

Melissa Thomas Photo

## Krueger makes it three in a row

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

MADISON – If Hailie Krueger didn't have a reputation as one of Wisconsin's top high school wrestlers, she does now.

The New London High School junior became Wisconsin's first-ever three-time girls' champion Feb. 24 with a 7-3 win over Lomira's Kara Kuge at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships in Madison.

Krueger won her first two state titles in 2022 and 2023 at 145 pounds before moving up a weight class to 152 and finished the 2023-24 season with a 46-0 record.

She wasn't the only area girl to advance to state, as Hortonville's Mackenzie Schiedermayer placed fifth at 152 in her second trip to state and Waupaca freshman Caylin Johnson posted a 1-2 record at 145.

Krueger's path to a third championship included a matchup with Schiedermayer in the semifinals. Schiedermayer would have advanced to the final with a win, but she ended up getting pinned in 1:59.

Krueger opened the tournament Feb. 22 with a pair of first-period pins over Watertown's Nohra Good (1:30) and Oregon's Teagan Simpson (1:58).

"It was definitely important," she said. "It gave me a lot of confidence and made me feel a lot better about it. We have two down and hopefully only two more to go. It just makes me so proud of where I've come from, coming from my first year of not winning a single match to winning three



Waupaca's Caylin Johnson wrestles Turner's Sydney Andrews in a 145-pound match at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships in Madison. Johnson posted a 1-2 record at the tournament, which included three divisions of boys and one for girls.

Greg Seubert Photo

straight titles."

Schiedermayer advanced to the semifinal round by pinning Cameron's Grace Dexter in 43 seconds and beating Shoreland Lutheran's Lexi Mentink 10-7.

Schiedermayer's loss to Krueger set her up in the consolation round, where she dropped a 5-3 decision to River Ridge's Britney Petschke before beating Mentink for a second time 6-2 in the fifth-place match.

Schiedermayer didn't place at state last year as a freshman at 145, but was happy to open this year's tournament with a pair of wins.

"It was so good coming down here as a freshman to get the experience," she said. "My brother started when he was in seventh grade, so

I would have been in sixth grade. He made me go to a couple practices with him to watch it and I was like, 'Wow, this looks so much like what we do at home just for fun.' I started in seventh grade and I've been hooked ever since. It took me over a month to start to understand the basics."

Greg Dietzen coaches the girls on Hortonville's team that had five qualifiers on the boys' side, including a second-place finisher in Henry Niebauer.

"She brings a lot of character, a lot of experience, a lot of talent," he said of Schiedermayer. "She has a lot of ambition and a big heart of competitiveness. She comes from a big family, so she doesn't take any business from her broth-

ers. She just has to continue what she's been doing; working hard and wrestling her match, not letting the other person dictate what happens in the match. She has to wrestle her match."

Johnson, a freshman, opened the tournament by pinning Mukwonago's Ella Schueler in 1:27 to improve to 29-6 on the season.

"All my uncles and cousins wrestled," she said minutes after getting her first win. "My mom threw me out on the mat in 4K and I've been doing it since."

Turner's Sydney Andrews then pinned Johnson in 2:39 in the second round and her season ended after Barron's Michalee Skjerly pinned her in 1:19 in the

Krueger

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## Wrestlers get shot at state title

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

MADISON – One more win.

That's what stood between two area wrestlers – New London's Wyatt Magolski and Hortonville's Henry Niebauer – and their first state championship.

Both wrestlers made it to the finals of their respective weight class Feb. 24 at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships at the Kohl Center in Madison. Magolski dropped a 5-3 decision to Dodgeville's Charlie Meudt in the Division 2 120-pound final, while Niebauer ended up on the short end of a 10-5 score to

Arrowhead's Wyatt Duchateau in the Division 1 150-pound championship match.

After having a bye in the preliminary round, Magolski made it to the championship match after a 14-3 major decision over Mauston/Necedah's Drake Gosda and a 5-1 win over Luxemburg-Casco's Carson Neubert in the semifinal round.

Niebauer won his first three matches to get to the final. He opened the tournament with a 13-1 major decision over Kaukauna's Kolin DeGroot and followed that up with a 19-4 technical fall over Mukwonago's

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## Bumpy ride for Warhawks in Madison

Hoffman places second at 285

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

MADISON – All Vanden Hoffman wanted was to wrap up his final season of high school wrestling with his first state championship.

The Weyauwega-Fremont senior almost got his wish.

Hoffman made it to the championship round Feb. 24 at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships in Madison, but ended up on the short end of a 2-1 score to defending state champion Evan Gratz of Fennimore in the Division 3 285-pound title match.

He headed to state as the No. 2 seed in his bracket with a 42-1 record, had a bye in the first round and made it to the final after defeating Lomira's Warren Sauer 9-3 and pinning Coleman's Kain Otto in 3:19.

"Vanden finished the season with a 44-2 record, 31 pins and 72 takedowns," coach Tim Potratz said. "He won six tournament titles as a senior and was a three-time state qualifier and two-time all-state wrestler, placing third as a junior and second as a senior."

Hoffman was one of eight Warhawks to qualify for state, along with Jay-

don LeNoble (106), Josue Azuara (113), Carter Birdyshaw (132), Aiden Marquette (144), Connor Johnson (157), Carter McDaniel (165) and Tellyer Alix (190).

LeNoble, Azuara, Marquette, Johnson and Alix ended their season after dropping their first-round matches.

Birdyshaw and McDaniel also had a bye in the first round, but lost their quarter-final match and had to come back through the consolation round.

McDaniel picked up a 4-0 win over De Soto's Seth Greeno and an 8-7 win over Johnson Creek's Taylor Joseph, but fell 9-0 to Iowa Grant/Highland's Emmerston Moen in the third-place match to finish fourth.

"Carter finished his junior season with a 45-9 record, 27 pins and 50 takedowns," Potratz said. "He won four tournaments this year and earned the title of all-state wrestler with his great showing at the state tournament."

Potratz is expecting big things from the other state qualifiers.

"Freshmen Jaydon LeNoble (42-5), Josue Azuara (39-14) and Carter Birdyshaw all had outstanding rookie seasons that carried them

Warhawks

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## Polar Bears roll to 12th straight regional title

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

HORTONVILLE – To quote chef Emeril Lagasse, it's time for the Hortonville girls' basketball team to kick it up a notch.

That's exactly what the Polar Bears did in their first two WIAA state tournament games with a pair of convincing wins.

After opening tournament play Feb. 23 with an 86-16 win over Chippewa Falls in a Division 1 regional semifinal, Hortonville won the program's 12th consecutive regional championship the following day with a 81-40 over Appleton North.

The top-seeded Polar Bears will now head to Eau Claire North High School Thurs-

day, Feb. 29, to face fourth-seeded Eau Claire Memorial at 7 p.m. The winner will play the winner of another sectional semifinal between No. 2 Hudson and No. 3 Neenah at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Appleton East High School. The winner of that game will head to state.

### Hortonville 81, Appleton North 40

Eleven three-pointers helped the Polar Bears build a 52-14 halftime lead over the Lightning.

Hortonville then outscored the visitors 29-26 in the second half.

Rainey Welson led the Polar Bears with 24 points, while Kallie and Kardyn

Peppler added 14 each. Sophie Busch led the Lightning with 11 points.

### Hortonville 86, Chippewa Falls 16

After receiving a bye in the opening round of the tournament, the Polar Bears opened postseason play with a 70-point win over the Cardinals.

Hortonville led 67-7 at halftime.

Five Hortonville players finished in double figures, including Kardyn Peppler, who led all scorers with 16 points; Welson (15); Mikayla Werner (13); Julieyn Martin (12); and Kallie Peppler (10). Six other players also scored in the game.



Hortonville's Mikayla Werner and Appleton North's Tay Maass battle for a rebound Feb. 24 in the first half of a WIAA Division 1 regional final at Hortonville High School. Werner and the Polar Bears are heading to the sectional round of the state tournament following an 81-40 win over the Lightning.

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Adam Whittier and a 5-3 win over Kenosha Indian Trail's Sullivan Ramos in the semifinal round.

Four other Hortonville wrestlers also competed in the boys' side of the tournament.

Nolan Skebba placed third at 132; Cash Botting placed sixth at 126; and Ayden Needham and Austin McHugh competed at 190 and 215, respectively, but did not place.

Skebba beat New Richmond's Luke Kamish 5-1 in a third-place match, while Botting dropped a 7-4 decision to Holmen's Turner Campbell in a fifth-place match.



New London's Wyatt Magolski faces Dodgeville's Charlie Meudt in the Division 2 120-pound championship match at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championship. Meudt capped an undefeated season with a 5-3 win over Magolski.



Hortonville's Henry Niebauer wrestles Arrowhead's Wyatt Duchateau in the Division 1 150-pound state championship match. Duchateau defeated Niebauer 10-5.

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consolation round.

"I've coached Caylin since she was in middle school," Waupaca coach Bryon Prey said. "I knew what I was getting. I'm not sure if I was expecting the amount of

success she had to start, but if you watch her out there, she's tough and girls are going to start running from her. She brings intensity and she's a hammer when she goes out there."

Prey won't be surprised to see Johnson back at the

Kohl Center in the future.

"We're up to almost 1,200 girls in the state wrestling," he said. "I just love the competitiveness of it. These girls get to come down here and they battle just like the guys. It's great for Caylin, it's great for the girls, it's great for the sport."

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all the way to the state tournament," he said. "Juniors Aiden Marquette (32-13), Connor Johnson (40-13) and Tellyer Alix (40-14) all reached a lifelong dream of wrestling in the state tournament through hard work and dedication to the sport. They will all be back next year with championship aspirations as seniors."

The season isn't over for the Warhawks, as the team will return to Madison Saturday, March 2, for the WIAA State Team Wrestling Championships at the University of Wisconsin Field House.

Weyauwega-Fremont received a No. 2 seed and will face third-seeded Coleman at 10 a.m. Two-time defending Division 3 team champion and top seed Fennimore will face No. 4 Cumberland in the other semifinal. The semifinal winners will then wrestle for a state team championship at 3 p.m.

The Warhawks are the only Division 3 team making their first trip to state. Fennimore is back for the ninth time, Coleman is making its 17th appearance and Cumberland is back for



Vanden Hoffman wrapped up his wrestling career at Weyauwega-Fremont High School by placing second at 285 pounds in Division 3 at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships in Madison. Hoffman defeated his first two opponents before dropping a 2-1 decision to Fennimore's Evan Gratz in the championship match.

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Weyauwega-Fremont's Carter McDaniel wrestles Johnson Creek's Taylor Joseph in a Division 3 165-pound consolation match. McDaniel picked up an 8-7 win in the match and went on to place fourth.

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the second time.

Other teams advancing to the tournament are Kaukauna, Muskego, Wisconsin Rapids, Menomonie, Mukwonago, Hartford, Ar-

rowhead and Homestead in Division 1; and Luxemburg-Casco, St. Croix Falls, Prairie du Chien and Kewaskum in Division 2.

**Shutout ends Comets' season**

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

TOMAHAWK - The season has ended for the Waupaca boys' hockey team with a loss to a state qualifier.

The Comets headed to Tomahawk Feb. 20 for a Division 2 regional final with the Hatchets and returned home following a 3-0 loss.

Meanwhile, the Hatchets went on to hand Mosinee an 8-2 loss in a sectional final Feb. 24 and will now head to the WIAA state tournament, which starts Thursday, Feb. 29, at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena in Middleton.

The Hatchets came up with a goal in each period while outshooting the

Comets 35-20. Landyn Seymour scored off of assists from Jonah Dickens to give Tomahawk a 2-0 lead before Dickens added a goal in the third period.

Tomahawk received a No. 4 seed for the state tournament and will face top-seeded New Richmond Feb. 29.

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