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# County Post

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Ron Brooks addressed the Lind Town Board during the public hearing about a proposed co-digester. The board voted against the re-zoning and amending the comprehensive plan needed for the plan to move forward. James Card Photo

## Digester in Lind denied

Town board votes no

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Lind Town Board voted against making amendments to the town's zoning code and comprehensive plan to change 7.8 acres of agricultural land for industrial-intensive use.

The 7.8 acres would be home to a co-digester on the Brooks Farms that would turn manure and food waste into biogas, tea water for field fertilization and a solid-form fertilizer. Vanguard Renewables is their partner in this project.

"My concerns are aligned a lot with many of the concerns of the citizen in the town of Lind," said Chair Kathy Nickel.

She cited truck traffic on County Trunk A, possible future expansion of the dairy herd and thus, expansion of the operation of the facility, and the potential for the project to fail and be abandoned as her concerns.

"What is to stop that site from being sold off for any other type of industrial-level facility to be taken over there," she said Feb. 28 at the Waupaca High School auditorium.

"There are a lot of tax credits, government money and incentives to put in

these digesters. But what happens when the digester breaks down? The money is not there for the repairs. I talked with two separate owners of digesters that are no longer functioning. That was the statement I received from them," added Nickel.

She also addressed flare-offs. The gas must meet a certain standard to be transferred into the pipeline. Nickel said many of these digesters do not produced to that standard and the gas needs to be burned off. The hazmat emergency response was another concern.

"I think changing this zoning and land use leaves us an island of industrial zoning in the middle of our

township and we're setting a precedent that would open us up to do that in other locations. That's not what our plan says what we want done with our land use out there," said Nickel.

Town supervisor Cindy Hardy said she agreed with what Nickel expressed. The two of them voted to "recommend denial" to change the zoning and that was enough to make the decision formal.

Town supervisor Zoey Nelson recused herself from the proceedings as she is the daughter of Ron Brooks and it would be a conflict of interest.

**Digester**  
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## Mayor Wiza discusses relocating county jail

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

STEVENS POINT – Regarding the relocation of the Portage County Jail to Plover, Mayor Mike Wiza said his biggest priority is to keep the courts in downtown Stevens Point.

"The county has agreed to that," he said, noting that the county had indicated plans to use the jail's current space as a parking lot after the new jail is built.

"The county's master plan has the jail being torn down for their use as a parking lot," Wiza said, adding that the city wants to redevelop that space so it can add to the tax base.

"A parking lot for the county is not a good use if you're going to take 40 acres off the tax base," he said.

He noted the county had considered 20 acres of undeveloped space on the city's east side, which would permanently remove that property from the city and county's tax base.

"We want to make sure we make taxpayers whole," Wiza said. "The county



Wiza

taking land off the tax rolls is taking money from the taxpayers."

He stressed the importance of public services being easily accessible to the general public and to those who use those services.

He noted that the property on the city's east side was not easy to walk to, but it was accessible by bus.

Wiza also said the city was not asking the county to pay more than the city did for the land that was offered for the new jail.

When interviewed by the Stevens Point Gazette regarding the decision to move the jail, Wiza concluded, "If moving the jail needs to happen, I can't fault the county for doing that."

## Teen killed in crash

WAUPACA – The 18-year-old driver of a pickup truck was killed in a one-vehicle rollover crash shortly before 11:17 p.m. Sunday, March 3, in the town of Dayton.

According to the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office, a pickup truck was traveling eastbound on Crystal Lake Road near East Road when the driver lost control, the vehicle rolled and the driver was ejected. He was the sole occupant of the truck.

Deputies responded and began life-saving measures on the driver, who was then transported to TheDaCare Medical Center in Waupaca where he was pronounced dead.

An email from Waupaca High School Principal Michael Werbowski to students and families identified the driver as Dayton Tieg.

"Students and fami-

lies, we are all feeling the tremendous strain on our emotions multiplied greatly with the sudden passing of one of our students, your friend, and classmate," Werbowski wrote. "Feelings of shock, guilt, sadness, confusion and anger are all examples of the variety of emotions you may be feeling. We ask that you embrace your families and reach out to your friends and family."

Waupaca schools are currently on spring break. Werbowski provided a Waupaca County crisis hotline number to call Monday through Friday at 715-258-6300 or 800-719-4418 after 4 p.m. or over the weekend.

"Following spring break, our Student Services staff will be available to support you through this challenging time," Werbowski wrote.



On Monday, March 4, the city of Waupaca was pelted by a midday hailstorm. The hail was the size of pea gravel and the burst lasted for about 15 minutes. James Card Photo

## Two vie for New London mayor

Herter, Roberts answer questions

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – Ald. Tim Roberts is challenging incumbent Mayor Mark Herter in the April 2 election for New London mayor.

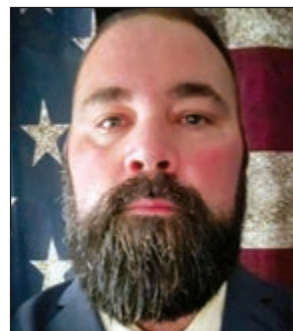
Herter was elected mayor in 2020.

Roberts currently represents District 4 on New London Common Council.

This is the first-part in a two-part series asking the candidates questions about their past experiences and hopes for the future of New London.

**Please describe your education and professional training?**

**Herter:** I have a HSED



Herter



Roberts

from the FVTC. I have training in human resource, business management, lean six sigma and Fortune 500. I have held several positions including supervisor and shift lead for many years at large private businesses before taking office as your mayor in 2020. In most of those cases managing more than 20 or more employees.

Most of my background in management is in day-

to-day operations of production facilities, employee management, work flow processes, ergonomic work cells, competitive implementation and management of business contracts while keeping a competitive edge of expenses and marketing for future growth.

**Roberts:** I attended Emanuel Lutheran Elementary School here in New London and later

graduated from Fox Valley Lutheran High School. After high school I attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I later moved to Arizona where I attended Mohave Community College for EMT training.

In 2003, I was deployed to Iraq to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom where I earned an Army Commendation Medal for being the most accomplished dual driving team in the platoon completing 59 missions and enduring terrorist attacks during three of those missions.

**Where are you employed?**

**Roberts:** I am a businessman here in New London at The Print Shop. My family

**Mayoral Race**  
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## New administrator in Clintonville

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Charles Seils was named the interim associate principal for Clintonville Middle/High School.

The Clintonville School Board approved the move when it met Feb. 12.

Seils replaces James



Seils

Blashe, who was previously named interim high school principal for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year after Kelly Zeinert retired from the high school principal position in early February.

Seils was serving as the business education teacher for Clintonville High

School before transferring to the interim associate principal position.

Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn told the board that a long-term substitute teacher is currently serving as the business education teacher, and plans are in the works for a long-term solution.

**DIGESTER**

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Town supervisor Ken Barrows did not say anything during the hearing.

**The forum**

On the sign-in sheets located at both entrances of the auditorium, 238 people signed their names. There were two columns at the end of the signature line: one column if a person supported the digester and another column for those that opposed the digester. The X marks in the opposed column greatly outnumbered the X marks in the support column.

More people attended the meeting remotely via Zoom – an average of 70 as people dropped out, or reconnected throughout the evening. Town Clerk Faye Neumann clicked away on the hosting platform to insure remote attendees were included.

Richard Carlson, the town attorney, apprised the crowd of legal aspects to keep in mind during the hearing.

“The hearing is intended to inform the town board of the pros and cons of the proposed re-zoning and to get the barometer—so to speak—the wishes of the town residents. It is not an exercise of simple counting hands of how may support his re-zoning or how many of you oppose it,” he said.

Carlson then read a Wisconsin Supreme Court decision regarding re-zoning to help frame the issue.

“So this is not a hand-raising endeavor, it is more less a fact-finding endeavor,” he said.

Carlson said the final decision would go onto the Waupaca County Board, however; the decision of the town board is important for the county board to make their decision.

The floor was opened to debate. The proponents of the digester, Brooks Farms

and Vanguard Renewables, would have time to state their facts and arguments, and then the opponents would have a chance to do the same.

After that, the public was welcome to approach the podium and state their concerns. Proponents then had an opportunity for rebuttal.

The hearing started at 5 p.m. and finished at 9:45 p.m.

**Public debates**

There were two common themes mentioned by many speakers. The first was a feeling of community spirit in the air – on both sides – in that the people of Lind cared so much about the well being of their township and their neighbors that they turned out in great numbers and were able to speak their mind in a public forum.

The second often-mentioned comments were the high standards at Brooks Farms. Many people spoke of the cleanliness of the farm, the top-notch technology, the treatment of the cows and the integrity of their farming methods.

Neighbors, fellow farmers, contractors and others all attested that Brooks Farm is a first-class dairy operation.

Besides those common themes, the evening of debate took many turns. It was a mix of verifiable facts, hard-to-verify facts, impartial background information, personal anecdotes, pseudo-science commentary, the airing of existential anxieties, grumpy rants, I-read-this-on-the-internet testimony and odes to the beauty of Lind.

Each speaker at the podium was filmed by a notebook computer which was connected to a massive screen display. On the screen was the speaker addressing the board and in a sidebar was a running list of people viewing the meeting

remotely. Some people sitting in the audience were visible on the screen.

Lind resident George Drivas sat in the front row. As Kevin Chase, the co-founder of Vanguard Renewables made his opening remarks, Drivas raised his hands making a thumbs-down gesture. Carlson, the town attorney, asked him to stop.

After a brief respite and a few speakers later, Drivas started the thumbs-down gesturing again and Carlson signaled for a deputy sheriff to escort Drivas from the auditorium. He left peacefully.

**Pros and cons**

Dan O’ Callaghan, a land-use attorney, explained the legal nuances to the board. Chad Zuelleger, director of government affairs of the Dairy Business Association, offered his support for the digester, and so did Bryan Sievers, a farmer from eastern Iowa.

Bernard Sheff, an engineer and chair of the American Biogas Council, pointed out that Europe is way ahead of the U.S. in adopting this technology. He also pointed out that this was a national security issue.

“I think we all understand the fact of having someone local making fertilizer is so important. Look what the war in Ukraine has done to the world fertilizer market,” Sheff said.

“We have all witnessed many farms and businesses failing and having to sell, how can we not support a family-owned business to they can keep their doors open and be profitable now and in the future? This family is working to keep their 160-year legacy moving forward for the future of their business and their families by utilizing the land they own, along with the by-products of their dairy by recycling their own manure.

By doing so, Brooks Farms will reduce their reliance on conventional fertilizer – which I sell – while reducing run-off risk but not spreading raw manure,” said Kris Tesser, an agronomy expert.

The best laugh of the night came from Bob Halaska, the former owner of the Everclean Dry Cleaning plant. He cited his experience being heavily scrutinized by the EPA, OSHA, the DNR and other regulatory bodies.

“We should all feel confident in the fact that our government will watch over us,” Halaska said as the audience broke out into laughter. He pointed out that Wisconsin lost the top spot as a dairy producer to California and the state could retake that title if it were proactive with this kind of technology. He also said that everyone has digesters in the form of septic tanks and nobody pays too much attention to what goes into it, whereas Brooks/Vanguard must monitor their digester in great detail.

As for opponents of the digester, Lori Knutson and Cynthia Cindric led off with opening statements that made an umbrella argument with multiple points against the digester. Greg Nowak of Appleton, read a letter from an engineer in Kewaunee with has extensive experience with digesters that urged the board to deny the re-zoning. Many other citizens spoke about air and water quality concerns, PFAS, property values, digester horror stories in other locales, concern for nearby Walla Walla Creek, the concept of “spot zoning” and more interpretations to the comprehensive plan.

Dick Swanson of Algoma made a passionate plea. Kewaunee County has experienced groundwater problems with manure exposure.

“They don’t have enough money to fix the aquifer,” Swanson said.

**MAYORAL RACE**

FROM PAGE 1

has owned and operated the business since 1994 and I have now taken charge of the business as my parents have now retired. We also own several rental properties in the city of which I manage. Fortunately, by working for myself this would allow me to have the opportunity (should I be elected) to be available as a 24/7 full-time Mayor for the citizens of New London.

**Herter:** I am currently employed by Dixon Ticonderoga Corporation in the Fox Valley. I believe my past experiences are what gives me the edge needed to represent the people of New London to the fullest as your Mayor. I have held several positions within large corporations giving me knowledge of large corporation operations that can be directly related to the day-to-day operations of city government.

**How do your past experiences impact your work in city government?**

**Herter:** I have had success with several local organizations and nonprofit groups such as New London wrestling club and Traumatic Brain Injury Fight for Life Club, and in some cases assisting as cofounder. Holding different titles such as VP or president of those committees.

As mayor I have been CEO of our city for the past four years, learning even more every day along the way by seeking out opportunities offered by the League Of Municipalities and CVMIC. The last four years in office, I have had success with managing and executing contracts for our city, recognizing citi-

zen asks and successfully implementing solutions, and community growth.

I have been fiscally responsible and accountable with tax dollars by using county, state and federal grant money for projects first before our local tax dollars. I understand the importance of representation of my constituents both like minded and not, as we all want the same things for our community. I also possess skills sets and the experience of setting up the city for affordable growth for all.

**Roberts:** As a businessman, I am experienced in working with a fiscal budget and making the most out of every dollar. I also have many relationships with local businesses and contacts within the city.

My service for the last three years as the District 4 alderman has given me a close insight on how the city runs and how I can help to make a change for the betterment of the people. I have the opportunity to hear the opinions of the citizens from both sides and have a great working relationship with the current staff and can readily present ideas to them for open discussion.

As the past VFW commander, I gained experience in a leadership role. I was responsible for leading the Post in meetings, carrying out and following guidelines set forth by the State Department and organizing the Post’s activities and business proceedings. As the current American Legion Adjutant, I am in charge of recording meeting minutes and maintaining detailed records for the Post. These skills provide me with the organizational and leadership necessary to lead committees and council to best serve the city of New London in a professional manner.



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# Stevens Point NEWS

## Brewer, historical society partner on beer

BY ELISE FULMER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – The Portage County Historical Society has partnered with District 1 brewing to create a line of beers inspired by local historical figures.

The first beer of the line, Frost Cold IPA, releases on March 14.

John Harry, executive director of the Portage County Historical Society, was approached by District 1 Brewing after one of their history pub crawls. They have been working together since last fall.

“D1 is a great brewery that really emphasizes how local they are,” Harry said, “we carry these same values, so it was a natural fit.”

Carrie Frost is the first figure represented in the series.

Frost was a prominent fly-fisher in the 1880s. She



founded C.J. Frost Co., which manufactured artificial fly-fishing lures. Frost hired several women at her company, giving them opportunities in a predominantly male society.

Frost and her company were so successful that Stevens Point was destined as

the “Fly Tackle Capital of America.”

Harry said Frost was a great first choice because “we try to pick stories that might be lesser known, and the women of this community have been vastly underreported on.”

Frost is represented by the Frost Cold IPA, using cold

fermented lager yeast rather than ale yeast. Harry explains that they try to match the qualities of the beer to the historical figure to the best of their ability: “Frost’s last name was a perfect tie in with the style of beer.”

Part of the proceeds raised by the beer will go to the historical society.

Harry explained, “These funds will help us continue to tell the stories through our various educational and preservation initiatives,” Harry said.

The Portage County Historical Society and District 1 Brewing are collaborating on their next release. In the meantime, the historical society will host a launch party celebrating their beer at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at District 1 Brewing, 200 Division St., Ste. G, Stevens Point.



Allen F. Blocher Planetarium

UWSP Photo

## Discover the Cosmos at UWSP planetarium

STEVENS POINT – Visitors to the planetarium at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point can see the universe.

Shows cover cosmic cycles, planetary systems, telescopes, dark matter and the history of space exploration.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the Blocher Planetarium.

“The planetarium was

established in November of 1963 and Allen F. Blocher was the main faculty member responsible for the development of the astronomy program on campus,” said Sebastian Zamfir, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the Blocher Planetarium and Pejsa Observatory.

### Planetarium

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## Local youths recognized with awards

STEVENS POINT – Exceptional youths from the Portage County Boys & Girls Club were honored at the annual BGC Awards Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the UWSP Dreyfus University Center.

A record 375 guests were in attendance to celebrate this monumental night together.

The Boys & Girls Club recognizes one youth at each

### Awards

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Joey Visger and Addison Helton are the BGC Junior Youths of the Year. Submitted Photos



Portage County Boys & Girls Club recognized Zuri HebbleWhite as Youth of the Year.

## Peeps art show seeks entries

STEVENS POINT – The Riverfront Arts Center encourages imagination, humor and creativity to craft and enter a work inspired by Peeps.

Entries may be a diorama, painting, sculpture, collage or any other artwork using the popular spring marshmallow candy.

Entries should be submitted to the Riverfront Arts Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday or Friday, March 21-22.

The Peeps exhibit runs from March 27 to April 14.

Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. The gallery is closed between exhibitions and on holidays.

Located at 1200 Crosby Ave. in Stevens Point, the Riverfront Arts Center is free and open to the public.

For inquiries, contact 715-343-6251 or email the art director at [sgardner@stevenspoint.com](mailto:sgardner@stevenspoint.com).

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS



New London Firefighters Association members, from left, Bernie Ritchie, Dick Muskevitch and Wayne Wilfuer present a \$500 donation to New London Tech-Ed Department instructors Joe Gruentzel, Bryce Jaglinski and Chris Doran. The donation will be used for special projects within the Tech-Ed department.   
John Faucher Photo

## Tech students build kids firehouse

BY JOHN FAUCHER  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – New London High School's Technology Education students recently built and donated a custom children's firehouse for the New London Fire Department.

The mini house with its spinning target windows will be used for kids fire-fighting demonstrations at special events like National Night Out.

National Night Out is an August event that encourages neighbors and families to get out and enjoy an evening of community building with police departments and other agencies.

New London's National Night Out event has grown annually since 2017.

The event, hosted by the New London Police Department, now occupies the better part of a city block central to the city

hall, police and fire departments.

Numerous departments are involved.

Equipment displays are brought out, activity booths are set up and multiple public safety organizations from within the county are invited to attend.

In addition to equipment demos and displays, New London Fire Department members set up a few hands-on activities. One of the popular ones with families was when they set up safety cones and allowed children to use small diameter fire fighting hoses to practice their aim.

Last year, the department borrowed the Greenville Fire Department's mini firehouse.

After the event, the New London Firefighter's Association asked a retired member if he could help build one of their own children's firehouses.

That is when the New London High School Technology Education Department heard about it and decided to make it a department wide project.

"We had students from the woods classes working on the main structure. The metals classes made the brackets for the spinning windows. The engineering classes used the vinyl cutter to cut out the logos and flames," explained instructor Joe Gruentzel.

"Many students helped on the project along the way."

Gruentzel, along with instructors Bryce Jaglinski and Chris Doran, also thanked senior STEP program volunteers for assistance they put in on the project.

Members of the New London Fire Firefighters Association presented a check for \$500 to the Tech-Ed program for future special project supplies.

## School board candidates speak at forum

NEW LONDON – Three candidates running for three seats on the New London School Board will speak at a public forum at 6 p.m. Monday, March 18, in the New London High School auditorium.

The candidates are Katie Batten, Mark Grossman and Nate Grundy. They will be given the opportunity to respond to questions.

## Wega-Fremont NEWS



### Valentine's Day donation

For Valentine's Day, members of the Lind Center Beavers 4H Club donated personal hygiene products to the residents at Crossroads Care Center in Weyauwega.

Submitted Photo

## Welcome to ninja week

### Best gym class of the year

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA—There are no nun-chucks or throwing stars but it's ninja week at Weyauwega Elementary and Fremont Elementary Schools.

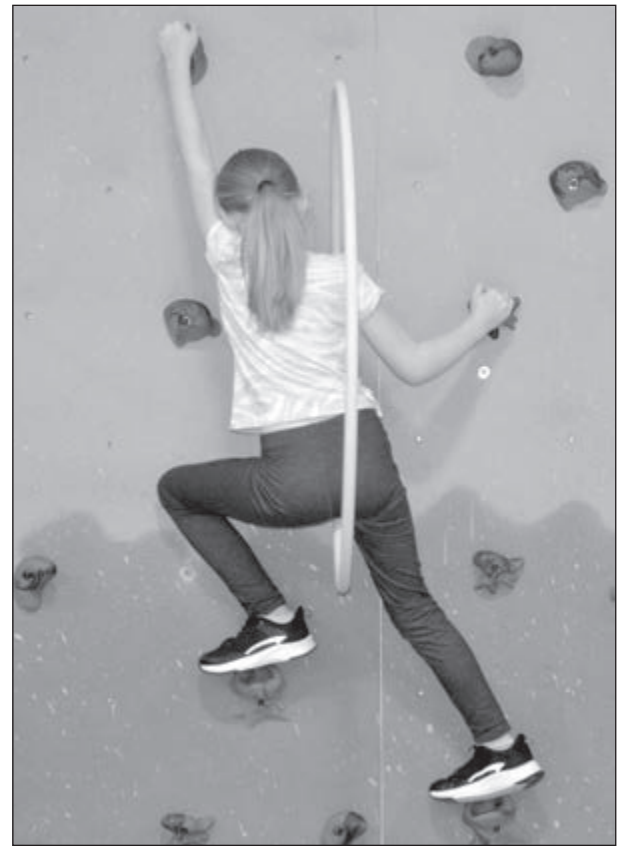
The gymnasiums are transformed into an obstacle course to test all of their physical abilities.

The challenge course is the brainchild Pat Fee, the 27-year veteran physical education teacher at both schools. He doesn't take all of the credit as he said his predecessor came up with a similar obstacle course. Fee just gave it more of a modern upgrade inspired by the American Ninja Warrior game show where adult athletes run an extremely elaborate obstacle course.

"That was one of the ideas I really wanted to keep. I just upgraded it a bit because the American Ninja Warrior course was big. They are familiar with that so they get excited it about it. It all came from a veteran teacher that was here for many years," said Fee.

He pointed out the equipment and said it will be packed up and moved to Fremont Elementary School. This bummed his second grade class when they heard the news. They wanted some more ninja action but Fee said the Fremont students wanted a chance at the course, too.

The course starts off testing aiming skills by shooting hoops with a basket ball. Next, they scramble over two triangle-shaped towers



Weyauwega and Fremont Elementary School students are participating in an obstacle course inspired by American Ninja Warrior. The course tests a wide range of physical skills.

James Card Photo

covered with cargo netting and then climb over a padded vault.

From there, they must bear crawl through a tunnel and out the other end is a scooter where they must pull themselves along hand over hand on a rope.

That leads to a rock-climbing wall covered with bolted-in holds and the students must not only scale the wall but pass through two hoops while moving sideways across the wall. F

rom there is the rope climb. If a student has enough upper body strength, he or she can climb it to the top and join an elite group of student-warriors that can sign their name on the ceiling plate. If unable to climb the rope, they can Tarzan swing.

"Our older kids will go up and have a Sharpie and will sign the top and put their name up there. That's a

big deal for them," said Fee.

Next is the fitness spot where they perform push-ups, sit-ups, squats, windmills and jumping jacks. After that is a rope-skipping station to develop rhythm and coordination.

Next to that are two balance beams to test agility: one is padded and solid, the other is a thick strap, much like a ratchet strap that is stretched tight between two anchor points. The strap is tight as a guitar string but still very unsteady.

The last two stations are a beanbag toss to test accuracy and standing on a tippy balance board that has a teeter-totter effect. With the younger students, Fee rotates the class every couple minutes from station to station. With the older students, he has timed races to see who can complete the course in record time.



Fox Communities Credit Union's Community Development Officer Andy Wilson presents a \$10,000 donation to New London Community Fund volunteers Joe Van Alstine and Lori Dehlinger Van Alstine.   
Submitted Photo

## Community fund continues to grow

NEW LONDON – The New London Community Fund is a permanent endowment fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

Like a community savings account it will provide a lasting source of dollars to be given to charitable organizations working to improve the lives of everyone in the area, through an annual grant process.

For many years, the surrounding communities of Waupaca, Clintonville, Chilton, Brillion and Shawano have had estab-

lished Community Foundations and permanent endowment funds.

The Van Alstines have been reaching out to community leaders, businesses, organizations and friends to spread the word and build the base for New London. Donations of all amounts are needed and tax deductible.

The fund is within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region in Appleton, a non-profit 501c3 organization, which manages and invests assets on behalf of this charitable fund.

To contribute, send a

check made payable to New London Community Fund, 4455 W. Lawrence St., Appleton, WI 54914 or give online at [www.cffoxvalley.org/give-new-london](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/give-new-london)

If interested in giving securities, real estate, insurance, business interest or personal property, call 920-830-1290.

For more information about the New London Community Fund or to get involved, contact Joe Van Alstine or Lori Dehlinger Van Alstine at 920-428-6961.



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## SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Arnold P. Stamm Scholarship Trust is now accepting applications for the collegiate or vocational academic year beginning this fall. The applicants must be residents of the Weyauwega-Fremont School District but are not required to attend Weyauwega-Fremont High School. Eligible candidates include any high school senior or student currently pursuing an education beyond high school who resides within the district or any resident of the district pursuing a post high school education and who demonstrates scholarship need, good moral character and motivation in pursuing a post high school education.

Application forms may be obtained at the office of the Guidance Counselor, Weyauwega-Fremont High School, or by calling 920-867-8980. Applications will be received by **1:00 PM on April 5th, 2024.**

(Publish three consecutive weeks)







# Opinion

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Navigating the Terrain of Relationships: Lover versus Companion

Dear Reader,

In the intricate tapestry of human connections, the distinction between having a lover and having a companion carries profound implications. A lover embodies the ardor of fleeting moments, characterized by fervent passion and exhilarating unpredictability. Conversely, a companion epitomizes a steadfast presence, offering solace, stability, and a sense of home.



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

The allure of a lover lies in the intoxicating dance of emotions, the fiery intensity that ignites the soul. Yet, it is often accompanied by the looming shadows of uncertainty, leaving one teetering on the edge of elation and apprehension. In contrast, a companion exudes the warmth of familiarity, a sanctuary where vulnerability is embraced and fears are assuaged.

However, the demarcation between these roles is not rigid; rather, it is fluid, subject to the whims of individual preferences and evolving circumstances. What one seeks in a lover during the throes of passion may differ from the companionship yearned for in moments of solitude.

Ultimately, the essence of fulfillment in relationships lies in striking a harmonious balance between the ardor of a lover and the solace of a companion. It is in this equilibrium that one discovers the true essence of companionship – a union where passion intertwines with security, and love blossoms in its myriad forms.



## Moving forward on drinking water

Now that the Peterson affair regarding multiple violations of Portage County Code of Conduct rules is behind us, let's move forward and work together to bring cleaner drinking water to the people living and working in Nelsonville.

Three questions to consider. One, how much private money was spent on the potato growers education center in Plover? Second, how much would a municipal water system cost that removes nitrates to known safer levels, like the Village of Plover currently does? Finally, what

would a similar system cost to provide cleaner drinking water to the long suffering people in Nelsonville, and who should pay for it?

Recently we learned of a state effort to bring an international potato processing company into Central Wisconsin. The 150 po-

tential jobs are nice, but so would be requiring that every potato processed come from fields proven not to leach contaminants into surrounding ground or surface waters. That is just common sense to me.

**JOHN BERTELSON**  
PLOVER

## Re-elect Ray Reser

The citizens of Portage County have an important election coming up on April 2. It is our opportunity to elect supervisors for each district who are dedicated to public service, representing all people, and who will carry out the responsibilities of the board in a respectful manner.

I have looked at the many qualities that make an effective supervisor and I believe that Ray Reser is well qualified for District 25 (Nelsonville, Rosholt and the towns of New Hope, Alban and Amherst).

Ray has a wide range of experiences, both personal and professional. I have known Ray since he was a teenager. He helped on our farm and his own family farm. I can attest to his work ethic. Ray was on the county board from 2020-2022. He exhibits strong communication skills and is experienced in collaborating with diverse groups. He will study the issues, make recommendations, and offer solutions without giving preference to special interests. At board meetings, he will help to create a welcoming environment with open and honest discussion. He will make knowledgeable decisions that affect regional development and growth.

One issue at the county, state and national level of particular concern to me is our water resources. My husband, Byron, worked for the protection of ground water and surface water for over 30 years. I am hoping the county board will take steps to prevent further contamination in our county. They need to choose wisely the members of each committee and listen to professionals who research and interpret data. They also need to explore and act on the authority given to them under chapter 92 of state law to address water problems.

Please encourage your neighbors and friends to vote on April 2.

**MARGARET SHAW**  
TOWN OF NEW HOPE

## Who's driving the bus?

### WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

Wisconsin has seen a 17.7% drop in licensed school bus drivers over the past 15 years, creating challenges for school districts and the families they serve.

This comes as school districts across Wisconsin report struggling to find enough bus drivers to drive children to school — with some exasperated districts considering their own school board members as potential drivers.

Using data from the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), we find that bus driver shortages appear partially tied to a drop in licensed drivers since 2007. Over that time, the number of licensed school bus driv-

ers in Wisconsin declined by 3,062, or 17.7%, while drivers with a license to drive only passenger buses dropped by 4,952, or 19.6%.

Transit systems across the state are facing a similar problem, with the number of people licensed to only drive passenger buses falling by 19.6% over the same time period.

The data suggest school bus operations are being stretched thinner over time. The number of public and private school students in Wisconsin per licensed school bus driver has increased from 59.5 in 2007 to 68.5 in 2022. (While instructive, these metrics are only limited tools for determining the true demand for drivers.)

This problem may get worse before it gets better, as more than one-fifth of licensed school bus drivers are 65 and over. The available license holders are aging rapidly, with the average age of both school and passenger bus drivers at least three years higher now than in 2007.

These factors, coupled with an overall historically tight labor market, mean the bus driver shortage likely will continue to impact school bus and transit services for the foreseeable future — and may well intensify.

Efforts to produce more drivers will be challenging. Increasing salaries would help with recruitment but would also impact cash-strapped school districts and tran-

sit systems. Reducing training or other background requirements may also aid with recruitment, but may be unwise for safety reasons.

Some districts have attempted creative solutions, such as paying parents to arrange for their own student's transportation, though the effectiveness of that practice has been mixed. It may also be possible for transit systems, school districts, and bus contractors to build on existing partnerships to work together to share assets and drivers in a more efficient way.

This information is a service of the Wisconsin Policy Forum, a resource for nonpartisan state and local government research and civic education.

## Evers signs GOP bill with his district maps

BY JEFF MAYERS  
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Most analysts a month ago considered it a longshot that Democratic Gov. Tony Evers would sign a GOP bill containing his legislative maps.

But that's what happened on Feb. 19, after majority GOP lawmakers decided the Evers maps might not be so bad considering what might come from the newly liberal Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Evers had pressure from those inside his own party who feared the signing of the bill would spur a conservative attempt to challenge his maps in the federal courts. Most Democrats in the Legislature voted against the GOP bill when it passed in mid-February.

But in signing the bill, Evers called it a "beautiful day for democracy" and pledged to fight for way to have fair maps after each federal census — making it less political and subject to legal wrangling. "I—and we—are going to continue our fight for a fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting process for Wisconsin," Evers declared. "If the people of Wisconsin vote to send Democratic majorities to Madison this November, I'll tell you right now: one of the first orders of business in our first 100 days together will be enacting a fair,

Evers hinted at this during a WisPolitics luncheon in Madison in late January. He said at the time he supported lowa-styled redistricting but had concerns a GOP proposal to implement the practice in Wisconsin wouldn't guarantee a nonpartisan process.

"The thing that concerns me about it now after being governor is the idea that the Legislative Reference Bureau is nonpartisan," Evers said referencing that GOP measure would task the LRB with drawing new

lines. "Why would anybody believe that when everything that's been done by this legislature is just the opposite?"

Assembly Republicans introduced a version of the lowa-styled remap commission in September ahead of the state Supreme Court finding the current legislative maps, which favor Republicans, are unconstitutional. Most Democrats at the time blasted the proposal as a ploy to distract from threats to impeach liberal Justice Janet Protasiewicz over her comments calling the maps "rigged."

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos vowed Republicans would still win majorities in the Legislature under Evers' maps.

"These maps are not perfect. They are gerrymandered to benefit Democrats. But these maps have the most competitive districts of the remaining maps the court was considering," LeMahieu said. "Senate Republicans have won competitive races for 20 years. We don't plan on stopping now."

Added Vos: "This fall Republicans will prove that we can win on any maps because we have the better policy ideas for the State of Wisconsin."

The signing followed Evers' promise to back his maps if Republicans sent them to him without any changes, and it likely ends the possibility the state Supreme Court will draw lines this fall.

It also put in place lines that will trigger a series of decisions for incumbent lawmakers, including what to do now that they've been drawn out of their seats or paired with other incumbents.

Some Democrats worried about a challenge fear 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Diane Sykes, a former Wisconsin justice, would have the power to pick a conservative-dominated three-judge panel that would hear such a suit. All it would take is for that panel to issue an injunction barring the new maps from being used in 2024 to upend everything, some Democrats warn.

But others counter that there's simply not enough time for that to play out and that a bipartisan political agreement would deter a court from getting involved.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has asked that any new maps be in place by March 15 so it can begin implementing them by April

15, when nomination papers can be circulated. And those papers are due back by June 3 since June 1 is a Saturday this year.

Even if a legal challenge was filed within days of the signing, some are skeptical there'd be enough time for a three-judge panel to be appointed, to entertain a request to block use of the new map this fall and to issue an injunction. Every day that the case gets closer to nomination papers going out, the harder it would be to see a federal court step in and switch lines, some argue.

While the Evers map would make wholesale changes to most districts, it would leave the GOP-drawn lines for Assembly Districts 8-12 and 16-18. The same goes for Senate districts 6 and 8. All but one are now represented by Black or Hispanic lawmakers.

The state Supreme Court in 2022 originally picked a map Evers drew, but the U.S. Supreme Court overruled that decision, finding Evers had improperly taken race into account when sought to add a seventh majority-Black district in Milwaukee.

Evers earlier had said he wasn't worried that the U.S. Supreme Court would have an issue with his maps because "we're taking care of the Voting Rights issue."

The state Department of Justice in a brief submitted in support of Evers' maps noted there were no changes to those Milwaukee districts and argued, thus, "the proposed maps raise no equal protection issue or other federal issue."

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## Warhawks fall short in semifinal

Wrestlers return to Madison

BY GREG SEUBERT  
 SPORTS EDITOR

MADISON – Six points.

That's all that kept the Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team from competing for the program's first team state championship.

The Warhawks dropped a 36-30 decision to Coleman March 2 in a Division 3 semifinal at the WIAA State Team Wrestling Championships at the University of Wisconsin Field House in Madison.

The lead changed hands five times before Coleman sealed the win with three straight wins.

Vanden Hoffman gave the Warhawks their first lead by pinning Coleman's Kain Otto in 5:00 in the second match to give Weyauwega-Fremont a 6-4 advantage. Coleman's Devin Otto had opened the meet with an 11-0 major decision over Wyatt Wenzel at 215.

Josue Azuara's pin of Pearson Owens in 1:20 at 113 gave the Warhawks a 12-10 lead after the Cougars took a 10-6 lead with Parker Owens' pin of Jaydon LeNoble in 5:12 at 106.

The Cougars followed Azuara's pin with a pair of wins at 120 and 126. Wyatt Van Harden defeated Rylan Konen 4-2 in overtime and Conner Markiewicz' 5-3 win over Jake Buss gave Coleman a 16-12 lead.

The Warhawks answered with a pair of wins. Carter Birdyshaw defeated Chase Gruber 11-6 at 132 and Ezra Balthazor ended the fastest match of the meet, as he needed only 24 seconds to pin Wyatt Bieber at 138.

The teams exchanged wins at 144 and 150, as Coleman's Brady Gross

picked up a 16-5 major decision over Aiden Marquette and Connor Johnson beat Coleman's Cameron Kimmell 9-8 to give the Warhawks a 24-20 lead with four matches remaining.

Cole Berth gave the Cougars the lead for good by pinning Alex Loehrke in 3:31 at 157 and Isaiah Nowak's pin of Caleb Abbey at the end of the first period at 165 gave Coleman a 32-24 lead with two matches to go.

Micah Kuchta sealed the win for the Cougars with a 14-2 major decision over Carter McDaniel at 175 before the Warhawks' Tellyer Alix pinned Adam Fonder in 1:09 at 190 to wrap up the meet.

Coleman ended up falling to Fennimore 46-16 in the Division 3 championship match.

Kaukauna and Luxemburg-Casco won team championships in divisions 1 and 2, respectively.

"This was a fantastic season for the Weyauwega-Fremont wrestling team," coach Tim Potratz said. "Our team finished the season 19-2 in duals, we won five tournaments and finished near the top of all the others. Our kids wrestled hard and competed with passion and toughness. There are 114 teams in Division 3 and only four make it to state. We wrestled tough in the dual, but came up short of our goal."

The Warhawks also sent eight wrestlers to the state individual meet and returned home with a second-place finisher in Hoffman and a fourth-place finisher in McDaniel.

"Sending eight kids to state was a great accomplishment and our trip to state as a team was even better," Potratz said. "I'm so proud of the kids; coaches Trevor Potratz and Tyler Wetzel; and volunteers

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Hunter Meisenhelder dishes the ball off to a Weyauwega-Fremont teammate Feb. 27 in the first half of the Warhawks' 44-42 win over Algoma in a WIAA Division 4 regional quarterfinal in Weyauwega. The Warhawks went on to defeat No. 2 seed St. Mary Catholic 85-68 March 1, but their season came to an end the next day with a 52-50 loss to Oconto in a regional final. Greg Seubert Photo

## No regional titles for boys' teams

BY GREG SEUBERT  
 SPORTS EDITOR

REGION – Four area boys' basketball teams played for a WIAA regional championship March 2 and all four saw their season end with a loss.

Hortonville fell to Neenah 64-58 in Division 1; New London lost to West Salem 75-63 in Division 2; Waupaca and Clintonville dropped 75-53 and 54-49 decisions to Freedom and Southern Door, respectively, in Division 3; and Oconto handed Weyauwega-Fremont a 52-50 loss in Division 4.

### Division 1 Neenah 64, Hortonville 58

NEENAH – Hortonville opened tournament play with a long road trip March 1, as the 14th-seeded Polar Bears headed to Superior and returned home following a 66-64 win over the third-seeded Spartans in a regional semifinal.

The team's season ended the next day with a loss to a familiar opponent, as Brady Corso's game-high 30



Henry Mouw scored a game-high 33 points for Waupaca March 1 in the Comets' 75-57 win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood. The season ended for the Comets March 2 with a 76-53 loss to Freedom in a Division 3 regional final. Greg Seubert Photo

points helped lead Neenah to its third straight regional championship.

The Polar Bears and Rockets split their two Fox Valley Association games during the regular season.

Neenah took a 35-21 lead into the locker room at half-time before both teams scored 33 points in the second half.

Owen Sipes and Riley Mueller led Hortonville with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Hortonville finished the season with a 15-11 mark.

### Division 2 West Salem 75, New London 63

WEST SALEM – The Bulldogs didn't have an answer for Tamarrien Henderson, who scored West Salem's first 27 points and led all players with 39.

It was the team's second trip to the La Crosse area in as many days, as the fifth-seeded

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## Big (Ten) things ahead for Welson

BY GREG SEUBERT  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HORTONVILLE – Hortonville High School's girls' basketball program has a reputation for producing Division 1 players.

Rainey Welson is the latest in the program's long line of college recruits, as the junior verbally committed to the University of Maryland in February.

After attracting the attention of several Division 1 programs, Welson eventually narrowed her choices to three schools.

"My top three were Maryland, Utah and Iowa," she said. "(Maryland's) coaching staff is really nice and I just bonded with them when I went on my visit. The campus itself is gorgeous. Education is big for me. I want to become a sports broadcaster and Maryland's ranked for that."

The Terrapins compete in the Big Ten Conference. Although it will be more than a year before Welson heads to College Park, she's glad the recruiting process is over.

"It's a big relief, honestly,"



Rainey Welson led Hortonville with a game-high 43 points March 2 in a 82-72 sectional final loss to Neenah at Appleton East High School. The junior recently made a verbal commitment to play basketball at the University of Maryland. Greg Seubert Photo



### Top lifter

Baylee Donovan, a junior at Lola Scandinavia High School, capped her first season of competitive powerlifting with a state championship. She competed March 1 at the Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association's first-ever state tournament and returned from the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton with a first-place finish in the 163-pound weight class. Donovan and her trainer, Jacob Klatkiewicz of Fitalner Fitness Co., have been working together for eight months.

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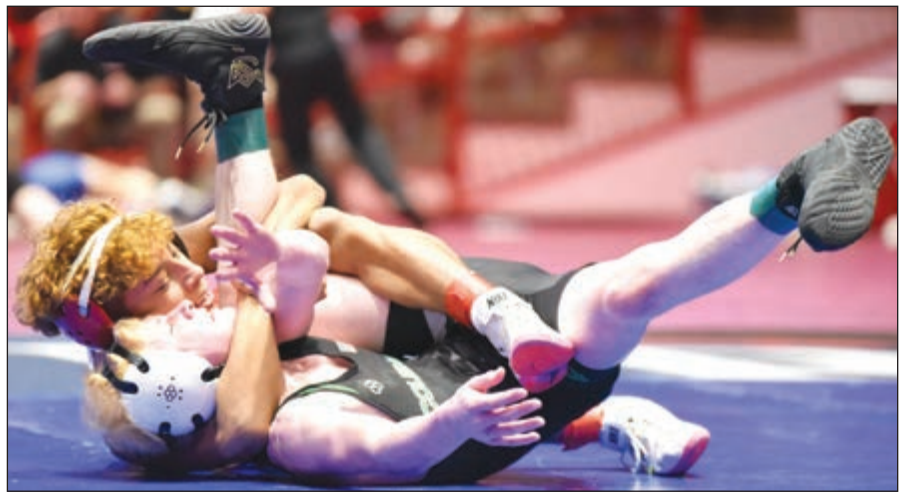
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like Cody Steinbach, Carter Greening, Kaleb Mannel and Logan Kicherer.

“Our parents are the best supporters of our program and their kids that any team could ask for,” he added. “I also want to thank our two senior managers, Lily Baehnman and Grace Radtke, who have done all the dirty work with no fanfare for the last four years. What a great season.”



Weyauwega-Fremont's Connor Johnson works on Coleman's Cameron Kimmell March 2 in a 150-pound match at the WIAA State Team Wrestling Championships. Johnson beat Kimmell 9-8, but Coleman went on to defeat the Warhawks 36-30 in a semifinal match. Perry Thomas Photo



Weyauwega-Fremont wrestler Josue Azuara uses a crossface cradle move to pin Coleman's Pearson Owens of Coleman in a 113-pound match. Perry Thomas Photo



Jaydon Le Noble counters an attack by Parker Owens of Coleman in a 106-pound match. Owens ended up pinning the Weyauwega-Fremont freshman in the third period. Melissa Thomas Photo



Vanden Hoffman won his final high school wrestling match, as the Weyauwega-Fremont senior pinned Coleman's Kain Otto in 5:00 March 2 in a 285-pound match at the WIAA State Team Wrestling Championships in Madison. Melissa Thomas Photo

**WELSON**

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she said. “I felt pressure from it. The process is really fun, but knowing that's where I'm going to be for four years of my life is a pretty good feeling.”

Other former Hortonville players now playing Division 1 basketball this season include Kamy Pepler at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and Lyric Johnson and Macy McGlone at Eastern Illinois University.

Meanwhile, Hortonville senior Kallie Pepler will join her sister at UW-Milwaukee next season.

The Polar Bears are 71-12 in Welton's three seasons as a varsity starter. She averaged 23.3 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists this season, including a game-high 43 points March 2 in a sectional semifinal loss to Neenah. The Polar Bears also won the Fox Valley Association championship this season with a 17-1 record.

Welton played two seasons under coach A.C. Clouthier after making the starting lineup as a freshman under former coach Celeste Ratka.

“Stepping out on the court and trusting your teammates that they're going to make plays is a really good feeling,” Welton said. “We've obviously showcased that at Hortonville. The FVA is such a good conference. Playing against consistently good players is a good thing.”



Hortonville's Paige Lillie guards Neenah's Ellie Buss. Greg Seubert Photo

**Neenah girls top Hortonville to win sectional championship**

BY GREG SEUBERT  
SPORTS EDITOR

HORTONVILLE – One girls' basketball team will represent the Fox Valley Association at state.

It won't be the Hortonville Polar Bears after their season ended March 2 with an 82-72 loss to Neenah in a WIAA Division 1 sectional final at Appleton East High School.

Hortonville entered the postseason as a No. 1 seed in its sectional bracket, advanced to its second straight final with an 87-58 win over Eau Claire Memorial and wrapped up its season with a 22-6 record.

**Neenah 82, Hortonville 72**

APPLETON – Hortonville handed third-seeded Neenah two of its four FVA losses during the regular season and also advanced to state last year with a 71-54 sectional final win over the Rockets, also at Appleton East.

It was a different story this time around, however.

Neenah connected on eight three-pointers to take a 40-27 halftime lead.

Eight straight points from University of Connecticut recruit Allie Ziebell gave the Rockets their biggest lead – 63-40 – midway through the second half.

A pair of Rainey Welton free throws cut the lead to 68-60 with just over three minutes to go and two more of Welton's game-high 43 points with 1:41 remaining made it 76-70. However, the Polar Bears never got any closer and Neenah

scored its final 13 points from the free-throw line.

Kardyn Pepler was the only other Hortonville player to score in double figures, as she finished with 14.

Ziebell, Rowan Klesmit, Ellie Buss and Abbie Fischer combined to score 79 of the Rockets' points. Ziebell led the way with 31, followed by Klesmit (23), Buss (13) and Fischer (12).

“It's a game of runs and they made a lot more than we did,” coach A.C. Clouthier said. “They made a lot more big shots and played a really nice basketball game with contributions from just about everyone. We kind of ran into a lull today. We could have coached better, we could have played better. At the end of the day, our kids played their tails off and refused to lose. Another three or four minutes and maybe it's a different outcome.”

The Rockets also held two of the Polar Bears' top four scorers this season – Kallie Pepler and Mikayla Werner – to two points each.

“(The Rockets) played with probably one of the highest energies I've seen them play at and we couldn't match it,” Clouthier said. “Last year, we were able to bring a new level of intensity to them and we weren't playing with our backs to the wall. This year, they had that going for them. We just didn't make the plays and at the end, that's what happens.”

Neenah is seeded third for the state tournament and will face No. 2 Hartford Friday, March 8, in a semifinal at the Resch Cen-

ter in Green Bay. No. 1 Arrowhead and No. 4 Franklin will meet in the other semifinal.

“We tip our caps to Neenah,” Clouthier said. “We'd rather lose to them than anyone else. They're going to be really tough in the tournament.”

**Hortonville 87, EC Memorial 58**

EAU CLAIRE – Hortonville led 49-32 at halftime before outscoring the fourth-seeded Old Abes 38-26 in the second half.

Welton led the Polar Bears with 27 points, while Kardyn Pepler and Werner added 22 and 14, respectively.

Jordyn Peed scored 24 points to lead Eau Claire Memorial.

• Welton will participate in the 3-Point Challenge at 9:30 a.m. March 9 prior to the five championship games. The top two players in each division were selected for the contest based on the best three-point field goal percentage with a minimum of 75 attempts during the regular season. Welton and Homestead's Natalie Mueller will represent Division 1, while other players selected are Addison Pytleski of Green Bay Southwest and Sarah Aleknavicius of Grafton (Division 2); Lucia Jensen of Brookfield Academy and Tannah Radloff of Prairie du Chien (Division 3); Lindsey Schadewalt of New Glarus and Kacy Eggbrecht of Phillips (Division 4); and Madolyn Haffner of Gresham and Reese Grimm of Pittsville (Division 5).

**BASKETBALL**

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Bulldogs had opened tournament play March 1 with a 60-43 win over fourth-seeded Onalaska.

Joseph Daly, Jonah Schluter and Michael Helsten led the Bulldogs with 18, 15 and 10 points, respectively, in the win over the Hilltoppers.

New London ended the season with a 16-9 record.

**Division 3 Freedom 75, Waupaca 53**

FREEDOM – Top-seeded Freedom won its third matchup of the season with the Comets by outscoring them 42-22 in the first half and 33-31 in the second.

Only three players scored for Waupaca. Riley Bechard led the Comets with 22, while Henry Mouw and Ethan Harms added 19 and 12, respectively.

Donovan Davis led three Freedom players in double figures with 24 points.

Fourth-seeded Waupaca had opened tournament play March 1 with a 75-57 win over fifth-seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

The Comets closed the first half with a 13-2 run that turned a 25-25 tie into a 38-27 lead at the break.

The Chargers never got any closer than 10 points in the second half.

Mouw led all players with 33 points, while Bechard added 18 for the Comets.

Jett Rogowski led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 20 points.

Waupaca finished with a 15-11 record.

**Southern Door 54, Clintonville 49**

BRUSSELS – Southern Door's five-point advantage in the first half turned out to be the difference in the game.

The third-seeded Truckers trailed the second-seeded Eagles 26-21 at halftime and both teams scored 28 points in the second half.

Sam Wegener hit five three-pointers and led Clintonville with 24 points, while teammate Jack Yaeger added 15.

Drew Daoust was Southern Door's only player to finish in double figures, as he led all scorers with 30 points.

The Truckers advanced to the regional final March 1 with a 58-39 home win over Sturgeon Bay.

The Truckers opened the second half against the Clippers with a 30-18 lead.

Yaeger's 26 points led all scorers, while Wegener, Jonathan Scherschel and Kade Rosenow added 10 each.

Clintonville finished the season at 17-9.

**Division 4 Oconto 52, W-F 50**

OCONTO – Fresh off an 85-68 win over No. 2 seed St. Mary Catholic in the semifinal round, the seventh-seeded Warhawks headed to Oconto and fell to the sixth-seeded Blue Devils.

Details from the game were not available.

Chris Gunst led the Warhawks in the win over St. Mary Catholic with 26 points, while Brayden Arndt and Hunter Meisenhelder added 19 and 13, respectively.

Fisher MacKenzie led the Zephyrs with 27 points.

Weyauwega-Fremont ended the season with a 14-13 record.

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