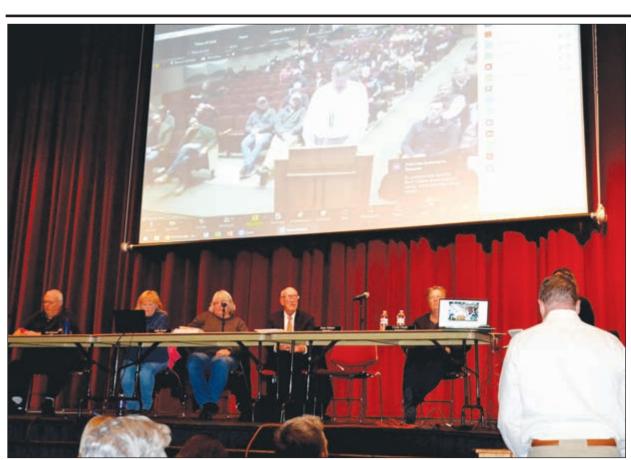


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Ron Brooks addressed the Lind Town Board during the public hearing about a proposed co-digester. The board voted against the re-zoning and amending the comprehensive plan needed for the plan to move forward.

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 industriallevel 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

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 flareoffs. 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 and incentives to put in 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 in-

> Digester CONTINUES ON PAGE 2

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

"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

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

Teen killed in crash WAUPACA - The lies, we are all feeling the

18-year-old driver of a tremendous strain 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 Werbowsky to students and families identified the driver as Dayton Tiegs.

"Students and fami-

our emotions multiplied greatly with the sudden passing of one of our students, your friend, and classmate," Werbowsky 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. Werbowsky 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," Werbowsky 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

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 rep-

resents 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 in management is in day-



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



Roberts

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 CONTINUES ON PAGE 2

New administrator in Clintonvill

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



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 Superinten-

dent 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

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

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 handraising endeavor, it is more less a fact-finding endeavor,"

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

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

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.

dium 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

Each speaker at the po-

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 cofounder of Vanguard Renewables made his opening remarks, Drivas raised his hands making a thumbsdown gesture. Carlson, the town attorney, asked him to

Âfter 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 peace-

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 byproducts 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 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 fulltime 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 tittles 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 citizen 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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Waupaca NEWS

Connecting Waupaca and beyond

Group blazing bike trails

BY JAMES CARD

WAUPACA - A project is in the works to create a biking trail that connects the city of Waupaca and the city of Weyauwega in a loop.

The country back roads that compose the trail are selected for their scenic beauty and low traffic.

The group behind this is the Greater Waupaca Area Parks and Trails, a small collective of volunteers wo identify, map and post trail routes for walking, biking and in the

future, paddling.

They started in 2018 in the town of Dayton and later they decided to expand their trail blazing to include the towns of Dayton, Lind, Farmington, Waupaca and the city of Waupaca.

Their logo is a quartered square and each of the red, blue, green and yellow smaller squares represents each township with a small back oval in the center representing the city of Waupaca.

Haasch attended a Lunchand-Learn discussion at the Waupaca Area Public Library. The guest was Laura Colbert, director of Waupaca's Parks and recreation Department.

"We wanted to find out what people wanted. You know what came out on top? Bike routes," Haasch said.

"I get phone calls asking where good routes are or where people can take their family," said Scott Rusch, another volunteer.

The difficulty in establishing a trail is more difficult that anyone would think. Volunteer Jane Haasch described their work as "uninvited consultants," in that they figure out the proposed



Greater Waupaca Area Parks and Trails just finished the Masakaew Trail and are now working on the Waupa-Wega Trail that connects Waupaca and Weyauwega.

James Card photo

trails and then they must get government officials on board with the plan.

"We go around to all of the townships first to get their OK to pass through their townships," said Haasch.

The signs must approve by the county greenways committee and must be uniform throughout Waupaca County. Then they work with county highway personnel to place the signs, along with calling the Digger's Hotline.

The Menominee-named Masakaew Trail is a 29-mile route that starts at Rotary Riverview Park then leads to Ogdensburg on the Tomorrow River Trail to Scandinavia and winds back to Waupaca. It was completed in 2023.

The trail is sign posted at every intersection: no maps, no GPS, no smartphone required. One only has to follow the signs.

"On the Tomorrow River Trail you have to buy a \$5 pass but they [state of Wisconsin] OK'd us to use the trail without a pass," said

Their newest project is the Waupa-Wega Trail. It will start at the River Ridge Trail

near Fox Valley Technical College, then via a trail under the Highway 22 bridge, up to Eco Park and then it loops through back roads into Weyauwega where it is expected to end up at Stevenson Park, home to Weyauwega's mural silo and then another loop back to Waupaca.

"And that could be the starting point for those in Weyauwega. That route is 20 miles. You'll do half of it south of the [Waupaca] river and the other half north of the river," Rusch said.

The Trishaw Project is another project they are working on. A trishaw is powered by pedaling and a supplemental electric motor. The biker sits in the rear and in front is a seat that could hold one adult or a couple of children. The electric assist gives the biker a boost when pushing the trishaw uphill.

For the past two years the group has kept at booth at the Waupaca Farmers Market and it's been a good way to make connections and provide information about their

The group belongs to the Wisconsin Bike Federation and they brought a couple trishaws to the farmer's market and it garnered a lot of interest. Their goal is to raise money to purchase a trishaw to provide rides to children unable to ride a bike, along with providing rides to the elderly in local nursing homes and to the vets at the Wisconsin Veterans Home. There would be volunteer bikers and people would sign up for rides. We would have a day where people would sign up for a time slot," said Rusch.

Maps and information about the routes can be found at the Greater Waupaca Area Parks and Trails website, www.gwapt.org.



Shown, from left, are broker-owner Joe Udoni, Lori Verhalen and Scott Salan. Verhalen has joined the ownership team at United Country Real Esate in Waupaca.

Agent joins ownership team

WAUPACA – A longtime Wisconsin real estate agent plans to leverage her experience in a new ownership role at United Country Real Estate Udoni & Salan Realty

Lori Verhalen, with the Waupaca-based brokerage since 2008 (the office opened in 2005), is now a brokerowner, joining fellow brokerowners Joe Udoni and Scott Salan who will continue in their current roles.

"We are very excited and fortunate to welcome Lori into the ownership group at our real estate agency," Salan

Udoni echoed the sentiment. "Lori's real estate knowledge and professionalism will enhance our organization as we continue to expand our real estate services," he said.

Since joining United Verhalen has Country, ranked among the top agents in Wisconsin year after year. She's built experience listing and marketing homes at all price points in ever-changing market conditions, and has a knack for analyzing the market and understanding ben-

WAUPACA - Kirill Iliin will

present "Insights on Rus-

sia's War Against Ukraine:

Iliin has 20 years of expe-

cializing in WMD

rience in business development and crisis manage-

non-proliferation, security and the energy sector.

He holds a doctorate in economics and MBA and

finance degrees from uni-

versities in the U.S., UK,

Iliin's extensive work on

nuclear safety projects in

Ukraine, recognized by

the James Martin Center

for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) Visiting Fellows

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efits for buyer and seller alike. As one of the more than

400 franchise offices in the century-old United Country Real Estate network, Verhalen and her team's brokerage has been successful helping clients buy and sell lifestyle and rural properties for nearly 20 years now.

In Waupaca and Central Wisconsin, that means a lot of lake homes in the Chain O' Lakes area, land for hunting and recreation, commercial properties and country homes, among other property types.

Verhalen said her new ownership role comes as a natural transition to the next level of her career.

"I'm planning to oversee the training of our current agents as well as our new hires, and I'm really committed to expanding the opportunities for growth at this office," she said.

One recent example of that growth came last year, when United Country Udoni & Salan Realty Group launched a department dedicated to real estate and property auction services. Verhalen said the brokerage is currently working to expand on these offerings.

When she's not busy selling real estate, Verhalen serves on a local school board, and is involved in business development with the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce. She also enjoys photography and spending time with her family boating on the Chain O' Lakes and Wolf River — activities she says can also help her better serve clients.

During my childhood, I enjoyed spending time on the Chain O' Lakes and grew up on McCrossen Lake," Verhalen said. "I think my familiarity with the region has given me a deep understanding of the lifestyle opportunities here. The area attracts buyers not only statewide but also in neighboring states. Waupaca provides a perfect retreat for those who want to get away from larger cities, and for outdoor enthusiasts looking for year-round recreation."

Learn more about United Country Udoni & Salan Realty Group at UnitedWau-

Author to discuss Indigenous treaties

WAUPACA -Carol Cornelius will present "A History of Indigenous Voices" at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21. at the Holly History and Genealogy

Cornelius earned her doctorate in cross-cultural curriculum and American Indian history from Cornell University.

Her doctoral dissertation, "Iroquois Corn in a Culture-Based Curriculum: A Framework for Respectfully Teaching about Cultures," was published in 1999.

She has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she helped build the First Nations Studies undergraduate program, and the College of the Menominee

Nation. Her coursework included Wisconsin Indian Nations, oral traditions, contemporary issues, Oneida ethnohistory and she cotaught a course on cultural diversity.

Cornelius is a former area manager for the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department.

In 2023, the Wisconsin Historical Society Press published her book, "A History of Indigenous Voices: Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Oneida, Stockbridge, and Brothertown Interactions in the Removal Era."

Her book focused on the treaties made in the 1800s between the United States and the Indigenous nations of what is now Wisconsin.

In the early part of that century, the Menominee and Ho-Chunk Nations of Wisconsin signed land treaties with several Indigenous nations from New York State.

At the onset of the removal era, these eastern



Carol Cornelius will present "A History in Indigenous voices" at the Holly Center on March 21.

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Oneida Nation and the Six Nations Confederacy, were under constant pressure from the federal government and land speculators to move to lands around Green Bay and Lake Winnebago.

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nations, including the the program is free and open to the public.

The Holly Center is located at 321 S. Main St., in Waupaca.

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Student Artist of the Month

Felicity Brown was named the SAtudent Artist of the Month at Waupaca Middle School. Above is her artwork, "Cute Shrooms." Teachers say Brown "stands out with her initiative, her creativity, her integrity and her natural talent."

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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.

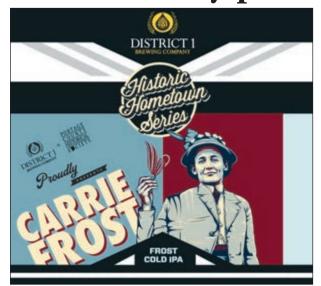
The first beer of the line, Frost Cold IPA, releases on March 14.

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

"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



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 ber 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.

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Peeps art show seeks

STEVENS POINT - The Riv-

erfront Arts Center encour-

ages imagination, humor and

creativity to craft and enter a

Entries may be a diorama, painting, sculpture, collage or any other artwork using the

popular spring marshmallow

Entries should be submitted

work inspired by Peeps.

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** CONTINUES ON PAGE 8



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



& Girls Club recognized Zuri HebbleWhite as



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.

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Clintonville NEWS

Velte reflects on 100 years

Worked until she was 93

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – When Arlyce Velte celebrated her 100th birthday in mid-January at the Clintonville Community Center, almost 100 people showed up.

She said she was surprised by the turnout, especially since there was a snowstorm on the day of the party.

"There were lots of people," Velte said. "It was the most wonderful birthday. There were such beautiful decorations and such."

She said the birthday celebration was extra special because Clintonville residents Rusty Mitchell, Ben Huber and his wife, and Mitchell's sister performed a half-hour program for the guests in attendance.

"They put on such a wonderful show. It was good for the people," she said. "It gave them a chance to laugh and relax before the food. Then it was just visiting."

Even though it was a great celebration, Velte humbly told the party planners they shouldn't have gone through all the trouble to plan the party.

"They said everybody doesn't get to be 100 (years old)," Velte said.

The early years

Velte grew up in the town of Bear Creek and graduated from Clintonville High School at the age of 17. She worked at the Four-Wheel Drive in Clintonville for a short amount of time after high school.

"I worked in the cost department. I worked on a comptometer. I recorded invoices," she said. "That was during the war years. My dad, like many farmers, worked at the Four-Wheel Drive nights and they gave my dad some type of a paper to bring home and asked if I would like to come in and work. I guess I did good enough in school. I didn't go to apply (for the job), they came after me."

She said she got married in 1943 and moved to rural Clintonville to farm with her husband because her husband's parents wanted to get off the farm. This ended her time at FWD.

While farming with her husband, she said she did farm work that needed to be done, including driving tractor and cleaning the barn and chicken coop. She even had an egg-delivery route.

"People came to the farm for eggs and they would come at very inopportune times," Velte said. "It got to be so many, that I said I'd deliver them. It got almost out of hand. That was fun too because I got to talk to them and shoot the breeze."

She and her husband had two children, a son and a daughter. Both are now retired. Her son and his wife adopted a girl from Chile and a boy from the Philippines, so Velte has two grandchildren, who are now adults.



Arlyce Velte celebrated her 100th birthday, She still lives on her own and remains active. Bert Lehman Photo

Velte and her husband lived on the farm until 1984, when they moved to Embarrass.

Tragedy strikes

In 1985. Velte and her husband were driving to a church supper when she said a large tree branch fell and smashed their car across from the former Eversons store in Clintonville.

"It happened on a Sunday night and he died on a Tuesday," she said. "Then, all of a sudden, here I am, alone. I am an only child and my kids were in Stevens Point and Illinois, but I got through it. Sometimes when you ask God for things, the answer is 'no."

Working until 93

To help make ends meet, Velte said her children encouraged her to get a job, so she went to Job Services.

"All they offered me was wrapping meat," Velte said. "That didn't really appeal to me and one of the girls there said, 'Why don't you stop at Pine Manor on your way home?' I went there and talked to the social worker and she said, 'One of our employees has to quit work because she has to take care of her mother-in-law.' So, I got the job right away."

Velte said she worked at Pine Manor nursing home (now The Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center) for 9 1/2 years. She said she was a "playgirl" there because she played with the residents.

"They were younger than I was," she said. "Here I'm in good shape and they're confined. And I said, "if I have to fall on my face to make them laugh, I would. It was really my calling. I now realize that."

After moving to Appleton for a while, Velte said she returned to Clintonville and worked at Pine Manor for another 10 years before she retired at the age of 93.

Velte said she had a good reason for working until she was 93, "because I liked it."

She added, "I felt like I was doing something good. Having somebody joke with them. Thursday night was dance nights and I did it on roller skates. You could really make headways with them,

and they got a big bang out of it. We even took residents to the casino. It was meeting with people and I guess I like to talk, and they needed somebody to give them attention. Plus, I got paid."

She said she probably worked four hours a day, five days a week.

Because the work became tiresome and she was losing her hearing, she decided to retire at 93.

Staying active

Velte may be 100 years old, but she said she prefers to stay active. She still lives on her own, and said members of the community help her get to appointments and run errands for her.

She still plays on two dart ball teams.

"I love the game," she said.
"I've been doing that for about 45 years. When my husband played, they needed a substitute, so I got into the game. I'd practice out in the barn. I play on the Christus team on Monday nights, it's a church league. And on Wednesday afternoons I play in a senior citizens league."

Following the Chicago Cubs is also a passion for Velte. She's also a fan of the Milwaukee Bucks, and has started watching the Virginia men's college basketball games because Tony Bennett is the coach. Bennett's dad, Dick, is originally from Clinton in the coach.

She admits she hasn't done it for a while, but she does like to embroider, as well as play Dominos and card games.

"In the summertime I have flowers on the porch, hanging baskets, so I have to take care of them," she added.

When asked what the secret is to reaching 100, Velte replied, "You are what you eat. On a farm, you ate good stuff. I never drank and I didn't smoke. I was brought up not to do those things, and I think I'm almost normal. I don't have to do that to have a good time.

"And to top it all off, I guess God has been good to me. I have had things to weather, hardships, whatever, and I've come out on top. I wouldn't say there are any secrets. The important thing is what you eat. That's what keeps your body going."

Minimum Fund Balance Policy Five-Year Trend Analysis of the General Fund Balance 15.00% 15.

Audit shows shrinking fund balance

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The annual financial audit of the Clintonville School District found that the district has a clean and unmodified audit opinion on financials, no compliance findings in relation to federal single audit test, but has the same internal control issues as found in audits from previ-

Representatives from KerberRose, the company who conducted the 2022-23 financial audit, shared the audit report with the Clintonville School Board at its Feb. 12 meeting.

ous years

"The district has gotten a clean unmodified audit on the financials," said Brianna Olson, CPA and manager with KerberRose.

Olson said there were no compliance findings in relation to federal single audit testing. This part of the audit focused on the ESSER funds the district received.

The internal control findings for the district revealed the same issues as previous audits showed. They included financial reporting, lack of segregation of duties, and prep of schedule of federal and state awards.

The lack of segregation of duties meant the district has the same person doing multiple duties in the office.

"This is a very common

one, especially with a district of your size," Olson said.

Olson said the district's unassigned general fund balance was just more than \$2.6 million as of June 30, 2023. "This is essentially the amount of cash available for

amount of cash available for you for the 2023-24 school year," Olson said. "We suggest to have this unassigned general fund balance to be somewhere between 20-25% of your general fund operating expenditures. This allows you to have a working cash reserve of 20-25%."

She added that it is important to have that amount on hand because of the timing of when property taxes are collected and when the district receives those funds.

After the presentation, board member Glen Drew Lundt said, "It seems like we are on the wrong path. If you look at all these (charts), I don't see any good news. So, how do we turn that back around where we start building up that (unassigned general) fund again and without doing an operational referendum? Or is that our only (option)?"

Greg Pitel, CPA, Partner with KerberRose, said an audit is meant to provide a look at financial performance at "a point in time." He agreed that there is a downward trend for the balance of the unassigned general fund, and said that may lead to the need for the district to do short-term

borrowing to cover expenses until the district receives its main revenue payment.

"We're mainly giving you an overview, here's a snapshot in time of where you're at," Pitel said. "That is meant to really work in conjunction with management and the challenges in forecasting that management does."

According to information provided to the board from KerberRose, the district's general unassianed fund balance was a little more than \$5 million in 2019, representing 30% of the district's general fund operating expenditures. The balance of that fund has decreased every year since then. The little more than \$2.6 million in the fund as of June 30, 2023. amounts to 13.6% of the district's general fund operating expenditures.

Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn told the board that part of the reason for the fund's decreased balance was due to the district purchasing property.

Clintonville School Board President Ben Huber added the balance also started to decrease around the time Covid hit, and the district spent funds in ways it hadn't anticipated.

Board policy states the percentage of the unassigned general fund balance to that fiscal year's expenditures needs to be at least 20%.

Marion Rotary Student of the Month

Morgan Schwartz was named the Marion Rotary Student of the Month.

The daughter of Tracey and John Schwartz, she is a senior at Marion High School.

Her extracurricular activities include volleyball, basketball, softball and tournament softball.

Among her accomplishments, Schwartz has been named to Basketball All Conference, both first and

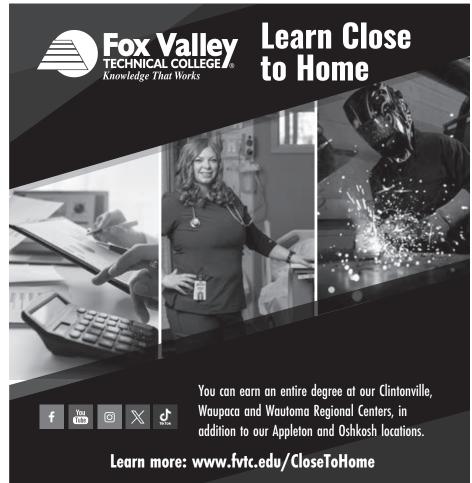


Schwartz

second-team Softball All Conference, she has been captain for the basketball and softball teams and she has won the CNA achievement award.

Her community activities include being a church volunteer, a Colorama helper, working on blood drives and a Saturday Youth pitching coach.

After graduation, Schwartz plans to attend Bellin College to obtain a bchelor's degree in nursing andw ork as a nurse at Bellin hospital.



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New London & Hortonville NEWS



New London Firefighters Association members, from left, Bernie Ritchie, Dick Muskevitsch 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.

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 Depart-

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.



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
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.

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.

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 a 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 rockclimbing 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 studentwarriors that can sign their name on the ceiling plate. If unable to climb the rope, they can Tarzan swing.

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 pushups, 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.



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

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Manawa NEWS

Manawa schools send surveys

District seeks public input

BY EMILY CONROY STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa School District will continue the process of strategic planning with surveys sent to community members starting March 4.

The survey will be a mix of open ended and multiple choice questions about priorities regarding the school district moving into the future, said Ryan Peterson, the Manawa school district administrator.

At the Nov. 27, 2023, meeting the school board voted that the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) would be in charge of taking over the strategic planning.

"We are really working to make sure we reach all members of the community and get as much participation as possible," Peterson said.

The survey will gather community opinions on things such as strengths and opportunities for the schools, skills that are important and financial priorities, Peterson said.

As the surveys are returned, a group of 20 to 30 stakeholders in the community will be meeting over the next three months.

A stakeholder is someone who is representative of a faction of the community, this could be a parent, business owner, clergy and non-profit organizers.

The stakeholders who have been identified in Manawa have been invited and Peterson said they are waiting for their responses and acceptance of the invite

The survey's goal is to identify areas the community thinks need improvement in the school system.

"Ultimately, the goal is to create a strategic plan that is in alignment with the needs and wants of the communities that make up the School District of Manawa," Peterson said.

The stakeholders will hone in on what is important, Peterson said. The information will then come back to the school board.

"This community group will process the information and help the school district focus on priority areas that will guide continuous improvement for our schools in the coming years," Peterson said.

The target to get the information back to the school board is by the June meeting.

Some school board members at the Feb. 26 meeting voiced concerns that they have not been able to meet with the WASB representative and were apprehensive to move forward until the strategic planning process

could be better understood by the board.

"The board hiring them, having the opportunity to actually understand what the process is going to be, what they expect as far as involvement or non-involvement and everything should have been understood before we got down all these other paths," said Sondra Reierson, the Manawa school board president.

Kerri Jepson, the school board treasurer, agreed.

"I am blown away that all of this has happened and the board of education has had no input whatsoever," Jepson said.

Peterson responded in the meeting that the strategic plan does not belong to the board, the data that is received will come back to the board to implement and make the changes the community is looking for.

"The idea behind strategic planning is to have an objective set of input that funnels its way to the board so a plan can be designed through that," Peterson said.

Jepson made a motion to hold a special school board meeting in order to meet with the WASB representative. The motion did not receive a second.

It was decided to invite the WASB representative to the next school board meeting.

Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Local family goes to Super Bowl

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

SCANDINAVIA – A estimated 200 million people watched the Superbowl. One Scandinavia couple were aamong the 60,000 spectators at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas on Feb. 12.

Adam and Marci Wolberg w attended the 58th Super Bowl to watch the Kansas City Chiefs win over the San Francisco 49ers.

Adam is a co-owner of Tomorrow Valley AG LLC, located in Nelsonville, and he sells Pioneer Brand Seed through his business.

It is through Pioneer Brand Seeds that he secured Super Bowl tickets, which were a prize for a sales contest.

He said he has won prizes before, in the 10 years he has worked with this company. The Super Bowl tickets were by far the biggest prize he has ever won.

This was Adam and Marci's first time in Las Vegas, which they agree was exciting in and of itself. The weekend was packed with Super Bowl-related activities.

The weekend started Friday with a private Super Bowl kickoff party on the roof of the Mandalay Bay Hotel. Former NFL players and world renowned chefs attended the private party.

Saturday they toured the city, checking out all major casinos and businesses, Adam said.

Then Sunday they attended a players' tailgate party,. In attendance were 50 current NFL players.



Adam and Marci Wolberg, of Scandinavia, attended this year's Super Bowl in Las Vegas.

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Adam said they ran into a few celebrities, including Tyreek Hill, Barry Sanders and JJ Watt.

"The highlight was seeing Jordan Love on the main street on Saturday. We started chanting 'Go Pack go,' and he smiled and fist pumped us," Adam said.

Adam said the game was nothing like what you see on television, notably the half time show with Usher, one of his and Marci's favorite musicians while in high school.

"Just seeing how synchronized the whole stadium was with the lights and performance was great and gives you a new appreciation for how much work goes into it," Adam said.

Watching the game proved to be difficult because the environment around the couple filled with so much

energy. However, he said with the way Allegiant Stadium was built there really didn't appear to be a bad seat.

Adam said the man who streaked did so right in front of them. The trophy ceremony was also right in front of them where he confirmed a Taylor Swift sighting.

Adam said the fans were

Adam said the fans were classy and made the Super Bowl even more enjoyable. However, he refuses to cheer for any team except the Green Bay Packers, who he hopes make it there next year.

"Overall it was a great three days in Vegas and the city was wild," Adam said. "Now that I've been to a Super Bowl, when the Packers make it there I will be trying to get tickets. A Super Bowl with a bunch of Wisconsin Packer fans would be wild."

Waupaca County sheriff's report

- Feb. 26 A Manawa caller on East View Drive reported her neighbors were cutting down her trees. It's an ongoing issue and she said at one time they poisoned the trees.
 Feb. 27 – An lola woman on McKinley Street reported she was arguing with her boy-
- she was driving.
 Feb. 27 A male caller reported someone broke into his garage. The door was kicked in and the electrical

friend and he smashed the

windshield of her car while

- panel was broken.
 Feb. 27 A Waupaca man on Churchill Street reported his neighbors were upset with him and they approach his
- car while screaming at him.
 Feb. 27 A Waupaca man on Churchill Street requested a welfare check on a man who called him and said he "wanted to end it." The man
- Feb. 27 Canadian National Railroad reported a person trespassing on their property. A silver SUV was parked near a crossing and a train was

sounded intoxicated.

- coming.
 Feb. 27 An anonymous caller reported a case of illegal burning.
- Feb. 27 Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile was trying to break out of a house by kicking out a win-
- Feb. 28 A Waupaca man on Morgan Drive reported he brought his son to the emergency road because he cut his arm on purpose with a razor and also threatened him.
- Feb. 28 The New London Bus Garage reported a black SUV did not stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop sign arm was extended and the lights were flashing. They have a video of the driver
- Feb. 28 An unknown person reported a case of child abuse.
- Feb. 28 A male caller reported horrible conditions at a dog-breeding facility and requested an officer to respond.
 Feb. 28 An Ogdensburg
- Feb. 28 An Ogdensburg woman on County Trunk
 OO reported two suspicious vehicles in the area: a blue
 Chevy Caprice with no plates and an older black four-door
 Chrysler.
- Feb. 28 A New London caller on County Trunk T reported a vehicle pulled into her driveway two nights ago. Now she was missing her shamrock.

- Feb. 28 The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported a resident was missing some money.
- Feb. 28 Rawhide Youth Services reported a student struck a staff member.
- Feb. 28 A Clintonville man on Kirchner Road reported parts of his fence were torn down.
- Feb. 28 A Wautoma man on South Scott Street reported probation violations and that "a lot of men are going to be attacking him with
- •Feb. 28 The Portage County Sheriff's Office requested help locating a missing man.
- Feb. 29 A Clintonville caller on Clinton Avenue reported the sound of gunfire, heard neighbors yelling and watched two people run
- Feb. 29 An Ogdensburg caller on County Trunk E reported a person trespassing
- on his property.

 March 1 Eastside Mobil
 Express in Waupaca reported
 a suspicious situation that
 might be a drug deal.
- March 1 A Waupaca caller on Granite Street reported her boyfriend had a knife and was
- threatening to kill himself.

 March 1 A New London woman on County Trunk W reported a suspicious man standing in the middle of the
- road.

 March 1 A Clintonville caller on Buckbee Road reported a suspicious gray Ford F150 sitting in a driveway with its lights on. It looked like a homeless person was living
- In it.
 March 1 A Waupaca caller on Murray Lane reported someone struck her mailbox and dumpster.
- March 2 A Manawa man on Swan Road reported the death of a 70-year-old man.
- March 2 A Weyauwega woman on Alfreds Road reported an out-of-control bonfire that was spreading towards the woods.
- March 2- An unknown caller reported seeing a person being thrown into a black Dodge Caravan. The driver was a male with an orange beard. The van was last seen on County Trunk O.
- March 2 Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway. On a second call, they reported the youth was now smacking vehicles with a big stick.
- March 2 Dollar General in Embarrass reported a woman

- was in the parking lot and not leaving.

 March 2 A Waupaca woman on Berlin Street reported.
- an on Berlin Street reported a loud screaming argument between a man and a woman was coming from an address where children lived.
- March 3 A Clintonville man on Rustic Road requested extra patrol for a funeral in Embarrass. He was concerned an estranged son might attend and cause a ruckus.
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 March 3 A New London caller on County Trunk T reported the death of a 75-year-
- March 3 A new London caller on State Highway 54 reported the theft of a Husqvarna riding lawnmower.
- March 3 An Iola woman on County Trunk G reported a juvenile female runaway who lied about where she was going.
- going.
 March 3 Aspirus Clinic in
 Waupaca reported a phone
 call where a male patient was
 belligerent to staff and said he
- would be "better off dead."

 March 3 A 911 caller reported a rollover. The 18-year old victim was bleeding, having trouble breathing and
- March 3 A female caller reported that a man who was not supposed to be around her was outside. He had been threatening to kill her. He took off in a silver PT Cruiser down Bean City Road.
- There were few deer-auto collisions during this period. Seven controlled burns were called in. A Weyauwega woman reported a goat was struck by a vehicle on Hatton Road. The goat survived. A Weyauwega man struck a pig in the road. The pig was injured. A woman reported her own cat bit her. ThedaCare Waupaca reported a man was bitten by a dog and it required stitches. A Pine River man reported two brown-and-white cows lying by the side of the road.

Iola Lions donate antlers, sheds

IOLA – The Iola Lions collected and donated 164 antlers and sheds to the Leader Dogs for the Blind program recently.

The antlers have an estimated value of \$2,460.

Howard-Suamico Lion Debi Delie spoke to Lions Zone B2 members last fall about the Leader Dog training program and mentioned that one way to help would be to donate antlers to them. The antlers will be sanitized and provided to volunteers who are raising puppies for the program, rather than spending \$15 or more each at a pet shop.

Iola Lion Sandi Moore was at that presentation and brought the idea back to her club. Members built, stenciled and stained a wooden collection box.

JR's Sport Shop Owner Jody Mork allowed Lions to place the box at his business near downtown Iola.

At the Feb, 19 Iola Lions meeting, Moore presented Delie and her trainee Toffee with the antlers.

For information about how to volunteer to train a service dog, call 1-888-777-

In the meantime, consider collecting sheds for the Iola Lions in fall 2024.

Marion man charged with burglaries

WAUPACA – Bradley J. Miller, 41, Marion, is charged in Waupaca County Circuit Court with three counts of burglary, four counts of felony bail jumping and one count each of criminal damage to property, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The break-ins occurred at sheds and barns in the town of Dupont over the course of a week beginning on Feb.

Miller is accused of damaging a catalytic converter while allegedly trying and failing to steal it on Feb. 7.

On Feb. 13, Waupaca County Deputy Steve Long and Marion Police Chief Kevin Schultz responded to a burglary in progress on State Highway 110 in Du-

As they were traveling south on State 110, they saw a black pickup truck turn west onto Hidde Road and stopped the vehicle.

According to the criminal complaint, the driver, identified as Miller, told the officers he had just been to the house of "an old high school buddy" who had given him permission two years earlier that he could take whatever he wanted.

When Long asked him what he had taken, Miller pointed to a vintage red and white Texaco oil can and some wiring in the back of his truck, according to the complaint.

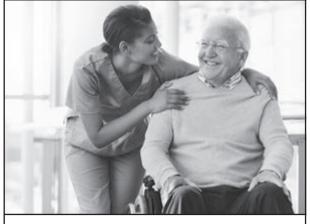
The person on State 110 who reported the burglary told investigators he did not know anyone named Bradley Miller and never gave anyone permission to take things off his property.

He also said he had been installing a trail camera that day due to a burglary the previous night. He noticed a black pickup parked behind the barn. The vehicle took off when he called 911.

Waupaca County depu-

Waupaca County deputies executed search warrants of a storage trailer in Marion belonging to Miller and his pickup and reported finding a number of items that had been stolen, according to the complaint.











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Concerts at UW-Stevens Point campuses

STEVENS POINT - The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will host a variety of concerts on all three campuses in Stevens Point, Marshfield and Wausau this March.

UWSP concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Noel Fine Arts Center Michelsen Hall, 1800 Portage St., Stevens Point. Tickets are \$17 for the general public, \$15 for seniors (62+), \$10 for youth (under 18) and UWSP employees. UW-Stevens Point students may attend free of charge.

Tickets are available online, at the information and tickets desk in the Dreyfus University Center or by calling 715-346-4100.

UWSP at Marshfield concerts also begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Helen Connor Laird Theatre, 2000 W. Fifth St, Marshfield. Tickets are \$10 per person unless noted otherwise. The Marshfield Box Office is currently not staffed. Tickets for all performances can be purchased online.

UWSP at Wausau concerts begin at 7 p.m. at the James F. Veninga Theater, 625 Stewart Ave., Wausau. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased online.

All online tickets can be found at uwsptickets.universitytickets.com.

Concerts schedule

- Thursday, March 7 Combined Choirs and Wind Bands Concert.
- Friday, March 8 UWSP at Marshfield Hub City Symphony Concert.
- Friday, March 8 Free Faculty Recital: Zachary Preucil, cello, and Molly Roseman,
- Tuesday, March 12 Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band Concert.
- Wednesday, March 13 Campus Band and Campus Choir Concert.
- Thursday, March 14 UWSP at Wausau Central Wisconsin Musicians – Spring Band
- Tuesday, March 26 Free Guest Artist Recital: Trios des Elements, clarinet.

Emerging Artists on exhibit

STEVENS POINT - The Riverfront Arts Center will host its annual Emerging Artists Exhibition.

On display is an array of artistic works from grades 7-12, representing various area

The exhibition will be on display from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends until March

The Riverfront Art Center is located at 1200 Crosby Ave., in Stevens Point.

PLANETARIUM

FROM PAGE 4

Blocher presented the first public program in the planetarium on Dec. 17,

In 2020 the university obtained new planetarium technology, a 7.3 meter diameter dome that houses a Digistar Lite projector.

In addition to its use as an educational tool in astronomy courses, the planetarium provides programs for the community.

"The university offers school field trips for elementary through high school, they get anywhere from 250-300 school groups a year with a cost of \$35 a group." Zamfir said.

The planetarium also offers bookings for birthday parties and celebrations.

In total, the planetarium attracts more than 8,000 visits per year, including the

shows they present. Weekly public shows are presented throughout the academic year. Most shows are at 2 p,m. Sundays.

During the summer, from late May to late July, the planetarium hosts regular public evening shows, twice per week. There is no charge for the public programs, although donations are appreciated.

In addition to educational programs, the university will host laser light shows at the planetarium during April and March.

Tickets for the laser light shows are available only at the doors beginning at 6:30 p.m. Prices are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for UWSP students with ID,

March shows

• March 10 at 2 p.m. - "Making a Star and Its Entourage." Trace the evolution of humankind's long journey to understand the universe.

• March 29 at 7, 8, 9 and

10 p.m. – "Laser Zeppelin," musical laser light show

• March 30 at 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m. - "Laser Vinyl: Classic Rock with Kiss, Queen, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Van Halen, Pink Floyd," musical laser light

Planetarium seating is first come, first served for up to 55 people. Groups of eight or more may schedule a special showing of any planetarium program by calling 715-346-2208 or completing an online request form. There is a cost for these requests.

The planetarium is located on the second floor of the UW-Stevens Point Science Building. 2001 Fourth Ave., Stevens Point. Parking is available in Lot D behind the building and is free in all university lots after 7 p.m. and on weekends.

Learn more at www.uwsp. edu/smcpa/blocher-plane-

AWARDS

FROM PAGE 4

of their club sites monthly with all being recognized during an annual BGC Awards Night.

The theme this year was "Heroes of Tomorrow, Honored Today" The event accomplishspotlighted ments of youth who have demonstrated exemplary dedication, leadership and resilience at each club.

Every Youth of the Month as well as Mark Toyota of Plover's Artists of the Month were given their

The Boys & Girls Club Junior Youths of the Year, Joey Visger and Addison Helton, were chosen for demonstrating their leadership, outstanding behavior and for being examples of

This year's Youth of the Year was Zuri Hebblewhite. She was recognized for her continuous commitment to the club and community and received a \$2,000 scholarship to help support her post-secondary education.

The organization also honored Volunteer of the Year Jeanne Koepke, Commmunity Partner of the Year UWSP Literacy Lab, and Program of the Year Hmong Jumpstart Program, for their roles in impacting Portage County youth.

Staff were recognized at the event including Youth Development Professional of the Year Emma Kaweleski, Professional Staff of the Year, Linda Hull and two employee scholarship winners, Ruthie Zahm and Hanna Stremkowski.

Student Spotlight

Ethan Peskie – Amherst baseball

ELISE FULMER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ethan Peskie is a junior at Amherst High School. A multifaceted player, Ethan comes from a family of athletes. His father Nate played baseball, while his mother Sara played softball. Ethan has been surrounded by baseball throughout his entire life. He loves watching baseball and doing farm work in his free time.

How did you get into baseball?

"My parents played it while they were growing up. I started with T-ball as soon as I could walk. I have loved baseball and have not stopped since."

What's your favorite part of playing

baseball at Amherst?

"Being outside with my teammates is definitely one of my favorite things to do day to day. My favorite memory at Amherst has been playing at State as a fresh-

Do you have any pre-game rituals?

"I always put my bag in the same spot and do my arm bands. After that, I throw with Marcus Kennedy. During my games I love to drink strawberry banana Body Armor and eat seed."



Do you play any other sports? "I play basketball and rodeo, but baseball is definitely my favorite sport."

Is there an athlete or coach you look

While I was growing up, I looked up to Yadier Molina because I wanted to be a catcher. Now I like watching a lot of the

What are your plans after high school? "I plan on going into the electrical

Disability Coalition plans event

STEVENS POINT - The inclusive to people of all Portage County Disability Coalition will host a Community Inclusion Showcase and Resource Fair from 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at The Nonprofit Commons, 2801 Hoover Road, Stevens

The coalition works toward a community that is abilities. They have brought together groups, agencies, and services that help people of all abilities connect with organizations, with people, and with their community

The event will offer attendees a chance to meet with local agencies and providers, learn about services and resources, and make connections.

The event will feature games, food trucks and a free chance to win door prizes.

There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Sami Szynski by calling 715-347-7461 or email sszynskie@ODCINC.com.

Film showing includes covid shots

AMHERST – CAP Services will host a resource fair, including free Covid vaccinations, from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 4, at the Jensen Community Center in Amherst.

Everyone receiving a vaccination will receive a \$50 gift card.

The film "Shot in The Arm," from executive producer Neil deGrasse Tyson and Academy Award nominee Scott Hamilton Kennedy, will also be screened at 10 a.m., followed by a question-and-answer ses-

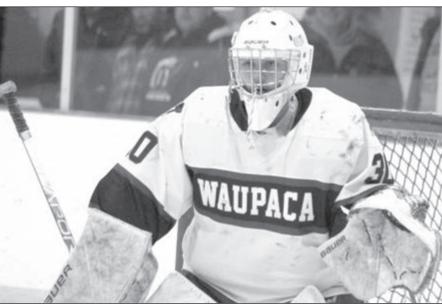
The documentary chronicles the rise and growth of the anti-vaccine movement in America. Wausau Family Phar-

macy will provide the vaccines. To ensure that enough vaccinations and gift cards are available, register at capservices.org/ events by April 2. Vontact CAP's Community Resource Team at 1-844-314-8004 with questions.

The Community Resource Team will be available to share information about how to navigate the

There will also be information about the programs and services CAP has available for residents of Portage County.

More information is available at www.capservices.org.



Waupaca's Gavin Hafferman made the Great Northern Conference allconference first team in boys' hockey as a goalie.

Hafferman on GNC first team

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

WAUPACA - The Great Northern Conference's all-conference boys' hockey teams includes five players from Waupaca. Junior Gavin Hafferman made the first team as goalie.

The second team includes three forwards: seniors Ryan Mace and Alex Gusmer and junior Adam Mace.

Junior Zack Gusmer made the honorable mention team as a defenseman.

Great Northern Conference **All-Conference Boys' Hockey Teams**

First Team

Goalie: Gavin Hafferman, junior, Waupaca. Forward: Eli Kassler, junior, Antigo; Grant Kuklinski, senior, Mosinee; Jonah Dickens, sophomore, Tomahawk.

Defenseman: Gavin Obremski, senior, Mosinee; Austin Lamer, junior, Tomahawk.

Second Team

Goalie: Nolan Bunnell, senior, Antigo. Forward: Joey Belanger, senior, Rhinelander; Owen Dickman, junior, Antigo; Gray Wagner, senior, Lakeland Defenseman: Matt Haggart, senior, Lakeland;

Honorable Mention Goalie: Andrew Maulson, senior, Lakeland;

Evrett Leslie, freshman, Northland Pines; Cam Bernard, sophomore, Lakeland. Forward: Gavin Denis, senior, Rhinelander; Caleb Dickens, senior, Tomahawk; Ryan Mace, senior, Waupaca; Spencer Swiderski, senior, Mosinee; Adam Mace, junior, Waupaca; Aden Theissen, senior, Lakeland; Auggie Nordine, senior, Northland Pines; Logan Seymour, senior, Tomahawk; Sawyer Hanna junior, Tomahawk; Alex Gusmer, senior, Waupaca; Tucker Phillips, sophomore, Medford. Defenseman: Elliot Yirkovsky, junior, Mosinee; Josh Graves, sophomore, Northland Pines; Morgan Depuydt, junior, Northland Pines; Brayden Lamer, freshman, Tomahawk; Zack Gusmer, junior, Waupaca; Isaac Schaefer, senior, Medford; Jaegar Dhein, senior, Mosinee; Rex Reilly, sophomore,

Player of the year: Austin Lamer, Tomahawk. Coach of the year: Brian Bunnell, Antigo.

Parks, Recreation

Clintonville Women's Pool League

Division 1

Week 24 standings (wins): Sticky Buns (149); Big Falls Tavern (114); Bun's Pocket Rockets (110); D's Corner Pocket (88); Club 45 (84); Mike's Saloon (81); Jeanne Rose 1 (74); Racks & Rails (69).

Division 2 Week 24 standings (wins): Gopher's (160); Lowell's Landing (136); Jeanne Rose 2 (125); Bun's Ball Busters (124); Bun's 1 (94); Suzy Q's (94); Bump's (88); Philagain's (84); Big Sal's (54).

Clintonville Volleyball Leagues

Week 8 standings (men): Rodents, 25-2; Isaiah Holbrook's Team, 27-6; All Phases Electric, 14-19; Benjamin Holbrook's Team, 12-18; Armoured Fencing, 9-18; G-Force, 3-27.

Feb. 27 results: All Phases Electric 3, G-Force 0; Benjamin Holbrook's Team 3, G-Force 0; Isaiah Holbrook's Team 3, Armoured Fencing 0; Rodents 3, Benjamin Holbrook's Team 0; Isaiah Holbrook's Team 3, All Phases

Feb. 20 results: Isaiah Holbrook's Team 3, G-Force 0; Isaiah Holbrook's Team 2, All Phases Electric 1; All Phases Electric 2, Benjamin Holbrook's Team 1; Rodents 3, Armoured Fencing 0; Armoured Fencing 2, G-Force 1.

Week 8 standings (women): Carmen Henschel's Team, 28-2; Blazers Bar & Grill, 23-4; Katie Holbrook's Team, 14-13; Serves of Steel, 11-16; Kerry Baird's Team, 9-18; Country Queens, 9-21; Hannah Armour's Team,

Feb. 26 results: Hannah Armour's team 2, Country Queens 1; Carmen Henschel's Team 3, Hannah Armour's Team 0; Carmen Henschel's Team 2, Blazers Bar & Grill 1; Kerry Baird's Team 2, Serves of Steel 1; Katie Holbrook's Team 3, Country Queens 0.

Feb. 19 results: Kerry Baird's Team 2, Hannah Armour's Team 1; Carmen Henschel's Team 3, Country Queens 0; Blazers Bar & Grill 3, Serves of Steel 0; Kerry Baird's Team 2, Katie Holbrook's Team 1.

Viergutz receives postseason honors

MEQUON – Erin Vier- ference all-conference hon- NACC with 1.08 blocks gutz recently wrapped up her college basketball career with an all-conference selection.

The Clintonville High and 17 assists and had a School graduate, a senior career-best performance at Concordia University against Wheaton College Wisconsin in Mequon, was with 20 points and 17 renamed to the Northern

and sixth in offensive rebounds and total rebounds.

Viergutz was also named to the all-tournament team in January after helping lead the Falcons to the championship game of the Concordia Invitational Tournament.

orable mention team. Viergutz finished the season with 280 points, 185 rebounds, 27 blocks

She finished third in the Athletics Collegiate Con-

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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

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

> PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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

MARGARET SHAW TOWN OF NEW HOPE



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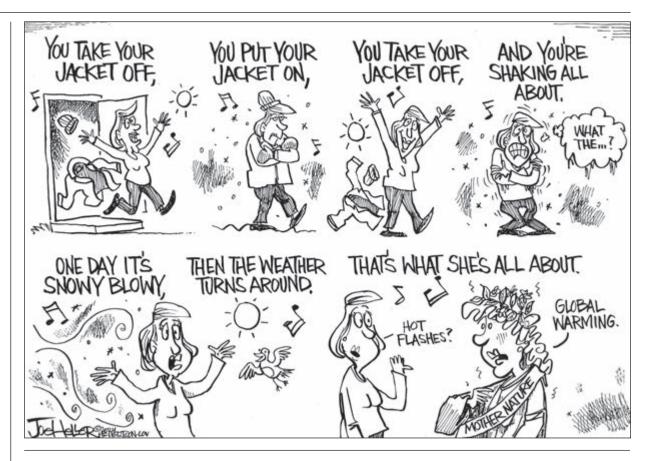
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Moving forward on drinking water

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 con-

sider. 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 potential 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**

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 that time, the number of 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 drivers since 2007. Over metrics are only limited tools for determining the licensed school bus driv- 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.

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

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

Evers signs GOP bill with his district maps

BY JEFF MAYERS WISPOLITICS.COM

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 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 Protasiewcz over her comments calling the maps

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," Le-Mahieu 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 incum-

Some Democrats have also raised concerns that a challenge to the maps could be filed in federal courts, particularly over the majority minority districts in the Assembly and Senate are con-

stitutional But Evers downplayed that

possibility. "I'm thinking that's a small risk, but if it is, we'll take it on and win," Evers told reporters.

Those expecting a federal lawsuit believe some GOP voter could go to federal court to challenge the maps. Some note the majority minority districts that Republicans drew may have been embraced by the state Supreme Court, but there's never been a federal case over whether they meet constitutional muster.

The conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled what Evers did two years ago was inappropriate when it comes to considering race in drawing lines. It also nixed congressional maps in Alabama and refused to hear a cap involving Louisiana's lines because Republicans there inappropriately diluted the power of Black voters. But insiders note there's not a clear marker of where the bright line is.

And 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

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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Obituary Notices

Pegel, Bonnie



Bonnie Marie Pegel, age 71 of Waupaca, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024 at ThedaCare Medical Center in Waupaca. Bonnie was born on February 24, 1952 to Guy "Jack" and Lois (Schafer) Kragh in Wausau, WI.

Growing up, Bonnie was a great lover of music and started playing piano at a young age. She played various instruments, including the trumpet, piano, and organ. She was known to accompany many soloists at solo and ensemble contests.

She was the proud recipient of the John Philip Sousa Band Award her senior year of high school. Growing up with 4 brothers and 4 sisters taught her patience, resilience, and grit. She graduated from Manawa High School in 1970.

On September 29, 1972 she married Steven Pegel in Manawa, WI. Together they raised 3 daughters- Stacey, Shana, and Tara. Bonnie always strived to find an acceptable work/life balance, often working nights and weekends to accommodate her family.

Bonnie received her licensed practical nursing degree shortly after getting married, and later returned to school for her associates degree in nursing, graduating in 1988 from Fox Valley Technical College. She served as a labor and delivery nurse at Riverside Medical Center for well over 30 years, and continued nursing in various roles for several years after that. Bonnie helped to calmly deliver many babies in the Waupaca area, and served hundreds of mothers and families during their postnatal hospital stay.

In addition to playing many instruments, Bonnie loved singing as a blendable alto, known to always be in pitch. She helped form the Christian music group One Achord in 1994, traveling the area and providing music at church services, weddings, and other functions. This was one of Bonnie's greatest loves and favorite pastimes. Bonnie, Pam, Laurel, and Lori provided amazing music to many and even recorded their arrangements on CD's. These ladies held a special bond with each other and with God, in addition to being great friends.

Bonnie actively served Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca as a Church Council member, elder, visitation minister, worship leader, regular vocalist in the Trinity Choir and her One Achord quartet, longtime volunteer with children's ministries, member of Abigail Circle, contributor to many church committees, voting member at synod assemblies, and coordinator of soup suppers. She was a tireless leader of women's ministries at Trinity and in the larger East Central Synod of Wisconsin and Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). She also had a passion for global mission, was a Lay School of Ministry graduate, and took part in the synod's 2022 Holy Land trip. Bonnie joyfully sang in the Waupaca Community Chorus for many years and was an integral part of their alto sec-

Bonnie is survived by her husband Steven Pegel of Waupaca; children Stacey (Roger) Luedtke of Waupaca; Shana (Adam) Hussin of Kaukauna; Tara Stickles of Oshkosh; mother Lois Kragh of Waupaca; siblings Sue (David) Shaw of West Bend; Betty (Larry) Roth of Three Lakes; Paul Kragh of New Berlin; Steve (Stephanie) Kragh of Manawa; Sara Kragh-Morrison of Marquette, MI; Linda (Paul) Welch of Oconto; grandchildren Rachael and Ryan Luedtke, Paige, Hunter and Samuel Hussin, Caitlyn and Caylie Stickles; also many other relatives and friends. Bonnie was preceded in death by her father Jack Kragh, aunt Donna (Kragh) Rosenkranz, brothers Dale Kragh and Neal

A memorial service and dedication to Bonnie's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca, where Pastor Andy Behrendt will officiate. Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of service at Trinity. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

ONUMENTS Tony Knuppel

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Kraemer, Linda



Linda L. Kraemer, age 81 of the Township of Belle Plaine, Shawano County, passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at her home.

Linda Lee Kraemer was born November 3, 1942 in Evanston, IL daughter to the late Roy & Mary Jane (Mc-Mullen) Johnson. She was united in marriage to John R. Kraemer on July 20, 1963 in Park Ridge, IL. In 1984, the couple along with their daughter Deb, moved to the home on Pine Lake, which

was owned by the family for many years. They started a carpet business locally, and Linda later started work as a secretary at the Shawano Chamber of Commerce in the late 1980s. Over the past few years, Linda discovered a deep relationship with Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior through the teaching and beautiful friendships at Zion Lutheran Church, Embarrass and New Hope Church, Shawano. As a member of Zion Lutheran, Linda was active with the Ladies Aid, and many other groups ready to serve the church's ministry. Linda loved the Lord with her whole heart and served Him well through the years of caring for her husband, daughter, and mother-in-law, Ruth Kraemer Bell. She loved her Red Hats and the many friends around the lake and beyond. She was bubbly and talkative; and loved to be social and visit with friends, whether it was at church or entertaining guests in her home. She cherished her neighbors on Pine Lake, and if she ever encountered a stranger, she'd get to know them without fail. She embraced Facebook and enjoyed keeping up with her friends and family who lived far away. Her love of gardening kept her busy tending to her beautiful flowers and fresh vegetables in her large garden. She also loved to bake; known for her zucchini bread, and made delicious fudge at Christmas time. One of her favorite things to do was just to sit and enjoy God's creation at her home on the shore.

Linda is survived by her: Daughter: Deb L. Olson Granddaughter: Lexie J. Olson Brother: Peter Johnson

Brother-in-law: David (Dottie) Kraemer Linda was preceded in death by her parents; her husband,

John; and a sister, Joanne Johnson. Funeral services will be held 11 AM on Thursday, March

7, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church, Embarrass, with the Rev. Todd Jerabek officiating. Interment will take place at 1:30 PM at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the church from 10

AM until the time of service.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville is assisting the Kraemer family with arrange-

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Forseth, Alton



Alton Forseth, 94, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin went to his heavenly home on February 28, 2024 He was born on February 11, 1930 in Iola to the late Erling and Julia (Norby) Forseth. married (Hansen) Forseth on August 1, 1953 in Milwaukee, WI. Alton attended grade school in a one room multigrade

schoolhouse on the corner of Bestul Road and CTH G. In fifth grade, a rural school bus route was established, and the one room schoolhouse was closed so he attended

school in the Village. In High School Alton was known as "Happy" or "HAP" for short because of his happy disposition. Alton received exceptional grades and excelled at sports. He was President of his freshman class and then Captain of the basketball team. He attended his class reunions in Iola well into his 80's.

Alton joined the Air Force in 1948 and did his basic training and military service for one year at Scott Air Force Base with the 3311th Food Service Squadron. He was again recalled to Active Duty in 1950 in support of the Korean War to Brooks Air Force Base, Texas where he served two years; first as a cook, then an Air Police Trainee, and eventually a Medical Helper where he attained the rank of a Corporal and got him interested in Pharmacy.

He enrolled in Pharmacy School at the University of Wisconsin Madison and upon graduation served as a Pharmacy Intern in Whitefish Bay when he passed the Wisconsin State Board Exam. He worked for a number of pharmacies over the years in the Oconomowoc area until joining the Kmart Pharmacy where he retired in 1996 after a 40 year

Alton enjoyed traveling and camping with his family of 4 boys and his wife, Mabel. They travelled extensively throughout the United States, and later enjoyed a trip to Norway and many cruises to Mexico and the Caribbean. They spent 10 years wintering in Palm Springs, California and Las Vegas, NV.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel (Hansen) Forseth; 4 sons: James, David, Alan (Oconomowoc) and John (Keven) Shorewood; 5 nieces and 1 nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Delbert (Éunice) Forseth. Alton enjoyed history and did extensive genealogy re-

search on his Norwegian roots which indicated descent from the first Viking King of Norway.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Iola Historical Society (210 Depot Street, PO Box 412, Iola, WI 54945) who are working to preserve the history of Alton's hometown, or to the Waupaca County Humane Society (2293 Commercial Dr, Waupaca, WI 54981).

The Funeral Service for Alton will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 11:00 am at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iola with Rev. Dale Wilson officiating. Visitation will be held at the church prior to the service from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Interment will be in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, Iola. Voie Funeral & Cremation Care of Iola is serving the family.

Anderson, Dennis

Dennis L. Anderson, age 76, passed away Monday February 4, 2024 in the Township of Langlade County. Polar.

Streck, Lane

Lane J. Streck of Saxeville, age 75, passed away February 26th, away 2024. February

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McKay, Myrna



Myrna J. McKay, age 82 of the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County passed away Wednesday morning February 28, 2024 at the Greentree Health & Rehabilitation Center in Clintonville. Myrna Jean Bittorf was born

on September 1, 1941 in Sturgeon Bay as the daughter of the late Ewald and Erna

(Benke) Bittorf. Myrna graduated from Shawano High School in 1959 and was united in marriage to James McKay on November 10, 1960 in Memphis, TN. Myrna spent 26 years working as a cashier for 21st Century Genetics near Shawano. She was a faithful member of St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville for many years. Throughout her life, Myrna did a little of everything but most of all enjoyed taking care of her home and being around her family.

Survivors include:

Sons: Jim (Kathleen) and Cory (Julie) McKay. Grandchildren: Connie (Nate) Frey, Joshua (Jessica)

McKay, and Nathan Hewitt.

Great-Grandchildren: Aiden, Kelsey, Daniel, and Julia. Myrna was preceded in death by her parents, husband James in 2022, and a brother Ottis Bittorf. A Memorial Service was held for Myrna on Wednesday

March 6, 2024 at 11am at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home North Location, 53 N. Main Street, Clintonville with Rev. Jason Zobel officiating. Friends called from 10am until the time of the service. Inurnment will follow at the Friendship Cemetery in the Town of Belle Plaine. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established by Myrna's family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Darling, Cindy



Cindy Lee Darling (nee Gustke) age 64 of Waupaca, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family Saturday morning, Feb. 24, 2024 at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

She was born April 5, 1959 in Wild Rose, a daughter of James and Emily (Dahnke) Gustke. She was raised in the Pine River area, and was a Graduate of the Berlin High School. She married Steven R. Darling September 23, 1978 in Auroraville, rural

Berlin. Steven, her husband of almost 46 years survives. She was employed at Delicious Popcorn in Waupaca as a

bagger for 26 years.

Cindy enjoyed planning and hosting family gatherings. During the summer you could find Cindy camping with her family and friends. Her favorite part of camping was taking golf cart honeymoon rides with Steve. She loved being with her family and friends as much as she could.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Darling; daughter, Jackie (Matt) Handrich; son, James (Erin) Darling; grandchildren, Austin, Chase, and Hudson Handrich, Garret and Greta Darling; step-grandchildren, Dylan Darling and Tristan Moldenhauer; her siblings, Calvin (Elena) Gustke, Donald (Phyllis) Gustke, Dawn (Steve) Tunks, Barb (Bob) Olsen, Julia (Kevin) Boeck, Gina (Dan Charbarneau) Mc-Clelland; her sister-in-law, Sue Gustke; many other rela-Cindy was preceded in death by her parents, James and

Emily Gustke, her brother, Bernie Gustke, and step-daughter, Angie Darling.

Cindy continued giving by being an organ, eye, and tissue Cindy's family would like to Thank the doctors, nurses,

and staff at ThedaCare in Neenah who helped guide them through this difficult time. A CELEBRATION OF CINDY'S LIFE will be held in the

Banquet Room at Hidden Waters Golf Course, located at E4480 State Road 22/54 East of Waupaca, WI 54981 from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., SATURDAŶ, MARCH 23, 2024. (Please Note the Date.) There will be a brief Service at 12:00 Noon, with Pastor Ben Kempfert officiating. Memorial Donations will be appreciated in Cindy's Mem-

ory in place of flowers.

The Ruminski Funeral Home of Redgranite is assisting the family with arrangements. (920) 566-2313.

Glenetski, Mark



Mark C. Glenetski age 69 of Waupaca, passed away on Monday February 26, 2024. Mark was born on March 30, 1954, the son of Lenard and Mary (Bursel) Glenetski. Mark enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Mark is survived by his significant other Lisa Kowalski of Waupaca, WI; his children Michelle (Dustin) Sanders of Pocatello, ID, Laura (Aaron) Ault of Macy, IN and Christopher (Louisa) Glenetske of Osakis, MN; his

brothers Blaine Glenetski of Wausau, WI, Gary (Connie) Glenetski of Lake Tomahawk, WI, Joseph (Gloria) Glenetski of Waupaca, WI and David Glenetski of Wild Rose, WI; his sister Cathy Baumann of Mosinee, WI; 10 grandchildren and many nephews other relatives and friends. Mark was preceded in death by his parents Lenard and

Mary Glenetski and a granddaughter Claire Glenetske. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday March 24, 2024 starting at 1 p.m. at Hidden Waters in Waupaca, WI. The Holly Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dieterich, Margaret (Peg)



Margaret (Peg) Dieterich, born on November 25, 1956, in the Chicago area, died of complications from diabetes on February 17, 2024, at the age of

She received her nursing de-gree at Kishwaukee Community College in DeKalb County, Illinois, and worked as a licensed RN at St. Joseph's Hospital from 1980 to 2008. She cared deeply about the

welfare of her patients, especially those suffering from HIV/AIDS early in that epidemic. After retiring from nursing, she devoted herself to her family and friends. She took especially good care of her aging parents when they needed her most. She was an excellent quilter and seamstress, getting great pleasure from sewing beautiful Christmas and birthday gifts, as well as baking for

family gatherings. She also doted on her cat, Frankie. She's survived by her brother Daniel J. (Dan), sister-in-law Diane, and great nephew Daniel S. Dieterich (Stevens Point); nephew John Dieterich and wife Keiko Beers (Minneapolis); sister-in-law Mary Dieterich (Louisburg, KS); nephews Drew and Dale Dieterich (Kansas City); and David Dieterich (Phoenix); sister Mary, nephew Christopher, and niece Katie Lark (Boston); as well as Amanda, Amanda's

husband Larry, and great niece Zoey Lockwood (Boston). She is preceded in death by her parents Mary Ellen and Daniel L., her brothers Paul and Drew, and her nephew Daniel T. Dieterich. A private memorial service will be held

later. Boston Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrange-

ments.

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Legals 7700 Advertisement of Sale The property of Corwin Timm currently located in Space 111, 41, 96 at Hwy 22 Storage LLC, self storage facility located at N2331 Cty Hwy 22, Waupaca, WI 54981 will be sold on Sunday March 17th, 2024 starting at 10:00am in accordance with section 704.90(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Property consists of household/personal items Persons of interest may contact the manager at 920-699-9116. Dated: February 21, 2024 By: Grant O'Brien For: HWY 22 Storage LLC N2331 HWY 22

Waupaca, WI 54981 920-699-9116 Publish Feb. 29 & March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

The property of Keri Tyler currently located in Space 49 at Hwy 22 Storage LLC, self storage facility located at N2331 Cty Hwy 22, Waupaca, WI 54981 will be sold on Sunday March 17th, 2024 starting at 10:00am in accordance with section 704.90(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Property consists of household/personal items. Persons of interest may contact the manager at 920-699-9116.
Dated: February 21, 2024
By: Grant O'Brien For: HWY 22 Storage LLC N2331 HWY 22 Waupaca, WI 54981 920-699-9116 Publish Feb. 29 & March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

Advertisement of Sale The property of Tara Zuber currently located in Space 11 at Hwy 22 Storage LLC, self storage facility located at LLU, sell storage facility located at N2331 Cty Hwy 22, Waupaca, WI 54981 will be sold on Sunday March 17th, 2024 starting at 10:00am in accordance with section 704.90(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Property consists of household/personal items. Persons of interest may contact the manager at 920-699-9116. Dated: February 21, 2024 By: Grant O'Brien For: HWY 22 Storage LLC N2331 HWY 22 Waupaca, WI 54981 920-699-9116 920-099-9110 Publish Feb. 29 & March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

CITY OF WAUPACA VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AND SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who: will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
 has resided in the ward or

municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.
The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before absentee ballot may be issued*. Making application to receive an

absentee ballot by mail
Contact your municipal clerk and
request that an application for an
absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at

MyVote.wi.gov
Your written request must include:
1. your voting address within the
municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above

3. your signature 4. a copy of your photo identification The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

is: 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election – Thursday March 28, 2024**.
*Voters who are indefinitely confined
due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting entee ballot

Yoting an absentee ballot in person
You may also request and vote an
absentee ballot in the clerk's office during the days and hours specified for ng an absentee ballot in person.
Barb Nowak, City Clerk
CITY OF WAUPACA

111 S. Main Street Waupaca, WI 54981 715-258-4411

In-Person Absentee Voting Hours: March 19, 2024 – March 22, 2024, and March 25, 2024 – March 27, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and March 28, 2024 – March 29, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday March 19, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Friday March 29, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.
No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election
Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. Publish March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

Lark Self Storage: 5375 Hwy 10 and 1125 Johnson Drive, Stevens Point WI will auction the following storage units on Bid13.com. Sales end Friday, March 22, 2024. Tenant: Shana Pitcher Unit Contents: bed, desk, TVs Tenant: Kevin Drewa Unit Contents: scaffold, paint sprayer, fan

NOTICE ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION CITY OF WEYAUWEGA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for a Class "B" Beer License has been filed by the following persons: Dean and Kari Hinske, 13 Main Enterprises RCK LLC, located at 129 E. Main Street, Weyauwega, WI.

LET IT BE FURTHER NOTED that the above license application will be reviewed and acted upon by the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega at a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers located at 109 E

City Clerk
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Main Street, Weyauwega, WI.

Rebecca Loehrke

CITY OF WAUPACA
FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES
AND INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

2023-2024 "CLASS A" INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE AND CLASS "A" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE

Waupaca Gas Inc, WAUPACA MARATHON, 314 E. Badger St., Jane Severson, Agent
PUBLISH: March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

Public Notice

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives notice of the change in classification for the following sections

of stream.
3.1 miles of Melhberg Creek (WBIC 295000), in the Town of Dupont, Waupaca County from unclassifed to Class 1 Trout water. The portion proposed for reclassification is the headwaters to the confluence with North Branch Pigeon River. 3.0 miles of stream of South Fork South Branch Pigeon River (297300), in the Town of Wyoming, Waupaca County 7700

from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water 1.3 miles of unnamed tributary to North Fork Blake Creek (281800), in Town of Helvetia, Waupaca County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout wate 2.0 miles of stream of unnamed tributary of Sannes Creek (276100), in Town of Scandinavia, Waupaca County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water 2.0 miles of stream unnamed tributary of South Branch Little Wolf River (275300), in Town of Scandinavia, Waupaca County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water.
3.1 miles of stream of unnamed tributary to South Branch Pigeon River (297400).

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in Town of Wyoming, Waupaca County from unclassified to Class 1 trout water 3.1 miles of unnamed tributary to Waupaca River (266500), in Town of Farmington, Waupaca County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water. 4.24 miles of stream of South Fork Whitcomb Creek (284700), in Town of Helvetia, Waupaca County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water. 1.71 miles of unnamed tributary to Whitcomb Creek (284500), in Town of Helvetia Waunaca County from unclassified to Class1 Trout water This classification is based upon surveys which indicate these portions of Melhberg (WBIC 295000), South Fork South Branch Pigeon River (WBIC 297300), unnamed tributary (281800), unnamed tributary (276100), unnamed tributary (275300), unnamed tributary (297400), unnamed tributary (266500), South Fork Whitcomb Creek (284700), and unnamed tributary (284500) have a self-sustaining population of Brook and Brown Trout with natural reproduction, multiple year classes of trout present, and sufficient density of trout to utilize

available habitat. The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before April 6th, 2024. Requests should be sent to Elliot Hoffman, 647 Lakeland Rd. Shawano, WI 54166. Publish March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, CALUMET COUNTY PREMIER FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION

50 East Chestnut Street Chilton WI 53014 Defendant(s)

OTONIEL CORDOBA PAO 209 St. John's PL Apt. #5 New London WI 54961 **Publication Summons and**

Notice (Small Claims) Case No. 24-SC-60 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 1-920-849-1414 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE
AS DEFENDANT(S):

AS DEFENDAN (S):
You are being sued by the person(s)
named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of
the claim has been sent to you at your
address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court
Calumet County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court 1-

920-849-1414 Courtroom/Room Number: Branch 2 206 Court Street Chilton, WI 53014

on the following date and time: Date March 26. 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sen to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or

seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court **before** the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that

county. Plaintiff/Attorney Attorney Gary Jahn Date: February 27, 2024 Plaintiffs/Attorney's Telephone Number (920) 731-6631 Attorney's State Bar Number 1013646 Law Firm and Address Menn Law Firm, Ltd. 2501 E. Enterprise Avenue P.O. Box 785 Appleton, WI 54912-0785 Publish March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN: CIRCUIT COURT: WAUPACA COUNTY Planet Home Lending, LLC, Plaintiff.

Estate of Marcell Robinson, Jr, et al, Defendants NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Case Number: 2023CV000098
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 27, 2023, in the amount of \$118,931.02, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as

ORIGINAL TIME: April 9, 2024 at 10:00AM

TERMS: 1. 10% of the successful bid is due at the time of sale. Payment must be in cash, certified check, or cashier's check, payable to the Waupaca County Clerk of Courts. The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds not later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale: failure to pay balance due will result in forfeiture of deposit to Plaintiff.

2. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.

 Upon confirmation of the court, buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase

PLACE: the front lobby of the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin

Property description:
Unit 5A in the Western Meadows
Condominium(s) created by a "Declaration of Condominium recorded on August 27, 2003, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Waupaca County, Wisconsin No. 676992, and any amendments and/or corrections thereto, and by its Condominium Plat and ar amendments and/or correction thereto. Said land being in the City of Waupaca, County of Waupaca, Wisconsin. Subject to all easements, reservations, covenants, conditions, agreements of record if any. Being the same premises as conveyed in Deed from Elaine C. Pederson, a single person recorded 6/25/2018 in Document Number 863284, in said County and State.

Tax Key No: 3425759
Property Address: 963 Charles Wright
Drive, Waupaca, WI 54981
Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC

attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information we obtain may be used for that purpose. Publish March 7, 14 & 21, 2024

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.

Colt Eastman, Jane Doe Eastman, Fox Communities Credit Union, Synchrony Bank, LVNV Funding LLC and Residential Title Services, Inc.

Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 23-CV-000133 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue 7700

of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 27, 2023 in the amount of \$48,230.64 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as

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TIME: April 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment,
10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and

PLACE: On the front steps of the Waupaca County Courthouse, City and County of Waupaca

DESCRIPTION: The West 40 feet of Lot
1 and all of Lot 2; all in Block 17 of
McDonald and Ramsdell's Addition to
the City of Marion, Waupaca County, PROPERTY ADDRESS: 204 S Main St Marion, WI 54950-9554 and 101 McDonald St., Marion WI 54950

DATED: January 29, 2024 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you

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

personally liable for the debt.

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Scott L. Krake 1302 Wyman St New London, WI 54961-2038 The Estate of Trisha L. Krake, Deceased 4357 County Rd S Oshkosh, WI 54904-9575 Jane Doe Krake 1302 Wyman St New London, WI 54961-2038 Defendants. PUBLICATION SUMMONS

Case No. 23-CV-000312 The Honorable Vicki L. Clussman Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds

\$10,000.00

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff

named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after February 22, 2024 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981-2012 and to Grav & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or repr

you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property Dated this 14 day of February, 2024. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff

lan J. Thomson State Bar No. 1076280 Case No. 23-CV-000312 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-1987 (414) 224-1907 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt Publish Feb. 22, 29, & March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

TOWN OF DAYTON **VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT** Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election

April 2, 2024 Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an

absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.
Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent. if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Send the request to:
Wanda Hiltgen, Town Clerk
N1755 Patrick Ln.
Waupaca, WI 54981

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5 pm on the fifth day before the

election. March 28, 2024. Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot

Voting an absentee ballot in person You may also request and vote an

Town Clerk Dayton Town Hall N2285 Highway 22 Waupaca, WI 54981 Hours for voting in person at the

town hall are: March 19, 2024 1 pm to 4 pm March 21, 2024 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm March 26, 2024 1 pm to 4 pm March 27, 2024 4 pm to 6 pm March 29, 2024 9 am to Noon

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Friday, March 29, 2024 at Noon pm. No inperson absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballot received after the polls close will not be counted Wanda L. Hiltgen 7700

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Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

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5 pm on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 28, 2024

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absentee ballot in the clerk's office or
other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an

TOWN OF ROYALTON E6132 State Hwy 54 New London, Wi 54961 Monday -Friday, By appointment only Phone: (920) 340-0085 royaltonwisclerk@yahoo.com

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Friday, March 29, 2024

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. Publish March 7, 2024

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Bids and Request for Proposals 7705 ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Clintonville Housing Authority Sun Valley Manor 25 N 12th St, Clintonville WI 54929 Site Exterior & Interior Camera Replacement / Placement

Proposals will be received at the Office of Daniel J. Meissner AIA, LLC on behalf of the Clintonville Housing Authority by 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 15, 2024. Email or mail delivery of proposals is acceptable. (Email and mail addresses

The work consists of the provision of: Indoor cameras to be a minimum of Outdoor cameras to be a minimum of 8MP

All Cameras to be ONVIF (Open

 Network Video Interface Forum)
 The VMS to be remotely accessible via mobile device or PC via mobile device or PC

NVR to be scaled for the existing 24

Cameras. Provide a new 360 camera at the main entry, a new 8MP camera for the rear lot. (Provide system expansion availability of 25% for future growth)

- 30 days of stored recorded video

Cable and installation of CaT6 cable. Cable and installation of CaT6 cable

from the NVR location to the mounting location to be completed by an Electrical Contractor. (Separate proposal)

Proposals will be accepted as a lump sum for all the proposed work noted.
A separate and distinct proposal is requested for the electrical work to be provided by Electrical contractors. All supplies and materials to be delivered to the site and the labor provided to install the materials for

the project items noted. Proposals will be accepted for the Project on individual company letterhead. Prices are to be broken down by Unit prices of each item

requested. The successful proposal will be determined based upon the highest point ranking with the following criteria: experience with similar flooring projects, reference checks, experience working with Davis Bacon wage rates, warranty provisions, schedule to complete the work and all other items equal review of the lowest responsible, responsive proposal. Each item noted above to be rated to a maximum of ten points per item or a total of one hundred points. Copies of the proposal requirements may be obtained at the office of Daniel J. Meissner AIA, LLC, 1230 E. Calumet St Appleton WI 54915 Fmail daniel.meissnerarch@gmail.com, Contact Dan Meissner, Architect, 920-428-0982 or Lisa Kramar, Executive Director, 715-823-3541, Email: clintha@frontiernet.net, if you have questions or if you are interested in

reviewing the project and submitting a

proposal for them.
The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities thereof. No proposer may withdraw their proposal within 30 days after the actual date of the proposals

The Requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 apply to this project and that, to the greatest extent feasible contractors shall fulfill their obligation to utilize lower income residents as trainees and/or employees. * Reference Federal Register (33884-33887), June 30, 1994 Subpart 135.38. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the "Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal

Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246) and Supplemental Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bid documents, which sets forth, in part, goals, and timetables for the employment of women and minorities in the project area.
Contractors and subcontractors are required to pay not less than the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor included in the project information.

Ms. Lisa Kramar, **Executive Director** Clintonville Housing Authority 25 N. 12th Street Clintonville WI 54929

CITY OF WAUPACA
WAUPACA, WISCONSIN
AIRPORT AREA SANITARY SEWER **EXTENSION**

Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 2 P.M., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded and read aloud via teleconference. The login information for the teleconference is as follows: 608-571-7149, Conference ID 634 559

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

approximate quantities of Work Installation of a premanufactured pumping station, wet well, 4,500 linear feet of sanitary sewer, 4,100 linear feet of force main, 200 linear feet of sanitary laterals, 75 linear feet of water service, 500 square yards of asphalt pavement patching, 19,000 square yards of restoration, and miscellaneous erosion control and traffic control.

Complete digital Project Bidding

Documents are available at www.strand.com or at www.questcdn.com. Download the digital Bidding Documents for \$75 by inputting Quest project number 9011359 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233 1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information. For this Project, Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online

Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive. The Bid must be accompanied by Bid

The City of Waupaca reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Ridder

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11 A.M., local time, on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Waupaca Municipal Airport Terminal. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference The Strand Associates, Inc.® project manager is Brandon Herbert, P.E., and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 251 4843, regarding the Project.

Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
Published by the authority of the
City of Waupaca Justin Berrens.

City Legals

RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that application
has been made to the City of Stevens Point for a "Class A" Beer & Liquor Retail License to sell, from the date hereof until June 30, 2024, intoxicating

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54481 At: Skis Meat Market, 5370 US Hwy 10, At: Skis Meat Market, 53/70 US HV Stevens Point, WI 54482. Kari Yenter, City Clerk Dated this 4th Day of March, 2024 Publish: March 7th , 2024

NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF WEYAUWEGA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Weyauwega will meet at 6:30 pm on March 19, 2024 at Weyauwega City Hall Council Chambers, 109 E Main Street, to consider a request for a variance from ANR Pipeline, E6131 County Road X, Weyauwega, Wisconsin. ANR Pipeline, owner of Parcel Number 35-34-32-6, located at E6131 County Road X, would like to expand their existing 6' security fence with an additional 12" of barbed wire in multiple sections of the facility to support a natural gas pipeline expansion project Due to the fence having barbed wire and being under ten feet in height, the the scheduled hearing or may leave written comments at the City Clerk's office up until the time of the scheduled

NOTICE to the Residents of the Town of Matteson The Matteson Town Board will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday – March 11, 2024 7:00 PM – N10891 Jepson Rd

Notice and Action that May Be Taken Call to Order

Meetings and Public Hearings

- Recite Pledge of AllegianceOpen Meeting Statement
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- Citizen's Forum
 Treasurer's Report
 Clerk's Report
- 6 20 Culvert Project Agreement
- Review & Payment of Bills
 Town Facilities and Grounds · Reports:
- a) Zoning b) CAWS c) Fire Department
- e) Comprehensive Planning f) County Board g) Animal Control h) Roads Motion to Adjourn

d) Ambulance

Patti Shambeau Hill Reminder to the Electors of the Town

of Matteson
The Annual Meeting is Tuesday - April
16th, 2024, at 7 PM
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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, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code, Health and Sanitation, to amend Chapter 11.02, Rules and Regulations. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard.

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

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Town of Wolf River
Winnebago County
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Town Board of the Town of Wolf River will meet at the Wolf River Town Hall at 8800 County Road II, Fremont, WI, on Monday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. for the purposes of holding a public hearing as prescribed by Section 66.0627 Wis. Stats., to consider proposed ordinance changes to the Town of Wolf River Slow, No Wake Ordinance regarding Section 6. Controlled Area and Section 7. Effective Hours and Section 8. Declaring Emergency and Imposing No Wake Restrictions on the Wolf River. Discussion will include Friday start time

for Slow, No Wake, instituting a 24/7 Slow No Wake for about a ½ mile through Orihula, adding Slow, No Wake restrictions to July 3 in years when July 4th falls on a Tuesday or a Friday and July 5 when July 4th falls on a Thursday. All interested persons wishing to be heard at the Public Hearings are invited to be present. Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk Dated this 20th day of February 2024 Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk

Town of Wolf River Publish March 7 & 14, 2024 WNAXLP The Town Board of the Town of Harrison will meet at the Northland Lutheran Church the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose

of transacting business that may come up. The meetings will be open to the public.
Fran Moen, Town Clerk Publish 2024 The Village of Iola Board Meeting will be

held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. at the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street. The Finance Committee meeting is held thirty minutes prior to the board meeting WNAXLF Town of Bear Creek

Planning Commission Agenda
The Town of Bear Creek Planning
Commission will be meeting on Monday,
March 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Bear

Creek Town Hall.

A. Call to Order
B. Open Meeting Statement
C. Roll Call

D. Approve Agenda E. Read and Approve Minutes from Last Meeting F. Review the applications for the Nancy Westphal property, identified by parcel number 01-25-11-5 and to vote on passing a resolution in support of the proposed amendment to the Town of Bear Creek Comprehensive Plan. The

conditional use permit and removing it from farmland preservation.
G. Updates and other town and county

activities related to planning/zoning. H. Public Comment Town of Bear Creek Agenda

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Bear Creek Town Hall. A. Call to Order

B. Open Meeting Statement

C. Approve Agenda
D. Read and Approve Minutes from
January Meeting E. Citizens Forum

The Town Chairman for the Town of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, is requesting estimates for engineering services and potential consulting for ARIP grant application compliance.

Send Bids to: Town of Little Wolf Clerk, via email, to: litlwolf@wolfnet.net OR mail to:

Deadline is March 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

The Town of Little Wolf will publicly review proposals at Town of Little Wolf Town Hall, E6325 County Rd N, Manawa, WI 54949 at 7:00 pm, during the regular Town Board meeting on March 14, 2024.

The Town of Little Wolf reserved the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to the contractor who in the judgement of the Town of Little Wolf will best serve the interest of the Town of Little Wolf.

(Dated February 20, 2024)

until Friday, April 12th, at noon.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWNSHIP SCANDINAVIA, WAUPACA COUNTY April 16th at 6:00pm

The Township Scandinavia will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to its Comprehensive Plan, regarding parcel 17-23-33-1 (20 acres), from Bonnie Timm, owned by Carlo Lantz.

The Comprehensive Plan Amendment application is to remove parcel 17-23-33-1 in its' entirety from the Farmland Preservation Area.

The Town Board will meet and hold a public hearing to consider this amendment at a Town Board meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, at 6:00pm, at the Scandinavia Town Hall. The Scandinavia Town Hall is located at 349 N Main St, Scandinavia, WI 54977.

prior to the hearing by contacting Ryan Brown, Planning & Zoning Director, at 715-258-6258 during normal business hours (8:00am - 4:00pm). Written comments will also be accepted via USPS mail to: Gary Marx, at E1144 County Road V, Scandinavia, WI 54977

Copies of the plan or amendment are available for inspection

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absentee ballot in the clerk's office or Attorney for Plaintiff 342 N. Water Street, Suite 613 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 937-5992 other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an 715-823-3541 Publish Feb. 29, March 7, 2024 absentee ballot in person. VOTE IN PERSON: Wanda Hiltgen, Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), we are required to state that we may be ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

> CONTRACT 1-2024
> City of Waupaca (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
> Airport Area Sanitary Sewer Extension
> Contract 1-2024

The Project includes the following

electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the Online Bidding button.
The Issuing Office is Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715. All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com.
Bidders who submit a Bid must be a

security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 5% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

days after the time set for receiving Bids.

For further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and Contract Award, refer to the

Director of Public Works
Dated at City of Waupaca, Wisconsis
March 7, 2024, and March 14, 2024 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

liquor as defined by Subsection (3) (g) of Section 125.04 of the Wisconsin or section 125.04 or the wisconsin statutes, at retail, subject to limitations imposed by Chapter 125 of the statues and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereof, at the described premises in the City of Stevens Point by Sean Ingram 3537 Einhurst Rd, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54481

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expansion proposal is out of compliance with current city ordinances. Interested parties or property owners are invited to comment on the request at

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Clintonville, WI for the following agenda: NOTE: See Town's posting for Official

prospective buyer, Karl Schunke, is looking at developing the parcel to use for rental storage. There is a need for a

The regular monthly meeting of the Bear Creek Town Board will be held on

F Informational Forum a. Fire Departments

Jackie Beyer E5895 County Rd B Manawa, WI 54949

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- h Ambulance

- c. Constance
 e. Comprehensive Planning
 G. Zoning Report
 H. Treasurer's Report
 I. Examination and Payment of Bills
 Metions A Advanced J. Motion to Adjourn Theresa Huss, Clerk Publish March 7, 2024 WNAXLP

TOWN OF MUKWA
E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport
Phone 982.9890

clerk@mukwa.gov MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA March 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. Chairperson calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance Roll call of Officers It is understood that in Accordance with Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05, this Meeting will adhere to Robert's Rules of

Notification of this Meeting was given to the Press on March 2, 2024 and the Final Agenda was posted in the three designated places on March 9, 2024.

1. Approve: February 13, 2024 Monthly
Town Board Meeting Minutes 2. Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report – February

3. **Budget/Vouchers:** Approval and Payments of Monthly Vouchers Showing of Hands for Public Forum -

Keep Subject and Question Brief.
4. Town of Mukwa Residents – Five Minute Public Forum
5. Animal Control Officer/s: (a) Animal

Report Forms; (b) Citation Letter/s Issued in Past Month; 6. Building Inspector: Monthly Report 7. Certified Survey Maps (CSM) Approvals – Jerold Jenkins 8. Guth's Resort Approvals: (a) Liquor License; (b)Operator Licenses: George Seater, III & Mark Budner

9. Roads: (a) Monthly Report; (b) Equipment-Report/Repairs/Purchases 10. Waupaca County Zoning & Other Meetings: Attended: Upcoming:
11. Correspondence Received:
12: Reminder: April Monthly Town Board

Meeting Date Change - Changed from April 9th to April 16th
13. Election Reminder: April 2nd
Presidential Preference Primary & Spring Election

14. Motion to Adjourn. /s/Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk Publish: March 7, 2024 Press Star – Legal Notice Final Agenda Posted: March 9, 2024 WNAXLP

Town of Royalton The Royalton Town Board will hold the regular monthly Town Board meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall located at E6132 State Highway 54. New London. Publish Feb. 22, 2024

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH Housing Authority of the County of Portage meeting: 4:00 p.m. at 1001 Maple Bluff Rd Ste 1, Stevens Point. wapie biuli ru site 1, stevens Point. Housing Authority has scheduled its Board of Commissioner's meeting. For more information, including a complete agenda for the meeting, visit www.co.portage.wi.us.

Minutes 7725

BOARD OF EDUCATION CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2024
A regular meeting of the Board of
Education of the Clintonville Public

School District was called to order on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben

Members Present: Ben Huber, Glen Drew Lundt, Mark Zachow, Laurie Vollrath, Chad Dobbe, Jason Moder, and Kris Strauman Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, Britney Dobratz, and Ashley Flanagan Press represented: Bert Lehman of

Tribune Gazette Also present: Denise Guex, Larry Czarnecki, Michael Engel, Deanna Polzin, Bryan Birling, Raelene Anderson, Bob Fenn, Pam Fenn, and

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This

February 12, 2024, meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Chad Dobbe, to approve the agenda as written. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance READING AND APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024. Ayes and nays called

all voting aye. Motion carried. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS:
Raelene Anderson addr of Education regarding the Volleyball activity funds. Carla Smith addressed the Board of Education to express her

concern about threats against the school district and not having a policy for domestic terrorism ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS 2022-2023 Financial Audit Report: Greg Pitel and Brianna Olson from Kerber Rose and Associates presented the

2022-2023 Financial Audit results to the Board of Education. High School LEAP Program Presentation: Deanna Polzin, Special Education Teacher, presented information on the High School LEAP Program to the Board of Education. Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board

presented District updates to the Board of Education.
Support Staff Resignation
a. Philip Gorges – Custodian II, effective February 21, 2024
Support Staff Hire
a. Karen Vogel – Food Service III Part-Time, effective February 13, 2024
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Support Staff Hours Increase
a. Savanna Parker – Child Care
Teacher – from part-time to full-time, effective February 2, 2024

<u>Extracurricular Resignation</u>
a. Cassie Hoffman – Varsity Head Girls

Swim Coach Extracurricular Hires
a. Jacob Grenke – Assistant High
School Track Coach b. Jeff Crumbaugh – Assistant High

School Track Coach Recognition:
CHS Instrumental Music Program
Donation: The administration informed the Board of Education regarding

various donations in former Band Teacher Robert Veleke's name to the CHS Instrumental Music Program in the amount of \$2,350, to be used at the discretion of the CHS band director for the purchase of instruments. <u>Donation Collection:</u> The administration informed the Board of Education

regarding donations collected in the amount of \$500 at the December 12th basketball game against Fox Valley Lutheran to assist a student's family with medical expenses.

Personnel: (The Board may choose to go into Executive Session per section

go into Executive Session per 32.19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statues to discuss a personnel issue, and then return to open session to take action) Interim Administrator: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to approve the transfer of Charles Seils from his High School Business Education Teacher position to an Interim Middle/High School Associate Principal position, effective February 7, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye.

Motion carried. Teacher Resignation and Position
Change: Moved by Laurie Vollrath,
seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve Minutes

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the resignation of Doug Giannetto from his Middle School Special Education Teacher position, for the purpose of transitioning to an Elementary School Paraprofessional position, effective February 13, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

Occupational Therapist Retirement:

Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the resignation of Amy Mayek, for the purpose of retirement, from her Occupational Therapist position effective June 3, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. <u>Director Job Descriptions:</u> Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve a second reading of changes to the following job descriptions:

a. Director of Buildings and Grounds b. Director of Daycare Center
 c. Director of Technology

Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

istrict Pupil Count Enrollment Report: enrollment information from the January 11th second Friday Pupil Count.
District Fundraising for Student
Activities: The administration and Board of Education reviewed the current fundraising process. Student Activity Accounts: The administration and the Board of Education reviewed current school affiliated clubs and student activity

District Facilities Rental and Usage: The administration and the Board of Education reviewed the District Facilities rental agreement and usage process. Fund 80 Annual Financial Review: The and revenues for the past three years for Fund 80. for Fund 80.

Rexford/Longfellow Building and Property Undate: The

Grounds Property Update: The administration and Board of Education gave an update.
POLICY/PERSONNEL

ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION ANNOUNCEMENTS February 19 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-

February 22 Policy Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. District Office February 26 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC March 6 Early Release – Staff Collaboration 1:00 p.m. March 11 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC March 13 ACT Day March 22 End of 3rd Quarter March 25 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC March 27 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-

March 28-April1 NO SCHOOL - Spring ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to adjourn to closed session for the consideration of matters over which the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c)(f) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, for the purposes of reviewing individual employment contracts/language, salary/wages

benefits, and performance; for the purposes of reviewing administrative contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons; to discuss student matters. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:41 p.m. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Jason Moder to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken with Mark

Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Kris Strauman, Glen Drew Lundt, and Ben Huber voting aye. Motion carried and meeting returned to open session at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Jason Moder to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting

Mark Zachow, Board Clerk Publish March 7, 2024

Name Change

BY THE COURT 2/22/2024 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA, COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Satva Reateria By (Petitioner) Satya Renteria

☑ Amended
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV19 NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above. From: [First] Satya [Last] Renteria To: [First] Lalita [Last] Correa Birth Certificate: [First] Satya [Last]

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Judge's Name Hon. Vicki L. Clussman

811 Harding St. - Branch II Waupaca, WI 54981 Date: 3/28/2024 Time: 1:00 p.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due tot a disability to

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of the hearing in the Waupaca Co. Post, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish March 7, 14 & 21, 2024

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DATE SIGNED: February 13, 2024 Electronically signed by Chris Marfilius
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COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Karen L. Bork

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4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 24, 2024.
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4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 28, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St Waupaca , Wisconsin, Room 3054 /
Probate Office.
Form completed by: Attorney Reg P Wydeven 2401 E. Enterprise Ave Appleton, WI 54913 Telephone 920-882-4070 Bar Number 1031930 Publish Feb. 29, March 7 & 14, 2024 WNAXLP

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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

Wrestling CONTINUES ON PAGE 14



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 **Basketball**

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

"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,"

Welson

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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 Iola 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 Fiternal Fitness Co., have been working togther for eight months.

Submitted Photo

WRESTLING

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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

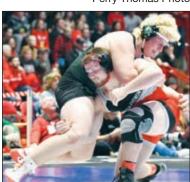


Weyauwega-Fremont wrestler Josue Azuara uses a crossface cradle move to pin Coleman's Pearson Owens of Coleman in a 113-pound match.



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.

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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 Peppler at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and Lyric Johnson and Macy McGlone at Eastern Illinois University.

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

The Polar Bears are 71-12 in Welson'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.

Welson 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," Welson said. "We've obviously showcased that at Hortonville. The FVA is such a good conference. Playing against consistently good players is a good thing."

Perry Thomas Photo



Hortonville's Paige Lillie guards Neenah's Ellie Buss.

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 Welson free throws cut the lead to 68-60 with just over three minutes to go and two more of Welson'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 Peppler 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 Peppler 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 Center in Green Bay. No. 1 Arrowhead and No. 4 Franklin will meet in the other semi-

"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.

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

Jordyn Peed scored 24 points to lead Eau Claire Memorial.

• Welson 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. Welson 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 Eggebrecht of Phillips (Division 4); and Madolyn Haffner of Gresham and Reese Grimm of Pittsville (Division 5).

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BASKETBALL

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

Joseph Daly, Jonah Schlueter 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

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

points in the second half.

BRUSSELS - Southern

The third-seeded Truck-

ers trailed the second-seeded Eagles 26-21 at halftime and both teams scored 28

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

Drew Daoust was Southern Doors only player to finish in double figures, as he led all scorers with 30

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 seventhseeded Warhawks headed to Oconto and fell to the sixthseeded 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.