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Forty years of blessings

Second-generation St. Patrick, Lincoln Barrington led the Irish Royalty through New Dublin's 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held in the city Saturday, March 16. Barrington's father Tom "Mooch" John Faucher Photo Barrington led the first Irish parade in New Dublin in 1984.

Candidates speak at forums

Contested races in Portage County

BY OLIVIA COFFIN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT - The fate of the Portage County Health Center was a key issue discussed by candidates for the Portage County Board.

The League of Women Voters hosted three candidates forums on Thursday, March 14.

"The Portage County Health Center is a five-star facility, and I would like to see it remain a five-star facility and if it's possible, if we have a buyer who's responsible, who will keep the same employees and will make sure that it maintains the five-star facility," said Sup. Mark Hemmrich, who is running for re-election in District 3, against challenger Janell Wehr.



Candidates for the Portage County Board of Supervisors spoke at three forums hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Stevens Point Area on March14. Olivia Coffin Photo

According to Sup. Vincent Miresse, "We have a serious problem with the existing buyer right now, the total of his facilities are like a onestar, one-star, two-star, they equal a five-star facility, but that buyer will never give us a five-star facility."

Incumbent Miresse is running against Stephen Klein in the election for the District 1 seat on the county

Other candidates such as Wehr and Klein, offered similar responses, saying that the facility needs help, and the county needs to upgrade it. Most noted that their constituents voted to keep the facility county-owned and not

In District 4, incumbent Sup. David Medlin is running against Keith Kedrowski, and running for District 6 is Shaun Przybylski and Timo-

to sell it.

thy Johnson.

Because there are nearly two dozen candidates for county supervisor this year, the League of Women Voters scheduled three forums.

The first forum featured candidates for Districts 1, 3, 4 and 6; the second forum was for Districts 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14; while the third was for Districts 15, 16, 17, 19 and 25.

During the second forum, candidates were asked, "Where do you see the role of the groundwater citizens advisory committee going forward, minus a current water resource specialist?"

Incumbent Sup. Joan Honl, who is running for District 8 against Johnnie Ciulla, answered, "Citizen complaints weren't filed, Nelsonville deserves better. We need to hold those people accountable; we must work together to solve this."

> **Election** CONTINUES ON PAGE 2

Stevens Point man killed in assault

Police search for suspects

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

STEVENS Police found a 61-yearold Stevens Point man lying on the ground in a downtown city parking lot around 11:45 p.m. Friday, March 15.

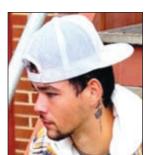
Portage County Ambulance transported Donald G. Mitchell Jr. to Aspirus-Stevens Point. He was then flown to Aspirus-Wausau with critical injuries a few hours later.

The following afternoon, Mitchell died from the injuries he sustained in the assault.

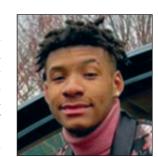
Shortly after 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, Stevens Point police arrested Christian J. Emerson, 18, Wausau, and transported him to Portage County Jail.

Police recommended charges of substantial battery, which were later upgraded to reckless endangerment.

Police are looking for three suspects in this case: Brandon L. Boehm, 20, Wausau; Arlin O. Sangster, 19, Rothschild; and Daemon Kitzrow, 19, Wausau.



Boehm



Sangster



Kitzrow

Anyone with information about the location of these people are asked to contact the Portage County Sheriff's Office at 715-346-1503.



Greg Biba, left, was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, a prestigious award within Rotary International. Biba was a music teacher for more than 30 years in Waupaca and also is the author of five novels. James Card Photo

Waupaca Rotary honors Greg Biba

Inspired many through music

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - Greg Biba, an author, educator and musician, was honored at a Rotary Club of Waupaca meeting on the morning of March 13.

Biba has progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare brain disease that affects eyesight, balance, walking and speech. There is no known cause and there is no cure.

Rotarians decided that Biba CONTINUES ON PAGE 2

NL Public Works votes in favor of city parking fees

3-6 a.m. restrictions

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON - The Board of Public Works voted to recommend a parking lot ordinance for approval by New London

The proposed ordinance

will ban parking in all cityowned lots from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. and require residents to purchase parking permits for \$120 per year or \$10 per month.

"Vehicles with valid permits are required to park in the designated stall assigned to their permit," according

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Candidates share their vision

Mayor's race in Clintonville

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE - Two candidates are running for mayor of the city of Clintonville in the April 2 spring election.

The Clintonville Tribune-Gazette recently sent f questions to the two candidates - incumbent Steve Kettenhoven and challenger James Supanich – so they could share their vision for the city with voters. This is the first part in a

two-part series.

Why did you decide to run for mayor of Clintonville? Kettenhoven: After

spending a number of years on city council, I know how important it is to have good leadership, and someone to instruct and work with our council, city administration, department heads, and employees to make our com-



Steve Kettenhoven and James Supanich

munity a better place to live. Supanich: I am concerned about the financial situation in the city and I feel that I can offer guidance in that regard. The city seems to be looking at short term fixes vs long term planning. I feel that is a problem.

What are your qualifications to serve as mayor?

Supanich: Having a degree in physics, 50+ years of purchasing in the forging industry, 21 years of which was here in Clintonville doing purchasing for Walker Forge. My responsibilities included budgeting and capital expenditure programs of which are qualities that are used in the city. On city council for five years, and 17 years of experience with the Badger Power Marketing Authority, which purchases all the electrical needs for the city. Kettenhoven: I spent 15

years on city council, and I have chaired, or served on, nearly every committee in our local government structure. Those years of experience have helped me understand the logistics and financials of operating a city, and that experience has also been an important part of navigating the last two years as mayor.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the city of Clintonville, and how would you try to fix

Kettenhoven: I don't like the word "issue." I think every community, including Clintonville, faces challenges. As someone with a disability, I have faced challenges my whole life, but I like to treat challenges as opportunities.

Opportunities to grow. Not just as an individual, but as an entire community. Opportunities that range from increased citizen participation to better housing. I believe our opportunities are endless and if we continue to work as a team, we can accomplish anything.

Supanich: I feel that the biggest issue facing Clintonville is going to be financing. There is no easy solution

Mayoral Candidates Common Council. **CONTINUES ON PAGE 2**

ELECTION

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Karin Sieg, who is challenging incumbent Sup. Michael Splinter for District 12, said, "We need to hire a new water specialist."

Candidates Andrew Rockman (District 9), Bob Gifford (District 10), Mary Rosicky (District 10), and Chris Randazzo (District 14) were also on the same page about the clean water issue.

Duuring the third forum, candidates were asked, "How will you ensure that the voices of marginalized communities are heard and represented in the district governments. How do you plan to promote diversity, equity and inclusion?"

We had a diversity, equity, inclusion committee in this county for a short time," who is challenging incumbent. I believe my opponent was one of the people opposed to it," said Amberle Schwartz.

Schwarts is challenging incumbent Sup. Scott Soik for District 10.

Most of the candidates were in favor of promoting diversity, equity and inclu-

"Portage County isn't going to survive on old white guys, we need other people, and I would like to see the Portage County Board reflect the diversity we have in the county," said Ray Reeser, who is challenging incumbent Sup. David Peterson in District 25.

Candidates Sup. Al Haga and Nacy Eggleston (District 15), John Bertelson (District 16), Sup. Suzanne Oehlke (District 17), Schwartz and Reser were in favor of DEI. Jackie Szehner (District 17) and Steve Fritz (District 16) were not in favor of DEI. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

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to this problem. We must prioritize our spending on the most needed items. We need to continue to aggressively pursue granting opportunities. We need to keep a tight handle on the capital program to ensure the purchase of the most needed equipment and review other items on the capital program to see the real need and timeframe when those items need to be purchased. We need to limit, to the largest extent possible, the use of consulting firms.

We need to utilize to our best advantage the funds in the city's unassigned account. This account is where the unspent funds for each operating year is assigned. This money cannot be used to balance the budget, but part of it could be

used to purchase equipment and other things for the city. As of December 31, 2022, this account had over \$1.7 million dollars. The auditors have advised that we need approximately one million dollars for emergencies.

The city has been trying to reduce its debt. Do you feel the city is making progress in reducing its debt? Explain why or why

Supanich: In regard to debt reduction, the council passed a resolution that instructed the city administrator to work on debt reduction. Initially, we looked at moving all the operational

items out of the capital plan and put those back into the annual city budget. We then went ahead and reduced the timeframe on the funds being borrowed by a year to save interest.

Since that time, the city seems to be reverting. It appears that the city is lengthening the time on the funds borrowed and seems to be satisfied with a high rate of funds being borrowed.

As for example, the debt service principal payments for 2021 - \$854,022, 2022 -\$856,572, 2023 - \$892,000, and 2024 - \$930,749. So, at this point, I do not feel the city is moving ahead with debt reduction.

Kettenhoven: I believe there is misinformation centered around city debt. Debt allows the city services to function while creating generational equality. In other words, today's taxpayers should feel comfort knowing that tomorrow's taxpayers will help carry the financial burden to keep those services functioning properly.

A new financial tactic we implemented this last borrowing cycle will focus on debt centered around asset life. This creates more capacity for future large capital projects, such as a new fire station.

music made it easy to enjoy

BIBA

FROM PAGE 1

Biba should be recognized for his efforts before his symptoms worsen.

Like other Rotary meetings, they have an in-house band that plays some tunes and they dedicated a song to Biba. It was the 1981 song "Leader of the Band" that Dan Fogelberg wrote as a tribute to his musician father.

Biba is the former Waupaca Middle School band director and jazz band instructor. He retired in 2019.

Biba was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, an honor that acknowledges an individual who contributes, or who have contributions made in their name of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. It's one of the most prestigious awards in the Rotary organization and it is named after the Rotary founder.

The Waupaca High School jazz band was present and they first played a jazzy, laid-back lounge music score and then they performed a rendition of the "House of the Rising Sun" that was so upbeat and powerful it could have been used in a Rocky movie training montage.

"Mr. Biba was my sixth and seventh-grade teacher who started me on trumpet. His passion for teaching band. Since middle school I have been part of concert band, wind ensemble, jazz band, pep band, numerous honor bands, and also I play "Taps' out at King for veterans. Mr. Biba, my success and joy for playing are because of your patience, dedication and enthusiasm for making band fun. On behalf of myself and countless other students, thank you," said Waupaca senior and band member Ian Sher-

"It is impossible to measure the impact and magnitude a teacher can have

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Waupaca NEWS

Spring concert tickets go on sale

WAUPACA - The Waupaca Community Chorus and Civic Orchestra will return to the stage of the Waupaca High School Performing Arts Center at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7.

The performance celebrates the 61st anniversary of Waupaca's spring concert.

This year's concert is dubbed, "Mostly Mozart," and will bring back a classic in the realm of choral literature, as well as feature a few new selections and soloists.

Under the direction of Dan Wolfgram, the choir is returning to its roots of performing choral masterworks with a full symphony orchestra.

The program will consist of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem, Ave Verum Corpus, and conclude with The Awakening by Joseph

The soprano, alto, tenor, and bass soloists will also be featured in an aria of their choice by Mozart in the second half of the program. The choir is sponsored by the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival.

"It has been 15 years since the passing of our founder Gerald Knoepfel and the Requiem work was last performed in his honor in 2009," Wolfgram said. "The Ave Verum Corpus is a stand-alone classic by Mozart and is very accessible. The Awakening by Joesph Martin was originally programmed to be performed during the choir's Covid hiatus. This rousing and inspirational stand-alone composition is a signature piece which I will look to use as our closer."

Tickets can be purchased at the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, Waupaca Community Choir members and at the door. Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, while students are \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door.

This will mark the first year that patrons will be able to use their credit or debit card to make a purchase at the box office window on the day of the concert. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

Additional information about the choir and the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival can be found at www. fineartsfestval.org.

Condo development under construction

WAUPACA - Barbara Young and partner James Darvin have a new condominium development under construction in Waupaca.

Located on Hart Court, the new development will consist of six free-standing condominium homes, three of which are near completion.

Each home has plenty of green space with a wooded background. The area has a country-like setting but is only a few blocks from grocery stores, pharmacies and restau-

Young's Waupaca residential developments include The Villas, Edgewood and Sunridge condominiums.

Prior to his retirement, Darvine was a contractor representative for more than 20 years at Torborg Lumber - Waupaca.



New condominiums are being built in Waupaca. Submitted Photo

Both of them felt there was a market of buyers that were interested in owning and maintaining their own home while having the benefit of exterior maintenance taken care of by the condo association.

Other bonuses are the lower maintenance fees and the exclusivity of being a part of a small development. Buyers are also involved with decisions regarding decorating selections, both interior and exterior.

Young is involved in the marketing and sale of the homes. Darvin is in charge of design and quality control.

For more information, contact Barb Young at 920-379-7040.

Police up their drone skills

Three drone school grads

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - It sounded like a swarm of angry hornets was about to descend upon city hall.

The buzzing hum was the Waupaca Police Department's new drone and its capabilities were being demonstrated to a group of onlookers in the parking lot.

Police Sgt. Daniel Wasrud briefed the public on how the department is utilizing its new drone during Lunch-and-Learn, a program at the Waupaca Public Library where someone in the community gives an interesting lecture.

Along with Wasrud, Capt. Paul Benzschawel and Officer Paul Jensen recently took an FAA-proctored exam at the Appleton airport to get their Part 107 licenses which is reguired to fly drones.

"It covers a lot of information about airspace, weather, when you can or can't fly. The FAA considered these to be aircraft. Fortunately, in Waupaca County there is no air space we need to worry about. We would never enter the airspace of the Waupaca Airport. This drone or any other drone you can only fly it up to 400 feet," said Wasrud.

The drone is a DJI Matrice 30T and the department received it last September through grant money from the Neuville family.

It has a gimbal-mounted thermal camera and collisionavoidance sensors so it won't crash into buildings although a thin object like a utility line might take it down.

It requires two batteries to fly which last about 30-40



Officer Wasrud demonstrates the Waupaca Police Department's new drone. Three officers are FAAcertifed to fly the machine. James Card Photo

er conditions. The officers then can "hot swap" the batteries, an operation that takes seconds where they pull one battery while the drone is still running and replace it with a fresh one. They have six batteries for the drone and can keep it running indefinitely by swapping out batteries and recharging them as they go.

Wasrud said the drone would be used for search-andrescue operations, for locating a fleeing suspect or for crashscene photography.

He provided examples of how drones have been used in Waupaca County. Two youth ran away from Tomorrow's Children in the middle of winter. The drone was launched and the children were located.

There was another incident where a man with severe dementia wandered off from a nursing home and the drone was ready for that.

Another was a suicidal subject armed with a handgun on the second floor. They sent the drone up to 150 feet to watch the subject through a window as he was walking around the room with a gun. The drone operator could then inform the other officers about what was happening inside.

"Federal and state law prohibits us from using the drone for any kind of surveillance rant," said Wasrud.

He referred to the legal concept of curtilage, meaning the legally protected area that surrounds a home. An officer cannot peek over a person's fence, identify some kind of evidence and then use that information to procure a search warrant. The same applies to using a drone.

Wasrud did say they could use it while executing a search warrant such as launching a drone for overwatch in the case a person slips out the backdoor or something similar.



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Wake quake tsunami at town hall

Public hearing in Farmington

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – People parked on the grass. No chairs were empty and it was standing room only.

The March 18 public hearing was about prohibiting wake boating on Round and Rainbow Lakes. The town board voted to do so on Jan. 15 but they received a letter threatening litigation if they would not consider repealing or amending the resolution.

So the town board hosted another public hearing to hear residents' opinions on the matter. Town Chair Caroline Murphy said this was a hearing and the board would reconvene at a later date to make a decision. Approximately 130 people

showed up. For two hours on a Monday night, citizens addressed the board and aired their grievances and concerns on how wake boats affect the local lakes and the quality of lakeside life.

The first speaker was Fred Silloway, president of the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes District (WCOLD). He gave a sold straightforward statement on



Richard Phillipps of the of the Last Wilderness Alliance spoke at the Farmington public hearing about the effects of wake boats on small lakes.

James Card Photo

the matter.

The evening was then bookended by statements by two attorneys.

Eau Claire attorney Anders Helquist of the law firm Weld Riley, represents pro-wake boating plaintiffs in a suit against WCOLD and individual volunteers that formed an advisory committee to study problems on the lakes.

The other lawyer who spoke at the end of the forum was Richard Phillips, a retired attorney from Presque Isle that formed the Last Wilderness Alliance (LWA), a group that seeks to protect Wisconsin lakes from the detrimental ef-

fects of wake boating. He said he spent a career in the oil and gas industry and was a former attorney for Exxon Mobil and has sued sovereign nations. He addressed the legal aspects of the lawsuit and noted that he is teamed with three other at-

Phillips said if it came to it, he would be putting people on the witness stand and that the LWA will support intervenors in the lawsuit—parties who have interests directly affected by the suit attacking the ordinance – a class which includes all users of the Chain O'Lakes.

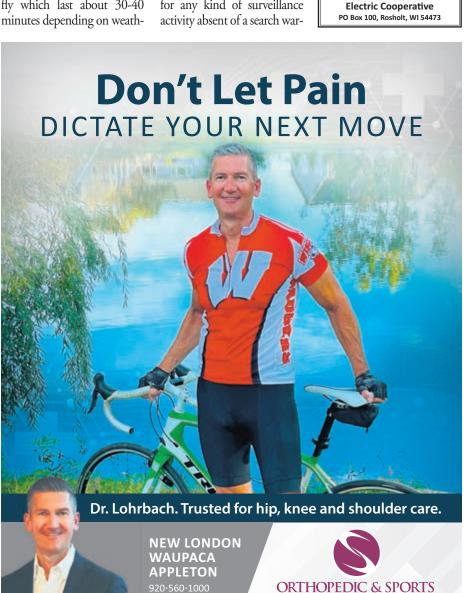
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Velcome to the country! This character filled Waupaca 4BR/1BA home with its original trim and most hardwood flooring is located just south of Waupaca on a 1.79 acro parcel. In 2015, the home was remodeled to include viny siding, windows, roof, low maintenance porches an urnace. The yard has a large fenced in area. There is an extra 24x60 building once used as a dog grooming ousiness which has its own professional building septic. There is a 24 x40 machine shed which needs some TLC, but was used as a garage in the past. Spacicus room sizes! Two fenced in areas-1 for a garden & one is used as a dog run. Sit on the two porches & enjoy your country home! The property is zoned Rural Residential & nas multiple permitted uses with Waupaca Ctv zoning







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Stevens Point NEWS

Superintendent explains referendum

BY ELISE FULMER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER **STEVENS POINT**

Superintendent Cory Hirsbrunner, Stevens Point Area School District, spoke to the Stevens Point Common Council about the school referendum that will be on the April 2 ballot.

At the March 18 council meeting, Hirsbrunner explained that the referendum will ask voters to allow the district to spend \$14 million over its statemandated revenue limits.

If passed, the referendum will ask for \$14 million over the course of two years.

The estimated impact on property taxes will be 13 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value in the first year.

In the second year, the

property tax rate would increase by an additional 13 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value,

On a \$100,000 home, the additional tax impact would be \$44 the first year, then rise an additional \$47 per year, for a total recurring total of \$91 annually thereafter.

Hirsbrunner informed Common Council members that the school district has faced significant financial challenges due to state revenue limits for nearly eight years.

Because of this, the school district does not have the budget to enhance its learning environment.

The district has already reached its current funding limits and has already made applicable cuts.

If the referendum is passed, the Stevens Point Area School District can maintain a high-quality staff, enhance academic programs, and provide behavior and mental health supports, Hirsbrunner said.

The district also hopes to enhance its safety, security and technology infrastructure with the referendum funds.

If the referendum fails, Hirsbrunner warned how it could negatively impact Stevens Point schools. The school district would have to make massive budget

This would result in cutting certain classes and staff members. In addition to less staff, the district could no longer offer competitive pay, which means a higher turnover rate for its teachers, Hirsbrunner said.

McNelly receives state award

STEVENS POINT – Jen McNelly, former Portage County Water Resource Specialist, was recognized with an "Outstanding Conservation Employee Award,"

She received the award at the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association annual conference held in Green Bay on March 7.

Wisconsin Land and Water is the professional association of 370 conservation staff in Wisconsin's 72 counties.

"Jen's nomination by her professional colleagues cited the wide range of skills and diligence that she brought to the citizens of Portage County during her eight years of service there," said Matt Krueger, the organization's executive director.

McNelly's work included mapping groundwater pollution, conducting well sampling programs and educating citizens on drinking water safety. She also contributed to Portage County's Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee and was the lead author of the Portage County Groundwater Management Plan.

McNelly spent countless hours interacting with the public at county fairs and

STEVENS POINT - The Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW) held its annual awards

ceremony on Feb. 29 and rec-

ognized individuals and groups

for the work in recycling and

The Stevens Point Area Re-

(SPARTA) received the Out-

standing Achievement in Waste

Reduction and Recycling Award

SPARTA has been organiz-

ing and conducting community

events to sell reusable books,

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SPARTA estimates that ap-

proximately 6,250 pounds of books are sold and reused at

Over 32 years, it is estimated

that SPARTA has facilitated the reuse of at least 100 tons of

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Shown from left are Patty Benedict, Tracy Arnold, Jen McNelly, and Tim Reed. They were McNelly's colleagues at Portage County Planning and Zoning.

Photo courtesy of Kristin Teston

other venues, testing drinking water for nitrate on the spot and sharing the results in an understandable way. She trained citizen volunteers who collected lake and stream data and judged conservation speaking contests for young people.

Ray Reser, town of New Hope supervisor, wrote in his nomination letter that McNelly "is one of those rare unsung county employees who is beloved by staff and residents, beyond competent in her position, unfaltering in her beliefs and ethics, accurate in her data, dedicated to public outreach and most approachable importantly

Retired teachers earn recycling award

and honest in her dealings with the public."

McNelly's accomplishments include the installation of seven groundwater monitoring wells in the nitrate-plagued Village of Nelsonville, which required consulting with engineers, expending considerable effort to acquire funding, and onsite construction supervision. She also facilitated a program of county financial assistance for homeowners dealing with contaminated wells.

Currently, McNelly is employed with UW-Madison Division of Extension as a Natural Resources Groundwater Educator.

Open house on Business 51

STEVENS POINT -The project team has completed the 30 percent design of the entire Business 51 corridor through the city of Stevens Point.

City staff will offer a public viewing of the 30 percent design during an

open house from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the FACC at Pacelli High School, 1301 Maria Drive.

The 30 percent design will be available for review and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Residents, business own-

ties are welcome to stop in during these times and view the maps and get your questions answered. Additional information regarding the Business 51 planning study can be found at www.stevenspoint.com/Business51.

ers and any interested par-

SPARTA seeks grant applications

STEVENS POINT -Stevens Point Area Retired Teachers' Association (SPARTA) is now accepting applications for its community grant program.

Grants support local nonprofit groups and organizathat directly benefit families.

encouraged to apply.

The grant program is one way the group helps local service organizations.

"As educators we know and truly appreciate the work of all who collectively make our society, our towns and our homes richer and better of supporting those charita-

website www.spartanewsandnotes.com. It must be submitted by May 1.

SPARTA was formed in 1969 and represents retired educators from the Almond-Bancroft, Rosholt, Stevens Point and Tomorrow River school districts.

area children, seniors and places to live. This is our way Programs with limited reble organizations," SPARTA **More Stevens Point** sources supporting educa-President Carol Colby said. news on page 8 The application form is tional activities or cultural and enrichment events are available on the SPARTA Buffet 11:00am - 4:00pm

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From left, Janeen Kwarcianv and Carol Colby of SPARTA accepting the award from Amanda Haffele, AROW board president. Submitted Photo

was commonplace he created a convenient drive-through dropoff recycling program for Milwaukee residents.

While managing a full-time operation, Birmingham accepted an appointment to serve on the Governor's Council on Recycling, where he was elected Chair 2016-2018. In addition, he served on WasteCaps' board, where he leveraged his expertise to increase their national

presence and network. The Outstanding Achievement in Waste Reduction and Recycling Award - Private Entity was awarded to Hilltopper Refuse

and Recycling of Onalaska. This award is given to an individual or group from the public, private, or non-profit sector that has excelled in solid waste or recycling environmental education.

Hilltopper partnered with the La Crosse Fire Department, local businesses andorganizations, and Xcel Energy on a lithium-ion battery campaign to raise awareness of fire dangers and appropriate management options. Hilltopper also partnered with Trempealeau County staff to create a bilingual English/Spanish educational video on recyclable materials.

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Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus

146 Main Street, Milladore Easter Sunday - 7:30 a.m.

Clintonville NEWS

Candidates running for school board

STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE - Four candidates will face off for three seats on the Clintonville School Board in the spring election on April 2.

Board members up for reelection are Ben Huber and Kris Strauman.

Chad Dobbe is not running for another term on the school board.

Klint Barkow and Marie Vandenberg are also running.

The three candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to three-year terms. The Clintonville Tribune-Gazette sent questions to the four candidates to get their views on issues important to the district.

This is the first part in a two-part series.

Why do you want to be a member of the Clintonville School Board?

Barkow: I want to be a member of the school board to be able to contribute to the community and help our teachers and students achieve their best in educational excellence. My mother was a school teacher as well as several of my friends and relatives so I did, and still do, listen to many of the issues our teachers and students have to face.

There are many challenges in today's society with teaching and working with our children. These issues are in constant change. I will bring a positive and fresh outlook to help the board solve the prob-



Barkow

lems we face today and in the

Huber: I believe that the education of our children is one of the most important things that a community can do. I want to continue to be a strong voice for our children's education.

Strauman: I would like to remain a board member as I see this board as an involved group of members who are passionate about our district. Current members are not rubber stamps and are not afraid to speak up. Good, solid decisions have been made for the betterment of our community. We have some tough issues to address and would like to continue working collectively

Vandenberg: I believe issues and concerns need to be addressed so issues can improve. I want to encourage families to bring their concerns to me so we can address them because nothing bad ever comes from an open conversation. I am approachable, a good listener, and easy to talk to. I am a parent, a business owner, and an aunt with kids in the district. I have a vested interest in seeing



Huber

our students and school district improve and thrive.

What are your qualifications to serve on the Clintonville School Board?

Barkow: I have lived in Clintonville my entire life. I was born in 1976 and raised on a farm just outside of Embarrass. My dad was a welder at H&S and raised beef cattle. My mom raised 4 kids; myself, my older brother, and 2 younger sisters. My mother worked extremely hard at raising her children as well as serving as a substitute teacher at area schools. I went to K-8 at St. Martin and 9-12 at the CPSD. I got married a few years after high school and built a house on Laude Road where I still live with my wife, Heather, and my three children. My two sons are graduates of Clintonville High School and my daughter is a sophomore there as well. I started working as a sheet metal worker in 1998 for August Winter & Son's before becoming a project manager there and am now one of the owners. I coached Clintonville Youth League baseball



Strauman

for several years with my boys and now serve as an usher and elder at St. Martin Lutheran Church. I also love to hunt, fish, and travel with my wife.

Huber: Much of my life was a dairy farmer. This shaped my decision-making processes. I understand how budgets work, that difficult decisions must be made, and that a healthy future depends on how well you raise the next generation.

I believe my experience on the board, and my extensive knowledge of the education systems that I have gained through that experience, gives me the ability to take the district in the direction it needs

Strauman: I have 43 years of experience in education. I have been a teacher and a building principal working with students and their parents in PreK-12 grades. From 1997 until 2014, I served the Clintonville community as Elementary Principal. After my retirement in 2014, I continued to serve the district as a substitute teacher until elected to the school board in 2017.

Vandenberg: I am a parent



Vandenberg

of school-age children, a small business owner, and a board member for Onward Clintonville. I have an accounting degree and excel with tight budgets. I can see both the big picture and the small picture on issues, and am a team player in resolving issues for the larger goal.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the Clintonville School District, and how would you try to fix that issue?

Barkow: I truly believe the answer to this question lies in the conversations that I would enjoy having with the staff at CPSD. This is the exact question I will also ask the existing board at the first meeting if I am elected. I know the budget is an issue. I know teacher turnover is an issue. I know curriculum and grading issues are common discussions that I hear, and they are all important and all issues that need to be addressed.

In my opinion, my best avenue at understanding the issues of the status of our school is to get in the school and ask those who are most directly in

Huber: One of the biggest issues facing our district is to continue to promote the positives that our district provides. Our students have many great opportunities. We are large enough to give students a path toward work or tech, through our school to work programs and ties to FVTC, to give our college bound students a great head-start with university credits, to give everyone a long list of extra-curricular activities to be involved in. We are also small enough that everyone can participate in almost anything they wish.

Strauman: Like many rural school districts, Clintonville is faced with declining enrollment. When enrollment declines, so does funding. We will need to address ways to spend less while continuing as many of our experiences and programs for our students and community. It is a complex issue that will need input from many sources.

Vandenberg: I believe the biggest issue is communication and transparency. Residents in the Clintonville School District have the right to know what is happening. I want families to feel comfortable raising their concerns and discussing issues. Topics should not get pushed aside to be dealt with later. I started "coffee with a candidate" and "meet your candidates." I plan to continue those types of events if I am elected, as it is important to have residents know the people who are representing them.

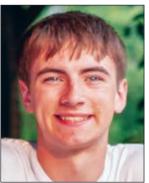
Marion Student of the Month

Parker Miller is the Marion Rotary Student of the Month. A senior at Marion High School, hs is the son of Amanda and Nicholas Miller.

Miller's extracurricular activities have included basketball, football, baseball, National Honor Society, FFA, high school Quiz Bowl and being class president. Among his achievements,

Miller has been captain of the varsity football and basketball teams, First Team All Conference in football and basketball, All Conference Player of the Year, president of the National Honor Society and named to the Highest Honor Roll.

His community activities include being a blood drive volunteer, Jump Rope for Heart, Vacation Bible School, Salvation Army, highway cleanup, Santa's Workshop and Marion Family Night Out.



Miller

Miller plans to enroll in the nursing program at St. Norbert's, take two years of general education, transfer to Bellin's on his junior year to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing, then a master's degree in nursing. His career goal is to be a family nurse practitioner.



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School property rezoning approved

Passed by 6-4 vote

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE - The Clintonville Common Council approved rezoning the two properties where the former Rexford Longfellow Elementary School sits.

By a 6-4 vote, the parcels were rezoned from residential to downtown business district. The approval came at the council's March 12 meeting.

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Ald. Branden Schirpke, Ald. Darrell Hansen, Ald. Brandon Braden and Council President Tammy Strey-Hirt voted against rezoning the properties.

Not only was the rezoning approved, but prior to the rezoning vote, the council unanimously approved suspending the rule to require a second reading of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

With the suspension of the rule, and the rezoning approval, the properties are officially rezoned and the Clintonville School District can move forward with finalizing

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the sale of the properties.

Discussion

Administrator City Muske told the council that the Clintonville School District had solicited bids to sell the properties, and the bid that was selected was from a company that needed the properties rezoned.

Because of that, the school district petitioned to rezone the properties from residential to downtown business district in hopes of finalizing the sale of the properties.

After Muske supplied a recap of the situation. Hansen asked if it would be appropriate to suspend the rule to require a second reading of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

"This has just been kind of hanging and hanging for all parties involved," Hansen said. City Attorney Keith Steckbauer said a motion could be made to suspend the rule to allow for the rezoning issue to be resolved in one meeting.

> Rezoning CONTINUES ON PAGE 20





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New London & Hortonville NEWS

New London museum hosts pottery exhibit | Teachers sought

NEW LONDON- The New London Public Museum opens its new exhibit "Art for Everyone: American Art Pottery 1890-

Discover more about three top American potteries: Rookwood, Fulper and Van Briggle.

The museum exhibits items from area collector Steve Dana.

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This vase is from Fulper Pottery, a New Jersey company started in 1814.

hands at work.

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for Crystal Apple

cialty announced that nominations are now open for its annual Crystal Apple Awards.

Each year, students, parents, administrators and fellow teachers nominate teachers who go above and beyond to touch the lives of students every day.

School Specialty selects 10 finalists from the nominees, and three winners are then selected by public vote.

Nominations will be open until March 24.

Crystal Apple finalists receive a \$100 School Specialty merchandise certificate for themselves and an additional \$100 certificate for their school. This year's winners will each receive a personalized trophy and a \$500 gift ciality for themselves, as well as a \$250 School Specialty gift certificate for their school. The name of a favorite teach-

er should be submitted by March 24 at SchoolSpecialty. com/Crystal-Apple.

Public voting on nominees will be open from April 15-21, and the winners will be announced on April 30.

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New businesses open in New London

BY JOHN FAUCHER

STAFF REPORTER NEW LONDON

opened in New London during the past month. Two of the new business-

es are located in the recently built strip mall at 1186 N. Shawano Street next to Subway and New London Total Fitness.

Drop N' Go, a full service laundry operated by sisters

Olive and Rose Boutique is another new business in downtown New London

Sisters Indigo Daul, left, and Savanah Daul operate Drop N' Go, a full-service laundry on New John Faucher Photos London's north side.

that opened its doors Saturday, March 9, at 309 W. North Water Street.

Owner Pamela Cuevas said, "Olive and Rose is a lifestyle boutique offering women's clothing to fit your unique sense of style and accessories to compliment your everyday look.'

The store also offers home décor sourced from locally owned small businesses.

Laundry by the pound

Indigo Daul said their machines have been busy since opening their doors on Feb. 20.

'We provide laundry services for busy people to help them make their life more manageable," said Daul.

"Customers can expect a commitment to quality and exceptional services when walking into this family owned and operated business," said Savanah Daul.

When a customer brings in their clothes, they set the basket on a scale and it is weighed. Next, they select a preferred detergent, fabric softener and dryer sheets. There are over five to choose

from plus other options. They also provide stain removal services and large item washing at a per piece

Once the order form is filled out, customers leave and let the sisters do the rest.

Customers are notified by their preferred means when their order is complete.

Colorful expressions

Creative Elements CEO Sarah McBeath said one of their goals is to offer a variety of services and products that allow others to experience the unique and ever changing evolution in ceramics, painting, and arts and crafts.

"We will be offering several platforms of art services to explore," said McBeath.

They plan to offer glow in the dark birthday parties, individual splatter sessions and large canvas options among other things.

Staff and customers are not limited to the storefront location at 1186 N. Shawano Street.

"Our staff will constantly be traveling and constantly be adding services within the area," she said.

They are able to provide workshops at churches, nursing homes, schools, hotels and other venues.

McBeath also said they would be hosting art galleries for new and inspired



Community members and Ambassadors from the New London Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony with Sarah McBeath, CEO of Creative Elements Studio on Feb. 8, 2024. The unique ceramic, painting, arts and craft shop is located in suite 2 at the new strip mall on 1186 N. Shawano St.

Three new businesses have

Savanah and Indigo Daul

opened for businesses in suite 6, Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Creative Elements Studio in suite 2 opened its doors on Feb. 8.

Existing businesses that have relocated, or are planning to locate into the new mall include T-Mobile, Security Finance and the Independent Employees Union of Hillshire.

Wega-Fremont NEWS



'Human Google' puts up points

W-F pulls Quiz Bowl trifecta

> **BY JAMES CARD** STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA-The W-F High School Ouiz Bowl team won the Central Wisconsin Conference Quiz Bowl championship for the third year in a row.

The quiz questions range through all academic subjects. One question could be about a music composer, another about physics.

'They are not easy. I don't know how some of these kids answer these questions," said coach Molly Suehs.

Nicknamed by his teammates at the "Human Google," Victor Kiedrowski put up many points to help the Warhawks have a winning season.

This year he scored 1,200 points. Last year was 900 points. He is a force to be reckoned with. He was a sophomore when he started



Four students of the championship-winning W-F Quiz Bowl team, shown from left, are Emily Niemuth, Lauren Wisner, Victor Kiedrowski and Luz Gomez-Chavez. Submitted Photo

playing on the A-team. He's made a reputation for himself. It's really fun to watch because some of these things they come up with is nuts," said Suehs.

There are four-person teams. There is a varsity Ateam of juniors and seniors (and the Human Google) and a B-team composed of sophomores and freshmen.

The total team roster has 18 students and everyone gets to compete throughout the season and when not competing they act as timekeepers and scorekeepers.

This year was an eightgame season and the Warhawks had seven wins and one loss. It culminated in the championship win over Manawa. Manawa hosted the match.

The students use handheld buzzers like on the game show Jeopardy. There are toss-up questions and if that is answered correctly, they get a bonus question which if answered correctly, can help push the team ahead.

The game is moderated by a teacher and there is a judge who is the final arbiter of answers that might be partially correct or need more clarification.

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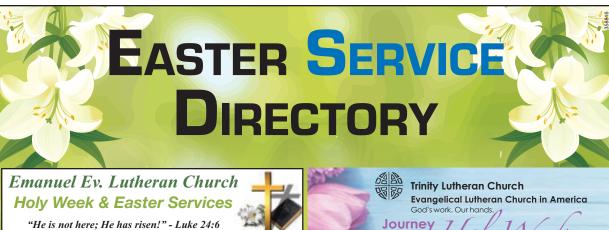
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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS



Koehler



Timm



Hayes

Two seats on village board ballot

Scandinavia has three candidates

BY EMILY CONROY

STAFF REPORTER

SCANDINAVIA – Three candidates are running for two contested seats on the of Scandinavia Village Board

for the April 2 election. Mike Stockwell, the deputy clerk Scandinavia, said that Becky Morgan has decided not to run, and the other seat up for contention is Mike Hayes, who has decided to run again.

Along with Hayes, Dan Koehler and Bonnie Timm have decided to run for one of the spots on the board.

Dan Koehler

Koehler has lived in Scandinavia for the last 11 years, however he often visited family property located just outside of Scandinavia throughout his childhood.

He said his father would bring him and his brother up north to go hunting and fishing.

Koehler decided to move to the area when a job opportunity came up in Mana-

He lived on a farm in southwestern Wisconsin prior to moving to Scandi-

Koehler is a technology education teacher in Manawa and has been teaching welding and woodworking for the past 12 years.

"Our students at Manawa are extremely talented and it is a pleasure to work with such great people," Koehler

Koehler said he decided to run for a seat on the village board because he wants to start giving back to his community.

'Scandinavia is a charming and wonderful place to live and I wish to keep it that way," he said.

Moving forward he said he wants to see the village thrive, hoping all of the new businesses will stay and continue to be successful.

He said he also hopes Scandinavia continues to be a great place to live for all of its residents.

Bonnie Timm

Timm has lived in Scandinavia for the last four years, buying a house in the village in October 2020. S

he said she moved to the area to be closer to her boyfriend, Carlo Lantz, a Scandinavia native.

Timm has two daughters, Sienna, 17, and Aspen, 15.

When Timm and her exhusband were looking for a community to settle down in they chose Waupaca to start their life.

Timm built and owned Silver Mist Garden Center in Waupaca for about 13 years, she said. Then she bought a piece of land on Foxfire Drive and built a

shop she named, Bonnie's Bloomers.

She operated Bonnie's Bloomers for a little over seven years, and while running the new shop she also started a dog breeding business, Bonnie's Little Fluffy's.

She said that the dog breeding business is one of her passions, breeding pomski's, which is a Pomeranian and husky mix.

After a motorcycle accident that changed her life, she made the decision to sell Bonnie's Bloomers and focus on her dog breeding business.

"I simply couldn't do both anymore," she said. "It was time for a change. So now I am a full time dog mom."

Timm said getting licensed and opening her kennel has been a difficult process, and it is one of the reasons she decided to run for a seat on the village board.

She said she wants to be able to help people like her that may struggle with the process of opening their own business.

"I truly want to see the community grow. I hope to have a hand in more business development," Timm said. "We have such an adorable downtown and it has so much potential."

She said she wants to see her community thrive and grow and work to help change the attitude towards small business owners.

"We need to get people



Iola-Scandinavia students Miranda Bruno and Jessica Schmoldt will compete in DECA in California.



Iola-Scandinavia students McKenzie Bonikowske and Bethany Schmoldt will participate in the DECA competition.

I-S students compete in DECA

BY EMILY CONROY STAFF REPORTER

IOLA - The Iola-Scandinavia School District will see four of their students head to the Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Calif., on April 27-30.

The students are Miranda Bruno, Jessica Schmoldt, Bethany Schmoldt and McKenzie Bonikowske.

Scott Tappa, the DECA advisor in the Iola-Scandinavia School District, said this year is special because the four qualifiers are both teams of two.

Bruno and Jessica are on a team, and qualified in an event called integrated marketing campaign-prod-

oped a line of baby products as an extension of the Yeti brand. Bethany and Boni-

Tappa said they devel-

kowske qualified through an event called team hosin place who have vision

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er stifle the growth of our community," Timm said.

pitality services. With this event teams are given business scenarios and they have to prepare responses that are then acted out with a judge, Tappa said.

"The girls have worked hard to get better at each competition in which they have participated and are really impressive competitors," he said. "They are creative, engaging and polished."

Bonikowske is currently a junior and has been participating in DECA since she was in middle school. However, she just started competing last year after Bethany convinced her to step up to the challenge.

"My partner and I are such a great team," Bonikowske said. "Bethany is so smart and dedicated to her work, she knows all the business lingo and how to compose herself before a judge. On the other hand, I bring my creativity to our partnership."

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Smith said the fire depart-

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Schultz said they do offer

Bonikowske said she creates brochures, maps and even hotel designs for the judges while they present business-related solutions to varying role playing scenarios.

"I'm so excited to go and compete with my partner in California and hopefully we can bring home some hardware," Bonikowski said.

DECA is a business and marketing student organization, Tappa said. They host a variety of activities throughout the year.

The main events held are the Trick or Can food drive in the fall, as well as district, state and international competitions, Tappa said.

The Iola-Scandinavia School District has sent students to the national conference in the past, with Jessica qualifying in 2023 and 2022, also in 2022 Jessica made the trip along with James Peck, Cameron Harbridge and Will Tappa.

The Waupaca County Mike Hayes Post has reached out to Hayes currently serves Hayes and he has been unon the Scandinavia Village Board and has filed papers able to respond due to his to retain his seat. work schedule.

fighters.

There are many ways to

sign up for the Manawa

Rural Fire Department, in-

cluding emailing Schultz at

manawaems@wolfnet.net or

Smith at manawafd@wolf-

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book page at Manawa Rural

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Manawa NEWS

Seeking emergency volunteers in Manawa

BY EMILY CONROY

STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA - Finding local, younger volunteers is an ongoing, major challenge for the Manawa Rural Fire and Ambulance Department as it tires to expand.

Josh Smith, Manawa's fire chief, and Ryan Schultz, director of ambulance, both said with people being busier, the schooling and the pay, it is not as easy to find people to join the department.

Smith started in his role as fire chief two years ago. When he started there was a crew of 17 working in fir. Currently, the department is up to 27, with a goal of 30 by the end of the year.

Schultz said he currently has a staff of 35, many of whom come from out of town or even as far as Weston and the Green Bay area.

"It used to be that was the way it was in every town, where you had a lot of local people to fill in the gaps and take a majority of the time," Schultz said. "The interest is really not there."

Randall Bruns, a Manawa resident, has worked in emergency medical services (EMS) and as a paramedic for the past 32 years. He also spent 16 years in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman and volunteered for the K-9



Finding volunteers for the fire and ambulance services in Manawa presents an ongoing challenge. **Emily Conroy Photo**

search and rescue unit for 12

His career spans three decades of helping people in emergency situations.

Bruns said that between decreasing budgets for fire and EMS, as well as a lack of local people signing up to fill in during times of emergency, local departments are struggling to get by.

"We need to somehow bring back the concept of a little sacrifice to help our community and helping our fellow man being a good thing, a positive not a negative," Bruns said. "It may come down to somehow rewarding people to step up, if not a volunteer service, then a compensated service with adequate personnel, which will be more expensive for

the taxpayer." Bruns said there is a golden hour for trauma patients, where the chance of survival decreases if a patient does not make it to a hospital or surgeon in time.

If local fire and EMS services continue to have to stretch their resources, Bruns said he worries people's lives will be put in jeopardy, especially when every minute counts in terms of saving a life.

Helping members of one's community in their times of crisis can come with a lot of pride, especially hometown pride,

Schultz said people will remember who came to help them at their worst moment.

Bruns agrees. "In a critical incident, seeing a familiar face brings a certain level of comfort to those involved and there also tends to be more concern when you are helping someone you know," Bruns said.

Because this is a smaller community you are helping your neighbors, Smith said. Making an impact on people's lives and great team work can get a person hooked for life.

"I think that is one thing that we both take pride in is how well the two services work together," Smith said. "We are one department, we share the same tones."

Schultz agrees.

"The teamwork here is by far the best I have ever seen. You don't even have to yell at someone to get something, they already know what we're thinking, we already know what they're thinking," Schultz said. "It is just amazing how well it all works together."

Part of joining the department includes certifications and schooling.

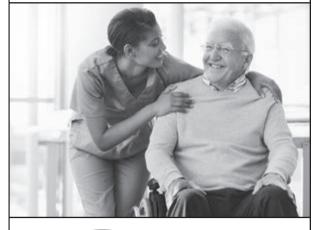
For the fire department, those who apply will need to complete 120 hours of schooling for state certification. Smith said. The classes are generally one day a week with a handful of Saturdays for hands-on training.

The classes for fire begin in September and end in May.

Smith said, there are jobs that can be done that do not need certification.

The ambulance service requires a bit more schooling,

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Electronic, small appliance recycling event

PLOVER – Portage County Solid Waste will host an electronic and small appliance recycling collection from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 13.

The collection will be held at the Portage County Transfer Facility in Plover.

Portage County Solid Waste is offering a discounted rate of \$10 per vehicle with a maximum of 25 items per vehicle.

Funding from electronics manufacturers supports this collection.

To help keep traffic moving people dropping off items should bring exact change or have checks prewritten out to PCSW or Portage County Solid Waste. The county will not accept credit or debit cards.

This event is for residents of Portage County only. Businesses of any size will be turned away.

To reduce traffic congestion and wait times, all participants must pre-register by midnight on April 10.

Pre-register online at



Pre-registration kept wait times and lines short during the December 2023 event. Register online or by calling the Solid Waste Department: www. co.portage.wi.gov/activities or 715-343-6297.

Submitted Photo

around the block to Black Oak Drive to Twin Towers Drive and then west onto Moore Road. Any traffic entering off Apache Drive will be rerouted.

Trash, bulbs, tires or other items normally collected at the Transfer Facility will not be accepted. The facility will be closed for those types of waste that day.

Accepted during event

Cable boxes, cables & cords, cameras & camcord-

ers, cell phones/PDAs and charges, clocks, coffee makers, copiers, printers, scanners & fax machines,

desktop computer towers & peripherals, docking stations, DVD/VHS/Blu-Ray players (no discs), external drives (all types), fans, hair dryers, landline phones, laptop computers & peripherals, monitors (all types), MP3 & iPod players, microwaves,

projectors, radios, satellite dishes & receivers, servers, stereos & speakers, toasters, TVs (all types), UPS & jump starters, vacuum cleaners, video game consoles and controllers.

Not accepted

ballasts, batteries, bulbs/ lamps, capacitors, dehumidifies, dryers, gas cylinders, ink & toner cartridges, holiday lights, liquids, medical & radioactive wastes, medical and lab equipment, refrigerators, smoke detectors, stoves, vape pens, and washing machines



Amherst Marine held their grand opening on March 15-17. Besides selling boats, they also offer all kinds of marine services and also boat storage over the winter.

James Card Photo

Amherst Marine opens

Annual boat show planned

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The weekend of March 15-17 was the grand opening for Amherst Marine. Their new building is located off State Highway 10 near the County Trunk Q intersection.

They opened earlier after Labor Day weekend and spent the next months performing their fall winterizations and getting settled into their new home.

"We knew we wanted to do a grand opening but winter wasn't really the time to do it. This was a good time to do it and I think we will do an openhouse boat show around the same time of year moving forward," said owner Max Verhagen.

Amherst Marine focuses on sales, service and storage. They go general service work and will install electronics, locators, trolling motors, stereos, and lighting accessories. In the winter they will do re-decking work and furniture work. For overwinter boat storage, they take reservations up until Aug. 1. Existing customers get first priority and there is an ongoing waiting list. They store roughly 300 boats per year and in the future they plan to build more storage facilities.

They sell Crestliner fishing boats, Harris pontoons and Mercury outboards and have a service center for boat and motor repairs. Also they stock the accessories: tubes, tow

ropes, water skis and boating fixtures. They added one interesting new watercraft to their line-up: foil boards made by Flite.

These boards look like

These boards look like something out of a science fiction movie. It looks like a small surfboard but underneath is an elongated keel and affixed to that is a stabilizer fin and a propeller. It is driven by a rechargeable electric motor and the rider can control the speed with a handheld trigger remote. There are various models and they cruise up to 30 miles per hour. It's like a surfboard, jet ski and standup paddleboard rolled into

They range from \$7,00 to \$12,000 depending which model. Verhagen said the foil board produces a wake smaller than a small outboard motor.

"One of the big struggles we have out on the Chain is the popularity of wake boats and the damage that has done to shorelines. I am a watersport enthusiast myself. I hate to see the restrictions but I understand where they are coming from. This is a transition to something different. Rather than needing the wake of a boat in order to propel yourself, this is a silent sport you can get into and have the same enjoyment out of that vou can have from behind a wake boat. So the price tag is relatively steep but compare that to the cost of a wake boat." said Verhagen.

In the new showroom hangs a wooden duck-hunting skiff from the 1920s and was restored by local craftsman Bob Buss of Waupaca Boat Works.

UWSP trivia contest starts April 12

STEVENS POINT – The world famous 54-hour trivia contest is set for its 54th year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's student-run radio station 90FM WWSP.

"Trivia 54: Very Superstitious" runs Friday through Monday, April 12-14.

The world's largest trivia contest 2024 theme poses "an exciting twist that is leaving everyone in anticipation," said Dave Coulthurst, 90FM trivia coordinator.

Trivia has been offered from the 90FM WWSP headquarters at UW-Stevens Point's Communication Arts Center since 1970. Teams must register at the station between 3-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 8-11, and from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, April 12. Out-of-town teams will find forms and information at

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activities or by calling 715-

343-6297. Appointments

are offered every half-hour

starting at 8:30 a.m. Partic-

ipants must arrive on time;

no more than 15 minutes

prior or after their regis-

tered time. This will keep

wait times to 30 minutes or

less. To maximize partici-

pation, there are a limited

number of weekday ap-

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On collection day, fol-

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the main event.

www.90fmtrivia.org.
On-site registration is \$40 per team, with proceeds benefiting the general maintenance of the radio station and scholarships for its student staff. Triviathemed merchandise, such as shirts, hats and mugs, will be for sale during registration and on the website.

The Trivia kickoff movie will be screened at 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, and at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Rogers Cinema, 2725

Church St., Stevens Point. Admission is \$3 at the door.

The Trivia parade will start on Maria Drive north of campus at 4 p.m. Friday, April 12, with questions to begin at 6 p.m. The Trivia contest will be played until midnight Sunday, April 14.

The radio station will broadcast eight trivia questions per hour, and teams have the length of two songs to call with the correct answer in order to earn points.

Two running questions will send players into the community to find the answer, and music montage and scavenger-hunt like questions also highlight the weekend. The top teams

win trophies and bragging rights.

Teams from around the world will spend an entire weekend testing their knowledge, observational abilities and the quality of their reflexes with little sleep and plenty of coffee.

With teams ranging from seasoned veterans playing since 1970 to others just forming this year, the trivia contest is "a time for family and friends to get back together and have a great time answering silly questions and creating memories as well as points," said Coulthurst.

WWSP is one of the largest student-run radio stations in the Midwest.

Programs on large-scale solar planned

STEVENS POINT – UW-Madison Extension will host a community conversation on large-scale solar development at two locations in Portage County.

Both events will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and people may attend either evening.

On Wednesday, March 27, the community con-

versation will held at Boston School Forest, Noble Lodge, 5084 Lincoln Ave., Plover.

On Thursday, March 28, the event is planned at the Portage County Annex Building, 1462 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point.

Attendees will learn about and can share their questions and thoughts

about large-scale solar in 17i8hz to register. A \$25 their community. gift card will be mailed to

Kurt Calkins, director of Planning and Zoning in Columbia County, will speak about community benefit agreements and negotiations between developers and the community.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. Visit https://go.wisc.edu/

l7i8hz to register. A \$25 gift card will be mailed to those who register early by March 25 and attend one of the events.

Food, beverages and a staffed children's corner will be provided.

For more information, contact Katie Livernash, 715-346-1319 or katie.livernash@wisc.edu.

Local company becomes 100% employee owned

STEVENS POINT – DigiCOPY announced its transition to a 100% employee-owned company through the sale to the DigiCOPY Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP).

The announcement was made to all employees of the company on March 18. DigiCOPY has Central Wisconsin locations in Stevens Point and Wausau.

With an ESOP ownership structure, the company provides stock ownership at no cost to employees.

As the company's value – its stock – grows, employee accounts grow in value. ESOP plans, like the one at DigiCOPY, are federally gov-

erned under retirement legislation like 401(k)s.

According to the National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO) there are approximately 6,600 ESOPs in the U.S. covering about 14

million employee-owners.

"Being 100% ESOP means our employees can grow their retirement balance based on the work they do every day to help DigiCOPY achieve its goals," said Craig Shuler, DigiCOPY president and CEO. "I believe this is the most unique retirement benefit we can offer, because the employees can directly affect growth in their own retirement savings, and it's a great supplement to the

401(k) plan DigiCOPY also

has in place."

"I see DigiCOPY coworkers benefiting from our

workers benefiting from our ESOP in three main ways," said DigiCOPY Stevens Point Store Manager Nicky Brillowski. "One, we gain retirement benefits, two, we feel a sense of job security, and three, we feel more engaged and committed to our

company's success. It is a true win-win-win."

DigiCOPY was founded in July 2000 by President and CEO Craig Shuler. His vision for DigiCOPY stemmed from his experience in the print industry and his desire to create a company that valued relationships in the workplace, the market-place and the community.

Bridge club at Lincoln Center

STEVENS POINT – Duplicate Bridge Club winners at the Lincoln Center on March 14 were Jim Golz and Larry Niederhofer, Tom Rowe and Art Flashinski, Mary Jacobson and Gene Clark.

On March 15, the winners

were Mary Beth Anday and Polly Garbe, Nancy Quick and Lynne Anderson, Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg, The game starts at 12:15

p.m. Fridays. For more information, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.



Head Start enrollment

STEVENS POINT – CAP Services' Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Stevens Point are now accepting applications for the 2024-25 program year.

Head Start and Early Head Start are prenatal, early childhood and family development programs for eligible families.

programs for eligible families.
The programs provide education, health, nutrition, and social/emotional services for each child and offer support and family development ser-

vices to all family members.
Families must meet eligibility guidelines and are asked to bring income verification to their application appointment. Families whose children have documented disabilities are also encouraged to apply. Parents are encouraged to call for an appointment as soon as

possible.
CAP's Head Start programs in Stevens Point provide services at the Family Development Center, 1640 W. River Drive, and Children's Discovery Center, 3109 John Joanis Drive

Family Development Center

CAP's Head Start program at FDC offers a center-based program option for children ages 3 to 4. Three-year-old classrooms are in session four days per week.

Head Start collaborates with the Stevens Point Area Public School District to provide 4-year-old kindergarten and Head Start to children who are age 4 at FDC. Four-year-old classroom options are in session four days per week.

Early Head Start offers a

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home-based option for pregnant mothers and children

ages 0 to 3.

Applications are currently being accepted for children from the Stevens Point, Plover, Rosholt, Custer, Amherst Junction and Junction City areas

Parents should call 715-343-7152 to schedule Head Start application appointments, and 715-544-4991 Ext. 122 for Early Head Start appointments. For Spanish, call 715-347-3101.

Children's

Discovery Center

CAP's Head Start and Early Head Start programs at CDC offer center-based program options.

CAP's Early Head Start classrooms at CDC are for one- and two-year-olds and operate year around, four days per week. Head Start classrooms are for children ages 3 to 4 and are also in session four days per week.

Applications are currently being accepted for children from the Stevens Point, Plover, Rosholt, Custer, Amherst Junction and Junction City areas. Parents should call 715-544-4991 Ext. 122 to schedule an appointment. For Spenish call 715-347-3101

Spanish, call 715-347-3101. CAP Services is a private, nonprofit community action agency that has been helping people and communities in Marquette, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, and Waushara counties attain economic and emotional self-sufficiency since 1966. For more information, visit capservices.org.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

March Forth!

Dear Reader,

A day recently passed that marks a special occasion as

our youngest granddaughter, Madelyn, celebrated her first birthday. It's a delightful coincidence that her birth date, March 4th, aligns with the only day in the year that doubles as a command. To commemorate this milestone, we gathered together, adorning the space with decorations and filling it with presents and birthday hats. Though ostensibly for Madelyn's enjoyment, it's evident that the adults derived just as much, if not more, pleasure from the festivities.



Watching Madelyn, with

her innocent enthusiasm, unwrap her presents and dive into her cake fills our hearts with joy. Her unworldly presence adds a special sparkle to each day, reminding us of the love that surrounds us.

Today, we celebrate not just a birthday, but the everyday wonders of having Madelyn in our lives.

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

Vote no on constitutional amendments

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that works to empower voters and defend democracy. We work to increase voter participation to ensure that all voices are heard in our community. The need to secure and to increase voter participation led to the decision by the League of Women Voters of the Stevens Point area to support a no vote on the two statewide constitutional amendment referendum questions on the April 2 ballot.

The first question prohibits any level of government in the state from applying for or accepting non-governmental funds or equipment for election administration. We support a no vote on this question. We are concerned about how long people must wait in line to vote, how many polling places are operational in a municipality, and how long it takes to get final voting results. These access and results issues are affected by how much funding is provided for elections.

The second question provides that only election officials designated by law may administer elections. We support a no vote on this question. Elections are a great deal of work with local clerks relying on many experts, volunteers, and community members to help elections run smoothly and make sure the results are accurate. Passage of this amendment would make all of that

You can learn more at the League of Women Voters website: my.lwv.org/wisconsin.

> **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** OF THE STEVENS POINT AREA

High court nixes congressional redistricting

BY WISPOLITICS.COM CAPITAL REPORT

State legislative lines have been redrawn for 2024 and signed into law by Democrat Gov. Tony Evers.

So, shouldn't congressional lines be redrawn too, given that Republicans hold a 6-2 partisan advantage in the House delegation despite Wisconsin's purple state status?

The short answer from the now-liberal Wisconsin Supreme Court? No. That means that Republicans are likely to hold an advantage after the November elections, even if Democrats manage to flip western Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District.

The justices earlier this month rejected a request to redraw Wisconsin's congressional lines ahead of the 2024 elections.

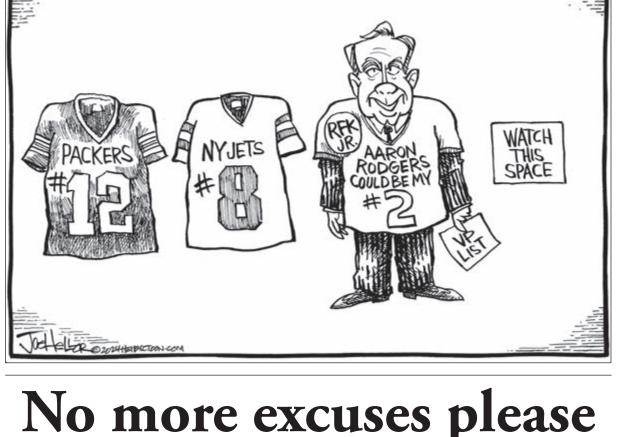
The court didn't offer an explanation for its decision to deny the petition from a group of Democratic voters that had hoped the justices would redraw the lines after tossing out the legislative maps that were used in the 2022 elections.

Conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley took a shot at her liberal colleagues even though she agreed with their vote against taking the case, arguing they had incentivized "litigants to bring politically divisive cases" regardless of their legal merit.

"While the court rightfully denies this motion, it likely won't be long until the new majority flexes its political power again to advance a partisan agenda despite the damage inflicted on the independence and integrity of the court," Bradley wrote in a concurring opinion that was joined by fellow conservative Annette Ziegler.

The Democratic voters had hoped to build off the state Supreme Court's December ruling that the legislative maps Republican lawmakers drew were unconstitutional. As part of that decision, the liberal majority ruled the "least change" approach the court had required in drawing new maps ahead of the 2022 elections wasn't valid. The suit targeting the congressional lines argued that because that standard had been thrown out, there was no justification to keep in place congressional lines based upon

the same principle. But the new petition didn't allege a constitutional violation with the congressional lines that produced a 6-2 GOP majority in the state's House delegation after the 2022 elections. Legal observers suggested that



FROM HERO to ZERO?

No more excuses please

On Feb. 20, the Portage County Board endorsed the findings of a Special Exec-Ops Committee report that District 25 Supervisor David Peterson violated the Portage County Code of Conduct for elected officials in his role as LAW-CON (Land and Water Conservation Committee) chairman.

The violations occurred over a period of two years and included deliberate actions "denying public participation during appropriate comments periods" at committee meetings, and failure to "make decisions recommendations based upon research and facts".

In one instance, Peterson was quoted as saying, "farmers take precedence over science," when he denied efforts by groundwater scientists to present precise information about pollution sources in county groundwater.

In addition, several ethics violations involved Peterson's conduct towards the county's professional groundwater staff. Instances cited included "challenging (County Groundwater Specialist) Jen McNelly with hostile suggestions that she moved the location of a monitoring well in Nelsonville", and verbal harassment of McNally at the Nelsonville monitoring well site. (Full transcript of the report can be found at: https://portagecowi.portal. civicclerk.com/event/4507/

files/attachment/6996) LAWCON is the county committee charged by state statute "to protect and enhance the waters of the state." As such, it is the only channel by which citizens can present scientific evidence and discuss options with County government representatives to improve groundwater pollution problems.

discussions LAWCON

since 2019 have centered on the village of Nelsonville after nearly 70% of private wells tested had unsafe levels of nitrates. An independent hydrogeologist analysis identified agriculture as the prime source of those pollutants. Septic system impacts were found to be negligible by the testing data analysis, but agricultural interests and LAWCON leadership has continued to push that narrative.

In fact, several of the ethics code violations center on LAWCON efforts to squash presentation of scientific data supporting minimal septic impact.

An ongoing two-year Nelsonville monitoring well project is expected to provide more data on pollution sources and help answer those questions. But under the current system of assigning LAWCON membership that prioritizes a bias towards agriculture it is reasonable to ask if those findings will receive a fair hearing.

The ethics code violations by Peterson did not arise spontaneously. They were preceded by years of deliberate actions by that committee's previous leadership to prevent open and honest discussions about groundwater pollution. The reason for that is clear.

In Portage County, LAWCON membership has always been assigned so that supervisors representing agricultural interests form a majority voting block that effectively stifles discussion and prevents progress. That structural injustice has been facilitated by an Exec Ops Committee and county board chair that decides those assignments. That needs to be corrected when new committee appointments are made in April.

Many suggestions have been made to Exec Ops in the last few years for improved committee makeup and all should be on the First and foremost, LAWCON should be ex-

panded to seven members from its current six. The "new" seven should include supervisors that reflect a broader community experience and knowledge base. Given the unhealthy

state of water in our county, it would seem reasonable to also include one person from the county health committee.

New appointments should also recognize the complex nature of groundwater problems and take advantage of community resources. In the past, for example, Exec Ops turned down requests from citizens with a background in groundwater science to serve as advisory members to help understand complex groundwater science. That kind of participation should be encouraged and given the expertise of groundwater research done at UWSP, should be a no

rainer. A member elected from the Citizens Groundwater Advisory Committee could also be an option for a "new" LAWCON. That group has a member from each township in the county and has worked with the county's groundwater staff for years to examine groundwater problems and helped generate the 2017 Portage County Groundwater Report.

Other voices in the agricultural community should also be represented. A state statutory requirement that a LAWCON citizen member be from WI Farm Bureau membership has been rescinded by the legislature. The WI Farm Bureau, well known for its lobbying and legal efforts to block groundwater legislation, has been the source

of numerous inaccurate documents about pollution sources promoted by LAW-CON during Peterson's

That "take no prisoners" committee majority bias should be balanced with a member from agriculture that has a more openminded approach. That is exemplified by work that Farmers for Tomorrow, Mill Creek Watershed and Farmer's Union groups are already doing to solve groundwater problems.

There is no longer any excuse for the poor governance exemplified by the Portage County LAWCON committee. Exec Ops and County Board chair must restore justice to the selection process and groundwater deliberations.

On a side note, Jen Mc-Nelly, Portage County 's groundwater specialist for the previous eight years, was recognized as the state's Outstanding Conservation Employee at the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association annual March conference. She expedited countywide well testing, and the 2017 Portage County Groundwater Report. She was instrumental in installation of seven groundwater monitoring wells in the village of Nelsonville, consulting with engineers, acquiring funding, and providing on-site construction supervision. She also facilitated a program of county financial assistance for homeowners dealing with contaminated wells.

But perhaps what will be most missed is her patience working with supervisors to provide accurate groundwater data and honest interpretation. As the ethics findings show, that was done while often paddling against a strong current.

> JIM MCKNIGHT TOWN OF NEW HOPE

would make it difficult to get the justices to take up

What's more, the challenge to the congressional lines wasn't filed until mid-January, compressing the window for the court to consider the request with nomination papers set to be circulated starting in mid-

By comparison, the challenge to the legislative lines was filed in August.

The suit, filed by the D.C.-based Washington, Elias Law Group, argued the current map "subjects Wisconsin voters to intolerable partisan unfairness"

and asked the justices to take into consideration partisan balance if they ordered

new maps drawn. The brief argued the 2011 congressional map "had a marked partisan skew" that ensured Republicans always won five seats and Democrats three. Republicans won a 5-3 advantage under all five elections in which that map was used.

The congressional map put in place in 2011 stemmed from an agreement struck by the thenmembers of the state's House delegation. It shored up western Wisconsin's 3rd CD for then-U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-La Crosse, while adding more GOP territory to the 7th CD in northern Wisconsin, which had just been won by Republican Sean Duffy. That was accomplished, in part, by taking Stevens Point out of the 7th CD and moving it into the 3rd.

Republicans approved the map along party lines, and then-GOP Gov. Scott Walker signed it into law.

After the court issued its "least change" directive in 2021, parties submitted proposed congressional maps. Conservative Justice Brian Hagedorn then sided with the court's three liberals in selecting a proposal from Democratic Gov. Tony

Republicans sought to have liberal Justice Janet Protasiewicz recuse herself from the case, and she didn't participate in the ruling. But she wrote in a separate decision that's because she wasn't a member of the court when it put the lines in place two years ago, making the motion to recuse

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Obituary Notices

Theine, Lucille



Lucille "Lucy" Theine The brightest light, Lucy Theine, 83, "the Plant Lady" a wise and wisecracking creative soul, giver of the best hugs, and befriender of all, died Thursday, March 7th, 2024 in her Manawa home in the loving care of her family. Lucy was born July 14, 1940 to Leo and Lillian Worzella in Ellis, Wisconsin, the seventh of twelve children. She graduated from Auburndale High School as salutatorian of her class in 1958.

Following school, Lucy moved to Kansas City, MO where she attended airline school and worked in several accounting roles, most extensively with TWA. It was there that Lucy married Charles Hamlin in 1969. Charles served in the United States Air Force, and his assignments took them to Florida, South Carolina and West Germany with their two young daughters. A loving and doting mother, Lucy sewed numerous outfits for her daughters and their many Barbie dolls, made them creative Halloween costumes and baked so many special birthday cakes and school treats that her daughters were convinced that the photo of Betty Crocker on her classic cookbook was their mother. (It may also have been her voluminous hair.)

Following Charles' death in 1981, Lucy and her daughters returned to Wisconsin, where she later met and married fellow birdwatching enthusiast Ken Theine in 1985. In 1992 Lucy realized her dream of opening her own retail business and became the proprietor of Wild Bird Marketplace on College Avenue in Appleton, WI, along with Ken following his retirement. Her store married her passion for birding and gardening, featuring a variety of nature-themed gifts and supplies for attracting and feeding wild birds. The store's success was largely due to Lucy's friendly and outgoing personality and her ability to listen well and to talk to anyone. She never met a stranger, and many of her customers became good friends. She sold the store in 2000 to one of her customers and it continued to thrive.

During the time they were operating their store, Lucy and Ken purchased 57 acres of land out in the country in Manawa, WI where they built their dream home, planted numerous trees and gardens and over the years developed it into a stunning piece of property that visitors from far and wide have called a "little piece of heaven". Lucy's health issues over the years inhibited her ability to travel, but she poured her heart and soul into the land, making it a truly beautiful and enchanting oasis to enjoy throughout the sea-

There is not a greener thumb to be found than Lucy's. She would frequently rescue broken and discarded pieces of plants and nurture them until they were flourishing. Visitors to Lucy's home enjoyed tours of her gardens and more often than not left with cuttings of their favorite plants, which have been transplanted into numerous gardens far and wide. Neighbors passing by the house enjoyed free produce from her driveway "farm stand", stocked with bounty from her abundant vegetable and heirloom pumpkin gardens. Lucy nurtured her plants the way she nurtured people - with passion, great care, immense hope, and always giving extra love and encouragement to the overlooked and underdogs.

One of Lucy's greatest joys was being "Grammy" to her two beloved granddaughters, who loved magical trips to her house which often involved tea parties hosted by the fabulous Mrs. McGillicuddy, golf cart rides around the land to look for deer and to pick and eat whatever fruit was in season, exciting outdoor treasure hunts and frequent snacks of freshly baked cookies, and more cookies, and probably some donuts.

Everyone who met Lucy learned something from her. Some learned about flowers or birds, others how to give new life to weary, worn furniture. Some of us learned that chocolate pudding with mini-marshmallow smiley faces can ease rough days, that hilly country roads make the best roller coasters. All of us learned what grace and fierce grit truly looks like, especially when faced with decades of crappy diagnoses and a body that didn't seem to realize that Lucy had boundless love and joy to give this world. Yet over and over, she defied odds and made every minute matter. She loved to laugh and kept others laughing with her quick wit right up until her last days.

Lucy is survived by her husband, Ken Theine, her children, Catherine (Kyle) Bailey of Clive, IA and Carla (Ryan) Murphy of Middleton, WI; her grandchildren Piper and Rowan Murphy of Middleton, WI, and siblings Shirley Strub, Margie (Bill) Kieffer, Sandy Raab, Jerry (Jean) Worzella, and Cathy (Steve) Peters.

Special thank you to the late Dr. Jeffrey Klingbeil, Dr. David Brooks and Jim, Brian, Juliet and Dawn at the Thedacare at Home Infusion Pharmacy for their excellent

A Celebration of Life mass for Lucy will be held Friday, April 26th at 4pm at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church located at N2845 Shadow Road in Waupaca, WI. A visitation will be held from 3pm until the time of service, and the mass will be immediately followed by dinner in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Lucy's generous history of donating to local community fridges and pantries and refugee support groups, and performing random acts of kindness.

Mallison, Doris

Doris "Dori" Mallison of Waupaca, age 86, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024. She was born in Milwaukee on August 3, 1937 to the late Howard and Helen (Olson) Bergmann. On October 5th she married Donald Mallison, he preceded her in death in 2004. Dori was a member of Farmington Lutheran Church. She enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by her daughters: Phyllis (Chris) Berrig, Vicky Mallison and Lori (Bill) Liebel; grandchildren: Kristen, Tracy, Joshua, Paige, Jesse and David; great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sister: Evelyn Robbert; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by her sisters, Judy and Barb.

The Memorial Service was held on Monday, March 18 at 11 a.m. at Farmington Lutheran Church, N4414 County Road Q, Waupaca. The visitation was on Monday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Nickel, Ellwyn



Ellwyn W. Nickel, age 77, of Waupaca, moved on to his next great journey on Satur-day, March 16, 2024 at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah, WI. He was born October 19, 1946 in Manitowoc, WI; son of Allen and Mildred (Bruss) Nickel. The Nickel family moved from Manitowoc to Waupaca when Ellwyn was a small child. He graduated from Waupaca High School in 1964. Ellwyn had his own

excavating business for many years before working for Faulks Bros., Pagel Construction, and retiring from Mashuda Contractors. He was a proud member of Operators Union Local 139. Ellwyn enjoyed telling a good story, having a couple of cocktails, and watching old westerns from his custom bar stool. He may have been set in his ways to a fault at times, yet Ellwyn and the stories shared will be missed.

Ellwyn is survived by his fiancée Traci Johnson of Wau-paca; his three children Gary (Susan) Nickel of Appleton, Kevin Nickel of Waupaca, and Tiffany (Bryan) Johnson of Waupaca; five grandchildren Dutch, Emmy, & Josie Nickel and Libby & Maxwell Johnson; a brother-in-law Larry Will of Waupaca; two sisters-in-law Kathy Nickel of Waupaca and Susan Nickel of Waupaca; and also by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Allen and Mildred Nickel; two brothers Vincent Nickel and DuWayne Nickel; and two sisters Doreen (Don) Mayer and Priscilla

A Funeral Service for Ellwyn will be on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca. A visitation will be held on Friday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial will take place following the service on Friday at Lind Center Cemetery in Waupaca. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Costello, Nancy



December 29, 1932 - March 6, 2024

Nancy Lee Costello, age 91, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. She was born Nancy Lee Estlund in Suring, Wisconsin to her parents David Estlund and Ermalinda Mischo Estlund. She grew up in the town of New London, Wisconsin where she was a high school cheerleader. There she met Tom Costello, who was captain of the foot-

ball team. They were married soon after high school and started a family immediately thereafter. Nancy found time to work at Zinzow Construction Company and Waupaca Publishing as a receptionist while raising 7 kids. Nancy enjoyed many interests such as playing Scrabble, painting, singing, playing the piano and deer hunting. Nancy became very involved in acting in the Waupaca Community and Sweet Lips theaters. In 1973 she was the ping pong champion of Walworth County!

Nancy loved retirement. She and Tom traveled to the southwest where they lived in various RV ranch communities where they both became involved in their clubhouse entertainment, where Nancy sang and played the keyboard while Tom sang and told jokes.

Nancy was a sweet, warm and loving person. She had a great smile, contagious laugh and a wonderful sense of humor. Also, she made the best baked beans ever!

She is survived by her children; Debbie Costello Horton, Linda (Ray) Meckel, Cathy (Dan) Maurer, Tim (Tracy) Costello, Sandy (Matt) Rice, Michelle (Sean) Gahagan, and Kelly Olson. She is also survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Anne Estlund, Gary (Trudy) Kelly, Diane (Curt) Fuhrmann, Dennis (Diana) Kelly, Kathy Leiby, Mary Lynn (Tom) Krueger, Christine (P.J.) Nolan, Kevin (Kathy) Kelly. Nancy is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Nancy is preceded in death by her husband, Tom Costello, her parents David Estlund and Ermalinda Mischo Estlund, her father in-law Fritz Kelly and mother in-law Anita Kelly, her brothers Rudy Lemke, Doug Estlund and Bruce Estlund, her sister Sallie Feavel, brothers-in law John Costello, Bob Feavel and Jim Leiby, sisters-in-law Lou Estlund and Sue Kelly and grandchildren Jay Bradley Rice and Jared Van Horn.

Since Nancy loved rescue animals, in lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made to an animal shelter or charity of your choice in her memory.

Nancy chose to be cremated and has requested a private "Celebration of Life" party to be enjoyed by family and friends at a later date.

Special thanks to the staff at Park Vista Retirement Living and ThedaCare At Home Hospice for their kindness and compassion.

Handrich, Arthur



Saturday, March 2, 2024. Weyauwega went to be at home with Jesus at the age of 85. He was born in Clintonville on June 7, 1938 to Christa and Hannah (Mittelstaedt) Handrich. He passed away peacefully in his sleep at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton, after a lengthy bat-

At a very young age he picked up can milk for Bald-

tle with lung cancer.

wins Mill Cheese Factory. In his spare time, he helped his two Mittelstaedt uncles farming. He drove their Fergason 30, thrashing the old-style way, when the uncles quit farming, the tractor was given to him. He also did some farming and hauling machinery for Carl Spielgelberg . He also hauled can milk for Willard Wilde.

On March 5, 1961 he and two of his friends decided to go dancing at the Cinderella Ballroom in Appleton. This is where he met the love of his life, dancing partner, Carol Magolski. He had enlisted in the Army in September of 1961 and was called up. After 3 months he came home on leave and married his sweetheart on December 2, 1961.

He decided to drive the big semi tractors over the road, doing long hauls. He drove for Ross Wells, H.F. Dushek, Transtar, Ort and Kohel. During his working years he took many trips with Carol, Hawaii, Caribbean Cruise, 2 European trips, elk hunting in Wyoming, Florida, Nevada, Bahamas and Sault Ste. Marie and into Canada riding the snow train. Art's trucking ended on November 26, 2008, after 51 ½ years of driving. He blacked out and had a bad truck accident.

Art is survived by his sweetheart: Carol, whom he loved dearly for 62 years; son: Gary (Kim) Handrich; granddaughter: Natiya Vargas, 5 lovely great grandchildren: Ricky, Aliya, Lacia, Anna and Nika; brother: Robert Handrich; Gary (Sandy) Hecker, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Christa and Hannah Handrich, brother, Marly and in-laws, Francis and Ethel

A Funeral Service was held on Friday, March 15, 2024 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. Burial was in Baldwins Mill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to help with funeral expenses.

Burke, Patrick



Patrick A. Burke, age 82, Weyauwega,

March 11, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born on July 10, 1941 in Racine, WI, the son of the late Allen and Elizabeth

Following high school, Pat enlisted in the US Navy where he served from 1960-

On October 15, 1966, Pat married Marilynn Gunsten in

Waupaca. She preceded him in death on November 20,

Pat was a familiar face in the area and acquired the nickname "Stoney" while working as the meter reader and service tech for (Wisconsin Electric) WE Energies for over 40

He volunteered his time for over 20 years on the Weyauwega Fire Department and also enjoyed volunteering his time at EAA with the Warbirds for over 20 years. He also enjoyed spending time hunting and fishing, both here in Wisconsin and in Canada.

Pat is survived by his son, Greg (Myra) Burke, Weyauwega; his daughter, Michelle Burke, Appleton; four grandchildren, Cathy (Kevin) Thomson and their children Mason and Addison; Joe (Heather) Janssen, and their children, Kaitlyn and Ethan; Bill (Jenny) Janssen, and their children, Mason, Silas and Paige; and David Janssen; two sisters-in-laws, Estelle (Mike) Ryan and Sandy (Gary) Hecker; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilynn; a brother, George Hansen, a sister, Maxine Florance, his father and mother-in-law, Gordon and Rose Gunsten; a sister-in-law, Delores (Donald) Fredrickson, and a niece, Delyse Nelson. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 am at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 312 W. Main St., Weyauwega. Rev. Aaron Kristopeit will officiate. Burial with full military rites will be in Farmington Lutheran Cemetery in Waupaca. Visitation will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Saturday, from 9:00 am until the time of service.

Pat's family would like to send a special Thank you to the nurses and staff at Park Vista The Legacy for their wonderful care and compassion during his time there and to the ThedaCare Hospice nurses for their kindness and caring during these last few weeks. It is greatly appreciated.



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Legals

Keith Koster Age 72, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, N2845 Shadow Rd. Waupaca. The visitation will be on Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral. Entombment will be in Union Cemetery in

In lieu of Flowers, the family will be accepting donations for bicycle trail enhancements for the Wiouwash trail, such as a bike repair station, bench or general trail maintenance. He maintained a healthy and active lifestyle and that is how we wish to remember him. He especially enjoyed the Wiouwash Trail for about 45 years and other trails throughout the State.

Kropidlowski, Judith "Judy"



Judith Ann "Judy" Kropid lowski, age 81, of Lombard Illinois, passed away peacefully on March 9th, 2024 at Arden Courts Promerica Mem ory Care Community. The family appreciated the care she received at the facility.

Judy was born August 28 1942, in Savanna, IL. She was the daughter of the late Leon and Anna, nee Smola Ost. She earned her undergraduate and master's degree in English from UW Stevens Point, which is also where she met her hus

band, Donald Kropidlowski.

On July 2, 1966, Don and Judy were married at St. James Catholic Church in Amherst, Wisconsin. Together they lived most of their lives in Plover, WI until moving to Fountain Hills, AZ in 2010. They most recently moved to Lombard IL in November 2022.

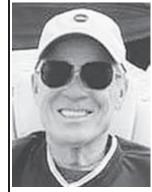
She retired from teaching English, Speech and Drama a East Junior High in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. She also taugh English and Speech at Mid-State Technical College. Judy loved to teach, even went back to "sub" after being retired She and Don traveled extensively visiting six Continents Judy could be found planting flowers in the springtime loved shopping and of course, spending time with family and

Judy is survived by her husband of 57 years, Donald Kropidlowski, her children Michael (Robert Scotz) and Re becca Kropidlowski, her only grandson - her pride and joy Ryan Kropidlowski, and her brother Bill (Pat) Ost.

Memorial Gathering at Knollcrest Funeral Home, 1500 S Meyers Rd, on Wednesday, March 20th, 9 AM until time of prayers at 10 AM, followed by Mass at 10:30 AM at Chris the King Catholic Church, 1501 S. Main St, Lombard. Inurn ment will be held at a later date at St. James Catholic Church Cemetery in Amherst, Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mid-State Technical Col lege Foundation, Inc., 500 32nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, are appreciated. For info: www.knoll crest.net or 630-932-1500.

Gulan, Terrance



Terrance W. "T" Gulan, age 79, Stevens Point, passed away peacefully on Friday March 15, 2024.

T was born November 1 1944, in Ironwood Michigan the son of Wally and Katherine Gulan. He lived in Gile, Wis consin during his childhood and graduated from Hurley High School. Furthering his education at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point earn ing a degree in Political Sci-He married Linda Schindler in 1970 and they had

one son, Scott. She preceded him in death in 2021. T enjoyed golfing and spending time up at "The Cottage" or Pine Lake. He was an avid Wisconsin sports fan never miss ing an opportunity to go to a Brewers, Badgers, or Packers game. He had a lifelong career with Sentry Insurance. In his retirement, he enjoyed traveling the world. Booking trips to six of the seven continents only missing out on Antarctica He loved to hang out with his grandkids Sam and Max and spent many weekends in the ice rink watching them play hockey.

He is survived by his brother Duane Gulan (Joyce), his sis ter Kathy Broten (Dean), his son Scott, and two grandsons Sam and Max.

Thank you to the staff at Dimensions Living and Interim healthcare for their care. A special thank you to Fish Rachelle, Wayne, and Nora for their love and support over

There will be a Celebration of Life for T on Wednesday March 27, 2024, from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at The Stevens Point Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humana Society of Portage County 3200 Iber Lane, Plover WI

Simon, Robert "Rob"



Robert "Rob" Simon, of Custer, WI, passed away peacefully at home on March 13, 2024, at the age of 59.

Rob was born July 29, 1964 at Kindley Air Force Base in St George, Bermuda; son of the late William Simon and Audrey Lehman. With his dad being in the Air Force it meant making many moves to different bases as a child. His favorite base was in Montana. In 1983, he graduated high school from Tri-County High School

in Plainfield, WI. He worked for the Stevens Point YMCA for over thirty years, retiring as the Teen Advisor. The Y was like a second family to him and he loved his time working there. Rob married Theresa (Hoff-

beck) Intribus on May 30, 1998. Rob dedicated his work to mentoring area youth and touched the lives of so many. He had a contagious laugh that could light up any room and he always knew how to put a smile on anyone's face. In fact, he was a true master of Dad (bad) jokes! Furthermore, he was a dedicated Packer fan Above all else, Rob was one of the kindest men you would ever meet; conveying his love and compassion to everyone around him through his actions. His proudest accomplishments in life were his family; his daughters, and eventually his grandchildren. He relished giving his grandchildren golf cart rides around the neighborhood and spending time with them doing their favorite activity - simply playing!

Rob is survived by his wife, Theresa (née Hoffbeck) In tribus-Simon; his daughters, Nikki Intribus and Carlee (Jason) Rendmeister, both of Wisconsin Rapids; and his grandchildren, Alia Faust and Keegan and Harlie Rendmeister. He is further survived by his sisters, Deborah Dawdy of Fox River Grove, IL and Janene Harper of Adams, WI; his brother, James Simon of Arkansas; his step-father, Gerald Lehman of Hartland, WI; his parents-in-law, Harlan and Cecelia Hoffbeck of Custer and others who called him brother uncle and dad.

Rob was preceded in death by his father, William Simon; his mother, Audrey Lehman; and his step-son, Anthony "Tony Intribus.

The family would like to extend a special Thank You to Heartland Hospice, especially Kayla and Dorothy, for their compassion and care. To all those who cared for, prayed for and showed their love for us during this time, there are not enough words to be able to thank you all!

A celebration of life for Rob will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Shuda Funeral Chapel in Stevens Point (3200 Stanley Street). The evening will con-

clude with a few words being shared by Rob's family. Shuda Funeral Chapels is honored to be assisting the family Online condolences may be expressed at shudafuneral.com

7700 Legals

Abandoned Property of Bill Zempel Hillside Mini Storage Property includes various miscellaneous

Sale shall commence at 8:00 am on March 28th, 2024 N1615 US Highway 10S Weyauwega WI 54983 WNAXLP

NOTICE to the

Residents of the Town of Matteson The Town of Matteson will be holding its Public Test of the Electronic Voting equipment on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Matteson Town Hall for the upcoming April 2, 2024 Election. Posted March 15, 2024. Mike Mehlberg, Deputy Clerk Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 26, 2024Special Meeting
Pursuant to the regulations, a special
Board meeting was held on the above
date in the Waupaca High School Community Room.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dale Feldt at 5:50p.m.

resent in the WHS Community Room: Dale Feldt, Steve Klismet, Molly McDonald, Betty Manion, Ron Brooks, Bob Adams, and Nic Genske. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Steve Klismetto approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Review of Board Meeting Norms:** The Board reviewed their collective

Adjournment into Closed Session:

A motion was made by Steve Klismetand seconded by Bob Adams to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(f), Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically, to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 5:54

p.m. The Board did not reconvene in open

Adjournment: A motion was made by Steve Klismetand seconded by Nic Gensketo adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice Date

Board of Education
Molly McDonald, Clerk Board of Education Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY MidFirst Bank

Dale Feldt, President

Jason J. Baseman and Jane Doe

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 23-CV-000194 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 12, 2024 in the amount of \$172,679.27 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as ollows:

TIME: April 23, 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, pavable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and

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

County of Waupaca

DESCRIPTION: Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 6234 recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Waupaca County, Wisconsin on May 21, 2004 in Volume 22 of Certified Survey Maps on page 65, as Document No 691984, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 23 North, Range 14 East Town of Lebanon, Waupaca County

PROPERTY ADDRESS: N6485 Buelow Rd New London, WI 54961-8508 DATED: February 13, 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 personally liable for the debt. Publish March 21, 28 & April 4, 2024

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. 3. 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 any amendments and/or corrections thereto. Said land being in the City of Waupaca, County of Waupaca, Wisconsin. Subject to all easements, 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

Tax Key No: 3425759
Property Address: 963 Charles Wright
Drive, Waupaca, WI 54981

Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC

County and State.

Attorney for Plaintiff 342 N. Water Street, Suite 613 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 937-5992

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), we are required to state that we may be 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

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE A
WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0065153-03-0 Permittee: Egan Bros Partnership, N5736 CTH T, New London, WI, 54961

Bros Partnership, 5736 County Hwy T New London Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the North Branch and Mainstem Embarrass River

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Egar

Brief Facility Description : Egan Bros Partnership is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Egan Bros Partnership is owned and operated by John and Mark Egan. It currently has 1.718 animal units (970 milking & dry cows, 420 heifers, and 140 calves). Egan Bros Partnership has a total of 2,164.2 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 905.5 acres are owned and 1,258.7 acres are

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued. Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Bethani Chambers, DNR

625 E Cty Rd Y Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI, 54901, (920) 573-8033, Bethani.Chambers@wisconsin.gov Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA the permit will be re-issued as proposed The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days o the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the

reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the Information on file for this permit action including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 573-8033 or by writing to the Department, Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ wastewater/PublicNotices.html Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request. PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Clintonville Tribune Gazette, 17 9th Street, Clintonville, WI, 54929
Date Notice Issued: Thursday, March 21, 2024

TOWN OF BEAR CREEK Electronic Voting Equipment Testing

Notice is hereby given that a public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used at the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 will be held at Bear Creek Town Hall E9107 Silver Creek Road at 1:30pm on Thursday, March

Location and Hours of Polling Place
A Spring Election will be held on
Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 in the Town of
Bear Creek. The following polling place
location will be used:

Bear Creek Town Hall Bear Creek Town Hall E9107 Silver Creek Road Polling place will be open at 7am and will close at 8pm. Polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters. If you have any questions concerning your polling place, please contact municipal clerk contact municipal clerk.

Theresa Huss, Clerk 715-701-4992 Published March 21, 2024

TOWN OF HELVETIA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING FOR THE ICE VOTING EQUIPMENT, FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2024. WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HELVETIA TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2024. AT 10:30 AM.

Published: Waupaca County Post www.townofhelvetia.com WNAXLP Published March 21, 2024

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE STREET MAINTENANCE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN OWNER – The Village of Hortonville acting through its Village Board, hereby

gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the Hortonville Administration Building for the following

described project.

PROJECT – This street maintenance project 2024 Hortonville Street

Maintenance will include traffic control, preparatory work and crack filling using Crafco 201/241 or equivalent (see Project Specifications).

1) Lake Street from County Highway JJ to 50 feet south of the intersection with

Pine Grove Lane Nash Street from the intersection of Nash and Olk Street Northeast 500 feet
3) Douglas Street form the intersection

of Douglas and County Highway JJ, North 500 feet South Mill Street from the intersection of South Mill and County Highway JJ, South to Intersection with Bath Street.

5) Bath Street
6) Lincoln Street from the intersection of Bath Street to Intersection with County Highway TT
Bid Package can be found on Village of
Hortonville Website: https://www.hortonvillewi.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/03/2024-Hortonville-Crackfilling-Advertisements-

for-Bids.pdf Bids will be received on the following contract: 2024 Hortonville Street
Maintenance
PRE-BID QUESTIONS — Contact Aaron

Steber, Village of Hortonville Director of Public Works at dpw@vohortonille.com TIME – Sealed bids will be received until Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

1:00 PM local time on April 3, 2024, in 531 North Nash Street, Hortonville, WI 54944. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 1:10 PM April 3, 2024.

BIDS – All bids shall be addressed to
Aaron Steber, Village of Hortonville
Director of Public Works, Hortonville Administration Office, 531 North Nash Street, Hortonville, WI 54944. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the project ID (2024 Hortonville Street Maintenance) for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope **BID REJECTION** - The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by the authority of the Village of Hortonville acting through its Village VILLAGE of HORTONVILLE Outagamie

County, Wisconsin. RUN - March 21, 2024 & March 28,

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CITY OF STEVENS POINT VOTING EQUIPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the City of Stevens Point for the April 2, 2024 Spring Election will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, in Portage County Conference Room D, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Done in the City of Stevens Point on March 21, 2024.

Kari Yenter

Election Notices 7715

City of Weyauwega Public Test Date For April 2, 2024 Spring Election Notice is hereby given that the City of Weyauwega, Waupaca County, WI, will conduct a public test of electronic voting equipment to be used at the April 2 2024 Spring Election on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the Weyauwega Municipal Building, 109 E. Main Street. It is open to the general

public. Rebecca Loehrke City Clerk Publish March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

Notice of Public Test The Public Test of the Electronic Voting

Equipment will be conducted on March 26, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Little
Wolf Town Hall, for the April 2, 2024 Spring Election. Test is open to the Public, and Handicap accessible. All interested parties are Encouraged to attend. Jackie Beyer, Clerk Town of Little Wolf Publish March 21, 2024

> NOTICE OF VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE, AND TOWN OF HORTONIA PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING

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EQUIPMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Village of Hortonville, and Town of Hortonia will conduct the required public test of the DS200 and ExpressVote equipment to be used at the April 2, 2024 Spring Election. This test will be conducted at the places and times indicated below. This test is open to the public Village of Hortonville Tuesday, March 26, 2024 9:00 A.M. Community Center 531 N. Nash St. Hortonville

Jane Booth Village Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Hortonia
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:30 A.M. Hortonville/Hortonia Fire Hall 700 W. Nye St. Lvn Marie Neuenfeldt

Town of Hortonia Clerk Publish: March 21, 2024 WNAXLP PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MANAWA
VOTING MACHINE TEST Notice is hereby given that the public test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the Spring Election to be held on April 2, 2024 in the City of Manawa will be conducted in Bridge Street, Manawa, Wisconsin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. The test is open to the general public

Logan Hass, City Clerk Published March 21, 2024

TOWN OF DAYTON ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT PUBLIC TEST

April 2, 2024 Spring Election Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machine to be used by the Town of Dayton at the April 2, 2024 Spring Election, will be conducted at the Dayton Town Hall, N2285 Highway 22 on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 10 am. The public test is one of many steps taken to validate the integrity of our elections. This Test is open to the general public. Wanda L. Hiltgen Town Clerk

Town of Dayton Publish March 21, 2024

TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE PUBLIC TEST-ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE In accordance with State Statutes, the

Town of St Lawrence will conduct a public test of the Electronic Voting Machine, on Monday March 25 achine, on **Monday, March 25, 2023** at 1:00 p.m., in preparation for the 2024 Spring Election, to be held on Tuesday April 2, 2024. The test will be held at the Town Annex. All persons are invited to attend. Jackie Bever, Clerk

Town of St Lawrence
Publish March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

TOWN OF WAUPACA ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machine to be used by the Town of Waupaca at the April 2, 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary, will be conducted at the Waupaca Town Hall N3514 Cty Rd E at 9:30 am on Friday, March 29, 2024. This test is open to the general public. Mary Colden

Town Clerk Published March 21, 2024 VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

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 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 MyVote.wi.gov.

Making application to receive an

Election Notices 7715 absentee ballot by mail
The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot

by mail is: March 29th, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m 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

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

Village of Iola Ph: (715) 445-2913 • 180 S. Main St., Iola, WI 54945 The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is / was:

<u>Dates & Hours:</u> (no appointments needed) needed)
Monday – Friday Beginning March 19th,
2024, thru March 29th, 2024; Hours:
8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Appointments needed: for: Weekends Daily Non-Business Hours the dates of March 19th thru March 29th 2024 Please call the clerk's office at (715) 445-2913 to schedule a time.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: March 29th, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. without an appointment 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 2nd, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. Publish March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

NOTICE The Town Board of Wolf River will meet at the Wolf River Town Hall Monday, March 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the annual Road Check Respectfully submitted. Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk Publish March 21, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 17, ZONING CODE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

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

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

WNAXLP **PUBLIC NOTICE** CITY OF WAUPACA
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 17, ZONING CODE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

PUBLISH: March 14 and 21, 2024

City Clerk

Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code, Zoning Ordinance, to amend 17.305 Zero Lot Line or Common Wall Single-Family Attached Development. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to

be heard.

A copy of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Community &

Economic Development Department.
/s/ Barbara J. Nowak PUBLISH: March 14 and 21, 2024

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code. Zoning Ordinance, to amend

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

be heard. A copy of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Community &

Economic Development Department.

/s/ Barbara J. Nowak City Clerk
PUBLISH: March 14 and 21, 2024

Publish March 14 & 21, 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Planning Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on April 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM at 933 Michigan Avenue (Community Room – Room 122), Stevens Point, Wisconsin and via Zoom Teleconferencing to hear

the following:

1. Public Hearing and action on a request from Courtney Klang, representing 209 Division Street LLC, for a conditional use permit to operate a non-owner-occupied tourist rooming house on the property located at 209 Division Street (Parcel ID 2840829400203), consistent with Ch. 23.02(2)(a)(3)(o). Said property is zoned "PD" Planned Development District and is described as LOT 1 CSM# 10561- 47-141 BNG PRT NESE S29 T24 R8 1.12A

877462, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin.
2. Public Hearing and action on a request from the City of Stevens Point for a preliminary subdivision plat review of a planned subdivision on the property located at 5498 Golla Road (Parcel ID 281240826400500), consistent with Ch 20.05(1). Said property is described as LOT 2 CSM#4939-17-194 & OL 1 CSM#011720 DOC-893921 BNG PRT NESE & NWSE S26 T24 R8 SUBJ ESMT-262600

896178;894154, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin. To participate via telephone 1) Dial on your phone: (312) 626-6799 2) When prompted dial the Meeting ID: 868 2851 6657

3) Passcode: 566364 4) Press # again to be a participant in

the meeting.

5) Hold until the meeting starts To participate via online zoom platform Click "Join a Meeting" in the upper

right-hand corner. 3) Enter Meeting ID: 868 2851 6657 4) Passcode: 566364 5) If you haven't downloaded the Zoom

program, do so now. Maps further defining the above area(s) may be obtained from the City of Stevens Point Department of Community Development at 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, or by calling (715) 346-1567 during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to

attend, but are strongly encouraged to submit their comments to the Director of Community Development, rkernosky@stevenspoint.com prior to the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMON

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN Kari Yenter, City Clerk WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Historic Design

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720 Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on April 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM at 933 Michigan Avenue (Community Room - Room 122). Stevens Point, Wisconsin and via Zoom Teleconferencing to hear the following: 1. Public Hearing and action on a from Michael representing R A Cook & J I Altenburg Cooperative, to designate the property located at 2041 Madison Street (Parcel ID 281240832403709) as a local historic

site, consistent with Ch. 22.06(1). Said property is zoned "M-2" Heavy Industri and is described as LOT 1 CSM #10565- 47-145 BNG LOTS 1,2,3,10,11 12,13,14 BLK 6 HELM'S ADD S32 T24 R8 1.30A 856110, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin. To participate via telephone

1) Dial on your phone: (312) 626-6799 2) When prompted dial the Meeting ID: 899 8751 4574

3) Passcode: 602778 4) Press # again to be a participant in

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the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS
POINT, WISCONSIN Kari Yenter, City Clerk WNAXLP

Publish March 21 & 28, 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Historic Preservation / Design Review Preservation / Design Review Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on April 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM at 933 Michigan Avenue (Community Room - Room 122), Stevens Point, Wisconsin and via Zoom Teleconferencing to hear the following:

1. Public Hearing and action on a request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 22, Historic Preservation and Design Review Ordinance, of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said amendment amends Section 22.05(7) as it relates to demolition by neglect. To participate via telephone

1) Dial on your phone: (312) 626-6799 2) When prompted dial the Meeting ID: 899 8751 4574 3) Passcode: 602778
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Stevens Point Department of Community Development at 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, or by calling (715) 346-1567 during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend, but are strongly encouraged to

parking location.

Project:

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submit their comments Director of Community rkernosky@stevenspoint.com prior to the meeting BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN Kari Yenter, City Clerk WNAXLP

School District of Weyauwega-Fremont
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING Monday, March 25, 2024

@ 6:00 p.m.
WEYAUWEGA-FREMONT
HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY FORUM ROOM AGENDA Posted: 3-18-24 @ 3:00 p.m.

Call the meeting to order Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call and establish quorum Report of meeting notification Communication and Visitors

Visitors b. Administration District Administrator

Middle/High School Principal Weyauwega/Fremont Elementary

Principal

 Director of Pupil Services Business Manager Others

c. Board of Education d. Recognition and Special GuestsUSDA Grant – Erving Distance Learning

e. Student School Board Representative – Lauren Wisner 6. Consideration and approval of vouchers

a. February monthly vendor payments b. February monthly cash receipts
7. Old Business
a. Charter School Update

8. Consent Agenda Committee of the Whole Meeting - 3-

b. Regular Board of Education Meeting

c. Resignations – Special Education Teacher, Child Care Assistant, Elementary Teacher d. Hires – Speech & Language

9. New Business
a. Start College Now Applications
b. Out of State Field Trip

Student Boundary Request Neola Board Policy Updates Calendar & Future Agenda Items

11. Adjourn Meeting Monthly Regular Board of Education Meeting agenda will be posted on the district website at www.wegafremont. k12.wi.us, the Weyauwega Public Library, Waupaca County Post, Weyauwega City Hall, Fremont Village Hall, Neuschafer Community Library, and at all W-F District locations

MISSION STATEMENT - We will work in partnership with our community by engaging them in a collaborative manner and supporting student and stakeholder success. We will do that by listening, communicating, being respectful and honest, learning engaging, imaginative, being uniform and open-minded, and following policy. When we are together, we will be dedicated, respectful, patient, flexible, informed, committed, proactive, show understanding and have persevera Publish March 25, 2024 WN

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 r

> Town of Wolf River Board Meeting Monday, March 25, 2024

Notice is given of a Public Test of

Electronic Voting Equipment

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A public test of the City of New London Electronic Voting Equipment

will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the

Municipal Building, 215 N. Shawano Street, New London, WI on

Tuesday, March 26, 2024. This testing will be for the April 2, 2024

Persons with disabilities wishing to attend this test should contact the

Clerk's office at 920-982-8500 ext. 101 for directions and accessible

Nicole Ryerson

City Clerk

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7:00 p.m. Wolf River Town Hall 8800 County Road II, Fremon Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ENCOURAGED Notices are mailed or e-mailed by the clerk for posting at the following locations: Union Star. Hahn-a-Lula Resort and are posted at the Wolf River Town Hall, and Fremont Post Office.

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> WAUPACA CHAIN O'LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT PO Box 71, King, WI 54946 BOARD MEETING AGENDA 3/25/24 9:00A.M

644 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 2, Waupaca Call to Order

2. Roll Call Open Meeting Statement Approval of agenda

5. Review and approval of 2/29/24

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

9. AECOM Report- Angel Gebeau a. Work in progress and projects

completed b. Lift station replacements . CMAR

 Woolsey Report – Bill Woolsey
 Work in progress and projects completed b. Lift stations repair work

Date for next board meeting Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

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BOARD OF EDUCATION CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION February 28, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on February 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben

Members Present: Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Laurie Vollrath, Chad Dobbe, and Kris Strauman, and Glen Drew Lundt. Members Excused: Jason Moder

Administration Present: Troy Britney Dobratz, and Charles Seils Also Present: Bob Burns, student, and parent of student. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This February 28, 2024, special 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, ce and agenda of this meeting. APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the agenda. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

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) (a)(f) - Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body and considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific

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persons which, if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations for the purpose of conducting a hearing on a student disciplinary matter. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:02 p.m

Student Hearing: A hearing was conducted on a student disciplinary Present: Board of Education members (Jason Moder excused), Superintendent Troy Kuhn, MS Principal Britney Dobratz, Charles Seils, Interim MS/HS Associate Principal, Attorney Bob Burns,

student, and parent of student.
Following a discussion of the charges against the student and evidence presented at the hearing, it was moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to accept that sufficient evidence exists to support the charges and to accept the administration's recommendations that such charges demand the student's expulsion, and proceed with the expulsion, and proceed with the expulsion of the student through their 21st birthday. The student shall not be allowed on school premises nor in attendance at any school functions. Further ordered that the student shall be eligible to return no sooner than the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year, provided that the student complies with recommended reinstatement requirements. Roll call vote was taken with Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe, Laurie Vollrath, Kris Strauman, Glen Drew Lundt, and Ben Huber voting ave. Motion to expel the student carried The hearing concluded at approximately

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Chad Dobbe, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the djourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mark Zachow, Clerk
Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

BOARD OF EDUCATION CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION February 26, 2024 A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on

January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber. Members Present: Ben Huber, Glen Drew Lundt, Mark Zachow, Laurie

Vollrath, Chad Dobbe, Jason Moder Administration Present: Troy Kuh Brittany Schmidt, and Stephen Reinke Press represented: Bert Lehman of Tribune Gazette

Also present: Denise Guex, Michael Engel, Bryan Birling, Patrick Danforth, Chuck Seils, Ken Yaeger, Jessica Yaeger, Jason Zobel, Kathy Scherschel,

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This February 26, 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 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, moving item IX D 3 Supervisory/Director

Renewals into closed session. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath,

seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024. Ayes and nays February 12, 2024. Ayes and r called, all voting aye. Motion carried. COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Bryan Birling addressed the Board of Education with concerns about the

Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Patrick Varisty Gills Baskelbail Codell. Patrick
Danforth addressed the Board of
Education to express his support for the
Girls Varsity Basketbail Coach.
FINANCIAL REPORT AND
PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded Kris Strauman to pay BILLS as listed and that general fund, special projects fund, debt service fund and food service #49112-49316, check Series (B) payrol 10803. and ACH #10802-#900212201-900212802 and WIRE Series #202300170-202300197, any voids, in the amount of \$1,846,353.27 BE DRAWN ON THE TREASURY for their separate amounts.
AND that GENERAL RECEIPTS for a total of \$1,990,033.17 in revenues BE DEPOSITED; AND that DEBT SERVICE RECEIPT(s) in the amount of \$1,737,254.23 BE DEPOSITED; AND that CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT RECEIPT(s) in the amount of \$.45 BE DEPOSITED AND that REFERENDUM RECEIPT(s) in the amount of \$9,478.51 BE DEPOSITED. Ayes and nays called,

all voting aye. Motion carried.

Funds and Cash Balance Report:

Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve the summary of fund balances and cash balances through February 26, 2024 from the General Fund, Student Organization Fund, Special Education Fund, Debt Service Fund Capital Improvement Fund, Referendum Fund, Food Service Fund, Community Service Fund, and Outstanding Checks. Ayes and nays called, all voting ave. Motion carried. ADMINISTRATIVÉ REPORTS urriculum Director's Report: Brittany

Curriculum present curriculum updates, including the mid-year AGR report for the Elementary School, and a GRIP process

Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board of Education. Support Staff Retirement

a. Rose Britzke – ES Paraprofessional I, effective at the end of the 2023-2024

Support Staff Resignations - Child Care a. Brianna Ewing – Food Service/Custodian, effective February

19, 2024 Chelsea Barnick - Lead Teacher. effective February 12, 2024
Support Staff Hires
a. Alex Hoier – Custodian II (ES, Rec

Center, Child Care Ctr), effective Michael Dey - Custodian II - ES,

effective date to be determined. Extra-Curricular Hire
a. Nick Raasch – Varsity Head Football
Coach, effective for the 2024-2025

school year. CHS Instrumental Music Progra <u>Donation:</u> The administration informed the Board of Education regarding donation in former Band Teacher Robert Veleke's name to the CHS Instrumental Music program in the amount of \$25 to be used at the discretion of the CHS band director for the purchase of

instruments. Personnel: (The Board may choose to go into Executive Session per section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statues to discuss a personnel issue, and then return to open session to take action
Teacher Retirement: Moved by Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve the resignation of Kathy Scherschel, for the purpose of retirement, from her High School Math Teacher position, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Chad Dobbe to approve the resignation of Danalore Chaney from her HS Social Studies Teacher position, National Society Advisor, and Social Studies Dept. Chair position, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion

Consideration of Extension/Duration of Administrative Contracts: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to approve the extension/duration

of the administrative contracts set to expire June 30, 2024:

a. Britney Dobratz b. Madalyn Simonis c. Megan Murphy Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Other: of Replacement

Transportation Vehicle: The administra-tion and Board of Education discussed the possibility of purchasing a new vehicle to transport students and staff to and from events Middle and High School Fee Waivers: The administration updated the Board of Education regarding the status of Middle

Rexford/Longfellow Grounds Property <u>Update:</u> Board administration and the Education discussed Building Rexford/Longfellow Grounds Property.

First Reading for Adoption of 33.1 Technical Corrections: Moved by Kris

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7725 Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve a first reading to adopt 33.1 Technical Corrections. (The District Administrator is authorized to review and make technical corrections to policies that have already been adopted through normal rulemaking procedures. are corrections language or construction that do not reflect policy decision or substantive consideration by the Board, such as correction of correction of a typographical or grammatical error inclusion or correction of a statutory citation, renumbering of sections, combining of policies, or similar actions). Ayes and nays called,

all voting aye. Motion carried.

First Reading of New/Revised Policies:
Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to approve a first reading of revisions to the following

A. Policy #0100 – Definitions
B. Policy #0122 – Board Powers

Policy #0144 3 - Conflict of Interest Policy #0171.3 - Clerk E. Policy #2250 – Innovative Programs
F. Policy #2413 – Health Education

F. Policy #2413 - Fleatin Laudatoni G. Policy #2460.03 - Independent and Evaluation (IEE) H. Policy #3431 - Employee Leaves I. Policy #4431 - Employee Leaves Independent

Policy #5517 – Student Anti-rassment Policy #5530 - Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants, Drugs, or

Paraphernalia Policy #5610 - Suspension and M. Policy #6320 – Purchasing

N. Policy #6325 - Procurement Federal Grants/Funds O. Policy #6610 – Non-Dist Supported Student Activity Accounts

#6611 District-Supported/Sponsored Student Activity Q. Policy #7440 – Facility Security

R. Policy #7540 – Technology S. Policy #7544 – Use of Social Media T. Policy #8120 – Volunteers U. Policy #8310 - Public Records V Policy #8330 - Student Records

M. Policy #8407 – School Resource Officer Program K. Policy #8431 – Preparedness for Toxic Hazards Policy #8700 – Nursing Mothers Policy #9130 – Public Requests,

Suggestions, or Complaints Policy #9140 - Citizens' Advisory Ayes and nays called, all voting aye.

Motion carried First Reading of New Administrative Guideline: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve a first reading of new administrative guideline 55.1, with recommended revisions – Bullying and Harassment. Ayes and nays called, with all voting

e. Motion carried. ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION
Auditorium RFP – Upgrades to Sound and Light Systems Dellwood Kitchen Upgrades

ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 28 Board of Edu ation Special 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

6:00 p.m. @GTG ... March 13 ACT Day 15 Wisconsin Performance 7:00 Auditorium 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-April 1 NO SCHOOL - Spring

Break April 2 School Board Election April 8 Board of Education Meeting 6:00

p.m. @CHS IMC
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to adjourn to closed session for the consideration of matters over which the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c)-Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has iurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purposes of reviewing individual employment contracts/language, salary/ wages, benefits, and performance; for wages, benefits, and performance, to discuss the superintendent evaluation process Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber Mark Zachow, Chad Dobbe,

carried, and meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:10 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Moved Drew Lundt 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 8:41 p.m.

and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motior

Supervisory/DirectorContractRenewals: I by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CITY OF STEVENS POINT STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS-NORTHSIDE

CONTRACT 24-01 City of Stevens Point (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following

2024 Street Improvements-Northside

Contract 24-01 Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11 A.M., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded and read aloud. A Microsoft Teams meeting will be set and shared with plan holders through the plan holder's registered email prior to the Bid

The work includes approximately 15,225 linear feet (LF) of concrete curb and gutter,

18,100 tons (T) of dense graded base, 6,870 T of asphaltic concrete pavement, 5,405 LF of sanitary sewer, 7,080 LF of storm sewer, 7,215 LF of water main, common excavation, restoration, appurtenances, and miscellaneous items. Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at http://www.stevenspoint. com/dpw or http://www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital Bidding Documents for \$22 by inputting QuestCDN ebidDoc Number 8966433 on the website's project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632

and working with this digital Project information. There is a fee of \$42 for submitting a Bid online through QuestCDN. For this Project, Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download

or info@guestcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading,

the Project Documents and click the Online Bidding button. The Issuing Office is the City of Stevens Point, 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com. Bidders who submit a Bid must be a 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 security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 5% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

The City of Stevens Point 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 <u>85</u> days after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. The Strand Associates, Inc.® project manager is Patrick J. Rank, P.E. and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715,

(608) 251-4843, regarding the Project. For further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and Contract Award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Dated at City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CITY OF STEVENS POINT STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS-SOUTHSIDE

CONTRACT 24-02 The City of Stevens Point (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2024 Street Improvements - Southside Contract 24-02

Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded. A Microsoft Teams meeting will be set and shared with planholders through the planholder's registered email prior to the bid opening.

The Project includes the following Work: Approximately 1515 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter; approximately 14,700 tons of dense graded base; approximately 4300 tons of asphaltic concrete pavement; approximately 3800 square feet of concrete sidewalk; approximately 3340 linear feet of sanitary sewer piping; approximately 2290 linear feet of storm sewer; approximately 4080 linear feet of C900 PVC water main, water and sanitary sewer services, common excavation, restoration, appurtenances, and miscellaneous items.

Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at http://www.stevenspoint. com/dpw or http://www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital Bidding Documents for \$22.00 by inputting QuestCDN ebidDoc Number 8966428 on the website's project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information. There is a fee of \$42.00 for submitting a Bid online through QuestCDN.

For this Project, Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the online Bidding button at the top of the Advertisement. The Issuing Office is the City of Stevens Point, 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point,

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Bidder. The Clark Dietz, Inc. project manager is Tonia Westphal, P.E., and can be contacted at Clark Dietz, Inc., 500 N. 3rd Street, Suite 703, Wausau, WI 54403, (715) 845-1333,

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Strauman to renew contracts for the 2024-2025 school year for Shaun Liesch, Stephen Reinke, Karleen Brei, Ashley Flanagan, Patti Krause, and Jodi Veleke. Ayes and nays called, all voting

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aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kris
Strauman, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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

Monday, February 12, 2024
PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman
Grossman, T. Wegner, and M. Wilz.
EXCUSED: C. Martinson and

The meeting was called to order at6:00p.m. by J. Heideman, Vice President. A quorum was established The pledge of allegiance was led by J III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following consent agenda items:

• Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 8, 2024

• Approval of Minutes of the Instructional Committee Meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2024

• Approval of Minutes of the Connections Committee Meeting of

Monday, January 15, 2024

Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, January 22, 2024

Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2024

Resignation of Personnel

Gloria Bautista, Bilingual Tutor,

resign 2/29/24 Kim Crowell Handrich, Health Aide, BoLynda Masseth, Educational

Assistant, resign 2/16/24 Employment of Personnel
 Spring Co-Curricular Coaches

IV. REPORTS
The calendar, monthly celebrations, and director reports were reviewed. The January Pupil Count was reviewed.

V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$3,010,559.65 as per list of February 8, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call J. Heideman noted receipts from the

J. neiderinar note receipts from receipt register of February 8, 2024, in the amount of \$4,928,830.07.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review of 2022-23 Audit Report

J. Marquardt and Scott Bleck reviewed the Audit report.

the Audit report. B. Continuous Improvement Strategic

Operational Stability
S. Bleck and J. Marquardt reviewed the strategic plan key performance indicators on fund balance, bond rating,

and the financial audit.
C. Review and Potential Approval of Summer 2024 High School Flooring

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to approve the HJ Martin and Son, Inc., bid to complete the High School flooring project as presented, Motion carried on a roll call

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried. Katie Batten, Clerk Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Monday, February 26, 2024

PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman M. Grossman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, T. Wegner, and M. Wilz.

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I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION
(PUBLIC FORUM)

• Nate Grundy, E9155 Ebony Rose
Lane, New London: he expressed
support of parental approval before transitioning to transgender; in support of no biological males in sports; would like to push even further for bathrooms and locker rooms

 Merry Stern, N4531 Larry Road, New London: she expressed support of parental rights AND

II. CALL TO ORDER ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM The meeting was called to order at6:03 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.
Holly Schweitzer joined the meeting

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following consent agenda items: Resignation of Personnel

 Joanna Ledgerwood
 Employment of Personnel o Mark Langel, Bus Driver Consuelo Morales, Bilingual Tutor

Taylor Ryan, Payroll Specialist IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Review of Revised
Policies/Administrative Guidelines

S. Bleck reviewed the following revised policies/administrative guidelines: 411 Equal Educationa Opportunities/Complaint Procedures 433.1 Elementary Intradistrict Transfer Request 433.2 Assignment/Placement of

Students
• 434 Released Time for Students 434.1 Released Time for Religious Instruction - Students 435 Withdrawal from School • 436 Dismissal During School Hours –

Student 440 Student Rights and Responsibilities (Section Title)
 440 Student Rights and Responsibilities

 443 Code of Student Conduct
 443.1 Student Dress
 443.2 Student Conduct on School Bus 443.4 Student Alcohol and Other Drug 443.41 Breath-Testing Students for the

Presence of Alcohol 443.71 Bullying
 443.8 Gang Activity – Prohibited
 444 Married Students and School Age Parents

 445 Interrogations – Student 445.1 Student Interviews by Police
 446 Searches – Student

 446.1 Searches – Student Locker/Desk 446.2 Searches by Trained Canines
447 Student Behavior and Discipline
447.1 Corporal Punishment

 447.2 Student Detentions 447.3 Student Suspension
 447.4 Student Expulsion · 449 Due Process Hearing Requests

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 450 Student Health and Welfare (Section Title)

452 Student Aid Programs It was the consensus of the Board to add the word "medical" before the word "transition" to 411, B, 1. It was moved by

Wegner and seconded by M Grossman to request a written legal opinion from Attorney Jim Macy on what is different since April 2022 in support of Policy 411, B. 2. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-2 (M. Grossman-yes, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-yes, M. Wilz-yes, C. Martinsonno. K. Batten-no.).

B. Review of Charter School Contract Between School District of New London and Catalyst Academy K. Martin and S. Bleck reviewed the Charter School contract for Catalyst

C. Quarterly Budget Review J. Marquardt gave a quarterly budget D. Review and Potential Approval of

High School Leadership Staffing Structure S. Bleck and B. Yerkey reviewed the leadership staffing structure. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the High

Minutes 7725 School leadership staffing structure as presented. Motion carried on a roll call

E. Review and Potential Approval **CESA 6 District Communication Audit** Proposal
S. Bleck reviewed the CESA 6 District

Communication audit proposal. It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by T.

Wegner to approve the CESA 6 Communications and Marketing Audit and services. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. S. Bleck explained that there are three candidates running for three seats. The Board discussed holding a candidate forum. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a School Board Candidate

forum on Monday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. H. Schweitzer will not participate

virtually in Closed Session. It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Wilz to enter open session at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried. IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried. Katie Batten, Clerk Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Pursuant to the regulations, the regular Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room and live streamed via YouTube. The meeting was also broadcast on TV Channel 991. The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription

of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click here.

President's Comments and Pledge of Allegiance: Dale Feldt welcomed everyone and Washed Sue Abrahamson (former City of Waupaca Children's Librarian) to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dale Feldt at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Present in the WHS Community Room: Dale Feldt, Steve Klismet, Betty Manion, Ron Brooks, Bob Adams, and Nic Genske; Molly McDonald was present via phone.

Also Present: Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Steve Thomaschefsky, Laurie Schmidt, Austin Moore, Michael Werbowsky, Jenifer Erb, John Meyer, John Erspamer, Jody Pankratz, Carrie Naparalla, Rob Scherrer, Kyle Olson, Scherwinski, Alec Olson, Missy Durrrant, Jay Seefeldt, Chain Exploration Center Governance Council members Sandy Robinson and Ben Warren, CESA 5 Agency Administrator Jeremy Biehl, David Minch of Jeremy Biehl, David Minch of KerberRose SC, and members of the community

Approval of Agenda:
A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice

At this time, per Policy 3120, Board President Dale Feldt turned the meeting over to Board Vice President Steve Klismet because of a possible conflict of interest he may have related to the upcoming personnel matters to be

Public Comment: Mr. Ben Warren and Ms. Sandy Robinson, both of whom are members of the Chain Exploration Center Governance Council (CECGC), Governance Council (CECGC), addressed the Board expressing their disappointment with the lack communication regarding the recent hiring process and the disruption it caused at the CEC, and thanked the Board members for responding to their letters. They are confident that the Board, Administration, staff, and community will continue to support the CECGC to honor their commitment to fulfill the mission of the CEC

Review of Board Meeting Norms: The Board reviewed their collective

commitments. Board President Dale Feldt excused himself from the meeting because of a possible conflict of interest he may have related to the upcoming matters to be discussed.

Hires – 2023-2024 School Year:
Charlie Melk – WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec.

Fracy Schubert - WHS Ed. Asst.-Spec.

Bethany Schulist – CEC Food Service

Sarah Compton – Food Service Class II Secretary Jamie Schell – Payroll Specialist

A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Nic Genske to approve the above-listed new hires as presented. The motion carried on a 6-0roll call vote, with Dale Feldt abstaining. Transfers/Changes – 2023-2024 School

Austin Moore – WMS Associate Principal to Director of Business Services Devon Feldt – CEC 7/8th Grade Advisor

to WMS Associate Principal
Mr. Saari shared the history and
reasoning for the January hiring
appointments of Mr. Austin Moore as Director of Business Services and Mr. Devon Feldt as WMS Associate Principal. He also reviewed applicable Board policies which he advised provides the District Administrator with the authority to hire and backfill administrative positions as necessary. He pointed out that having the right people in the appropriate leadership positions is important for the District, and promoting the right employees is an investment in our people. However, he noted that, moving forward, increased communication and slowing down the process is important to proactively manage reactions from various groups. Although the Board members advised Although the Board members advised that Mr. Moore and Mr. Feldt are both extremely qualified for their new positions, many of them expressed their concern that the process happened too quickly and felt that it would have been been precise to open the positions(). When the process happened too quickly and felt that it would have been the positions() when the positions() and the positions() are the positions() and the positions() are the positions() and the positions() are the positions(). best practice to open the position(s) up to all qualified individuals. They added that better communication could have prevented the public (and others) from being so taken aback by the changes and that the lack of communication has caused some mistrust with the Administration. A couple of Board members suggested that perhaps the WMS could share Mr. Feldt with the CEC for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Saari advised that further discussion with Administration regarding that would need to be had. He also advised that an appropriate substitute teacher experienced in project-based learning has been placed. Board member Nic Genske suggested that perhaps the Board should review its plicies so that a consistent process followed each and every time in the

future A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Nic Genske to approve the above-listed transfers/changes of employees, pursuant to the contracts provided by legal counsel on February 5, 2024, as presented. The motion carried on a 6-0-1 roll call vote, with

Dale Feldt abstaining. Board President Dale Feldt returned to the room and led the meeting from this **Board Reports:**

Student Representative Report: Alec Olson advised that a couple of the Student Council's goals are to facilitate positive relationships within WHS and encourage participation in WHS activities. He shared that the performances of the all school play, These Shining Lives, were held last weekend and it was a big success. In addition, some of the other events happening include project backpack, next week is FFA week, and Academic

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Honors night is February 26th. WASB Level II Award to Dale Feldt: Mr. Saari presented Board Pres Dale Feldt with the WASB Level II Award for his participation in WASB professional development opportunities. Upcoming Meetings

Board was reminded of the

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following upcoming meetings and other activities February 22, 2024 - Joint SB-GC Charter School Contract Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m. February 22, 2024 – CEC Winter Project Night - 5:30 p.m February 26, 2024 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
February 26, 2024 – WHS 2024

Academic Honors Night – 7:00 p.m.

March 12, 2024 – Regular Board
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Completion of Board Member Availability

The Board members were asked to complete thei through March. School Visits or Other Board Report Board members Bob Adams, Dale Feldt, and Betty Manion shared that they attended the all school play, *These* Shining Lives, and commended the Drama Department for the excellent performance.

Board member Manion also shared that she went to the WLC for storytelling, observed a project on logging, learned about the new reading program, and visited several classrooms. She also attended the CEC Gala and expressed her gratitude to all the businesses that donated items for the auction.

Board member Nic Genske shared that

he attended the walkthrough of the new entry at the WLC, and advised that he requested Miron Construction to move the fencing as soon as it is safe to do so to allow for more parking.

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Board member Molly McDonald attended the WHS Dance Team state championship in La Crosse and thanked Director of Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics Rob Scherrer for the many activities he coordinated leading up to the event, as well as the staff and community for their support.

CEC Liaison Report:
CEC Liaison Betty Manion advised that she attended the CEC Governance Council (GC) meeting this month which included discussions regarding the transition of Mr. Feldt to the WMS and helping the students adjust to the new situation. They also discussed enrollment, implementing the mental health grant, AGR scores, and a good water report. They are also continuing to work on the new contract. In addition, the CEC has recently started a new group, "Coffee Talks", which will meet once a month. She advised that the CEC received a profit of \$4,000 from the

Joint School Board-Governance Council Charter School Contract Committee:

Chairperson Dale Feldt advised that the Committee earlier today as originally scheduled because both groups are still in the process of reviewing the contract. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2024, and he remains hopeful that the contract can be completed in March

Finance Committee Meeting: Chairperson Dale Feldt advised that the Finance Committee met on January 23, 2024, and discussed several items, to include the 2024-2025 budget outlook, trademarking the Waupaca Comets logo, establishing Spirit Pumps and other donations via a partnership with Pump N' Munch Waupaca, and the opportunity for employees to enroll in the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program, which will become part of the onboarding process.
A motion was made by Dale Feldt, per

Committee recommendation, to approve the Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent Agenda:
On behalf of the Board, Mr. Feldt expressed their gratitude to the two retirees, Susan Harrington and Carol Beyer-Makuski, for their many years of service to the District. A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

January 11, 2024 Regular Board

Meeting January 23, 2024 Finance Committee January 25, 2024 Joint SB-GC Charter

School Contract Committee Meeting 30, 2024 Special Board Financial Reports:

\$2,969,982.95, and Building Fund Payable: \$299,595.37 Cash Receipts: \$5,283,393.64 Treasurer's Report (December) - Total Cash per Reconciliation: \$7.994.576 12

Budget to Actual Comparison by Fund Groups for December: Fund 10 Ending Balance: \$5,701,751 [2022-2023: \$5,651,009] Fund 21 Ending Balance: \$400,252 [2022-2023: \$436,360]

Fund 27 Ending Balance: -\$1,167,638 [2022-2023: -\$1,283,036] 38 Ending Balance: \$-1 [2022-2023: \$0] Fund 41 Ending Balance: \$0 [2022-

2023: \$0] Fund 49 Ending Balance: \$1,508,550 [2022-2023: \$982,446] Fund 50 Ending Balance: \$520,691 [2022-2023: \$341,968] Budget to Actual Comparison by Fund Groups for January: Fund 10 Ending Balance: \$8,640,427 [2022-2023: \$8,337,872] Fund 21 Ending Balance: \$391,403 [2022-2023: \$424,777]

Fund 27 Ending Balance: -\$1,478,219 [2022-2023: -\$1,482,919] 38 Ending Balance: \$-1 [2022-

Fund 41 Ending Balance: \$0 [2022-2023: \$0] Fund 49 Ending Balance: \$1,208,954 [2022-2023: \$985,750]

Fund 50 Ending Balance: \$501,772 [2022-2023: \$387,694]
Retirements – End of the 2023-2024 School Year:

Harrington - WLC 3rd Grade Teacher

Carol Beyer-Makuski -Director of Business Services Assistant/Accountant Resignations: Lisa Bradbury Mikolajczak – Payroll Kate Rolfs – WHS Custodian

Share Agreements - 2024-2025 <u>School Year:</u> Andrea Fossum-Grall and Kristie Tripp – WLC 1st Grade Teachers Nancy Pulvermacher and Kareene Hansen – WMS 7th Grade Teachers

Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors Resignations:
Nate Harms – 5th/6th Grade Basketball WHS Volunteer Coaching Positions: Stephen Johnson - Boys Golf WHS Volunteer Advisor Positions: Breanna Yeska - Dance Reagan Leach - Dance Jakob Foss - Chess WMS Advisor Positions: Kirbi Holat – 5th/6th Grade Basketball Salary Step Changes: Courtney Gross – 4B12 to 4B18 Jessica Hauser – 2B24 to 2M Kirbi Holat – 8B0 to 8B6

Kate Jacobson – 18B24 to 18B30 Nicole Johndro - 9B6 to 9B18 Dana Koeppler – 12B12 to 12B18 Amber Koski – 6M to 6M6 Brian Kurszewski – 14M18 to 14M24 Mathew Lawniczak – 10M12 to 10M30 Bobbie Jo Montgomery – 14M6 14M12 Amanda Nelson – 11B18 to 11B24

Amy Niemuth – 180 to 186 Tori Revoir – 9B12 to 9B18 Shana Rogney – 21M to 21M6 Catherine Seifert – 13M24 to 13M30 Payton Thurber – 4B30 to 4M Jamie Trzebiatowski – 11M24 to 11M30 Hayley Trzinski – 5B0 to 5B6 Renewal of CESA 5 Services Contract for 2024-2025 Early Graduation Requests (Updated)

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. Communications: Board President Feldt recognized the many observances occurring this month last week was School Counselor

Recognition Week; this week is School

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Bus Driver Appreciation Week next week is National FFA Week; and the month of February is Career and Technical Education Month.

Donations:

Mr. Saari advised of the following unsolicited donations that the District hasketball recently received: WHS girls' basketball team posters from Johnson's Auto Body a monetary donation from Fox Family Foundation to the District's Food Fund 50 account; a monetary donation from Robert Peterson for WHS SADD post prom expenses; a monetary donation from M2S Group to the Robotics Club and a donation of hand knitted hats to the CEC by Adeline Gardner. A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Betty Manion to accept,

the School District from Johnson's Auto Body, Fox Family Foundation, Robert Peterson, M2S Group, and Adeline Gardner as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. 2023 Holiday Giving Program Report: Director of Student Services Lauri Schmidt shared the annual report by the District's School Social Workers indicating that we have an extremel generous community. The repo generous community. The report encompassed the period from mid-October through the holiday break, and recognized the many staff and community members for their generosity

with gratitude, the donations made to

during the past holiday season. District Administrator's Report:
Mr. Saari shared that the Waupaca Relocation Campaign website is now complete and has been added to the

and support provided to families in need

District's webpage.

Mr. Saari advised that pursuant to Act 20 and beginning with the 2024-2025 school vear, all school districts must utilize the statewide literacy screener.
This will result in a duplication of efforts. and does not provide the time or ability to shift those resources to other initiatives in the District. This was initiatives in the District. Representatives at their meeting in New London as well.

Mr. Saari shared the latest reiteration of the Reunification Process, which continues to be updated with each run through. On February 19th the individual schools will practice the walk-through. He also shared an update and photos of the progress of the Tiny House construction project. This work can be completed inside so there are no weather-related issues to have to work

Mr Saari advised that he along with Director of Student Services Laurie Schmidt and Board members Dale Feldt, Betty Manion, and Ron Brooks, attended the meeting with State Representatives Kevin Peterson and Joel Kitchens and State Senator Joan Ballweg. They discussed the possible de-coupling of the choice and charter school funding from public schools, but Mr. Saari is concerned that this may result in reduced state aid to the District They also discussed increasing special

education costs. He advised that to date he has only received the names of five people for the stakeholder group from Mr. Feldt and Mr. Brooks.
Finally, he shared the updated Grant

Writer report. Monitoring:

Annual Financial Report:
David Minch from the independent audit firm of KerberRose SC provided a high level review of the annual audit. He also provided the management communication letter which recaps the audit and internal control findings. The District received a clear or unmodified opinion, which is the highest level they can provide, adding that they had no concerns regarding the supplemental or other supplemental information provided.

Mr. Minch then reviewed certain area

of the audit report. He commented that the General Fund, which gauges the financial health of the District, is in a strong financial position. He also noted that the District does not short-term borrow, and has a nominal amount of

long-term debt taken out.

Mr. Minch advised that there were three areas noted on the internal control over financial reporting and compliance, which is consistent with the past few years. They are: financial statement findings, which most school districts as well as the preparation of schedules of federal expenditures and state financial assistance and materia account adjustments, which they will work with Director of Business Services

Austin Moore to improve.

The Board congratulated Mr. Carl Hayek on his retirement and expressed their gratitude to him for his assistance in completing this audit as well as for his many years of service to the District. and Career Readiness

Waupaca ACP/CTE:
Director of Technology Steve
Thomaschefsky presented the annual update relating to Academic Career Planning (ACP) and Career and Technical Education (CTE). ACP refers to the process of setting goals and creating a roadmap for a student's education and professional development in a specific field of study. The goal is to help students make informed decisions about their education and career paths. This begins in elementary school and continues through high school. He highlighted the Board approved Education for Employment (E4E). This is run by the School Counselors with 100% conferencing with every 9-12th grade student. In addition, all juniors are encouraged to complete a job shadow. Mr. Thomaschefsky shared a comparison of the profiles of the 2022 graduate plans versus 2023 graduate plans, noting that the four year college

trend is turning around to the trades areas. He also shared the ACP highlights for each of the schools. Mr. Thomaschefsky advised that the CTE department is continuing to work on pathways, curriculum development, and updating equipment. He shared information recognition the activities. information regarding the pathway meetings for each of the areas. He also shared the CTE highlights for the 2023-2024 school year, which included events attended, certifications earned by seniors to date, new equipment purchased, and the construction of the

Tiny House project. Administration:

Construction Update:
Mr. Saari advised that he attended the January and February construction meetings, and he provided an update on the status of the construction project at the WLC. He also advised that final cleaning is planned for the end of the

2nd Friday in January Enrollment Count: Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten provided the 2nd Friday in January enrollment report which is required by the DPI, indicating a slight increase from September to January (2029 to 2041 students in seats; 1079 to 1083 total FTE). Mr. Saari added that the City of Waupaca is moving forward with additional housing across from the Foundry, so hopefully the trend continues upward. urrent and Projected Student nrollment and Staffing Update: irector of Teaching and Learning Mark Current

Flaten provided information relating to current and projected student enrollment and how those numbers will affect staffing. He advised that there has been a steady decrease of students across the state: however, the District is trending in the right direction this year Mr. Flaten shared a breakdown of the number of students in each grade level at each school (with the highlighted numbers being projected numbers), indicating that the District will need to reduce the number of core teachers at the WLC (in the 4th grade) by one. This will be accomplished through attrition due to retirements. He noted that after the middle and high school students finish selecting their courses for the 2024-2025 school year, there may be additional staffing adjustments required. Mr. Flaten also advised that because our population continues to be more diverse and transient, causing many students to change their enrollment in the past seven months, staffing levels will become more fluid. He shared data indicating that there was a shifting of 326 students in the past seven month time period. So the reality is that the same number of students we have at the end of the school year is not going to be the same number at the start of school in September. Reasons for the

students leaving include personal

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choice, family dynamics, etc.

Director of Student Services Laurie Schmidt advised that she has been in conversations with representatives of Waupaca Foundry, Foundry production is cyclical and currently they are experiencing a slowdown, but they are not looking to decrease temporary workforce

Minutes

A motion was made by Ron Brooks and seconded by Bob Adams to approve the Administration's recommendation reduce the number of core regular education staff at the WLC by 1.0 FTE for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

AGR Reports: Mr. Flaten advised that these reports are similar to what has been presented in the past for the WLC and CEC. This is a mid-term report looking at how our students are progressing. They use the i Ready scores and utilize Title funding to

get students at or above grade level by the end of the year.

Approval of School Handbooks for 2024-2025 School Year:

Mr. Saari advised that only minor revisions and no substantive changes

revisions and no substantive changes were made to each of the school handbooks this year. A motion was made by Nic Genske and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve the 2024-2025 School Handbooks fo Waupaca High School, Waupaca Middle School, Waupaca Learning Center Chain Exploration Center, and Waupaca 4K as presented. The motion carried

unanimously on a roll call vote.

Adjournment into Closed Session: A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Steve Klismet to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or tercises responsibility, and Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(f), Considering financial medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or such problems involved in investigations. Specifically, to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 7:20

p.m.
The Board did not reconvene in open Adjournment:

A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Bob Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. Date Dale Feldt President

Board of Education Molly McDonald, Clerk Board of Education Published March 21, 2024 WNAXLP

Name Change 7730 BY THE COURT Honorable Louis J. Molepske Jr.

Portage County Circuit Court Branch 2 Date: 3/4/2024 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANG OF amuel Justin Dobberfuhl

By (Petitioner) Hannah Rose Dobberfuhl Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 24CV73
NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition as filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Samuel Justin Dobberfuhl

To: Samuel Justin Klumb

Birth Certificate: Samuel Justin Klumb IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Portage County, State of Wisconsin Judge's Name: Hon. Louis J. Molepske, Jr.Portage County Courthouse, Branch II, 1516 church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 on 4/23/2024 at 2:30 p m

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-346-1364 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does no provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Stevens Point Gazette, a newspaper published in Portage County, State of Wisconsin. arch 14, 21 & 28, 2024 WNALXP

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

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

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above. From: [First] Satva [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 Wisconsin: 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 participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date Please note that the court does not

provide transportation

Notice To Creditors

DOD: 02/05/2024

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Waupaca Co. Post, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish March 7, 14 & 21, 2024

DATE SIGNED: February 28, 2024 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MYRTLE KUTCHENRITER

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR9 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/25/1939 and date of death 02/05/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of E7087 Dennison Road, Clintonville. WI 54929 All interested persons waived notice.
 The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 29, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St, Waupaca , Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate Office Form completed by: Matthew J. Linn PO Box 5

CIRCUIT COURT.

PORTAGE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

New London, WI 54961

Telephone 920-779-4140

Bar Number 166187 Publish March 7, 14 & 21, 2024 DATE SIGNED: March 14, 2024 Electronically signed by Chris Marfilius Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN,

1001 Union Street, PO Box 325 Steven Point, WI 54481-0325 Telephone (715) 341-3323 Bar Number 1022993 Publish March 21, 28 & April 4, 2024 DATE SIGNED: March 15, 2024

Notice To Creditors

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An application administration was filed.

DAVID ALLEN MOEN

Notice to Creditors

Case No. 24PR20

2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/11/1956 and date of death 01/15/2024, was domiciled in Portage

mailing address of 920 First Street, Plover WI 54467.

 All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 19, 2024.

5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

PAUL A ANDERSON Attorney

County, State of Wisconsin, with

(Informal Administration)

Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver
Deputy Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shirley A. Ostrowski

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 16 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed.
 The decedent, with date of birth July 19, 1936 and date of death February 21. 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 203 Prairie View Court, Waupaca, WI 54981. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 17, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: Attorney Timothy R. Halbach 102 N Madison Street, PO Box 188 Chilton, WI 53014 Telephone 920-849-4999 Bar Number 1052299 Bar Number 1052299 Publish March 21, 28 & April 4, 2024 WNAXLP

DATE SIGNED: March 7, 2024 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN,

CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL J. AMADOR
DECEASED Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR13
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal adminis

tration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/24/1965 and date of death 01/30/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1304 West North Water Street, New London WI 54961. 3. All interested persons waived notice 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 10, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate Office Attorney Sara K. Micheletti 2401 East Enterprise Avenue Appleton, WI 54913 920-882-4070 Bar Number 1075922

DATE SIGNED: March 7, 2024 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

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Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert L. Veleke
DOD 1-15-2024
Nation to Conditions **Notice to Creditors** (Informal Administration)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

application for administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 7-7-1948 and date of death 1-15-2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 68 N. Park Street, Clintonville, WI 54929. 3. All interested persons waived notice 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 10, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, County

Wisconsin, Room 3054. James E. Aschenbrener PO BOX 146 Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-6258 Bar No. 1008896 Published March 14, 21 & 28, 2024

DATE SIGNED: March 8, 2024 Electronically signed by Chris Marfilius Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT

COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DELBERT W. OSTRANDER Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and
Deadline for Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)

Case No. 24PR15 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application administration was filed. for administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth
October 31, 1931 and date of death
December 10, 2022 was domicilled in
Portage County, State of Wisconsin,
with a mailing address of 4931 80th
Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

3. The application will be heard at the Portage County Courthouse, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, before Chris Marfilius, Probate Registrar, on April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 19, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

6. The publication is notice to an persons whose names or address are require you accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-346-1490 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. STEPHEN E WLACZAK OF HILL & WALCZAK OFFICE 214 WEST GRAND AVENUE, OFFICE 23, P O BOX 398

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54495-0398 Telephone: 715-421-0333 Bar Number 1016893 Publish March 21, 28 & April 4, 2024 WNAXLP

March 6, 2024 Date Signed Signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar STATE OF WICONSIN, CIRUCIT

COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL A. PAAP Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No 24PR14

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/14/1933 and date of death 02/13/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of BETHANY HOME, 1226 BERLIN ST., WAUPACA, WI 54981 3. All interested persons waived notice 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 7, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, 811 HARDING ST, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: JUDITH PAAP 1580 STONE HEDGE CT NEENAH, WI 54956 920-234-6489

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACACOUNTY PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CASE NO.24-CV-42 HON. VICKI L. CLUSSMAN
Money Judgment: 30301 The amount
claimed exceeds \$10,000.00.

Notice To Creditors

Other Contracts: 30303 Wis. Stat. §810 Replevin COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION PO BOX 107 ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff, JAVIER R. THULIEN 1050 COUNTY ROAD QQ, APT. 2 CLINTONVILLE, WI 54981

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. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Waupaca County Courthouse,811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 413 N. 2nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer 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 nay also be elimined by garinsinient of seizure of property.

DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 8, 2024

GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC Attorneys for Plaintiff
/S/ Electronically signed
Joshua J. Brady WI State Bar No. 1041428 P. O. Address: P. O. Address: 413 N. 2nd Street, Suite 150 Milwaukee, WI 53203 Telephone: (414) 271-5400

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024 (2024) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 17.102 ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AS ALLOWED FOR UNDER 17.700

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The Common Council of the City of Waupaca do ordain as follows: Section 1. The real estate hereinafter described and located in the City of Waupaca and State of Wisconsin, and presently zoned by the zoning ordinance of the City of Waupaca as "PUL Public Facility and Utility Land District" is hereby zoned as "RC Resource Conservation and Parks District", more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 8216 as recorded in Volume 35 of Surveys on Page 116, as Document No. 915578, located in and being part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Described parcel contains 193,750 Sq Ft (4.448 Acres) (Parcel No. 34-29-71-30) Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.
Approved: /s/ Brian Smith Brian Smith, Mayor

Adopted: March 12, 2024. Approved: March 12, 2024. Published: March 21, 2024. ATTEST: /s/ Barbara J. Nowak Barbara J. Nowak Bublished March 21, 2024

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Rummage Sales This Week



Miscellaneous Sales

Moving Sale, 67 Waupaca St Clintonville, WI April 3,4,5,6. 8am-4pm. Refrigerators, stand up freezer, kitchen table set, shelving, big screen tv, tv stand, pictures, some tools & much more

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Farm Equipment 7286

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7475 **Business and Commercial**

RESTAURANT FOR RENT: Exc. Location High Traffic New London, WI \$1650/month Awesome Business 920-878-0005 or 920-878-0288 No Msg, txt of VM, no an-swer try later (WCAN)

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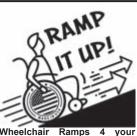
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BIBA

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especially when they spend such a long time in one place. The Waupaca High School instrumental gram would not be here today without the dedication of Mr. Biba," said Luke Sperl, another senior and band member.

The current middle school band director, Shana Rogney, addressed the audience and spoke of the importance of music education. She said the Fogelberg song brought her to tears because it fit Biba perfectly. They worked together for 16 years.

Rogney summarized Biba's long list of achievements in the music program that included hosting concerts at nursing homes and at the Wisconsin Veterans Home.

Rogney also noted that Biba was a prankster and would often play practical jokes on fellow colleagues. She asked some teachers to share a few words about Biba and Rogney read their comments:

"Every time I hear Journey's "Don't Stop Believin" Greg Biba pops into my head," said one teacher.

"I think he must be tonedeaf. I was part of a lot of practices getting ready for the concerts and he would say,

'Thanks guys. That sounded great!" It didn't. But his attitude was always great," said another.

Rogney asked the jazz band students who had Biba for a teacher and many of them stood up to a round of applause.

In May 2022, Brianna Hepfler became the new band director at Waupaca High

"For a music teacher, we scope out the jobs, scope out the school district. When I was looking for a job here, I constantly heard all the time that Waupaca had such a great music program. Greg, you built such a strong foundation here that decades later, it's still a place where people want to work because the foundation you laid and there are these wonderful musicians I get the privilege to work with because of your hard work," said Hep-

Waupaca Rotary President Chuck Reynolds announced the club raised \$1,600 for the repair and replacement of musical instruments in the school

Biba is the author of the 'Quick Fix Band Instrument Repair Manual," but he is better known as the author of five mystery and adventure novels. They can be found at www. bibabooks.net.

WAKE

In between those speakers, numerous people addressed the board, many of whom supported the board's earlier decision to prohibit wake boats on Round and Rainbow. "We thank the Lord for your courage for holding this public hearing to consider an ordinance that went too far," said Helquist. "My clients and I hope for an amended ordinance that is practical and inclusive for all. I'm not here to push an extreme wild, Wild West while others are here to push that extreme for a complete ban of a legal activity on the Waupaca Chain."

Battered banks and boats

Barbara Bostrum told a story about how the marl lake bottom disappeared once the wake surfing picked up over the past two years.

'It's washed down to the middle of the lake. All we have now is rock. It hasn't been exposed since the time of the glacier, she said.

She said that the destruction of the swimming area and the disappearance of the marl bottom wasn't something she could tie any monetary value

"So they want to sue so they can have their fun in a very unsuitable lake but I would like to see the homeowners of Round and Rainbow lakes sue them for ever so much more for what they have already done to us at

this point," said Bostrum. She said her grandchildren cannot play in the lake for fear they might get washed away by the big waves or get slammed into the boat dock. Bostrum was one of many citizens who expressed concerns for young

Many of the people who spoke were long-time Chain O' Lakes residents and have owned property on the lakes for decades. Nancy Grist is one of them.

"On the east shore is a point and it is no longer a point. In the last three years the shoreline has receded four to five feet. We have erosion cavities in our shoreline and hillside," said Grist.

She also cited the safety issues. Her mother-in-law was tossed off an inner tube from a wake and a toddler that was smashed against a dock.

We have lost our enjoyment of that lakefront. It is loud and now the waves are crashing all the boats, the canoes, the sailboats, against mooring, against each other, against people, against the dock - it's unreal. This has been caused specifically by the wake-board boats," she said.

Big boats, big wakesLaura McGourthy, a fourthgeneration Chain O' Lakes property owner, supported a repeal of the ordinance.

Wake sports are for people of all ages to enjoy together. Two summers ago, we had our

16-year-old son double surfing with our friend's 6-year old son, teaching him how to balance the board. Wake surfing is a low-impact sport; therefore, it is the sport of my choice and the only sport that I can enjoy simultaneously with my boys. Taking away wake sports will have an unintended consequences for our local businesses," she said and listed lost local revenue: boat purchases and accessories, fuel, ice, boat storage, and food and beverages.

"Skiing and wake boarding are the focus of our summers on the Chain," said Marta O' Brien. "I urge you to consider the proposed changes to the ordinance. These changes focus on boating safely, rather than a ban. I believe a change to the skiing hours could help alleviate the congestion and wake concerns as well. Our lakes should be available for all to recreate in a safe and respectful manner.

"We've found it to be a great way to introduce to family to water sports as it is low-speed and low-impact. It's an enjoyable activity for families to spend time, enjoy the outdoors, improve their fitness and have fun," said wake-boat owner Todd Kelsey and he urged the town to rescind the

ordinance. Joe Kuhn noted that when he was a boy on the Chain O' Lakes, the boats had smaller engines and produced small wakes. The wake boats of today, he pointed out, are massive and have outsized horse-

He cited a few models, including one that holds 19 people, costs \$461,000, is 25-feet long and has 630 horsepower.

Why would anyone think for a moment that it's appropriate for boats of this size to operate on our small and fragile Chain O' Lakes? Where is the common sense of all of this? Would you take a Ferrari and go to a go-cart track?" said Kuhn.

Other citizens stepped up and told more stories of injuries caused by wake boats, eroded shorelines, algae blooms caused by stirred up phosphates and nitrates, and how this issue isn't just here in Waupaca, but rather, it's a state-wide pushback with 17 municipalities prohibiting wakeboards on their waters.

"They want compromise? It shows up as a threat," said Dan Johnson, referring to the lawsuit. "So to the board, you made the right decision. Stick with it. As you can see by the turn-out here tonight, you have the support. The first vote on the ordinance was 2-1. If you want to send a message to voice your support for the majority for the people that use the lakes, and if the lakes themselves matter, and other townships around Wisconsin matter, it should be a unanimous decision on the next vote that you have," he said.

On Jan. 15, Sup. Phil Durrant voted against the ordinance to prohibit wake boats on the lakes.

Sports

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Thunderbirds ready to defend state softball title

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

IOLA – Whether the Iola-Scandinavia softball team can repeat as a state champion remains to be seen, but the Thunderbirds are up for the challenge.

That's according to Tom in the program's history. Anderson, who's entering his 33rd year as the team's coach.

The T-Birds haven't played a game since they handed Waterloo a 10-6 defeat last June to win the WIAA Division 4 state championship, the first

Iola-Scandinavia is scheduled to take the field for the first time Thursday, March 28, with a nonconference game against Westfield on the Pioneers' home field before hosting Manawa for the Cen-

tral Wisconsin Conference-East opener for both teams on Monday, April 1.

The roster will look different than last season due to the graduation of seniors Marin Hoyord, Clara Koles, Jadyn Krusa, Jaelyn Sivertson, Chloe Timdal and Mackenzie Woyak.

The T-Birds will also play without senior Maddie Much, who is out for the season while recovering from a knee injury that also kept her from suiting up for the girls' basketball

"Maddie was one of several key contributors to our state championship season and she had an incredible tournament run at the plate and as our

Softball

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Eagles come up short in state semifinal

SPORTS EDITOR

MADISON - "It was tough, hard-nosed basketball by both teams.'

Those words from Almond-Bancroft boys' basketball coach Curt Lamb came minutes after the Eagles dropped a 42-37 decision to Abundant Life Christian March 15 in a WIAA Division 5 state semifinal at the Kohl Center in Madison.

It was only the second loss of the season for Almond-Bancroft, which competed at state for the first time and ended the season with a 27-2 record.

Abundant Life Christian advanced to the Division 5 state championship game with the win, but fell to Columbus Catholic 81-75 March 16.

The Challengers' defensive game plan made it hard for the Eagles to get into an offense groove, according to

Almond-Bancroft's only lead of the game came on Brody Dernbach's basket that gave the Eagles a 5-3 advantage in the opening minutes.

Abundant Life led by as many as 11 points in the first half and took a 28-19 lead into the locker room at the break.

"Obviously, we didn't get off to the start we wanted to," Lamb said. "We did some things that were kind of uncharacteristic for us in the first half, just not finishing around the basket like we're capable of, things we

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Almond-Bancroft's Ayden Phillips scores two of his game-high 17 points March 15 over Abundant Life Christian's Jimmitrius Davision in a WIAA Division 5 state semifinal game in Madison. Phillips and the Eagles saw their season end with a 42-37 loss to the Challengers. Greg Seubert Photo

Bay's top wrestlers come from New London

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

NEW LONDON - Not only did New London High School send a pair of wrestlers to this year's WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships, both of them won wrestler of the year honors from the Bay Conference.

Conference coaches selected Wyatt Magolski as the top boys' wrestler, while Hailie Krueger shared the girls' award with Menasha's Lillie Banks. Both wrestlers made it to the championship round of the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships in February. Magolski finished second in Division 2 at 120 pounds, while Krueger won the girls' 152-pound championship for her third straight state title.

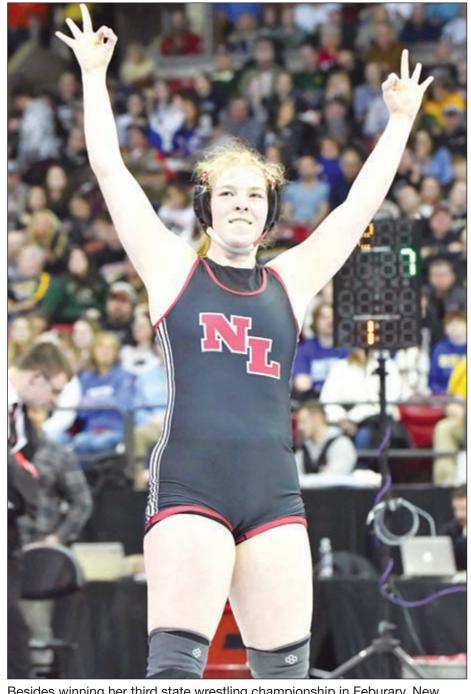
New London's Howie Roloff and William Christopher joined Magolski on the boys' first team, while Trevor Schultz, Jackson Pecher, Preston Krueger and Braxton Bryant made second team.

New London's Sophia Hull-Riggs and Eve Hedtke joined five other wrestlers on the girls' second team.

Bay Conference All-Conference **Wrestling Teams** Boys

First Team: Wyatt Magolski, senior, New London; Howie Roloff, sophomore, New London; William Christopher,

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Besides winning her third state wrestling championship in Feburary, New London's Hailie Krueger also shared the Bay Conference's wrestler of the year award with another New London wrestler, Wyatt Magolski.

Melissa Thomas Photo

Welch staying with Green Bay

BY GREG SEUBERT SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY - The Green Bay Packers are apparently happy with Kristian Welch as a special teams player.

The team recently resigned the Iola-Scandinavia High School graduate after he joined the team last year.

Welch, a linebacker, joined the Packers' practice squad right before the start of the 2023 regular season. The team elevated him to

the active roster Sept. 28. He appeared in 12 regularseason games and both playoff games, primarily on special teams, and finished the season third on the team with six special teams tackles.

The Baltimore Ravens originally signed Welch as an undrafted free agent in 2020 out of the University of Iowa. He spent three seasons with the Ravens and played in 43 regularseason and three playoff games.

New London Spring Sports Schedules

Baseball

Monday, April 1 – vs. Hortonville, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 – at Waupaca, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5 – at Green Bay East/West, 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 8 - vs. Shawano, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 - at Shawano, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 12 - vs. West De Pere, 4:30 p.m Monday, April 15 - at Little Chute, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 - at Seymour, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 - vs. Seymour, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 - at Xavier, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 22 - vs. Menasha, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25 – at Menasha, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 – vs. Fox Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 29 – vs. Green Bay East/West, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 – at Green Bay East/West, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 - vs. Shawano, 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 - vs. West De Pere, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 - at West De Pere, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 10 – at Seymour, 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 13 – at Xavier, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16 – vs. Menasha, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18 – vs. Little Chute (DH), 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 21 – at Clintonville, 4:30 p.m.

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Iola-Scandinavia Spring Sports Schedules

Baseball

Thursday, March 28 - at Westfield, 5 p.m. Monday, April 1 - vs. Manawa, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 - at Menominee Indian, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5 – at Assumption, 4:45 p.m. Monday, April 8 – vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 - at Amherst, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 12 – vs. Winneconne, 4:30 p.m Monday, April 15 - vs. Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 - at Shiocton, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 – at Port Edwards, 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 22 - vs. Bonduel, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 - at Rosholt, 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 29 - vs. Menominee Indian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 - vs. Pittsville, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 – at Wittenberg-Birnamwood, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 – at Marion, 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 – vs. Amherst, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 – vs. Pacelli, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 9 – at Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 - vs. Marathon (DH), 10 a.m. Monday, May 13 - vs. Shiocton, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16 - at Bonduel, 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 20 – vs. Auburndale, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 – vs. Wild Rose, 4:30 p.m.

Softball

Thursday, March 28- at Westfield, 5 p.m. Monday, April 1 – vs. Manawa, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 - at Menominee Indian. 4:30 p.m Friday, April 5 - at Assumption, 4:45 p.m. Monday, April 8 - vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 - at Bonduel, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 - at Amherst, 4:30 p.m Saturday, April 13 – vs. St. Mary Catholic (DH), 10 a.m. Monday, April 15 – vs. Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 – at Rosholt, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 - at Shiocton, 4:30 p.m Friday, April 19 - vs. Winneconne, 4:30 p.m Monday, April 22 - vs. Bonduel, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 – at Manawa, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 – at Wautoma, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 - at Wild Rose, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 - at Wittenberg-Birnamwood, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 – at Nekoosa, 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 – vs. Amherst, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 – vs. Shiocton, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 – at Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 – vs. Waupaca, Marathon, 10 a.m. Monday, May 13 - vs. Almond-Bancroft, 4:30 p.m.

Track

Thursday, March 14 – at Ripon College Invitational (indoor meet), 4:45 p.m.

Friday, March 15 - at UW-Stevens Point Invitational (indoor

meet, girls only), 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16 - at UW-Stevens Point Invitational (indoor

meet, boys only), 10 a.m. Thursday, March 21 - at Wausau West Invitational (indoor meet,

boys only), 4 p.m.; at Marshfield Invitational (indoor meet, girls only), 4:30 p.m Thursday, April 4 (at Wausau West Invitational (indoor meet, girls

Saturday, April 6 - at UW-Whitewater Invitational (indoor meet),

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Track teams open season with indoor competitions

REGION - All seven of the area's high school track teams now have at least meet under their belt, as they headed to indoor competitions at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Ripon College and UW-Os-

Iola-Scandinavia, Waupaca and Hortonville competed in the Stevens Point Invitational March 15-16; Weyauwega-Fremont traveled to the Princeton/Green Lake Invitational in Ripon March 15; and Weyauwega-Fremont, Manawa, Clintonville and New London's boys' teams opened their seasons March 14 in Oshkosh.

Stevens Point Invitational

STEVENS POINT - UW-Stevens Point hosted a boys' competition March 16 and a girls' competition the previous day.

Iola-Scandinavia's Jensen Rice led the Thunderbirds by placing second in the boys' 60-meter hurdles, while Korz Loken was fifth in the boys' triple jump.

Hortonville's Eathan Lund tied for second in the boys' pole vault event, while Abram Daniels placed fourth in the high jump.

Hortonville had the only top-six finish among area girls' teams, as the Polar Bears' 3,200-meter relay team placed fifth.

Princeton/Green Lake Invitational

RIPON - Several Weyauwega-Fremont athletes placed at the meet.

Chamile Birdyshaw and Melanie Jentsch won the girls' 60 dash and 3,200-meter run, respectively, while Brayden Arndt won the boys' 60 dash.

Broc Billington placed second in the boys' high and triple jumps, while other top-six finishes for the Warhawks went to the girls' 800- and 3,200-meter relay teams (third); Dawson Lind, boys' high jump (fourth) and 200-meter dash (fifth); Macy Fee, girls' shot put (fourth); Addysen Mitchell, girls' high jump (fifth) and triple jump (sixth); Jayson Munoz, boys' 60-meter hurdles (fifth); Ethan Koplien, boys' high jump (fifth); girls' 1,600-meter relay team (fifth); and boys' 800- and 3,200-meter relay teams (sixth).

UW-Oshkosh Invitational

OSHKOSH - Clintonville's Sam Wegener led the Truckers by winning the boys' high and long jump events and placing fifth in the 200-meter

Billington won the boys' triple jump event for Weyauwega-Fremont, while Arndt placed fifth in the 60 dash.

Manawa's Thomas Bartelt and Nathan Gorman placed third in the boys' long and triple jumps, respec-

New London's Chase Osborn placed fifth in the boys' 3,200 run.

EAGLES

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really haven't done all year." The Eagles held the Challengers to 14 points in the second half and eventually cut the lead to one point in the final minute.

"As the game wore on, we were very solid defensively for the most part, but like these kids have done all year long, we competed and we battled," Lamb said. "We gave ourselves a chance at the end, but just couldn't quite get over the hump."

The Eagles opened the second half with baskets from Clarence Pratt and Ayden Phillips and eventually cut the lead to one point - 37-36 and 38-37 - but never tied the game or took the lead.

The 37 points were a season-low for the Eagles.

"It was very choppy (on offense), absolutely," Lamb said. "We couldn't get that success on success kind of a deal. If you asked each one of them, I think they would say we could have been a little better on the offensive end. Give a lot of credit to Abundant Life. Defensively, they made us a little uncomfortable."

Ayden Phillips led the Eagles with a game-high 17 points and 22 rebounds.

"The second half was a lot



Almond-Bancroft High School sophomore Mya Dernbach cheers for the school's boys' basketball team March 15 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

more solid," he said. "We were a lot more active on defense. Guys were moving around and we were talking a lot more. We were fairly quiet in the first half. For me, I would say it was jitters. We all had some jitters and worked them out as we made our way into halftime."

Dernbach added 11 points for Almond-Bancroft, while Jonah and Jacob Koon led the Challengers with 13 and 11, respectively.

"It's my 25th year and there a lot of great teams that built the foundation for our program, a lot of great kids," Lamb said. "I



Abundant Life Christian's Conner Whitaker guards Almond-Bancroft's Clarence Pratt. Pratt scored four points in the Eagles' 42-37 state semifinal loss to the Challengers March 15 in Madison.

Greg Seubert Photos

wish I could have brought each and every one of them down here. This group did a great job of playing their roles in how to play winning basketball.

"It's 25 years of working, constant open gyms," he said. "I give my wife (Lori) a lot of credit. She lets me do this stuff. To finally get down here – not just for me, but for all the coaches I've had over the years and all the kids that I've coached - anything that I accomplish is because of those kids and their abilities. I've been blessed with so many great kids over the years."

"I think we made a lot of people proud in our community," Phillips said. "Not only am I proud, but I'm proud for my teammates."

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with all the good feelings, the joy, the community spirit," Lamb said. "We try to play a certain way where we compete, play hard and actually make our communities proud. I think this group did a phenomenal job of that this year. This week overall was something that we'll never forget."

WRESTLING

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sophomore, New London; Logan Boehnlein, freshman, Seymour; Connor Steffens, junior, Seymour; Cael Leisgang, sophomore, Seymour; Aidan Peters, freshman, Seymour; Kody Popelka, sophomore, Shawano; Drake Herm, senior, Shawano; Carsen Herm, senior, Shawano; Gavin Janquart, senior, West De Pere; Bryce Vanderlogt, sophomore, West De Pere; Braylon Stegall, freshman, West De Pere; Zac

Wotruba, senior, West De Pere; Thomas Heraly, freshman, West De Pere; John Faulkner, sophomore, Xavier.

Second Team: Nathan Lenz-Messman, junior, Menasha; Mason Werfal, junior, Menasha; Trevor Schultz, freshman, New London; Jackson Pecher, sophomore, New London; Preston Krueger, freshman, New London; Braxton Bryant, junior, New London; Wyatt Bunnell, junior, Seymour; Dylan Gartner, sophomore, Shawano; Owen Montour, freshman, Shawano; Conner Chelberg, senior, Shawano; Lucius Janquart, senior, West De Pere; Ethan Agnew, senior, West De

Girls First Team: Lillie Banks, sophomore, Menasha; Aspen Beltran, senior, Menasha; Allison Abel, sophomore, Menasha; Lauryn Rubbert, junior, Menasha; Hailie Krueger, junior, New London; Onna Hermann, senior, Shawano; Madeline Faulkner, sophomore, Xavier.

Second Team: Eve Rausch, sophomore, Menasha; Sophia Hull-Riggs, senior, New London; Eve Hedtke, junior, New London; Caitlyn Moede, senior, Shawano; Courtney Schenk, senior, Shawano; Lily Tomas, junior, Shawano; Natalia Lambrecht, sophomore, West De Pere.

Wrestlers of the year: Wyatt Magolski, senior, New London (boys); Hailie Krueger, junior, New London, and Lillie Banks, sophomore, Mena-

SOFTBALL

FROM PAGE 15 pitcher," Anderson said.

This season's roster includes seniors Maci Heschke, Myah Heschke, Abby Isermann, Julia Munoz and Mia Sorigue; juniors Libby Maus, Kylee Noack and Jordynn Sullivan; sophomores Brooklyn Berrens, Rayanne Clendenning, Brylee Jueds, Maya Munoz, Ava Printz, Katelin Rosenthal and Natalie Schwirtz; and freshmen Gwen Fredy, Charlotte Isermann, Madelyn Karolus, Jenna Kurki, Kiara Lasecki, Sophia Munoz, Emma Printz, Grace Schomburg and Cayleigh Woyak.

Third to first

Although the T-Birds' season ended with a state championship, they finished tied for third in the CWC-East standings. Bonduel and Amherst shared the conference championship with an 11-3 record, followed by Iola-Scandinavia and Weyauwega-Fremont (10-4); Wittenberg-Birnamwood (6-8); Manawa (5-9); Shiocton (3-11); and Menominee Indian (0-14).

The T-Birds' tournament run included a 9-6 win over Bonduel in a sectional semi-

"We have five players who saw a significant amount of playing time for us in 2023 at the varsity level," Anderson said. "They include Julia Munoz (pitcher), Myah Heschke fielder/outfielder), (center

Abby Isermann (right fielder), Brooklyn Berrens (catcher) and Ava Printz (left fielder)."

Berrens was named the top player in Division 4 last season as a freshman and also made the first-team all-conference, all-district and all-state teams.

"We have a group of juniors and sophomores who have not seen a lot of varsity playing time in the past and will now be battling for that playing time," Anderson said. "They include juniors Libby Maus and Jordynn Sullivan; and sophomores Rayanne Clendenning, Brylee Jueds, Maya Munoz, Ava Printz, Katie Rosenthal and Natalie Schwartz.

"Our junior varsity team will be made up of mostly freshmen," he said. "We have nine freshmen and a few of them have the potential to eventually move up to the varsity team at different points of the season."

Anderson's assistant coaches are Stacy Bestul, now in her 24th season; Teresa Kielblock (11 seasons); and Anderson's daughter, Brooke Manley (three seasons).

Lots of questionsThe T-Birds will head into

the season with plenty of questions to answer, according to Anderson.

"With the loss of five graduated starters from last year's team plus Maddie Much, we have a lot of positions to fill," he said. "As always with softball, solid pitching and catching is key. Julia Munoz will be called upon to do the majority of our pitching this season. However, Rayanne Clendenning and Charlotte Isermann and Emma Printz could see their varsity pitching load increase during the season.

"Brooklyn Berrens should see a lot of time at catcher, but she may also play quite a bit at shortstop," he added. "Myah Heschke and Ava Printz could also see time behind the plate. Heschke was the starting catcher during the second half of her sophomore year, which included the 2022 state tournament run." The biggest changes will

come in the infield, Anderson

"Our infield will see the biggest changeover with no starters returning," he said. "Depending on where Berrens plays, Katie Rosenthal, Maya Munoz, Ava Printz, Brylee Jueds and Maci Heschke will battle for the four infield positions and we will see who settles in where. Our outfield may also see some changes this season. Ava Printz and Abby Isermann played quite a bit of outfield for us last season. We will have to see how all this shakes out."

Anderson said his team's goals are the same as the past.

"Our goals for this season, as in past seasons, is to always stay competitive in each game and improve throughout the season," he said. "If we com-

sha (girls).

pete and improve throughout the season, we will be OK."

He expects several teams to compete for a CWC-East championship.

"This should be an interesting conference race this season," he said. "Bonduel and Amherst will continue to have solid teams with some very good position players, but both of those teams will need to find a new No. 1 pitcher. Weyauwega-Fremont Manawa should be considered very strong contenders. Both teams return their first-team all-conference pitchers and honorable mention all-conference catchers. Hopefully, we can compete for the conference title, but the conference as a whole is pretty balanced."

Amherst and Bonduel have to replace first-team all-conference pitchers Haley Peskie and Nakiyah Henning, respectively.

Manawa returns a pair of first-teamers in pitcher Kelsey Behnke and shortstop Lily Krenke, as well as honorable mention players The Wolves also return two honorable mention players in infielder Briley Rosin and catcher Ellie Stroesenreuther.

Weyauwega-Fremont graduated first-team first baseman Jayden McCoy and honorable mention player Reilly Claassen, but return first-team pitcher Olivia Witkowski and two honorable mention players in Lulu Fernandez and Hailey Wohlt.

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Softball

Tuesday, April 2 – at Seymour, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 – vs. Menasha, 4:30 p.m Tuesday, April 9 - at Green Bay West/East, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 - vs. West De Pere, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13 - vs. Lakeland, Medford at Shawano, 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 16 - at Xavier, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 - vs. Amherst, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 – at Shawano, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25 – vs. Seymour, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 - at Menasha, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 - vs. Green Bay West/East, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 – vs. Shawano, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4 – at Winneconne Invitational, 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 7 – at West De Pere, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 - vs. Xavier, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 – vs. Denmark, Kewaunee at Denmark, noon Monday, May 13 - vs. Stevens Point, 4:30 p.m.

Track

Thursday, March 14 - at UW-Oshkosh Invitational (indoor meet, boys only), 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19 - at UW-Oshkosh Invitational (indoor meet, boys only), 4:45 p.m. Saturday, March 30 - at UW-Stevens Point Invitational (indoor

meet), 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 9 - Bay meet vs. Green Bay East, Seymour, Sha-

wano, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13 - Waupaca County Meet vs. Waupaca, Iola-Scandinavia, Manawa, Clintonville, Weyauwega-Fremont and

Marion at Waupaca, 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 16 – Bay Relays at Shawano, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20 – at Little Chute Invitational, 10 a.m. Monday, April 22 – vs. West De Pere, Shawano, Xavier at West

Friday, April 26 - at St. Norbert College Invitational, 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 - Bay meet vs. Green Bay West, Menasha, Shawano, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 – at Waupaca Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11 – Bay Conference meet at West De Pere, 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 16 - Bay Conference JV meet at Seymour, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 18 - Throwers' invitational at Shawano, 5 p.m. Monday, May 20 - vs.. Little Chute, Amherst, Clintonville, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Seymour, Waupaca at Little Chute, 3:45 p.m.

Boys' Golf

Monday, April 1 - Bay Conference meet at Ledgeview Golf Course, De Pere, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9 - Bay Conference meet at Shamrock Heights Golf Course, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 - at Lourdes Academy Invitational, Lake Breeze Golf Club, Winneconne, 10 a.m. Monday, April 15 - Invitational at High Cliff Golf Course, Sher-

wood, 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16 - Bay Conference meet at Mid Vallee Golf

Course, De Pere, 2 p.m. Monday, April 22 - New London Invitational at Shamrock

Heights Golf Course, 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 23 - Bay Conference meet at Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30 – Bay Conference meet at Shawano Lake Golf

Course, Shawano, 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 - Invitational at The Golf Courses of Lawso-

nia, Green Lake, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4 - Invitational at Royal Scot Golf Course, New

Monday, May 6 - Berlin Invitational at Mascoutin Golf Club, Berlin, 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 7 - Bay Conference meet at Butte des Morts

Country Club, Appleton, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 - Bay Conference tournament at Wander Springs Golf Club, Greenleaf, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 20 - at Iola-Scandinavia Invitational, Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola, 9 a.m.

Girls' Soccer

Tuesday, April 2 – vs. Hortonville, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 – at Marinette, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 – at Green Bay East. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 - vs. West De Pere, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 - vs. Clintonville, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 - at Green Bay West, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 - vs. Freedom, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 – vs. Menasha, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25 – at Seymour, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 – at Winneconne, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 - vs. Shawano, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4 - at Amherst, 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 7 - at Xavier, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 - at Waupaca Invitational, 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 14 – Bay Conference tournament, TBA, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16 - Bay Conference tournament, TBA, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 - Bay Conference tournament, TBA, 6:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 8 - CWC meet at Tri-County, 4 p.m. Thursday, April 11 - at Rosholt Invitational, 3:45 p.m. Saturday, April 13 - Waupaca County Meet vs. Waupaca, Iola-Scandinavia, Manawa, Clintonville, Weyauwega-Fremont and Marion at Waupaca, 9 a.m. Monday, April 15 - CWC meet at Amherst, 4 p.m. (rain date:

Tuesday, April 16)

Friday, April 19 - CWC meet at Amherst, 4 p.m. Monday, April 22 – at Marion Invitational, 4 p.m. Friday, April 26 – at St. Norbert College Invitational, 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 - at Wittenberg-Birnamwood Invitational, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 2 - at Waupaca Invitational, 4 p.m.

Monday, May 6 – at Weyauwega-Fremont Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11 - CWC meet at Rosholt, 10 a.m. (rain date: Monday, May 13) Tuesday, May 14 - at Rosholt Relay Invitational, 4 p.m.

Monday, May 20 – at St. Mary Catholic Invitational, 3:45 p.m.

Boys' Golf

Tuesday, April 9 - CWC meet at Golden Sands Golf Club, Cecil, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 18 - CWC meet at Maple Hills Golf Course, Wit-Friday, April 19 - Iola-Scandinavia Invitational at Whistling

Straits, Sheboygan, 1 p.m. Monday, April 22 - CWC meet at Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola,

Thursday, April 25 - Menominee Indian Invitational at Thornberry

Creek at Oneida, Oneida, 9 a.m. Monday, April 29 - Port Edwards Invitational at Bullseye Country

Club, Wisconsin Rapids, 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 30 - CWC meet at Golden Sands Golf Club, Ce-

Thursday, May 2 - Iola-Scandinavia Invitational at Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola, 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 - CWC meet at Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola, 9

Thursday, May 9 - Marion Invitational at Glen Cairn Golf Course, Ogdensburg, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14 - CWC meet at location TBA

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Parks, Recreation

Clintonville Volleyball Leagues

Men: Rodents, 37-2; Isaiah Holbrook's Team, 32-10; Benjamin Holbrook's Team, 17-22; All Phases Electric, 17-25; Armoured

Fencing, 12-27; G-Force, 5-34. Week 10 results (March 12): Rodents 3, Isaiah Holbrook's Team 0; Rodents 3, Armoured Fencing 0; All Phases Electric 2, Benjamin Holbrook's Team 1; G-Force 2, Armoured Fencing 1; Isaiah Holbrook's Team 3, G-Force 0.

Women: Carmen Henschel's Team, 34-2; Blazers Bar & Grill, 32-4; Kerry Baird's Team, 16-20; Serves of Steel, 16-20; Katie Holbrook's Team, 14-22; Country Queens, 9-27; Hannah Armour's Team, 5-31

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

DNR seeking volunteers to monitor area streams

MADISON - Volunteers are needed to help monitor streams and rivers in several river basins located in central and northeastern Wisconsin, including the Lower Fox River, Upper Fox River, Wolf River and Northeast Lakeshore basins.

"Sampling is essential for monitoring water quality improvements, assessing implementa-tion activities and evaluating long-term land use changes, said Katherine Wendorf, a water resources management specialist with the state Department of Natural Resources. "The Lower Fox, Upper Fox, Wolf River and Northeast Lakeshore basins have total maximum daily loads, which identify a need for pollutant reductions to meet water quality standards and provide a framework to meet those standards. The volunteer programs help to fulfill monitoring goals."

Each basin has multiple monitoring locations that need volunteers and more than one volun-

teer can sample each site. "Sampling occurs once a month from May through October, which is prime algae-growing season, making it easier to determine which streams are affected by elevated nutrient and suspended sediment concentrations," Wendorf said.

Monitoring locations are located at or near road crossings and are chosen for their ease of

"Volunteers should be comfortable wading into the water, but no previous water quality experience is needed." Wendorf said. "Volunteers will be trained on DNR protocol and all equipment will be supplied, except boots or waders.

Each volunteer will need to fill three bottles with water from the stream and take up to two field measurements.

"The entire process takes about one hour each month," Wendorf said. "The samples then need to be packed on ice in the provided cooler and dropped off at the closest U.S. Post Office to be shipped to the State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison for analysis.'

Volunteers are crucial for these monitoring programs, Wendorf

"The DNR would not be able to monitor as many water bodies without volunteers' help." she said. "Water resources are important for many reasons, including recreation, habitat and health. This program is a great way for volunteers to learn about the water quality in their area and how they can become involved.'

More details are available by contacting Wendorf at Katherine.Wendorf@wisconsin.gov or 920-296-5126.

WOW chapter to hold banquet

The banquet, scheduled for Thursday, April 4, at the Waupaca County Club, will include several gun raffles. One in five attend-

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to be served at 7 p.m. Contact banquet organizer John Woodliff at waupacawow@

CITY OF NEW LONDON

2024 Spring Yard Waste Pick-up Schedule

The City of New London will conduct its ANNUAL SPRING YARD WASTE PICK-UP beginning April 1st through April 19th. ONLY YARD WASTE AND BRANC HES WILL BE COLLECTED. HOWEVER, THEY MUST BE SEPARATED. Leaves - Please place your loose leaves in the street, along the curb line. - NO BAGS OR BOXES.

Brush - Must be cut into 4 ft. lengths, no more than 6 ft., and left behind the curb BUT cross-ways to the curb (prependicular)

Please refer to the map for the weekly pick up schedule.

MONDAY: All properties South of the Wolf River, East of Wyman St. & West of Division St.

TUESDAY: All properties South of the Wolf River & East of Division St.

WEDNESDAY: All properties South of the Wolf River & West of Wyman St.

THURSDAY: All properties North of the Wolf River to Spurr Rd.

Due to nice weather, yard waste pick up will be earlier than normal this year.

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ees will win a gun and one in 10 will win a door prize gun.

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Wings Over Wisconsin is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to natural resource preservation and education through youth and community involvement. Details on the organization can be found at wingsoverwisconsin.org.



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Holy Thursday

March 28 - 7:00 PM

<u>Good Friday Service</u> March 29 – Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM & Good Friday Service 1:00 PM

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil March 30 - Mass 8:00 PM (Sunset) Easter is March 31

Palm Sunday March 24 10 am

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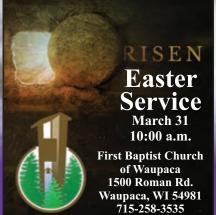
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Good Friday: March 29 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm **Easter Sunday:** March 31 6:30 am, 8:00 am and 10:30 am



7:00 pm **Good Friday**

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6:30 & 9:00 am **Easter Breakfast Served** 7:30-8:30 am



Holy Thursday - March 28 (at Sacred Heart)

6:30pm **Good Friday - March 29**

Easter Vigil - March 30

8:00pm Easter Sunday - March 31 10:30am

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TOP CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR ALICE IN DAIRYLAND

MADISON - One of six top candidates will serve as Wisconsin's 77th Alice in Dairyland.

They are Cierra Essock of Fox Lake, Halei Heinzel of Oconomowoc, Katrina Hoesly of Denmark, Michaela King of Big Bend, Kiley Pagel of Kewaunee and Lauren Siemers of Kiel.

Prior to being selected, the candidates completed an application and preliminary interview and will participate in a rigorous two-month-long interview process that will allow them to showcase the communications and public relations skills required for the job. They will receive media and speaking training, earning them a DATCP marketing and communications certificate at the conclusion of the

This training process will prepare the candidates for the Alice in Dairyland finals, scheduled for May 2-4 in Door County. The schedule includes agribusiness tours; media interviews; an impromptu questionand-answer session; candidate presentations; and more. The selection will be announced at a public event Saturday, May 4, at the Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay and the winner will begin her term

"While only one of these well-qualified individuals will be selected as the 77th Alice in Dairyland, all six can utilize the skills developed over these next few months to become lifelong agriculture advocates," said Ashley Hagenow, Wisconsin's 76th Alice in Dairyland. "It is exciting to know that one of these finalists will continue the tradition of sharing the importance of agriculture across Wisconsin to students, teachers, farmers, business owners and everyone in between."



Cierra Essock

Essock is the agricultural educator and FFA advisor at Hustisford Junior and Senior High School and grew up helping on her family's dairy farm in Fort Atkinson. In 2015, she served as the Wisconsin Holstein Princess Attendant. Essock graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 2017 with a major in Agricultural Education and a minor in Dairy Science. On campus, she was active in the River Falls Dairy Club and WRFW radio station. Through the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural

Educators organization, she received the state Teacher Turn the Key Scholarship Award in 2022.



Halei Heinzel

SALUTING

Heinzel is a senior at the UW-Madison, studying Life Sciences Communication. Heinzel was active in her high school's FFA chapter. Before starting at UW-Madison, she graduated from the Farm and Industry Short Course program with certificates in Agribusiness Management and Dairy Farm Management. Heinzel is involved with the Babcock House Student Cooperative, Science Communication Club, UW Polo Club and serves on the board of the Wisconsin Agriculture and Life

Sciences Alumni Association. Heinzel has held internships with the Farm and Industry Short Course

program, Professional Dairy Producers and worked with the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion



Katrina Hoesly

Hoesly is a student at the UW-River Falls and is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Marketing Communications and Agricultural Business. She has held campus leadership positions in the Agricultural Business & Marketing Society; College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Student Advisory Council; UW-River Falls Dairy Club; and Collegiate Farm Bureau. Hoesly also interned with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Compeer Financial, American

Farm Bureau Federation, Culver's Franchising System, National FFA and World Dairy Expo. She was involved in 4-H and FFA, including serving in a leadership role as a Wisconsin State FFA Officer.



Michaela King

King grew up in southeastern Wisconsin on her family's beef and crop farm and was active in 4-H, showing beef and dairy at the county and state level. She studied Journalism and Photography, with a minor in Management, at the University of Minnesota. King was a member of the Gopher Dairy Club and Clovia. King was selected as the Waukesha County Fairest of the Fair in 2019. She was an editorial intern for Hay & Forage Grower and El Independiente magazines and an online

marketing manager at Hoard's Dairyman. King is currently a public relations manager with Filament/ broadhead.



Kiley Pagel

Pagel will graduate in May from UW-Green Bay with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is presently the marketing advisor for Pagel Family Businesses. Her responsibilities include overseeing public relations, managing social media platforms, coordinating events and organizing tours. Additionally, Pagel has assumed a multifaceted role at Dairy Dreams LLC, a subsidiary of her family business, where she handles office support functions such as human

resources, reception and data entry.



Lauren Siemers

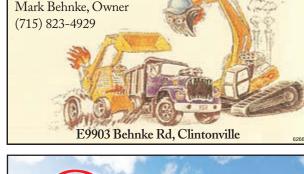
Siemers will graduate in May from UW-Oshkosh with a degree in Marketing. She was raised on her family's dairy farm, Siemers Holsteins, in northeast Wisconsin. Siemers has actively participated in Wisconsin's agricultural community, staying engaged in 4-H, FFA, Wisconsin Holstein Association and Holstein Association USA. Through these associations, she had the unique opportunity to serve as the 2019 WHA Princess,

compete in speaking contests, and travel extensively across the country and to Scotland to evaluate dairy cattle. In 2023, Siemers was honored as a National Distinguished Junior Member Finalist by Holstein

Alice in Dairyland is a one-year, full-time public relations position with the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The program is supported by several partner organizations, including Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Kettle Moraine Mink Breeders Association, Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board, Goodman's Jewelers, Wisconsin Potato Industry Board, Ginseng Board of Wisconsin and Wisconsin

More information in the program can be found at aliceindairyland.com and by following Alice online on Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Instagram.





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Recognizing National Ag Day

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) recognized March 19, 2024, as National Agriculture Day with the theme of "Agriculture: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

ACA President Jenny Pickett said students from AFA, 4-H, FFA, and MANNRS participated in 2023 National Ag Day.

"Students are interested in advocating on behalf of agriculture and their future roles in the industry. Their participation in National Ag Day activities provides a glimpse of the future of agriculture. It's exciting to learn from the students what they think agriculture will be like in the years ahead, and how their involvement will shape the industry and America as a whole," Pickett said.

According to USDA Economic Research Service* more than 22 million full- and part-time jobs were related to the agricultural and food sector, or roughly 10% of all US employment. On-farm jobs represented about 2.6

million jobs, or a little over 1% of US employment. Take that a step further, agriculture- and food-related jobs totaled more than 19 million.

"More and more, students and individuals are finding careers in agriculture. The industry needs scientists, biologists, food safety technicians, livestock nutrition specialists, arborists, conservationists – one doesn't have to be a farmer or have a direct on-farm job to be involved in the agriculture industry," Pickett said.

National Ag Day in 2024 marks the 51st year of the nationwide effort to share real stories of American agriculture, and remind citizens that agriculture affects everyone.

"From the food we eat and the fuel for our vehicles, to the fiber in the clothes we wear, and the oil used to make kids' crayons, agriculture touches everyone in some way," Pickett said.

Things that help support rural economies

Farmers deal with climate change

Climate change is a challenge the world must confront together.

Though people from all walks of life and in all corners of the world will be affected by rising global temperatures and the ripple effects of such increases, the impact of climate change on the agricultural sector figures to be especially significant.

Farmers have been on the front lines in the fight against climate change for decades. When storms strike and climate patterns shift, farmers must find ways to adapt or potentially lose their livelihoods.

Experts warn that the planet is warming at a pace that could prove devastating.

For example, one assessment conducted under the World Climate Research Programme and published in 2020 in the Reviews of Geophysics concluded that the warming range of the planet will be between 2.6 $_{\rm i}$ C and 3.9 $_{\rm i}$ C.

Everyone must do their part in an effort to avoid the more drastic outcomes associated with climate change. Farmers can explore these ways to combat climate change as they look to protect their personal and financial futures.

• Curtail methane emissions. The European Environment Agency notes that capturing methane from manure is one way for farmers to reduce agriculture-related greenhouse gas emissions.

The California Climate and Agriculture Networks notes that more than half of the state's agricultural emissions come from livestock in the form of methane. The nonprofit organization

Foodwise reports that holistic, pasture-based livestock management utilizing practices like rotational grazing can help mitigate methane emissions from livestock.

• Emphasize efficient use of fertilizers. The EEA recommends efficient use of fertilizers as another means to reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture at the U.S. Department of Agriculture notes that the greatest efficiency typically comes from the first increment of added fertilizer-nutrients, with each additional increment thereafter resulting in lower efficiency.

Making every effort to make the most of initial applications can save farmers money and reduce the impact on the environment.

• Participate in and help promote local farmers markets. Foodwise notes that food in the United States travels an average of 1,500 miles before it ends up on consumers' plates. Transporting foods that far contributes to more greenhouse gas emissions. Farmers who can sell to local farmers markets can help reduce such emissions.

Promoting those efforts via social media pages or other public platforms can increase consumer awareness of the availability of fresh, locally grown foods.

The challenges posed by climate change are not going away. Farmers can take various steps to overcome those challenges. AG233762

Census of Agriculture results highlight Wisconsin's strengths

MADISON – Results from the 2022 Census of Agriculture were published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service recently published the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

The census is taken every five years in order to aggregate agricultural information for each state, including farm size, commodities and impact.

"The census data highlights that Wisconsin's agricultural diversity is our strength," said Randy Romanski, secretary of the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. "Wisconsin produces an abundance of milk, grains, specialty crops and livestock. Thank you to the producers who completed the census making Wisconsin the second-highest response rate in the nation and to NASS, who worked to aggregate and publish the census data."

Wisconsin ranked 10th in the United States for total value of production at \$16.7 billion and had a net farm income of \$77,839 in 2022, according to the

"Wisconsin is home to more than 58,000 farms and 95% of those are considered family farms," Romanski said. "With 13.8 million acres of land dedicated to farming, it is clear that agriculture is still at the heart of our state."

Agriculture has an impact in Wisconsin that goes beyond commodities produced and consumers who enjoy Wisconsin-produced food, fuel and fiber, according to Romanski.

"Governor (Tony) Evers declared 2024 the Year of the Worker and this administration has been working for years to involve youth in and create additional career pathways for agriculture," he said. "The data released today shows that about 10% of Wisconsin producers are younger than 35 years old. Agriculture is a dynamic employer in Wisconsin and we will continue to work with the industry to make additional connections."

Additional information on the 2022 Census of Agriculture can be found at nass.usda.gov.



occurred between 2007 and 2009. Rural communities have faced many unique challenges since 2007.

Efforts to revive small business sectors have

Those efforts have been wildly effective in many

urban areas, and they also can help rural economies

recover from the many challenges they've been

confronting since the Great Recession, which

helped countless communities regain their prosperity

and sense of community pride.

For example, a 2019 study published in the journal Rural Sociology found that 46% of remote rural counties were depopulating, while just 6% of metropolitan counties were facing population losses.

Reviving rural communities does more than help the people who call those communities home. Thriving rural communities can ensure access to fresh foods for people in both rural and urban areas, thus keeping costs down. Thriving rural communities also can reduce reliance on government assistance programs. With access to well-paying jobs, more people in rural communities can live above the poverty line.

That's a significant benefit, as the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that roughly 85% of counties combatting persistent poverty are rural.

Attempts to revive rural economies will require a collective effort on the part of people from all walks of life, and there's much everyone can do to pitch in.

Buy products from local farms. When buying foods, looking for products from local

farms and/or domestic farms can benefit consumers in various ways. Many individuals find locally grown foods more flavorful than products imported from foreign countries.

And buying local, whether the farm is on the outskirts of the metropolitan area you call home or elsewhere in your own country, provides some much-needed economic stimulation to rural communities.

Rural communities produce more than food. Soaps, lotions, candles, decorative items and other products people use everyday are produced on farms and within rural communities. Choosing these products over mass-produced alternatives made in other countries or in places where profits are less likely to be funneled back into local communities is a great way to support rural economies.

One of the most effective ways to lend a hand to rural economies is to support legislation that can help them. There are many reasons why rural economies have fallen on hard times, and a lack of digital infrastructure has undoubtedly contributed to those struggles.

All businesses benefit from a strong online presence, and communities can attract more remote workers if their digital infrastructure is improved. Those improvements are often the subject of local, state and even federal legislation. Individuals who want to help rural economies can urge their representatives to support legislation that can help rural communities build their digital infrastructure so it's on par with that which has already been established in more populous areas.

Rural economies are struggling. However, there's much everyone can do to pitch in and support efforts to revive rural communities. TF22C558

Grants promote farm-to-school programs

The Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative in Waupaca County was among eight organizations to receive grants from the Wisconsin Farm to School Program Grant Program.

Building Farm to School and ECE Networks and Procurement Systems in Waupaca County will build the collaborative network of farm-to-school and early childhood programs on a local level.

Located near Waupaca, Turners Fresh Market is part of the Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative. They work to support nutrition and know-your-farmer education programming. They help school food service staff develop recipes and menus.

Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative also builds logistics, pricing models and templates that support production costs for farmers.

They help with the cost of aggregation and distribution and fit within the parameters of school and early childhood provider budgets.

The goal of the Wisconsin Farm to School Grant Program is to enable communities to develop farm to school partnerships, implement farm to school initiatives, and strengthen Wisconsin's statewide farm to school network.

Piloted for one year, projects will gather impact and outcome data, measure demand for this grant program, and capture success stories to leverage ongoing support and for a permanently funded grant program.





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to the proposed ordinance.

One permit will be issued per legally registered and licensed vehicle.

Among changes that Public Works made to the ordinance, visitor parking will be allowed with permission from police and the ordinance will apply to all cityowned parking lots, not just downtown.

Ordinance history

The board met March 4 after the council voted to send the proposed ordinance back to committee on Feb. 20.

Public Works Director Robert Garske opened the March 4 meeting with a recap of the city's efforts to handle ongoing complaints about parking in downtown New London.

He said the Board of Public Works began discussing fees for downtown residents who park full-time downtown at a June 5, 2023 meeting

After a discussion of what other communities of a similar size are charging for downtown, parking was tabled for a future agenda, Garske said.

He noted that the issue of parking was brought back to the board in September 2023 for several reasons.

One reason involved a downtown property owner who was concerned about his tenants having a place to park.

"Also in the July and August timeframe, I struggled with having parked cars in the area of construction and just knowing what I had to go through in order to locate these residents and try to get their vehicles moved," Garske said.

At the board's September meeting, "we had a discussion of having an area for residents to park when there was no available parking option for them," Garske said. "I was instructed to start

looking into possible fees and/or procedures for residential parking."

Garske noted that after the October meeting, he was still uncertain as to the board's direction due to "the many different thoughts and ideas and enforcement questions that were brought up."

New London Police Chief Jeffrey Schlueter attended the December meeting and the board agreed that a 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. parking ban downtown except for those with permits would be the easiest way to enforce any type of parking regulations.

"After that discussion took place, I was instructed by the board to put together a policy and an ordinance for parking," Garske said. "At last month's meeting, I presented it. The policy and ordinance passed at the board level, however at the council level, it got sent back to committee."

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

On Feb. 20, Common Council members voted 6-3 in favor of a motion by Roberts to put the plan on hold and send it back to committee.

At that meeting, Roberts argued that the parking restrictions would cause hardships for downtown tenants with young children due to the permitted parking being restricted to areas farther from downtown buildings.

He said requiring a permit in downtown lots discriminated against downtown tenants.

He also argued that the restrictions would promote drunken driving.

Garske noted that the plan he proposed addressed these issues.

"The policy in no way changes how residents can drop of groceries and/or pick up a child," he said. "They have the same parking opportunity as everyone else

that parks downtown."

During the 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. ban, people can still park for up to 30 minutes for pick up or drop off.

Garske reiterated that the

parking restrictions allowed

city street workers to clear the lots of snow. The permits also make it easier for city staff to contact

the vehicles' owners if they are in undesignated spots.

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He noted that there were vehicles parked in the same spot days after a snowstorm last year even after they were issued parking tickets.

Roberts criticized

Several board members criticized Roberts for not providing them with any information regarding his concerns prior to the Feb. 20 council meeting, especially since he had participated in the meetings leading up to the Feb. 5 and Feb. 20 votes.

Mayor Mark Herter accused Roberts of using "false narratives" in his arguments against the proposed ordinance.

"At the end of the discussion, the city and street department need to take care of the parking lot for daily maintenance and services as needed and those costs come at taxpayer expenses," Herter said. "Can we all come to an agreement on the key issues previously mentioned and work together to the goal we all want and that is a downtown parking lot that can work for us all and better our downtown district?"

"I asked for this to come back to committee and I was really hoping we'd have some discussions," Roberts said. "But I guess at this point you've all got your minds made up, so I don't see the point of saying anything at this point."

"Generally, it doesn't occur that somebody comes in that's been part of those discussions for three, four months and reads off a dissertation and nobody else in the room has a chance to respond to that," said Ald. John Faucher, noting that Roberts could have sent his criticisms to council members prior to the meeting so they would have the opportunity to read them and respond.

Faucher also argued that downtown parking in most cities costs \$120 per month rather than \$120 per year,

Ald. John Hass also complained that Roberts brought up his concerns at the "last minute."

"Everybody was involved in all these meetings," he said. "To come up with a whole bunch of scenarios in the last hour of the day, when it was ready to be passed, that's hard for us."

"At the last Public Works meeting, I sat here and I argued until I was blue in the face," Roberts said. I looked around the room and everybody, you already had your mind's made up."

"Holy cow, am I being attacked here," Roberts added.

"You kind of attacked the whole council when you said they were promoting drunk driving," Herter said, noting that Roberts also said the parking restrictions would affect local fishermen and the boat launch. "It does not because they do pay to use the boat launch and park there"

"We need to focus on the issue at hand, but I want to talk about a procedural issue," Ald. BaLynda Croy said.

She argued Roberts would have violated the open meetings law by sending his opinions to the other council members prior to the meeting

"Procedurally, he did the right thing," Croy said, noting that the exchange of information can constitute a "walking quorum," which violates the law.

Hard copies of written information may be mailed because they are largely one-way exchanges. Emails, however, are in a gray area of the

According to a 2019 Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Compliance Guide by state Attorney General Josh Kaul, "Although no Wisconsin court has applied the open meetings law to these kinds of electronic communications, it is likely that the courts will try to determine whether the communications in question are more like an in-person discussion - e.g., a rapid back-andforth exchange of viewpoints among multiple members or more like non-electronic correspondence, written which generally does not

raise open meetings law concerns."

Members of the board voted in favor the proposed ordinance with the amendments to require permits to park between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. for designated areas in all city-owned parking lots and allow visitor parking with permission from the police department.

Roberts cast the sole dissenting vote.

Downtown street parking

The same parking restrictions between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. apple for several downtown streets.

- North Water Street, between North Shawano and North Pearl Streets.
- South Pearl Street, between North Water Street,
 Waupaca Street and East Beacon Avenue.
 Wisconsin Street, from
- North Water Street north to its end.

 State Street, from North
- Water Street north to its end.
 • Lincoln Court, from Wolf River Plaza to Wau-
- St. John's Place, from North Water Street to Wau-
- Park Street, from Pearl Street to St. John's Place.

paca Street.

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Hansen then made a motion to suspend the rule.

Braden said this topic has received a lot of interest in the community, and even though the council has the authority to suspend the rules, he didn't think the school district was asking that the rules be suspended.

Ald. Greg Rose, who is also a teacher in the Clintonville School District, told the council it was his understanding that the district would like to resolve the sale of the property "sooner than later."

"They've been working through a lot to get this process forward and I'm sure they would like to see that expedited," Rose said. "And as far as the public interest goes, there was over 30 people at that (Plan Commission) meeting. Lots of discussion was

had. Pretty much everyone left with a clear understanding of what was going on. Misconceptions were cleared up and I think we have a clear path forward. And the very few people we have today in our audience is significant in showing that the community is behind the direction it's going."

Ald. Mark Zachow, who is

also a member of the Clintonville School Board, agreed that the sooner the properties are rezoned, the better.

The council unanimously ap-

proved suspending the rule to require a second reading of the proposed ordinance.

Schirpke said since the last Clintonville Plan Commission meeting, he's had conversations with members of the community about available housing in Clintonville.

"I did not realize quite how severe our rental situation is in town," Schirpke said. "We are at a time where some of our housing rentals are getting to be over \$1,000 a month. Not all of them are quality housing, but people are choosing to rent them because we have such a low supply and a high demand. I don't quite know if it makes sense to take a building that is currently zoned residential and switch it over to downtown mixed use when we see a need for more housing in our community."

Of note, at least one company had inquired about the properties with the idea of turning the school buildings into apartment buildings, but that company did not submit a bid to purchase the properties. Only two purchase bids were received by the school district, with none of the bids by entities for the purpose of turning the buildings into housing units.



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