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**LOCAL**



S.C. Swiderski LLC recently broke ground on a new apartment building in downtown New London.

Image courtesy of Swiderski LLC

## Building begins in New London

### Groundbreaking for new apartments

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – S.C. Swiderski, the city of New London, and the New London Chamber of Commerce held a groundbreaking ceremony for SCS Wolf River on Tuesday, June 18,

Swiderski has started construction of a 98-unit, four-story apartment building.

Unit sizes range from 421 to 1,200 square feet. Each

apartment includes an outdoor balcony and in-unit laundry.

The building also has a fitness center, yoga studio, community room, and an outdoor patio overlooking the river.

Located at 305 Wolf River Ave., the 4-acre site presented a number of challenges.

“More dirt is required to bring it above the floodplain, we had the coordination and approval required from FEMA, there were shoreland setback requirements to contend with, the relocation of the sanitary

sewer and water lines, more than a few certified survey map adjustments, Geopiers, and a parking variance request,” said Kortni Wolf, SCS development manager, regarding the site.

“It took a group of solution-driven people to make SCS Wolf River possible,” Wolf said.

“The Ivy building was destined to be built on this parcel, not only fulfilling a need for housing but serving as a statement piece along the Wolf River,” she noted.

“Today marks a significant milestone for New

London,” said City Administrator Chad Hoerth. “This project isn’t just about building 98 new apartment units. It’s about growth, progress and strengthening the heart of our city, the downtown district.”

Hoerth noted New London has experienced an increase in business development and an increase in interest in living in New London.

“Downtown housing is a critical component of any thriving community,” Hoerth said. “It brings life and

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## Waupaca police respond to two shooting calls in five days

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – Two shooting incidents within five days occurred in the city of Waupaca.

In the first incident, a woman was injured while trying to stop her partner from shooting himself shortly before 8 a.m. Monday, June 17.

In the second incident, around 8:40 p.m. Saturday, June 22, Waupaca police responded to a domestic complaint on North State Street.

When officers arrived at State Street, they heard

a gunshot. A short time later, they heard a second gunshot.

They learned that a man was inside the residence with firearms and had threatened “suicide by cop,” according to a press release.

Officers established phone contact with the man and persuaded him to exit the home without further incident. He was taken into custody.

Police said they will release his name and further information after charges are filed.

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Just by chance while touring the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY, Char Heger came across star-themed quilt blocks made by Waupaca children in 2014. It was a NASA project to make astronomical quilts. The Waupaca Library organized a summer program to make the blocks.

Submitted Photo

## Garden Parade in Portage County

### Master Gardeners plan event

COUNTY – The Portage County Master Gardeners’ annual Garden Parade, will be held Saturday, July 13.

The parade, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offers an inside look at seven private residential properties in the area.

### Stevens Point, Plover area

Bill and Sue Bushman, 5516 Elmwood Ave., transformed a pine forest into a formal garden in 2002. Featuring perennials and colorful annuals, the design has continued to change over the years. They have added stone walls, pedestals and stone designs, as well as garden art, lighting and a pergola.

Lenore and Jim Haferman, 2900 Lanaeh Lane, Plover, began their English-style gardens 40 years ago, with continuous blooms from spring to fall. By herself, Lenore created two backyard ponds separated by a stream, using rocks from Portage and Marathon counties. Jim built a bridge spanning the ponds and two arbors.

John and Jeanne Herder, 5517 Old Highway 18, took advantage of their isolation time during the pandemic to create an “enchanted forest” for their grandchildren. They converted an overgrown lot adjacent to their home to a garden with winding paths. Their landscape includes spirea, lilacs, ninebark, coneflowers, astilbe, heuchera, hosta, ferns and wild geraniums.



Daylilies, other colorful perennials and more greet visitors to the Lisa and Dennis Cook garden in Amherst. Seven properties in Stevens Point and Amherst areas are featured in the Portage County Master Gardeners’ annual Garden Parade July 13.

Submitted Photo

### Amherst

Lisa and Denis Cook and Nina and Rex Cass have adjoining properties at 10506 and 10490 Berberg Road. Their gardens have evolved on these 40 acres, purchased in 1976, from a pumpkin patch and herb garden to season-long color. Perennials include numerous daylilies, Orienpet lilies, peonies, dianthus, monarda, clematis, lupine, veronica, foxglove, violas, forget-me-nots and rudbeckia. Ground covers and hostas fill shady areas. The Cass garden also features roses, hydrangeas and evergreens. Visitors can enjoy potting sheds, pergolas and ponds as well as vegetable and raspberry gardens.

Marv and Yvette Shulfer, 5173 Lime Lake Rd., have landscape décor using recycled items and what they find in nature. With a “sliver of woods” and rocky pasture, they created a cozy oasis, building fences, arbors and gardens now known as Shulfer’s Roots & Wings Landing.

Karen and Richard Stuczynski, 197 Depot St., enjoy adding whimsy and unusual plants to their gardens. As trees grow and come down, they have both sun and shade gardens, featuring many hostas and other flowers. Fountains and fun items hidden among plants add to the joy.

den parade, and members will be available to answer questions at each garden.

**Tickets**  
Garden Parade tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 on parade days at any of the parade sites. They are available at several locations:  
In Stevens Point, advance tickets are for sale at Jung’s Garden Center, 5620 U.S. Highway 10 East; Stevens Point Area Co-op, 633 Second St.; and Master Gardener information table at the Farmers’ Market on the Public Square on Saturdays.

Advance tickets are also at Village Gardens, 2811 Porter Road, and Jay-Mar, 2130 Jay-Mar Road, both in Plover; The Landmark, Amherst; and Angel Gardens, Wisconsin Rapids. They are available at any of the gardens on July 13.

For more information, contact Portage County UW-Extension, 715-346-1316.

### Food, art, entertainment

Various demonstrations, vendors, gardening information, a showcase of creative containers and garden art and musical entertainment will be available at select garden locations. New this year, a food truck will be available at the Shulfer garden.

Portage County Master Gardeners sponsor the

## Waupaca on space quilt

### From outer space to Paducah

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – In 2013, NASA flight engineer Karen Nyberg invited crafters to help her stitch together a global community space quilt.

A passionate quilter and sewer, Nyberg was filmed stitching a star-shaped pattern in zero gravity on the International Space Station. The deadline for sending in a star-themed quilt block was Aug. 1, 2014.

In the summer of 2104, the reading program at

**Quilt**  
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## Community fund reaches milestone

NEW LONDON – An effort to create a permanent source of funding for community needs in New London has reached its first fundraising milestone of \$200,000 contributed by 71 donors.

For two years, Joe Van Alstine and Lori Dehlinger Van Alstine have been connecting with community leaders, businesses, organizations and individuals to raise awareness and support of their work to establish a New London Community Fund.

“This is our hometown, and we want to give back to ensure a promising future,” Van Alstine said. “This marks a significant step towards fostering a stronger New London for generations to come.”

The couple has partnered with the Appleton-based nonprofit Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region to manage the New London Community Fund, a permanent endowment that will generate charitable grant dollars to benefit the community.

The fund, which can be thought of like a community savings account, will be a lasting source of funding dedicated to supporting charitable organizations in the New London area.

A process will be developed for distributing grants from the fund to charitable organizations focused on community improvement.

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Shown at the groundbreaking for the New London apartment building project are Hadleigh Baumann with SCS Design, Jim Winiecki with SCS Construction, April Kopitzke with Chamber of Commerce, Joe Sturzi with Nicolet National Bank, SCS CEO Nathanael Popp, Jacqui McElroy with SCS Development, Brian Olsen with JSD Engineering, City Administrator Chad Hoerth, Madeline Check with SCS Development, and Joe Gallagher with Ramaker.

John Faucher Photo

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energy to our city center, ensuring our downtown remains bustling and dynamic. Residents of this new complex will have the unique advantage of living close to work, shops, res-

taurants and entertainment, contributing to a more connected and engaged community.”  
“This residential development represents a transformative step forward,” said April Kopitzke, executive director of the New London Area Chamber of Com-

merce. “It is a bold initiative that will enhance our downtown district, attract new residents to our area and ensure we retain our future workforce.”  
She noted that the space where the new apartments are being constructed has been vacant for more than

20 years.  
“Now we are creating a space where people can call home,” Kopitzke said.  
December 2025 is the anticipated date for completion of the project.  
*John Faucher contributed to this article.*

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the Waupaca Area Public Library was Fizz, Boom, Read! It was a science-based theme and children gathered for Story Time from Space, where an astronaut at the space station reads a children’s book and the broadcast is beamed down for earthlings to watch.

The library staff learned of the space quilt project. They rounded up sewing machines and volunteer quilters helped children create star-themed blocks. Some wrote their names on the quilt block and where it was from.

Approximately 30 blocks were submitted to NASA before the deadline and then the summer ended.

“We never heard a thing from NASA. I forgot all about it. We moved onto the next thing,” said Sue Abrahamson, the children’s librarian at the time.

Char Heger was in Paducah, Kentucky, touring the National Quilt Museum, the nation’s premier museum for contemporary quilting.

The finest quilts of the word are featured here. Some are so intricate they have a photographic or three-dimensional quality. Many look like paintings.

One quilt stood out to Heger because it was a mundane-looking block quilt. Then on one of the blocks she noticed the words: Waupaca. They were the same blocks she helped children make in the summer program.

“Here was a Waupaca one, there was a Waupaca one. To go from here, to Houston and to Paducah and what would be the odds that I would be in Paducah at that time?” said Heger, noting the exhibits are temporary.

“Oh my gosh,” she said as she found one and another and another. She attracted the attention of two men standing nearby looking at

another quilt.  
“Our library did this. I’m from Waupaca, Wisconsin,” said Heger. “This is my grandson’s [block]. It went to Houston and here to Paducah.”

They replied back that it was an impressive feat and kudos to the library for doing such a project.

Nyberg’s exhibit of space quilts, “The Stars are Aligned,” will be shown at the museum until July 30. There are five quilts on display and two have been never seen before.

“Then she called me and could hardly speak she was so excited,” said Jeanne Bootz, another volunteer quilter who helped make the blocks 10 years ago. Bootz remembered a small child sitting on her lap before a sewing machine and making a block. It was very slow.

“Stitch . . . stitch . . . stitch. I thought we’re going to be here until next week. But we got it,” Bootz said.  
Heger remembers work-

ing the foot pedal. “Otherwise a lot of fingers would have been sewed,” she said.

When Nyberg came back from space, more than 2,200 blocks were submitted from around the world. She assembled all of them into 30 72-inch by 90-inch wall-sized quilts.

Of these quilts, Heger confirmed five or six made-in-Waupaca blocks were included in two quilts on display. There could be more blocks of Waupaca origin making up the other quilts.

“Five of the thirty quilts were in Paducah. We don’t know if other Waupaca ones could be on those other quilts.”

The summer of 2014 wasn’t the only time the library rounded up sewing machines for a project. “We did a project where we made an apron out of a men’s shirt. All kinds of people came in with shirts of people they love and shirts from their past. It was really cool,” said former library director Peg Burington.

**Fireworks at fairgrounds**

Weyauwega’s fireworks display will be held at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 3.  
The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with soda, water, popcorn and other refreshments.

DJ Reggie will provide a night of music. Fireworks start at dusk.

**CORRECTION:** The location of the fireworks reported last week was incorrect.

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**June 17 incident**

Nathaniel T. Everts, 37, Waupaca, is charged with three counts of reckless endangerment, three counts of reckless use of a firearm, causing injury by negligent use of a firearm, felony strangulation, two counts of misdemeanor child neglect, and disorderly conduct as an act of domestic abuse.

Waupaca police were dispatched to the High Street apartment complex in response to a man reportedly trying to kill himself.

According to the criminal complaint, Officers Cameron Durrant and Paul Jensen went to the building’s south entrance, while Detective Sgt. Bret Rodenz and Officer Matthew Batte went to the north side.

Rodenz and Batte encountered a woman who was leaving the building with a 3-year-old child in her arms. She was yelling that Everts was still in the building with her baby.

Durrant and Jensen were already in the couple’s apartment. Everts had locked himself in the bathroom while the officers removed the baby from the apartment.

After nearly 90 minutes, Everts exited the apartment with his hands up and no weapons. He was arrested without further incident.

Police reported finding a bullet hole in the hallway ceiling outside the apartment, a spent 22-caliber casing on the hallway floor, a 22-caliber rifle by the bathroom and a magazine that was on the floor next to the rifle but not inserted

into it.  
Other loaded rifle magazines were located in the apartment.

“There was a wooden box that was located along the north wall of the bedroom that was filled with 59 knives, 4 hatchets, a pair of brass knuckles and a throwing star. There was a plastic tub filled with multiple knives and swords and other miscellaneous weapons,” the complaint says.

Officers also found the broken pieces of a gun case on top of and beside the bed.

The woman had tried to take the gun from Everts before he removed it from the case.

He allegedly held her in a headlock during the struggle.

The woman left the apartment and went into the hallway where “she started screaming for help. No one came to help her,” the complaint says.

She told police that Everts followed her into the hallway, placed the rifle’s butt on the floor and aimed the barrel at his head, with his finger on the trigger.

The woman tried to take the gun away and the rifle fired.

She told police that a bullet grazed her neck, which she did not realize until Everts noticed the blood. He placed a baby rag on her neck. He went back inside the apartment and she called 911.

She told police that Everts had been abusive in the past and she was fearful for her safety.

Everts is currently in custody on a \$50,000 cash bond.

**Waupaca County sheriff’s report**

This weekly report has limited information because Waupaca County experienced a computer interruption that occurred on June 18.

June 14 – A New London caller on Everts Road reported the dirt bikes driving by her property were so loud she could not hear the TV.

June 14 – A Waupaca caller on King Road reported his fiancé’s ex-husband drove past their house the day before. He stalked his ex-wife in the past.

June 14 – An Iola woman on Curtis Lane reported someone used her debit card on Amazon.

June 14 – A Waupaca caller on Fulton Street reported a man was following him and saying he was going to beat up the caller.

June 14 – An anonymous caller reported an intoxicated man driving a truck. The caller said weapons were in the truck.

June 14 – An unknown caller reported she cannot “take life anymore” and that her boyfriend is acting psychotic. She said she

had post-partum depression.

June 14 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

June 14 – An Iola woman on Mill Street reported a suspicious-looking black Jeep.

June 14 – A Fremont woman reported her boyfriend was threatening her, that he was going to find her and she was afraid for her life.

June 14 – A Weyauwega caller on Pine Street reported someone tried breaking into her house.

The screen door was damaged and things on the patio were pushed over.

June 15 – An unknown caller requested help for a woman in her 20s who overdosed.

June 15 – A caller reported his neighbor’s dogs have been coming onto his property and killing his ducks.

June 15 – A Waupaca caller on Waupaca Street reported he woke up and two people were in his house.

June 15 – A Weyauwega man on White Lake Road reported someone dumped 23 tires into a ditch.

June 15 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

June 15 – The Store in Manawa reported a gas drive-off valued at \$40.

June 15 – An Iola man on Johnson Road reported his female neighbor came onto his property and yelled at him.

June 15 – A Waupaca caller on King Road reported an intoxicated man with a silver Chevy truck and a boat on a trailer was punching other vehicles and yelling at people.

June 15 – Little Caesars in Waupaca reported that a 58-year-old woman passed out.

June 15 – An unknown caller reported a child appeared at her house 10 minutes earlier with a bicycle. The child said another child kicked her out

and was being mean.

June 15 – A caller reported some people were smoking marijuana at a local campground.

June 15 – A caller was behind a silver-colored vehicle that had its hazard lights on. The caller went to check on it to see if the vehicle hit a deer. A female rolled down the window and said her boyfriend was beating her.

June 16 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

There was a below average amount of deer-auto collisions during this period. Six controlled burns were called in. The water patrol stopped ten boats. A deputy helped a turtle cross the road.

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# Waupaca NEWS

## Wake ban moves ahead

Debate in Dayton

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Dayton Town Hall was standing room only on June 19 for a public hearing about an ordinance to restrict artificial wake enhancement on Round, Rainbow and Columbia Lakes.

This hearing is a culmination of multiple meetings on the subject that started this winter. Since both townships share common waters, the two boards came together this spring to write a shared ordinance and to host a shared public hearing.

The previous meetings held by both townships were the same as this one: a packed room, TV news crews and a vocal majority of residents who believe boats that are designed to make extra large wakes do not belong on the Chain O' Lakes.

Wake boats create waves large enough for a person to surf behind them. The waves also cause shoreline erosion, create hazards for



The Dayton-Farmington joint public hearing about wake boating on the Chain O' Lakes was another packed house. Multiple residents shared their opinions for and against this kind of recreation.

James Card Photo

other boaters, churn up the lake bottom and disrupt fish habitat.

Dayton Town Chair Jeff Barlow led the joint-township meeting. A copy of the ordinance was available for all who attended. Here are a few noteworthy points of the ordinance:

- The ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer in Wisconsin.

- A key phrase described boats operating in a "bow-high manner," meaning the wake boats do not plane but rather plow through the lake like a large water-displacing wedge. The wording also

prohibited the use of items such as ballast and hydrofoils that force the boat to move in a "bow-high manner."

- The ordinance also noted waterskiing, tubing and the brief transition of a boat getting on plane were not in violation.

- Fines: \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for the second offense within one year.

- A summary of the ordinance shall be posted at all public access points to the lakes.

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## City band to perform Friday

WAUPACA – The Waupaca City Band will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, June 28, at South Park located at the south end of Main Street.

This is its third performance in a series of summer band concerts held on Friday evenings.

Returning to the podium after retirement, long-time city band director Mark Kryshak will be guest conductor for this week's concert.

The program will feature a mixture of traditional

concert band selections and popular tunes.

It includes a weekly Children's March in which a young audience member is selected by a drawing to lead the group through the park accompanied this week with "Action Front" composed by Ronald C. Knoener.

Friday's program will include highlights from the Broadway musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "Under the Sea" from the Disney movie

and a clever arrangement called "Eine Kleine Rockmusik" which blends the music of Mozart with classic rock and roll tunes.

The program free of charge and will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

Audience members are encouraged to provide their own seating. In the event of rain the program will be held at the Waupaca Middle School, located on 1149 Shoemaker Road.

## Computer hack confirmed

Personal info compromised

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – On June 13, the Waupaca School District sent a three-page letter to parents regarding the May 13 computer crash.

The purpose of the letter was to warn explain what happened, describe the district's response and to warn parents that personal information might have been taken.

In the letter, the district reported that "an unauthorized actor downloaded certain files and folders from the network. Waupaca reviewed the informa-

tion in the files and folders to confirm what information was contained within and to whom it related for purposes of providing notice."

The letter continued: "The information in the files may include your: names, Social Security number, financial account information and/or credit or debit card number. Please note that we have no evidence that your personal information was subject to any actual or attempted misuse as a result of this event."

The letter also noted that the district is offering parents UP to 12 months of complementary credit card monitoring and identity

theft protection services through Experian, an international data analytics based in Dublin, Ireland.

The district also noted that they are reviewing their existing policies and procedures and adding more safeguards. They also mentioned that federal law enforcement was notified about the hacking episode.

The remainder of the letter was instructions to enroll in Experian monitoring services and how to monitor accounts on one's own by acquiring free annual credit reports, including adding a fraud alert on credit report files that requires a business to verify a consumer's identity before extending new credit.

## Irish pub reopens in Waupaca

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Irish pub formerly known as T-Dubs is now back open under new ownership as Doc Kelly's Public House.

The new name is an amalgam of the names of the two new owners, Kelly and Gina Koch. Gina is a chiropractic doctor, so they joined them together as Doc Kelly.

They purchased the Jens Hansen building in January 2024. The business was vacant for four years. The previous owners, Denny Wahnke and Paul Mayou, shut the place down during the Covid pandemic. After the virus cleared, they tried reopening again but the former staff was long gone and the business was shuttered again. Mayou is part of the staff doing the payroll and accounting.

"Denny and Paul were very supportive. Open it up; we have all the recipes for



At the entrance near Riverview Park, a new metal sign for Doc Kelly's Public House hangs near a patio illuminated with string lighting. The Irish pub has been reopened and brought back to life by Kelly and Gina Koch.

James Card Photo

you. You don't need to reinvent the wheel. With me being Irish and I love the Irish fare and cuisine, I decided we could pull it all together," said Kelly Koch.

The kitchen equipment groaned back to life. There were numerous repairs after the sitting idle and unplugged for so long. They

did extensive cleaning and replaced many light fixtures.

The mysterious and beckoning stairway on East Fulton Street, right across from the library is boarded up. It leads down to the Riverview Park area and the main entrance for Doc Kelly's.

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# Stevens Point NEWS

## Portage County's K9 units

BY ELIOT JAVERS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – PuroClean hosted a fundraiser for the Portage County Sheriff's Office K9 program Wednesday, June 19.

At the event, the Portage County Tavern League donated \$2,000 to the K9 program.

The county's two K9-unit dogs were on hand for the event – 2-year-old Lexa and Indy, age 5.

During the demonstrations, the dogs demonstrated how they find narcotics and how they will defend their handlers during an arrest if needed.

Deputies described the process for selecting and training the dogs. They go to the kennel and pick a dog.

Then the dogs undergo a five to six-week training program before they are



Indy is part of a K9 unit with the Portage County Sheriff's Office. Eliot Javers Photo

ready to go into the field. Portage County Sheriff Mike Lukas said that these K9s are tested each year to maintain certification.

When asked about the relationship between a dog and its handler, Lukas said "The bond between handler and K9 are just like a normal work day partner. They

do everything together and have each other's backs."

Lukas also talked about the handler and the dog in a K9 work together to keep communities safe.

Among their many duties, the K9 units are used for narcotics searches, finding lost people and protecting their handlers.

## New principal at McKinley

STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point Area Public School District has hired Chase Gildenzoph as the incoming principal of McKinley Elementary School.

He will take his position effective July 1.

Gildenzoph holds a master's degree in education with a focus on educational administration from Concordia University. He also earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics education from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point.

He has nine years of experience as an elementary principal and five years as a high school mathematics teacher.

Gildenzoph has served as the principal of Oxford Elementary and Coloma Elementary in the Westfield School District. During his tenure, he has demonstrated a commitment to fostering academic excellence, pro-



Gildenzoph

moting staff development, and building a positive school culture. His efforts have consistently led to improved student outcomes and strengthened community relations.

, superintendent of the Stevens Point Area Public School District, expressed enthusiasm about the new appointment,

"We are excited to welcome Chase Gildenzoph to our leadership team. His ex-

tensive experience and dedication to educational excellence make him an ideal fit for McKinley Elementary School," said Stevens Point Superintendent Cory Hirsbrunner. We are confident that under his leadership, McKinley will continue to thrive and provide an outstanding learning environment for our students."

Gildenzoph said "I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead McKinley Elementary School. I look forward to working with the talented staff, engaged parents, and wonderful students to continue building a supportive and enriching educational experience for all."

Gildenzoph has actively participated in various educational and extracurricular activities, including football, student council and math club.

## City band to perform July 2

STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point City Band will present its fifth concert of the summer season at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in the Pfiffner Pioneer Park band shell along the Wisconsin River.

The band had to change to a Tuesday night performance this week instead of its usual Wednesday due to preparations for Riverfront Rendezvous at the park.

"The Spirit of America" will be the theme as the band salutes the country's birthday with a variety of patriotic and classic Americana-themed music, including "America

The Beautiful," Henry Fillmore's "President's March," "Sousa March Carnival," "Civil War Reflections" and other patriotic musical selections. "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will round out the evening.

The band's free weekly concerts are normally held on Wednesday evenings (and will continue through July 31. Audience members should bring chairs or blankets for seating.

In the event of rain, concerts will be held in the gym at St. Paul Lutheran School, 1919 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.

## Local history on women athletes

PLOVER – The Portage County Historical Society has released a new book "We Just Wanted to Play: The Story of Women's Athletics in Portage County."

This book is a companion to the current feature exhibit on the topic at the society's Heritage Park historic site in Plover.

The book is a unique chance for visitors to take the exhibit with them so



they are able to learn about the extraordinary stories of women athletes from Por-

tage County beyond the exhibit's run, which concludes at the end of this summer.

"This exhibit has been an intergenerational experience with mothers and grandmothers taking their families to see how they led the charge for more equality in our area's sports," said PCHS Executive Director John Harry. "This book is a chance for our guests to continue to celebrate these

incredible stories long after the exhibit has been taken down."

Those interested can purchase the book at the General Store Gift Shop at Heritage Park, 2700 Madison Ave. in Plover. The store and exhibit are open this summer from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, excluding the week of the Fourth of July.

## Stevens Point bridge winners

STEVENS POINT – Social Bridge winners on June 17 at the Lincoln Center were Dorothy Ford, David Schill, Mary Olson and Mark H.

Call Rose Marie at 715-341-1654 by Friday, June 28, to play Monday, July 1.

June 20 - Duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Paul Barsi and Larry Niederhofer.

Jim Golz and Emalyn Nikstad, Mary Jacobson and Tom Rowe.

June 21 - Duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Nancy Quick and Lynne Anderson, Joan Platt and Audrey Patoka, Bob Matthews and Paul Barsi.

To learn more about playing duplicate bridge on Fridays, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.

## Mayor declares SPSA Day

STEVENS POINT – Mayor Mike Wiza declared Thursday, June 20, as Stevens Point Softball Association Day.

The Stevens Point Softball Association (SPSA) was formed in the fall of 1973 and this year is Celebrating its 50th Year. T

he first games were played at Iverson Park in 1994. Due to the growth of adult softball the SPSA worked with the City to construct the softball field and concession stand at Goerke Park.

In 1984, Bill and Jean Zenoff donated the land for what was to become Zenoff Park. Construction of Zenoff Park started in 1987 with the first games being played in 1988.

The SPSA is currently working on the Legacy Plaza Project at Zenoff Park. It

will commemorate the 50 years of the SPSA, as well as Randy Wivel and Robert "Ma" Pesch, who were involved with the SPSA for most of its 50 years.

"The Stevens Point Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is excited to announce our partnership with The Stevens Point Softball Association (SPSA) at Legacy Plaza in Zenoff Park," said Parks Director Dan Kremer. "For nearly four decades, we've worked together, enabling countless recreational opportunities worth hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The SPSA has raised more than \$2 million for park improvements in the city of Stevens Point, according to Matt Disher, SPSA president.

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# Clintonville NEWS

## Ballfields add safety netting

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The city of Clintonville will spend up to \$10,000 to add safety netting around Diamond 1 and Diamond 2 at Bucholtz Park to keep foul balls out of the new Aqua Park.

The Clintonville Common Council unanimously approved, at its June 11 meeting, to spend the funds, with the funding coming from funds set aside for the Aqua Park.

### Finance meeting

At the June 10 Clintonville Finance & Personnel Committee meeting, Justin Mc Auly, director of the Public Works Department, said the netting for the ballparks was originally in the construction project plans for the Aqua Park, but was cut out to save money on the project.

Mc Auly said safety netting would be installed, as well as some extra poles to secure the netting.

“This is to keep all the

foul balls from going into the Aqua Park,” Mc Auly said. “This is a concern that both youth leagues had, as well as the high school, that foul balls could go in there (Aqua Park) and potentially hit a kid that might be in the sand, or in the water swimming.”

The top of the netting would be roughly 29 feet off the ground, Mc Auly said.

The installation of the netting would be completed by Clintonville Utilities and city employees.

He also addressed the account containing funds for the Aqua Park. There is roughly \$40,000 left in the Aqua Fund account, he said.

“We still feel comfortable that we can get a lot of the stuff that we still need yet with that remaining money,” Mc Auly said. “But safety is a huge thing for us right now.”

The 35-foot utility poles will be installed.

Committee member Tammy Strey-Hirt asked how long it would take to complete the project.

Mc Auly said that would

depend on when Clintonville Utilities has time to work on the project.

“We’ll try our best, once it’s approved, to get things ordered and try to get it in,” Mc Auly said.

### Public Works memo

A June 20 memo to the Clintonville Public Works Committee, Mc Auly stated he spoke with the electric utility foreman about ordering 35-foot poles and installing them for the netting, and found out the utility does not currently have the needed poles in inventory. Because of this, the city would have to purchase extra poles from Shawano Utilities, if they have any extra poles, or order poles later this year.

“The goal is to have the poles and hardware up this year, but if it gets to be too late in the year, we might hold off on the safety netting installation until Spring 2025. There is only about 1+ months of baseball/softball left in 2024,” Mc Auly stated in the memo.



From left, Parker Zoellick, Lincoln Zillmer, Naomi McLain, Hailey Burmeister, Jacob Marquardt, Tylie Kersten, and Paige Kersten were awarded music awards at the St. Martin Lutheran School Awards Day. Submitted Photo

## St. Martin hosts Awards Day

CLINTONVILLE - St. Martin Lutheran School held its Awards Day on May 31, recognizing students for their achievements throughout the school year.

A perfect attendance award was given to Charles Tessmer.

Music awards were given to Tylie Kersten, Jacob Marquardt, Paige Kersten, Parker Zoellick, and Naomi McLain for their years of participation in band, chimes, and other music activities. Hailey Burmeister and Lincoln Zillmer received pins for four or more music activities from 5th-8th grade.

The following students earned over 300 points in the Accelerated Reader program: Jacob Marquardt (314.4), Tylie Kersten (426.3), and John Baierl (474.5).

Members of the sixth-grade class participated in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program. Each student was given a certificate including their personal best in each category. National badges were given to

John Baierl, Addysen Hubbard, Cora Lang and Jayda Perry. Jessa Baierl earned the more difficult Presidential badge.

The St. Martin Hall of Fame added Jessa Baierl, Jayda Perry, Addysen Hubbard and Orren Korth to its ranks for their outstanding mile run times.

Spelling Bee winners were given certificates and ribbons: second place Dillon Van Straten and first place Brody Stenson.

St. Martin Honor Society recipients were: Brynlee Dey, Allison Gripen-trog, Paige Kersten, Tylie Kersten, Jacob Marquardt, Lincoln Zillmer, and Parker Zoellick. These students were on the honor roll each quarter during their 7th and 8th grade years.

Eighth-grade students received merit badges for extracurricular activities in which they served in the past four years. Hailey Burmeister received a medallion, while Tylie Ker-

sten and Parker Zoellick achieved the next level and received stars.

The Leadership Award was received by Tahlia Rehme and Brynlee Dey for their high moral character, humility, and respectfulness.

Students were not the only ones who received recognition. Retiring teachers were also recognized. On her last day of class with 4K, Deb Kamp-Schroeder was surprised with the gift of a tree to symbolize all the students she has watched grow over the years. Music teacher Cindy Fosheim was given a wall hanging of “The Blessing” with students’ fingerprints as the musical notes.

Each of them had inspiring words for the students and their future.

Head cook Kathy Sasse was recognized for her 24 years of service at St. Martin and congratulated on her retirement. The students sang “The Blessing.” Afterwards Sasse expressed how much she will miss the students.

## City considers rate increase

Rec Center, Dellwood

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board took no action when it discussed a possible annual rate increase of 3% for Clintonville Rec Center and Dellwood Childcare Center patrons.

The discussion took place when the board met June 10.

At the start of the discussion, Superintendent Troy Kuhn reminded the board that it has discussed rate increases for the Rec Center and Dellwood Childcare in the past. He said the topic should probably be on a board agenda annually for review.

He said pre approving a minimum percent raise in those rates for a certain number of years was also previously discussed.

The board recently raised the rates for both the Rec Center and Dellwood Childcare.

Board Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Vollrath said she thinks the rates could be reviewed annually, but was hesitant about approving permanent rate

increases that would take place each year.

Board member Jason Moder said the reason for approving a minimum percentage raise in rates for upcoming years, would be so it never happens again that the district goes 14 years without a rate increase.

The district last increased the Rec Center rates in 2009, before recently raising the rates.

“This would be putting it on there as the standard, and it can be changed year to year at the annual meeting,” Moder said. “But this is guaranteeing that if it gets missed, it’s going to go up, just like everything else does with the annual cost of living increase that the world incurs.”

Board Vice-President Kris Strauman said she was in favor of reviewing the rates annually, but did not want to preapprove a percentage rate increase for upcoming years.

Board President Ben Huber said another option would be to increase the rates by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) percentage each year.

Moder said because members of the board change, pre approving an

annual increase in rates would help ensure increases happen.

“Collective memory is a wonderful thing, but having it on paper is much better,” Huber added.

Moder told the board that the district missed out on a lot of money by not increasing the Rec Center rates since 2009.

“It is mind-blowing, because it is compounding,” Moder said.

Board member Glen Drew Lundt said he thinks the users of those facilities would expect rates to increase on a yearly basis.

“Everything goes up a little bit each year, so that 3% I think is a pretty good number,” Lundt said. “And, as long as the board still has options, we’re not guaranteeing that 3% if we have discussions. But if nothing happens, then it’s going to be 3%. I like that.”

## 4-H Super Saturday

Members from the Woodland Badgers 4-H Club recently showcased some of the projects that they made at the Countywide Super Saturday. Members experienced new things during this project learning day.

Shown, from left, are FRONT ROW: Avery Burmeister, Bryce Burmeister and Owen Burmeister; MIDDLE ROW: Tori Havlik, Wyatt Zempel, Eli Zempel, Weston Zempel, Chris Havlik, Isaiah Havlik and Alexis Welter; BACK ROW: Dillon Van Straten, Sterling Van Straten, Lauren Van Straten, Onan Retzlaff, Egan Retzlaff, Evan Retzlaff, Bella Havlik and Hailey Burmeister.

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The camp is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Aug. 5-9. It will be held at Keller Lake County Park located on County Trunk G near Marion.

Campers will be bused to the park each day and assigned to a unit and a volunteer helper.

Activities during the day include singing, fishing, boating, swimming, hiking, crafts, and helping prepare the noon meal.

Camp registration forms have been mailed to all individuals who attended camp in 2023.

To get a form or more information, contact Camp Director Cindy Carrick at 715-823-2823 or Pat Schoen at 920-982-5084.

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS



The Panama Canal was one of the locations that New London Spanish Club students were able to tour during a trip to Panama in March.

Photo courtesy New London School District

## New London Spanish students visit Panama

### Presentation at school board

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – In March, 24 students from the New London High School Spanish Club, and four chaperones, traveled to Panama for a trip that lasted nine days and eight nights.

At a special New London School Board meeting May 28, the board received a recap of the trip from Ellen Celske and Michelle Huebner, two high school Spanish teachers.

Celske and Huebner were also chaperones on the trip.

"We've taken many trips with students in the past, and I would say, the mix of the culture, and just the excitement of the students, and the hospitality, and the genuine willingness to share all of their country with our students, Panama was amazing," Celske said.

She added that students stepped out of their comfort zone and embraced "what Panama, as a learning experience, had to offer them."

Huebner said it was hot in Panama, probably more than they expected. Celske said the students stayed with host families while in Panama.

"They were in groups of two or three American students per host family," Celske said. "Which I think was a really humbling and eye-opening experience for students. They all came away on the last day very excited about the experience that they had had with their host

family." Huebner added, "It was always fun to hear about their nightly adventures the next day."

While on the trip, the students had the opportunity to spend an afternoon at an orphanage, Celske said.

Other places the students visited during the trip included Panama Canal, La Belleza de Panama, Casco Viejo, and Embera Village.

Board member Mark Grossman asked if students were required to speak Spanish during the trip.

Celske said the students were expected to speak Spanish, and were told by their host families that they didn't speak any English. Later the students found out the host families did speak English.

"It was kind of a neat experience," Celske said.

Board Clerk Katie Batten asked if students have stayed with host families during past international trips, or if that was decided by the tour company.

"We've done trips where they're in hotels, and I think in recent years we've started to like the host families, just because the kids are much more immersed in the experience," Celske said.

Grossman asked about the company the district used to plan the trip.

Celske said the company is based out of Green Bay, and only works with Spanish teachers.

"They themselves have taken all of these trips and tours, and they know the host families," Huebner said. "They know the tour guides."

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## Bringing water to high school stadium

### NL may use ESSER funds

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London School District will solicit bids to bring water to the high school stadium and prepare the site for building a bathroom and concession stand.

The school board approved seeking bids when it met for a special board meeting on May 28.

The board also approved having plans drawn for a potential building in the high school stadium complex.

A formal vote was not conducted for either approval, rather it was asked if any board members objected. No board members objected. Board member Mandy Wilz was absent from the meeting.

According to the topic summary sheet in the board packet, the potential project would include having water and sewer installed from the Romenesko subdivision laterals to the high school stadium complex, and building a bathroom and concession stand.

"We have explored getting running water to our existing concession stand but it is very cost prohibitive," according to the summary sheet.

Superintendent Scott Bleck said conversations about the high school stadium water project were initiated at the Facilities Committee.

He said there is water available from the subdivision lo-

cated west of the stadium. He added that pipes could be installed in a straight line from the subdivision to where the porta-potties are located at the stadium, if the board decided to move forward with the project.

Bleck said the discussion before the board would be whether to move forward with running the water lines to the stadium and doing the ground work to prepare for a building to be constructed at the stadium complex.

Joe Marquardt, district business services director, said one of the most requested items that the community asks district personnel is adding running water to the stadium complex.

Marquardt said the district is looking into whether this project could be funded with ESSER funds.

"Depending on what everything looks like, if there's definitely a possibility, but we'd have to be sure we followed all the grant guidelines," Marquardt said, adding "we always come to the board first."

The summary sheet stated, "Martenson and Eisele has been designing a bid package for an excavator to run underground sewer and water laterals to a location near our existing porta-potties. As a reminder, when the subdivision was built, we worked with them to have lateral connections available as they were added to the subdivision."

Once a bid package is completed, it would be sent out for bid.

### Estimated costs

"The goal would be a summer project for this portion of the work. We are estimating between \$75,000-\$100,000 for this project," according to the summary sheet.

Marquardt said that he and others in the district have researched stadium complexes that area school districts have.

"We want to make sure that if the board, indeed, keeps moving on this, that we're able to do the project where it fits the needs, not only for right now, but into the future as well," Marquardt said.

Board Clerk Katie Batten asked what the \$75,000 estimate included.

Marquardt said the hope would be that the estimate includes the underground laterals and site preparation, including concrete.

Batten asked how much in ESSER funds the district thinks it could use for the project.

The board was told that ESSER funds can not be used for athletic facilities, but it can be used for classroom access and similar things. The board was also told that the stadium complex is used for classroom activities.

Bleck reminded the board that ESSER III funds expire the end of September.

Batten asked if there are any health department grants available, adding that porta-potties "cannot be hygienic."

Marquardt said the district is exploring all funding options.

Board member Mark Grossman said the estimate is "a lot less" than what it would have cost to add running water to the stadium complex when it was originally built. He added that the estimate is less because of the addition of the subdivision to the west of the stadium.

"Without it (subdivision), we're not even having this conversation," Grossman said.

In addition, with allowing the district to request bids for the project, Marquardt said the district also would need approval for a building design, which is required by the state.

"It has to be designed, it has to be stamped, it has to be state approved," Marquardt said. "...There's a cost of doing that as well. And I think we want to have that done right."

Board President Chris Martinson asked what the estimate to move forward with having a building designed.

Marquardt said based on past projects, he estimated that cost to be \$6,000.

Once the district gets to the point of building a bathroom and concession stand, it is possible a high school class could assist in the construction.

"It will be important to involve the stakeholders who would use the concession building and our athletic department to ensure the facility is designed for the needs we have," the summary sheet indicated.

## Wega-Fremont NEWS

### School board updated on STEM Academy

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – Paul Krause, board president of the Fremont STEM academy, updated the W-F school board on the sustainability of the school and the progress of the coming charter high school.

Next year is projected to be 43-50 students. The board also hired a new teacher, rounding out the staff to one lead teacher and two classroom teachers.

The 2024-25 year will be the last year of the Fremont STEM Academy grant. It was originally a five-year grant that was pared down to a four-year grant by the Department of Public Instruction. The final payment will be this year.

"After that, we will be on our own," said Krause and noted the school will be applying for additional grant funding.

The charter high school will be a separate school from the Fremont Stem Academy. The grant for the school was approved in June. It is \$800,000 spread over five years.

The first year grant is for planning curriculum and classroom arrangements. The school will not open up until the fall of 2025. The Fremont Stem Academy board agreed to serve as the board for the charter high school.

"Just because we had some experience starting the school versus getting a new board together to work on the whole process on starting a school," said Krause.

"The STEM Academy is an asset to the district. It gives the kids another option. Just from our enrollment alone we went from 11 the first year to 23 and now almost 50 kids. I think it shows there is a demand, and not just in our district, we're drawing kids in from out of district. There are parents that what that option," said Krause.

### Summer football

The W-F Warhawks 7-on-7 football team competed at the Wisconsin Football 7-on-7 State Championship at UW-Oshkosh on June 23. The teams are put in pools to compete against other teams from all over the state. The Warhawks won three games in pool play despite many weather delays and made it

into the semifinal round to lose to Cedar Grove-Belgium, 28-20.

"I think the most important thing to come out of that is how those kids conducted themselves. They were incredibly respectful. They thanked everybody for having them, thanked the coaches from the other team, they were gracious in their wins and their defeats and they represented Weyauwega very well," said Nick Schultek, pupil services director.

### Summer musical

The W-F summer musical performance will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 27 at the PAC and at 10 a.m. Friday, June 28. It is lead by older students mentoring younger students.

## COMMUNITY FUND

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\*\*a fund within the American Endowment Foundation

^In memory or honor of:

1. In memory of Pat Van Alstine
2. In honor of Scott Bleck's 3-year term on board of directors
3. In memory of Barbara Yerkey



Makayla Pope recently received the Bob Kemper Scholarship from the Friends of the Neuschafer Community Library. Shown, from left, are Liz Gardipee, Susan Frick, Michelle Vandenberg, Beth Edwards, Mary Merkes, Makayla Pope, Teresa Fernandez, Amy Krishnevsky, Pat Hull and and Kim Hopkins. Submitted Photo

## Kemper Scholarship awarded to student

FREMONT – For the second year in a row, local student Makayla Pope has been awarded a scholarship by the Friends of the Neuschafer Community Library to attend the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The Bob Kemper Scholarship is available annually to eligible University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh students from Fremont.

Pope recently met with the Friends of the Neuschafer Community Library and received a \$4,800 check from the Bob Kemper Fund to support her education.

Pope is a senior completing a degree in elementary education with a minor in mathematics. After she graduates in December, she hopes to stay in the area and teach second grade full-time.

Pope said she used all of last

year's grant money to pay for tuition and will use the new grant to cover her final semester.

"This grant money helped me tremendously," Pope said. "It allowed me to put all of my focus into my schooling, as I did not have to stress about having to be constantly working to pay for my schooling. I am extremely grateful to have received this grant, and I hope that other students can take advantage of this incredible opportunity in the future."

Eligibility for the scholarship is independent of the student's area of study and GPA. The non-competitive scholarship is available to all applicants who graduated from Weyauwega-Fremont High School, resided in the Fremont area for at least three months while attending high school, and completed a term

at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh during the past year.

Scholarship recipients can reapply once a year, for a maximum of four years.

"As long as those criteria are met, there is no time limit, offering a great opportunity for nontraditional students who may want to return to school," said Michelle Vandenberg, secretary of the Friends of the Library.

The Friends of the Neuschafer Community Library has been administering the scholarship for the Bob Kemper Fund since 2023 as part of the organization's service to the local community.

Next year's application form will be available in early spring 2025 at the Neuschafer Community Library and on the website, with applications due April 31.

# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

## River Walk upgrades to begin

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The Iola Village Board approved June 11 funding improvements for the River Walk.

As options were weighed on how to fix the River Walk, some estimates came in at multiple thousands of dollars.

One quote suggested rebuilding the entire board walk, which was immediately dismissed.

The board decided that a timber lock system would be the best and most cost efficient route for the west end of the River Walk, to even out the log pylons and straighten out the trail.

“For the investment, I think it’s at least worth a shot,” Village Board President Jennifer Schustek said.

The measure allows for \$7,000 for the timber locks and \$2,000 was approved to replace boards on the east end.

The River Walk was erected in 2012, with a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and community fund raising efforts.

The trail started showing signs of movement after the second winter.

“We start off by saying we have a problem and we’ve had that problem and it simply gets worse from year to year. The biggest problem being the west end,” Clifford Mischler said at a March 25 Community Development Association meeting. “I think all of us want to see it done, it’s just a matter of how you do it.”

It was suggested at that March 25 meeting that having railing on the east end of the River Walk helped to keep that side stable. The trail did not need railing on the west end as the original design was approved by the DNR and it was not required.

Once the River Walk is open for use, Schustek said there would be no need to add the railing as it would be within the proper regulation.

There was also a covered bridge that was included in the original design that was never built, Schustek said, adding that donations have been coming in.

It was not confirmed when the covered bridge addition would take place, with efforts currently focused on fixing and reopening the trail as soon as possible.

Moving forward they hope to begin the project as soon as they can, and to be sure to maintain a schedule of yearly maintenance moving forward.

## Legion plans brat fry

IOLA – The American Legion Sheveland-Taylor Post 14 will hold a brat fry at the Veterans Memorial Park in Iola from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 3.

The event will feature a picnic with brats and hot

dogs and fireworks along Lake Iola.

Veterans Memorial Park is located at 200 N. Main St., along Lake Iola.

Money raised will go to the American Legion Post’s general fund.

## Iola OKs electric bike ordinance

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The village of Iola approved a measure June 20 to allow electric bikes within the village limits.

The issue first arose at a board meeting June 11 where members of the community came to urge the board members to re-think and update the ordinance to comply with state law.

Of the community members present, Jim Christopf was there to express his disdain over the outdated ordinance. He said he and his wife enjoy taking bike rides, something that has been made more difficult due to his wife’s multiple back surgeries.

Christopf said that an electric bike was suggested by her doctor as an alternative to a regular peddle bike, with the electric bike helping to assist through difficult terrain and up hills.

The previous ordinance in the village defined a bicycle as propelled by human power, which did not include the electric bike because it has the assisted power for propulsion.

Wisconsin Act 34 states that electric bikes are to be treated and regulated like human-powered bikes. However, municipalities can regulate whether they are allowed on bike paths and trails.

“How our ordinance is situated right now, is that bicycles are peddle and that is how it is in our ordinance and everything else is electric motor and that is a whole different section,” said Jennifer Schustek, the village president. “You are bringing it to us, we’re seeing that there is a concern, so the ordinance committee is going to take your input and look into this.”

After the June 11 meeting Deputy clerk and Treasurer Missy Fenn, Village Clerk and Treas-

urer Laura Krogwald, and Iola Police Chief Paul Zierler set to researching similar ordinances around the state.

“It was never the intent of the village to ban [electric] bikes,” Krogwald said. “We did have people on [electric] bikes that were causing a problem and without an ordinance in place the police didn’t have a way to cite the wrong doers. Now everyone can go out and enjoy the beautiful village.”

The ordinance committee picked up the issue at the June 20 meeting and set to updating the old ordinance.

The new ordinance is now aligned with the state law which classifies electric bikes with an electric motor at 750 watts or less is to be treated as a bicycle.

The new electric bike ordinance was brought to the Iola board June 20 and approved unanimously.

# Manawa NEWS

## Library offers research tools

MANAWA – The Sturm Memorial Library offers resources for visitors researching their family roots.

Ancestry Library Edition provides access to a vast collection of Census records, birth, marriage & death records, immigration and military records, directories, passenger lists, and more.

HeritageQuest Online provides genealogical resources including census

data, family records, local histories, military records and genealogical and local history magazines.

Available through BadgerLink, HeritageQuest may be accessed from home with a Sturm Memorial Library card.

Other local history resources at the library include:

The Manawa Advocate on microfilm, 1895-1998. The microfilm reader and printer may be used in the

library. Printed copies are 15 cents per page.

All Waupaca County cemeteries and burials between 1860-1980? are on microfilm.

Marriage, confirmation, baptism, death and burial records 1903-1987 from St. Lukes Lutheran Church, Big Falls, Waupaca County, are also available at the library.

The library also has local family histories and guides to genealogical research.



## 4-H lends a hand

The Friendly Valley 4-H Club in Manawa adopted County Trunk B and cleaned up trash alongside the road. Shown, from left, are Carter Moericke, Lexi Hanson, Nathan Fietzer, Grant Fietzer, Calleigh Beyer and Dixie Moericke.

Submitted Photo

## Summer reading at Manawa library

MANAWA – Sturm Memorial Library’s summer reading program, “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” runs through Aug. 30.

The program includes reading, weekly activities, special events, and take & make projects. All ages are encouraged to participate.

• Pick up a reading log at the Library, or print one out from the library’s website, [manawalibrary.org/kids/](http://manawalibrary.org/kids/).

• Follow the path and color in a square for each day that you read, either independently or together, for at least 20 minutes.

• For every five squares you color, earn small prize.

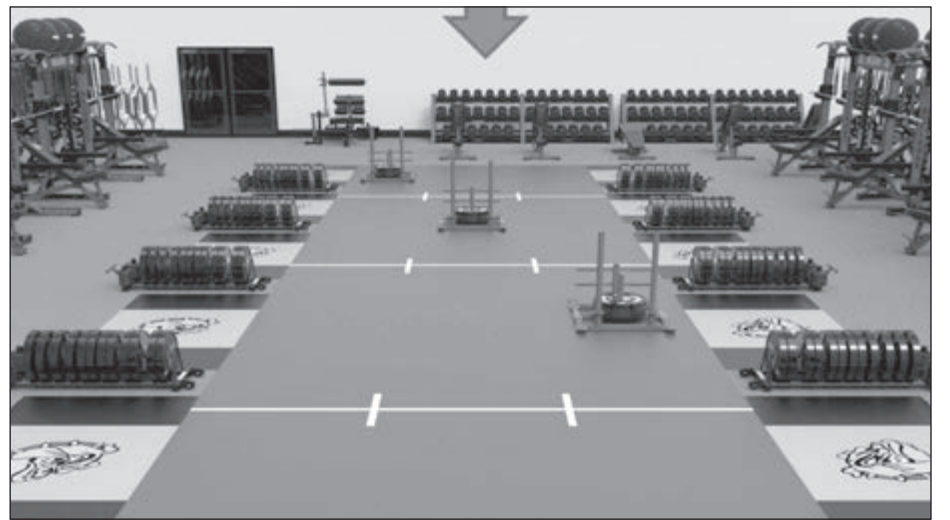
• Come to the library for a special prize when you reach the “Half Way There” point on the path in your reading log.

• Complete entire path and at least eight earn activities to earn a free book. Participants have com-

pleted the program when their entire reading path is colored in, and they finished at least eight activities from the back side of the reading log.

Reading can include: books, magazines, audiobooks, ebooks, cereal boxes, pokemon cards, board game instructions, street signs and maps.

All prizes must be picked up at the Sturm Memorial Library, 130 N. Bridge St., Manawa.



A rendering of what a remodeled fitness center could potentially look like at New London High School if the district decides to move forward with the project. Photo courtesy New London School District

## School board reviews weight room

### New London seeks donations

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London School Board received an update May 28 on the district’s plans for updating the high school fitness center.

At the meeting, Superintendent Scott Bleck said the district has been researching options to update the equipment and flooring in the high school fitness center.

According to a summary sheet included in the board packet “the current fitness area was originally the wrestling room when the high school opened in 1999 but converted to the existing fitness center only a couple years later because of space challenges.”

“Our goal is to meet the needs of our students, student athletes, in a learning space where we can have as many as possible students engaged in an activity where there is less standing around and more engagement,” Bleck told the board.

According to the summary sheet, the majority, of the strength equipment at the fitness center

has reached the end of its “functional lifecycle.”

“Updated equipment and flooring would match current trends for fitness centers across our area school districts,” according to the summary sheet. “Also, it’s safe to say over 225 students use the space five days a week almost year-round.”

The board was told the potential project is reaching the final stages of design.

Joe Marquardt, district business services director, said the project’s estimated cost would be \$325,000.

In the summary sheet, that was broken down to \$220,000 for equipment and \$105,000 for the flooring.

Marquardt said the flooring for the project is important, in order to protect the concrete and the foundation.

“Right now, as the weights get dropped, that are on one part of the fitness center, they get dropped onto boards that were, I would say built, that have reached the end of their lifecycle,” Marquardt said.

Board Clerk Katie Batten asked if the project would be paid for with

community funding.

Marquardt confirmed that the district’s goal would be to fund the project with community donations.

“We feel like we would have a community campaign that is led by community members to make this happen,” Marquardt said.

The summary sheet noted that, “There are already supporters of the concept that have shared interest in donating to the project. Steve Stalker, a community member, has shared that if a section of the new equipment could be named in memory of Mr. Randy Marsh that there are several graduates that would commit funding.”

Current weight room equipment that would not be needed in a new fitness center could be sold on the Wisconsin Surplus website to help offset costs of the project, Marquardt said.

“This is a facelift that I think kind of reenergizes the space that was designed for the 1999 opening,” Marquardt said.

The next step of the project is to start finding donors for the project.

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# Opinion

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Celebrating Independence: The Heart of the 4th of July

Dear Reader,

As we approach the 4th of July, we find ourselves immersed in the vibrant tapestry of traditions that mark this quintessential American holiday. This day is more than just a date on the calendar; it is a celebration of freedom, resilience, and the enduring spirit of our nation. From bustling parades and family picnics to the brilliant spectacle of fireworks lighting up the night sky, the 4th of July is a profound reminder of the values that shaped the United States of America.



The history of the 4th of July dates back to 1776, a pivotal year when the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Drafted primarily by Thomas Jefferson, this seminal document declared the thirteen American colonies free and independent states, no longer subject to British rule. It was a bold assertion of the right to self-governance and a powerful statement of democratic ideals. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," the Declaration begins, encapsulating the revolutionary principles that have guided our nation ever since.

The importance of the Declaration of Independence cannot be overstated. It was the birth certificate of a new nation, one built on the foundations of liberty, equality, and the pursuit of happiness. The courage and vision of our Founding Fathers set in motion a grand experiment in democracy, the effects of which have reverberated throughout history.

As we enjoy the parades, picnics, and fireworks this 4th of July, let us remember the significance of this day and the importance of the Declaration of Independence. It is a day to revel in our collective achievements and to look forward with optimism and determination, united in our shared commitment to the values that define our great nation.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**

Publisher

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

## It's déjà vu all over again

To the residents affected by the proposed 5498 Golla Road/Forest Creek Plat development: Welcome to the club – the club of people that went before the Stevens Point common council and weren't listened to: the residents of Stanley Street, the business owners on Business 51 and all those I met that didn't want roundabouts in heavy-pedestrian areas.

The subject matter may seem different but how they treated you is right out of their playbook.

It began with seven new alders taking office with a mindset that, as "progressives," they knew better than anyone else what the city needed. So, when various road projects started coming up, council president Johnson introduced and they adapted Sweden's Vision Zero, a traffic safety program incorporating road diet and bicycle lanes, which they took as having "science" on their side and felt zero need to pay attention to any constituents, surveys, etc., that disagreed. And Stanley Street was the perfect place to test that logic. The residents there battled too, went to all the meetings. They even got up a petition – over 600 signatures. Didn't matter.

Then, once the council ruled, to add insult to injury, alder Shorr couldn't help broadcasting their "win" over this "significant community ambivalence toward bike-friendliness" and then passing along his "lesson plan" to "communities across the country engaged in similar conflicts," summarily attributing the complaints of the people actually living there to "the populism of recent times," embarrassing these people nationally just for fighting for their rights. Look it up under "the battle of Stanley Street – how my

skeptical town approved a road-diet" and "opinion – how to win over opponents of street safety." You'll see this is all about agenda with these people. And that it was more about bike lanes than safety.

Then came Business 51. They even got 2,500 signatures to get a referendum on the ballot. I proposed a compromise: keeping the business areas four lanes and changing only the residential to three with increased boulevards, which would have made everyone happy. Ms. Pfiffner suggested first trying three lanes on a temporary basis, to see how it would work. Didn't matter.

And now, fresh from overturning the mayor's veto against a roundabout on Fourth and Division, it was your turn. As I said in one of my previous letters: "Not affected yet? Wait." And here we are again. Only difference here was, instead of alder Shorr telling you what he read somewhere, you had alder Guthrie saying she walked with you, felt your pain but wouldn't side with you.

Lets face it. That three minutes you get. You might as well take a cooking timer into your bathroom, set it for three minutes, lift the lid and talk into the bowl. You said everything there is to say and they ignored you. You need to band together with these other groups the council ignored, come up with a game plan and get the word out. Almost all these council members are from the same political party – that's how they got there. They're banning together. You need to too. It's the only way you'll get what's right.

**CRAIG R TESCH**

STEVENS POINT



## Enhanced wakes destroy lakes

I don't believe that anyone on the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes wants to ban any one activity, myself included. We have all delighted and benefitted over the last 100 or so years in enjoying the many diverse activities these lakes support, including all types of people doing all types of things. It's part of the fun of the place. It has always seemed rather extraordinary that so many diverse activities can coexist in such small and concentrated spaces, fostering families, friendships, fun, and a sense of wonder over so many generations and through so many innovations in boating technology and sporting trend. Numerous and varied activities have always found a way to work together for many decades of intense boat traffic on the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes.

I believe we are now finally bumping up against one specific activity that doesn't work for all of the other activities on the lakes or for the fragile environment of the Chain O'Lakes. Surfing with the use of wake-enhance boats is not working for the majority of Chain users.

It does not work for skiers; the wakes are too big. It doesn't work for tubers; they get injured on the big waves. It doesn't work for partying pontooners, familiar or unfamiliar, who get swamped unexpectedly. It doesn't work for cocktail cruisers. It doesn't work for families celebrating a graduation out on their boat. It doesn't work for the good souls that motor the veterans around the lakes. It works for only the fittest, most experienced, and best equipped jet skiers, and not for the rest

who leave the lake.

It doesn't work for canoers. It doesn't work for kayakers. It doesn't work for fishermen. It doesn't work for swimmers. It doesn't work for sailors. It doesn't work for paddle-boarders or rowers. It doesn't work for windsurfers or kite-boarders. It doesn't work for e-foilers. It doesn't work for snorkelers. It doesn't work for kids playing near docks or learning to fish. It doesn't work for grandmas floating on inner-tubes. It doesn't work for middle-of-the-lake dippers. It doesn't work for toddlers in the shallows. It's not working for many property owners.

It doesn't really work for anyone, except the wake-boarders. And to top that all off, it definitely doesn't work for the fragile and precious ecosystem that makes this place the beautiful and much-adored miracle it is.

In my 55 years on these lakes I have never seen the type of shoreline destruction caused by wake-enhanced surfing. Over the last 5-7 years we've witnessed an overwhelming rip-rap response on shorelines in a desperate attempt to stabilize the shoreline destruction experienced from the use of wake-enhanced boat technology.

My family can attest to it, with extensive shoreline damage along the 225 lineal feet of shoreline we Grists have dearly cared for and payed taxes on for over 50 years now. We know, as abundant scientific data shows, that the single quickest way to ruin a riparian ecosystem is to change its shoreline ecology. Anyone who thinks lining the lakes like a bathtub with river

rock is not altering a fragile ecosystem is mistaken. Plant and animal life, both aquatic and land-based, need and make a shoreline that is crucial to the health of the lake system. They make this stunning set of connected gems what they are, not us.

We won't be able to replace a healthy shoreline we destroy, and the lakes will most surely suffer. We cannot and should not ruin this beautiful place that sustains so many families and systems, largely endures our abuse, supports our play, and nourishes our souls. So very many people feel a deep and rooted connection to this wonderful place, let's try to pass that on instead of destroying it.

I very much enjoy sailing. If an enhanced-wake watercraft comes out when I'm sailing I must get off the lake right away. If I thought for just one minute that my sailing was harming any ecosystem I would stop sailing. If I thought for one minute that my sailing was negatively affecting others' properties or property values I would stop sailing. If I thought for a millisecond that my sailing was ruining the use and enjoyment of the lakes by others I would stop sailing. And lastly, if the majority of my neighbors felt my sailing was endangering any of them with injury or harm I would most definitely stop sailing!

The wakeboard community's frank disregard for the concerns, safety and welfare of others as well as the environment is both shocking and distressing. It is ignorant of the larger environmental repercussions of the behavior, of the wellbeing of others and

the community, and of our charge to responsibly use, oversee, and foster this land, its waters, and beings that inhabit it. This is plain old wrong-headed, short-sighted selfishness with a heavy dose of reckless entitlement. If we wreck these lakes no one will come. And we will feel awful.

I support the ordinance to ban the use of artificially enhanced wakes for surfing on our tiny and precious lakes, even if it means banning a single activity which I would prefer not to do. My entire family of 33 support the ban of this activity. We believe this is the time to make a step toward supporting our lakes as they have so graciously supported our many goofy endeavors over the decades. We are not the only beings on this planet, and if we want to pass on this incredibly special place we've been so lucky to know, love, and enjoy, we'd better act to protect it. These lakes are just too small for this activity, hard as that may be for some to accept.

Thank you to the Town Boards of Dayton and Farmington for your long and careful deliberation on this topic. We believe it has been an open and fair process. We know it's not an easy decision to make and we thank you for all your work on it. I do believe that the majority of tax-paying property owners are in support of this ordinance and it's now your responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all beings in accordance with this. Please pass this ordinance, for the good of all.

**NANCY GRIST**  
ROUND LAKE  
WAUPACA  
CHAIN O'LAKES

## More higher education dominos fall

BY WISPOLITICS.COM  
CAPITAL REPORT

The higher education landscape in Wisconsin is rapidly changing.

Two more higher ed dominos have recently fallen at private and public institutions – and there's probably more to come because of declining enrollments and other issues.

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt recently announced the university's Fox Cities campus will close in June 2025 due to low enrollment – the sixth two-year campus in two years to either end in-person instruction or shut completely;

And at Alverno College in Milwaukee, the number of undergraduate majors will be dropping from 43 down to 29, forcing layoffs. But the school does plan to continue to educate all existing undergrads even if their major is one that's being cut.

The UW-Oshkosh decision spurred criticism from Outagamie County Exec Tom Nelson, a former Democrat lawmaker. Nelson also

ripped UW President Jay Rothman.

Nelson said if Leavitt and Rothman had read the children's book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," they would understand "the importance of playing fair, taking responsibility, saying sorry when mistakes were made and putting things back as they were found."

"Instead, Leavitt and Rothman let down the students and families of UW Fox and betrayed their trust – and now it will be up to the rest of us to clean up their mess. Shame on you," Nelson said.

Leavitt called it a difficult but responsible decision.

"We reach this decision after spending a year analyzing UW's Fox Cities enrollment, the region's and state's changing demographics, student participation rates, the regional higher-education landscape, potential for new and unique academic offerings and economic trends in the competitive Fox Valley marketplace," Leavitt said.

The decision comes as

enrollment has declined by nearly 67% over the past 10 years, with a five-year average decline of nearly 19%. The campus had just 454 full-time equivalent students in the fall.

And with the number of high school graduates in the state expected to go down 13% over the next 10 years, a UW-Oshkosh analysis projected the possibility of fewer than 100 students at the Fox Cities campus by 2032.

The UW-Oshkosh release noted Rothman "reviewed UWO's analysis, supports its conclusions and has directed the university to move forward."

It's a similar story at Alverno.

Christy Brown, Alverno College president, also said enrollment is a big factor. He noted that changes to the nursing, education and business programs will see no changes now because the market currently demands them.

But Brown told Milwaukee media that Alverno has seen a 40% drop in enrollment in the last 10 years – a

trend expected to continue.

"So we're reaching something called the demographic cliff, where there will be less 18-year-olds after 2025 for a period of time," Brown said.

The declaration means: layoff of 22 full-time faculty and 11 full-time staff, the discontinuing of track and field and other cuts. Brown expects the moves to save Alverno about \$6.4 million.

"It's in times like these that our leadership is tested, and I think that during these times we have to be a leader, and that means, you know, making hard choices but also making choices that ensure that we're going to be here for the future," Brown told Milwaukee media.

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# Obituary Notices

## Aronson, David



David Alan Aronson, age 80, died peacefully surrounded by his family on June 13, 2024. He was born on a farm in rural Iola, WI on November 15, 1943. Many of the values he acquired as a child of Depression-era parents sustained him for his entire life.

Dave graduated from Iola-Scandinavia High School in 1961. He later graduated with a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1967 and an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 1973. His intent to pursue a Ph.D. in medieval history was interrupted when, like many other young men of his generation, Dave was drafted and served in Vietnam from 1969-70. While in combat, he served in A Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Division, 11th Infantry Brigade I-Corps in the Central Highlands near Chu Lai. After sustaining a grenade injury for which he was awarded a Purple Heart, he served in the 31st Public Information Detachment as a combat correspondent and as a clerk and typist. He eventually attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY in pursuit of a Ph.D.

Having previously worked in residential life at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, WI and at SUNY at Stony Brook, Long Island, NY; Dave came to the UMN Morris as the Director of Residential Life in 1981. He later worked as Project Manager in the Physical Plant, coordinating such projects as Big Cat Stadium and the Welcome Center. He met his future wife, Stacey Parker, when she came to teach Spanish in 1985. They married on July 4, 1987, and were devoted to each other for over 36 years. They had two children: James Jerald (December 6, 1993) and Darcey Mae (May 5, 1995).

Dave had an infectious zest for life. He enjoyed socializing, sharing good wine with friends, and engaging in spirited conversations. He was an avid reader of history, a film aficionado, and a world traveler. He supported progressive causes and was a member of the DFL. He played golf, earned his private pilot's license, was a member of the VFW, and was a founding member of the Morris Theatre Cooperative. He was also a loyal Green Bay Packers fan and a proud team owner, thereby proving that you can take the boy out of Wisconsin, but you can't take Wisconsin out of the boy.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Oliver Aronson and Marian Henrietta (Moe) Aronson; his sister, Charlotte Ione (Aronson) Elder; and his brother, James Edward Aronson. He is survived by his wife, Stacey Lee Parker Aronson; his son, James Jerald Aronson; his daughter, Darcey Mae Aronson; his brother-in-law, George Elder; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many lifelong friends.

A private family burial will be held later in Iola, WI.

## Laird, Lee



Leland "Lee" Louis Laird (05/18/1950-06/22/24) passed away peacefully at Shawano Health Services after a lengthy illness.

Born Wild & Free Lee was born in New London and grew up in Hortonville, graduating from Hortonville High School. Not being a conformist, he purchased his first car (which his sister kept in her garage so he couldn't drive it) before he got his license. He married his high school sweetheart, and they had a beautiful baby girl. His life changed dramatically when he enlisted in the Navy & completed training, including the intense Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) School, then served active duty in the Vietnam War and was later honorably discharged. Leland was an independent child out of necessity, hard worker and drove others to work hard too. He helped in the family apple orchard growing up and worked at Arndt's Meat Market, Hillshire Farm, owned several hometown bars in various towns, helped with home construction, had a whitewashing business, lived with and helped his sister on her farm and owned a veal farm over the years. Lee personified all that is the best in any of us, and all that is the worst in any of us. One thing he was not, was judgmental of others' mistakes. Even though he didn't want to, he sacrificed the thing he loved most in the world so she would have the best life possible. That was love and he felt it was right but he never forgot her. He would see a wrong and do what he could to right it, help anyone in need and give anyone the shirt off his own back. He had many adventures, good and not-so-good, where he lived and died with the benefits and consequences of his choices: a 2nd marriage, an auto accident that left him a paraplegic (and he soon earned the nickname "Wheels" as a result), a 3rd marriage and general rousing about causing mischief here and there throughout his life. But he also loved many people dearly, made many friends and new family over the years. He owned & drove motorcycles, a Jeep Willys, a Cadillac. He lived all over too - in houses, in the woods, in a cottage on the Wolf and later converted a pontoon boat to a house so he could live and fish on the water (which was sometimes parked in Annie's driveway). Quite the character!

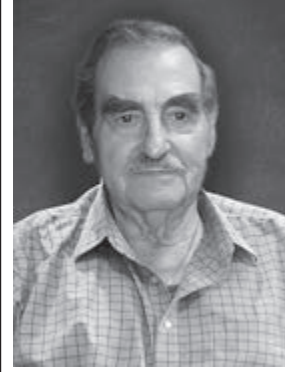
He is survived by his Sister-Doris Larson; Nieces-Jennie Baha & Susan Moderson; Daughter-Lorie (Tom) Colla and their children. He is further survived by Brothers-Raymond & James Laird and Sister-In-Law, Carol Laird; numerous nieces and nephews, other family/extended family members and his Veteran Brothers, who most understood, respected and accepted him just as he was.

Preceded in death by Parents-Clifford Laird & Violet (Carpenter) Milbauer; Stepfather-Charles Milbauer; Brother-Dan Laird; Sister-In-Law-Karen Laird; Niece-Ann Freeman, Nephew-Russ Larson and grandparents-Myrtle & Matthew Carpenter (Mattoon).

The family would like to thank all of the people that have provided health care assistance over the years who are too numerous to mention - including, but not limited to, the staff at Shawano Health Services, who's staff always joked and giggled with Lee and Bristol Hospice who helped give him the best quality of life possible in his final times.

A Celebration of Lee's life will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd 2024 at Riverside Park (small pavilion by the former American Legion), 1298 W. Wolf River Ave., New London WI. The Memorial Service for Lee will be held at 2:00 p.m. with visitation taking place from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Service will conclude with Military Honors. A private burial will take place at Ellington Union Cemetery in Stephenville at a later date.

## Hines, Marlin



Marlin Robert Hines, 91, of Iola, Wisconsin passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024. He resided at The Willows in Iola where he was known as "the gentleman." He was born on December 18, 1932 in Marne, Michigan to George and Mary Esther (Robinson) Hines. Marlin married Kathryn Dangerfield in 1956 and they later divorced.

Marlin spent his early years working on the farm. He served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954. Later he went into masonry work creating beautiful brick and stone fireplaces along with many basement and business structures in the Iola area. He laid block on the Iola Ambulance Garage adjacent to Jody's Sport Shop and on additions at the Veteran's Home in King. Dad enjoyed taking all seven kids fishing and snowmobiling. Work took him to Colorado, then Missouri where he retired from bricklaying. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and yardwork. A highlight of the Hines family was annual fishing trips to Leech Lake, which began in 1996 and continue to this day. He also enjoyed karaoke and country music which he passed down to his family. Marlin continued to be a Packer fan wherever he lived. He returned to Iola in 2020 and enjoyed his final years overlooking Keatings Lake and spending lots of time with his family.

Marlin is survived by his children: Douglas (Linda) Hines, Jean Hines Oberstadt, Dale (Sheri) Hines, Darrell (Mary) Hines, Jaci (Glenn) Tetzlaff, Jill (Tom) Beirl and Donny Hines. 19 Grandchildren: Angela (Jeremy) Bellile, Amanda (Tom) Darden, Shaon Hines (Gaston), Ashley (Matt) Gunderson, Tyler (Elaina) Hines, Scott (Meggie) Oberstadt, Avery (Megan) Oberstadt, Brian (Heidi) Oberstadt, Mara (Robert) Schulz, Mathew (Rachael) Hines, Kyle Bauman, Seth Patoka, Tannah (Sam) Frawley, Micheal Hines, Christopher Hines, Joe Tetzlaff, Jonathon (Becca) Tetzlaff, Mackenzie Kathryn, Allison Beirl. 26 Great Grandchildren: Brayden & Hannah Bellile, Shannon, Sabrina & Sydney Darden, Austin & Aria Gunderson, Henry & sibling (expected in September) Hines, Ian & Reid Oberstadt, Laney & Kyler Chapman, Lilyana & Carter Oberstadt, Theodore & Benjamin Oberstadt, Adilyn, Colton, Daxton & Grayson Schultz, Mallory & Nathan Hines, Natalie & Ben Bauman, Dean Patoka, Winnie Frawley, 1 Great Grandchild: Hudson. Sisters: Charlotte Schmid Wisconsin, Joyce Bowden Arizona, Mildred Olivet Utah and numerous nieces and nephews, and Shirley's family in Cameron, Missouri: Doug (Carol) Henderson, Blake and family and Lisa Coffman, Kerry Evans and family

He was preceded in death by brother Georgie Hines, parents George and Esther Hines, sister Ruth Ferguson, partner of 33 years Shirley Curtis, brother in laws Jackson Bowden, Gerald Olivet, Robert Schmid, Brian Ferguson.

The Funeral Service for Marlin will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Iola with Reverend Dale Wilson officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM. Interment will be at Central Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in King, WI.

The family would like to express special thanks to dad's buddy Marvin Sopa, caregiver Kelly Higgins, the caring staff at The Willows & Living Oaks and Heartland Hospice. Marlin appreciated every one of you.

## Sukowatey, Paul



Paul Brian Sukowatey, age 56 from South Byron, WI passed into eternal peace and the loving arms of his God and Savior in heaven on Sunday, June 16. Paul's death was the tragic result of a motorcycle vs. deer accident. Paul was the youngest of six children born to Edward and Rosemary (nee Thurk) Sukowatey.

A celebration of Paul's life will take place at the Brownsville Community Center at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th, 2024, with Rev. Nathaniel Miniatt presiding. A visitation will take place from 2-4 p.m. at the Brownsville Community Center. Inurnment will take place at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Byron.

Paul was born on May 6, 1968, at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, WI. He grew up in South Byron and attended school and graduated from Oakfield. Paul continued his education at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac earning his degree in Industrial Engineering. He was employed at Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac.

Paul enjoyed riding his motorcycles since he was a teenager. He loved riding anywhere, at any time with friends or on his own. Paul had a great love for animals and shared his home with his cat, Nala. Paul chose the blessing to donate his organs to be the gift of life to others. He was a free spirit and truly an individual that chose his own path in life and lived it to the fullest.

Survivors include his siblings, Jim and Linda Sukowatey [Brownsville], Mike and Julie Sukowatey [Brownsville], Jim and Kathy [Sukowatey] Dins [Clintonville, WI], Carol [Sukowatey] Lamb [Rockton, IL], Robert Sukowatey [South Byron]. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Rosemary Sukowatey, an infant baby brother, beloved Aunts and Uncles and cousins.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude and thank you to all the emergency response teams, law enforcement, fire departments, Theda Clark Regional Medical Center ICU staff and Doctors for their care and comfort to Paul and all the family and friends. We also commend the UW Organ and Tissue Donation Organization for aiding the family to fulfill Paul's wishes to donate his organs.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers to please consider memorials in Paul's name to his favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Wounded Warrior Project, The Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac, the USO, the Salvation Army, along with monetary donations to the UW Organ and Tissue Donation Organization in Madison, WI.

Koepsell Funeral Home in Mayville is serving the family. www.KoepsellFH.com

## Jacowski, Kathy



Kathy Joan (Hood) Jacowski, of Almond, WI, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on June 21, after a long, brave battle with cancer. Kathy was born to Ralph and Joan (Bell) Hood on August 25, 1958 in Marquette, MI. She graduated from Waupaca High School in 1976. On April 8, 1989 she married Barry Jacowski in Waupaca, WI. Together they raised their daughter Nicole. She worked as a Customer Service Manager at Kraft/Heinz for 30 years.

Kathy loved taking care of her grandchildren Carli & Bryce and spending time with her family. In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting baby blankets & towels, playing the lottery, cooking and baking, and snuggling with her dogs Mickey and Rusty, who never left her side.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Barry Jacowski of Almond, WI; her daughter, Nicole (Brad) Abrahamson of Waupaca, WI; her grandchildren Carli and Bryce Abrahamson of Waupaca, WI; her three brothers, David (Carie) Hood of Oshkosh, WI, Jerry Hood of Waupaca, WI, and Jon Hood of Waupaca, WI; as well as many other loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Kathy is also survived by her best friends; Kim Olson of Scandinavia, WI and Colleen Delong of Marquette, MI.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Joan Hood; in-laws Andrew and Audrey Jacowski; nephew, Bobby Jacowski; and her niece Amy Jacowski.

A memorial celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2024 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday from 4 until 7 p.m. and again on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of the celebration.

## Heschke, Vernon



Vernon Robert Heschke, age 95, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Bethany Home in Waupaca, WI. Vernon was born on May 6, 1929, in Antigo, WI. He grew up and farmed in the Antigo area, and worked at Hafemeister Implement. He married Edna Marie Lipinski on August 2, 1947 in Polar, WI. In 1957, they moved to Waupaca where he worked for over 35 years at Waupaca Foundry. He enjoyed traveling, camping,

playing dominoes, cards, Yahtzee, lake parties, fishing, and visiting with family and friends. Vernon was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran church, Waupaca, for 66 years, where he served as usher and various other duties. He was also a former member of Countyline Trailblazers Snowmobile Club. He loved tractors and anything mechanical. Mr. Fix It.

He is survived by his 6 children: Charlotte (Kenneth) Heger, Waupaca, Sharon Heschke, Larsen, Jeanne Christensen, Waupaca, Robert (Sharon) Heschke, Waupaca, Gary (Theresa) Heschke, Pine River, and Kaye Betley, Waupaca.

He is further survived by 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, a brother, Ronald (Margaret) Heschke, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Edna, his parents, Eldor and Lydia (Legro) Heschke, brothers Kenneth, Robert, Alvin, Herbert Heschke, sisters Carol Fronck and Darlene Miller, son-in-law Thomas Christensen and grandsons Andrew Heger and Scott Heger.

A funeral service will be held on Monday July 1, 2024 at 11 A.M. at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waupaca, WI. Reverend Ben Kempfert will officiate with burial to follow at Lakeside Memorial Park in Waupaca, WI. A visitation will be held on Monday July 1, 2024 at the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church from 9 A.M. until the time of the service at 11 A.M. The Holly Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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**Wuske, Luella**  
Luella M. Wuske, age 81 of the Township of Grant, Shawano County, passed away early Friday morning, June 21, 2024.

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WAUPACA CHAIN O'LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT
PO Box 71, King, WI 54946
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6/27/24 9:00 A.M.
644 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 2, Waupaca
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Open Meeting Statement
4. Approval of agenda
5. Review and approval of 5/28/24 meeting minutes
6. Public Comment
7. President's Report - Bob Ellis
8. Financial Report and investments - Julie Prah
9. AECOM Report - Angel Gebeau
a. Work in progress and projects completed
b. CMAR
c. Mercury testing
d. Lift stations
10. Woolsey Report - Bill Woolsey
a. Work in progress and projects completed
b. Lift stations and alarms
c. Cleaning and televising reports
11. Date for next board meeting
12. Adjournment
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Eck/Brown public works to place plow truck, trench box, rodder and International tractor on Wisconsin surplus. Carried.
Improvements: Driveway permit: Moved Bonikowske/Eck to approve driveway permit at 436 Factory Street with an additional cutout single wide with no apron required at this time. Carried. Payment plan for lead lines: Moved Bonikowske/Eck payment plan for resident's lead lines replacement to be up front or payments for 5 years with no interest. Carried.
Protection: Nonalcohol events: Moved Roenz/Brown to update changes to ordinance 147-19 for nonalcohol events for underage persons on licensed premises. Carried.
Mayor: Mayor Frazier said for the 150th Celebration there will be a tour of Sturm Foods on August 1st at 1pm. Mayor Frazier recognized Kelly Weed for 3 years of service for the city.
DPW: Seasonal/part time employee: Moved Brown/Lehrer to hire Nolan Heise as seasonal/part time public works employee at \$13.75. Carried. Josh went over his report. Were able to do some taring. New plow truck was delivered. Construction crews started the sanitary mains last week. Bridge installed at Veterans Park. A pergola will be going up in Veterans Park. Splash pad will open up for the season on Friday. CMAR report had all A's.
Police Officer: Moved Eck/Roenz to resign effective 5/14/24. Carried. Police report was given by Chief Severson. Looking at hiring a new police officer. Received the new police squad car. Spring cleanup went really well. Filled up three dumpsters. The city is upgrading our cellphones, Wi-Fi routers in the squad, and DPW tablet to the FirstNet government system run by AT&T. The service will always give us priority on the network, a cheaper bill, and newer faster equipment.
Fire: Chief Josh Smith went over his report. Up to 30 members. Started selling UTV raffle tickets. Looking to upgrade water rescue equipment. Pancake breakfast went well will be doing it in person next year. Currently at 60 calls for the year.
Library: Library rep Alice said hired a new part time employee Janell Pamperin.
Clerk: Financial Report: General Fund balance - \$44,538.95; Government Pool - \$4,022,436.31; Licenses: Moved Roenz/Eck to approve renewal of Class B Combination fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor 2024-2025 license year for Smith's Manawa Steak House - John & Robyne Smith, Steve & Michelle's Midtown - Steve & Michelle Lezewow, Wolves Den Bar & Grill - Tracy Reed, Sunrise Cafe - Sue Kruse, Class A Combination fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor 2024-2025 license year for Manawa Quality Foods, The Store. Carried.

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Moved Bonikowske/Brown to approve Cigarette & Tobacco Over Counter 2024-2025 license year for The Store, Manawa Quality Foods, Steve & Michelle's Midtown. Carried. Moved Roenz/Eck to approve operator's licenses for Rebecca Lorge, Margaret Lezewow, Heather Ferg, Lori Reiersen, Amy Radtke, Emily Simonson, Micheal Lezewow, William Singh, Kathleen Dreier, Diane Knorr, Tammy West, Clarissa Fradrich, Stephanie Jepson, Amy Starcheske, Sherry Tessen, Andrew Reed, Lindsay Ferg, Amanda Larson, Logan Fletcher, Kathy Daddo, Heather Woihrabe, Beckie Seehaver, Elizabeth Clary, Nathan Parks, Bailey Amador. Carried. Street closings: Moved Bonikowske/Lehrer to approve request by Manawa Lion's Club to close 4th, Grove, Union, S. Ridge, Depot Streets for the Manawa Rodeo parade on July 6th. Carried.
New Ordinances and Resolutions: Comp Plan: Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adopt the 2045 Comprehensive Plan Ordinance. Carried. Plow truck loan: Moved Brown/Bonikowske to accept application and adopt Resolution 2024-7 for a loan through BCPL State Trust Fund Loan Program for plow truck in the amount of \$204,631.00. Carried. CMAR: Moved Eck/Lehrer to adopt Resolution 2024-8 accepting the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2023. Carried.
New Business: Improvements and Services will be meeting on Monday June 10th at 6:00 pm to discuss Cowboys use of Lindsay Park. Protection and Welfare will be meeting on Monday June 17th at 5:45 pm to discuss upgrade security with squad computer and police updates. Finance and Personnel will be meeting on Monday June 17th at 5:15 pm to discuss Assessor's quote for revaluation of properties for next year. Moved Brown/Bonikowske to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Carried.
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address the Common Council during a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the "Public Hearing" is declared open by the Mayor.
4. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes regarding a non-agenda item.
5. Presentation to the Mayor and Council: American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Princess Katelyn McDowell. Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:
6. Consent Agenda:
a. Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of April 15, 2024 and Special Common Council Meeting of April 16, 2024.
b. Actions of the Police and Fire Commission Meeting of May 7, 2024:
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Confirmation of Bills.
7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve overlapping the number of Officers to 47 in anticipation of retirements and resignations. (In compliance with policy 5.04(1)(b)). - The relative rank in positions of officers of the department shall be as numerically designated per the Chief of Police and shall consist of no more than 49 sworn personnel to include one Chief of Police.)
8. Support to apply for BOTs (Bureau of Transportation Safety) grant.
10. Discussion, with possible action, to approve Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Bryan Windsor and Madeline Avey to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the completion of their probation effective May 7, 2024, and May 15, 2024.
c. Actions of the Park Commission meeting of May 1, 2024:
2. Approval of April 3, 2024 meeting minutes.
3. Lease agreement with Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. for the Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens located at Cornell & West Whitney Avenue.
4. Boys and Girls Club landscaping extension and lease amendment for Goerke Park.
6. Director's Report.
7. Election of officers: President and Vice President of the Park Commission.
d. Minutes and Actions of the Plan Commission meeting of May 6, 2024:
2. Report of the April 1, 2024 meeting of the City Plan Commission.
7. Consideration of a hammerhead design for the Walker Street reconstruction project.
8. Consideration of road alterations for the segment of Prairie Street between Bliss Avenue and Mason Street, with retention of City right-of-way.
9. Consideration on the extension of public utilities for the development of the Forest Creek Subdivision.
10. Director's Report.
e. Actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting of May 13, 2024:
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Approval of department claims.
8. City works upgrade.
8. Scope of services with Donohue & Associates for UV and clarifier engineering work.
9. Fine screen repair expenses.
10. Review and resolution on 2023 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.
13. 2023 MS4 Annual Report.
f. Actions of the Airport Commission meeting of May 13, 2024:
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Approval of department claims.
g. Actions of the Transportation Commission of May 13, 2024:
2. Approval of the March 12, 2024 minutes.
3. Approval of the March 2024 and April 2024 Financial/Claims Reports.
4. Review of the proposed 2024-2026 transit collective bargaining agreement.
h. Minutes and Actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 13, 2024.
i. Minutes of the Special Board of Public Works of May 7, 2024 and Minutes and Actions of the Board of Public Works of May 13, 2024:
2. Discussion on ideas for possible actions to be taken on West River Drive.
j. Minutes and Actions of the Public Policy and General Government meeting of May 13, 2024:
2. License List.
3. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing.
k. Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee meeting of May 13, 2024:
2. Designation of the official newspaper for City publications.
4. Approval of modification of the annual transfer amount from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.
5. Request from the City of Stevens Point to sell the property at 4213 Simons Street.
6. Awarding bid for the razing of 1200 Main Street.
7. Authorization of professional services for improvements in the East Park Commerce Center (EPCC).
8. Approval of Claims Paid.
l. Statutory Monthly Financial Report by Comptroller/Treasurer.
m. Mayoral Appointments:
- Nena Fisher to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 04-30-2027.
-Supplemental Poll Workers.
Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to approve the consent agenda with j2 pulled for further discussion.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the licensing list as presented with the exception of #17 loan, to be postponed until June.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
7. Resolution - A request from Bailey Voigt, representing St. Peter Parish, for a sign variation to install a freestanding sign exceeding maximum height requirements on the property located at 600 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 281240829302701), consistent with Ch. 25.14.
Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the request.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Resolution - 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).
Ald. Guthrie moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve as written.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: Shuda. Motion carried.
9. A request from the City of Stevens Point to grant an electric underground easement to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for the property located at 601 Mason Street (Parcel ID 281230805200016).
Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to approve.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
10. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point to enter into a joint resolution aspiring to eliminate roadway deaths and serious injuries.
Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
11. Ratification to approve 2024-2026 collective bargaining agreement with

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Stevens Point City Central Transportation Employees, Local 309, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.
Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Resolution - A request from the City of Stevens Point for a commitment to eliminate roadway fatalities as part of the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant award.
13. Revision and renewal with the McDiil Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District regarding weed harvesting operations and equipment.
Ald. Buse moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the contract as amended.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: Shuda, Kneebone. Motion carried.
14. Project #24-12 - To award the Well No. 12 Drilling Project to Municipal Well and Pump for an amount not to exceed \$407,770.00.
Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
15. Resolution - Establishing Alternate In-person Absentee Voting Location.
Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve.
Call for the vote:
Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
17. Adjournment.
Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
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Ald. Olson, Council APPROVES License Report No. 1677 - Scrap Dealer Licenses. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.
5. License Report No. 1678 - Operator licenses - Barb Nowak, City Clerk
MOVED by Ald. Peterson, SECONDED by Ald. Martin. Council APPROVES License Report No. 1678 - Operator Licenses. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.
D. ISSUES/PROJECT DISCUSSION (30 MINUTE MAXIMUM) - NO ACTION REQUIRED
E. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR
F. ADJOURNMENT
MOVED by Ald. Hagen, SECONDED by Ald. Olson, Council ADJOURNS until the next Regular Council Meeting on June 18, 2024, subject to call. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.
Mayor Brian Smith
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CITY OF MANAWA COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2024 6:00 pm
Proceedings of the Manawa Common Council meeting held Monday, May 20, 2024. Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Frazier pursuant to open meeting regulations. Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Alderpersons present on roll call: Alice Brown, Jim Roenz, Mark Lehrner, Mary Eck, Ann Bonikowske, Mayor Mike Frazier, Absent: Aaron Timm, City Employees: Josh Smith, Jason Severson, Logan Hass.
Audience: Eric Fowle - Cedar Corp, Jeremy Bennett.
Moved Eck/Brown to approve the agenda of May 20, 2024. Carried.
Moved Roenz/Bonikowske to approve the council meeting minutes of April 15, 2024. Carried.
Moved Brown/Eck to approve of the Bills of Allowance \$4,281,378,68. Carried.
Moved Bonikowske/Brown to open public hearing for City of Manawa Comprehensive Plan. Carried.
Discussion: The Council thanked Eric for working on the plan. The Plan Commission plans to meet once or twice a year to make sure that items are getting accomplished on the plan.
Moved Brown/Bonikowske to close public hearing for City of Manawa Comprehensive Plan. Carried.
Finance: ThedaCare steps: Moved Eck/Lehrer to approve Lee Werth Concrete to do the steps at ThedaCare for \$22,700. Carried. 4-wheeler: Moved Eck/Bonikowske to approve public works to purchase 4-wheeler up to \$2,500. Carried.
Self items: Moved

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CITY OF STEVENS POINT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI OR
Zoom Teleconferencing
May 20, 2024
7:00 PM
1. Roll Call.
Present:
Ald. Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow.
2. Salute to the American Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.
3. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council on specific agenda items other than a "Public Hearing" must register their request at this time. Those who wish to

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Vista Sands Solar LLC to Construct a Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility, a Battery Energy Storage System, Collector and Project Substations, a 345 kV generator tie line, and 138 kV collector transmission lines (Vista Sands Solar Farm) in the Village of Plover and Towns of Plover, Buena Vista, and Grant, Portage County, Wisconsin
9820-CE-100
NOTICE OF HEARING
Public Hearing Session:
Thursday, August 15, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. CT
Best Western Hotel & Convention Center
5253 Harding Avenue
Plover WI 54467
At the Public Hearing session, the Commission shall receive comments from the public. To comment at this session, a member of the public may either:
(1) Attend any physical location as noticed for this session; or
(2) Join Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/pscheatings
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Party Hearing Session:
Friday, August 16, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. CT
At the Party Hearing Session, the Commission shall receive evidence from the parties and Commission staff. Parties and Commission staff shall either:
(1) Attend any physical location as noticed for this session; or
(2) Join Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/pscheatings
Written Public Comment:
As an alternative to commenting at the Public Hearing Session, a member of the public may comment in writing no later than Friday, August 16, 2024, by either:
(1) The internet at: https://apps.psc.wi.gov/pages/publicCommentCase.htm?util=9820&case=CE&num=100, or
(2) U.S. Mail at: Docket 9820-CE-100 Comments Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison WI 53707-7854
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# Motorcycle crash kills rider

STEVENS POINT – The Portage County Communications Center received a report from an Alliant Energy worker regarding a motorcycle crash around 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 19.

The worker was investigating a power outage that occurred approximately one hour earlier and discovered a motorcycle crash involving a utility pole along County Trunk G,

north of Oriole Road, in the town of Carson.

It was further reported that there was an unresponsive man near the crashed motorcycle.

Portage County sheriff's deputies and emergency units from several agencies were dispatched to the scene.

Preliminary investigation determined that a lone rider was traveling southbound on County G. The

motorcycle was negotiating a curve near Oriole Road when it left the right edge of the road, entered the west ditch, and struck the utility pole. He was thrown from the motorcycle and killed. He was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

The rider was identified as a 27-year-old man from Milladore.

The crash remains under investigation.

# Belsky named Boys & Girls Club CEO

STEVENS POINT – Danielle Belsky is stepping into the role of CEO of Portage County.

She will replace outgoing CEO, Kevin Quevillon as he transitions into a new position as director of organizational development for Boys & Girls Clubs of America for the Midwest region.

Belsky grew up in Wisconsin Rapids. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2020, where she majored



Belsky

in sociology and family and consumer sciences.

She started at the Boys & Girls Club as the Madi-

son View site coordinator in 2009. She moved up through the club's ranks serving in several roles, most recently as the director of operations for the past 10 years.

In 2020, Belsky received the highest honor of the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County, the Anne G. Schierl Above and Beyond Award, which recognized her efforts to meet the needs of the teens and children served by the club and for creating a positive culture among staff.

# Festival seeks volunteers

STEVENS POINT Volunteers are needed to sell refreshments at the annual Riverfront Rendezvous on July 4-6.

Organizations or businesses interested in providing volunteers for the south drink tent should contact the The Stevens

Point Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at [dkremer@stevenspoint.com](mailto:dkremer@stevenspoint.com) or 715-346-1536.

Groups that organize volunteers can use this as an opportunity to raise funds.

All tips collected plus a \$1,500 donation will

be made to the volunteer group or business that can fulfill

the number of people needed to staff the tent, which ranges from three volunteers during the day and six at night.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

# Changing Communications Raises Taxing Questions

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Revenue from the state tax on telephone company property sank last year to its lowest level since the 1970s, a reflection of tax changes and a shifting telecommunications landscape.

A newly adopted state law will nearly eliminate the tax, which is collected in lieu of local property taxes on telephone companies.

Telecommunications companies paid the state of Wisconsin just over \$50 million in telephone taxes in 2023. This was a 26.6% drop from the prior year and less than one-third of peak collections in 1997, which totaled more than \$300 million.

This decline will accelerate in the future, as a 2024 law will lower collections to an estimated \$5 million by 2027 and beyond. The trend reflects broader shifts in both how state leaders view the telecommunications industry as well as in Wisconsin's approach to taxes.

Traditionally, telephone taxes in Wisconsin served as a form of state tax on the land and property owned by utilities. They were created at a time when the telephone was the fastest and easiest way to contact someone far away, and when consumers typically had no choice about their

service provider.

But other forms of communication such as cell phones, voice over internet phones, email, and instant messages have contributed over time to a decline in traditional phone service, to the point that only a quarter of people nationwide still live in households with landlines.

State leaders have changed Wisconsin tax law, trying to keep up with rapid technological changes. Yet the state retains a complex web of rules in which the type of service determines which tax applies on communications equipment used for similar purposes. In addition, broad changes to business property taxation had left out telecommunications companies until recent legislative action.

Telephone tax revenues dropped during the late 1990s and early 2000s, when the tax shifted from one based on the total revenue of the telephone companies to the current approach that taxes the property they own. Tax collections again fell as a result of a 2020 law that removed the tax from telephone company property used for providing broadband service to rural or underserved areas. Telephone tax revenue will continue to fall as a result of recently passed legislation that exempts personal property

from state telephone taxes.

Though the latest change reduces state revenue by \$45 million or more per year, it brings the treatment of telecommunications equipment for tax purposes in line with how local property taxes apply to personal property and does so at a time when the state surplus totals billions of dollars.

Shifting how telecommunications companies' personal property is taxed shows that state leaders are treating telecom providers more like businesses in more competitive industries, and less like utilities. It's also part of a larger shift in which, over several generations, the state has repealed essentially all local taxes on personal property such as equipment, furniture, and tools while retaining property taxes on land and buildings.

Today, consumers can make phone calls through a traditional cable company, access the internet through a traditional telephone company, and view videos from either. This creates real challenges for state and local officials in setting up a fair, consistent, and up-to-date taxing regime.

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# New name for regional clinics

REGION – Family Health La Clinica, a community health center with clinics in five Wisconsin communities, including Stevens Point, has changed its name to Noble Community Clinics.

Effective immediately, the new name, Noble Community Clinics, will be incorporated into the current logo design.

“Our organization's outreach and purpose has expanded over the 50 years we have been in existence,” CEO Laura Waldvogel explained. “Our new name, Noble Community Clinics, is inclusive and clearly invites everyone in the community to use our services, which focus on patients' whole health.”

“The new name supports our strategy of continual growth as a community health center, which is increasingly essential as more and more people face barriers to receiving the quality care they need,” said Board Chair Aaron Williams.

Noble Community Clinics welcomes patients at



clinics in Stevens Point, Wautoma, Mauston, Beaver Dam and Friendship.

As a community health center, its clinics provide comprehensive and affordable care. Its modern facilities, physicians, nurses and certified staff offer a wide range of quality, integrated services for physical, mental, emotional and social well-being.

In Stevens Point, Noble Community Clinics currently offers primary care, dental and behavioral health services.

Additionally, Noble Community Clinics' Mobile Health Services teams extend the clinics' reach by providing medical care at local employers' workites,

as well as school-based and mobile dental services, and healthcare to rural residents throughout central Wisconsin.

Its Mobile Health Center has also brought medical services to migrant and seasonal agricultural worker communities statewide since 1973, as the only migrant health center in Wisconsin.

“We have a rich, community-led legacy and are honored to live our mission through our daily work,”

said Waldvogel. “At Noble Community Clinics, we believe everyone — no matter who they are or where they come from — deserves access to the right care, the right way.”

# Quick pivot back to partisan bickering

BY BILL BARTH

I joined millions in watching televised coverage of D-Day's 80th anniversary ceremonies on June 6.

And I wept. Who didn't?

The dwindling number of centenarian heroes on stage. The historic footage of that landing, a daring dash that literally saved the world. Rows of silent white crosses. The artillery salute. The fly-over. The soaring words of inspiration, and not just — or even foremost — by the political leaders. I was most touched when the young uniformed woman read the adapted version of “The Watch.”

“Eighty years ago, these sailors stood the watch. While some of us were in our bunks at night, these soldiers stood the watch. While some of us were in school learning our trade, marines, airmen and coasties stood the watch. Yes, even before some of us were born into this world, the men behind me stood the watch.”

And, perhaps most importantly, this: “You stand relieved. We have the watch.”

But do we?

I decided to spend a few hours paying attention to how various media covered the day, mostly switching back and forth from CNN and Fox and MSNBC, but also occasionally monitoring the Associated Press, the Washington Post and other papers. Call it my bias, if you will, but as I fully expected the men and women of the printed word did the best job stick-

ing to the story of the day as it unfolded.

The television talking heads, not so much. In the blink of an eye the anchors and guests pivoted to their usual talking points.

For liberals — MSNBC is the place to be — the message of the day seemed to be that the democracy the heroes of June 6, 1944 fought and died for is being tested again by Donald Trump and his autocratic allies.

For conservatives — Fox is their den — it was Joe Biden's weak America on display, and the nation is not respected by allies or feared by foes.

Conversations — for that's what television is, talking and more talking — centered around how it all relates to the election this November.

In no time at all, way too much focus was on Biden and Trump. Not on the old men on stage. Not on the young men whose remains lie beneath those white crosses.

These so-called television news channels have been weaponized. All politics, all the time. They do not have audiences. They have converts.

By the way, CNN played it straighter than either of the two primary partisan channels. That's not to say CNN is centrist; it leans left. But a viewer can still see the center from there, which is more than can be said of Fox or MSNBC.

Here's a thought, from an old gray-headed journalist. In today's fragmented media world these channels are riding the crest of a wave they

created. In the age of information by avalanche, it's all but impossible to put out a profitable product that tries to be what newspapers once were — a product intended for broad appeal. That's one big reason print media, which still largely embraces facts and not spin, faces so many challenges. Cable, talk radio, online sites, podcasts and so forth picked sides, narrowed their focus, and carved out niche audiences that are told what they want to hear. Social media throws gas on the fire.

I call it outrage as a business plan. If a viewer or listener is not fuming with anger by the end of a program, the host has failed.

And with whom are they angry? People who used to be their friends and neighbors. American against American.

We were led here by profit-seeking ideologues who realized hate and anger can be monetized.

After the D-Day coverage, that almost immediate pivot back to politics-war was impossible to miss. It is disgusting. And I hope that offends the left and the right. You do not have a monopoly on good ideas. Or morality. Or patriotism. In what is clearly a 50-50 country, you do not have a right to impose your way.

The old men on stage, the boys in those graves, did not fight for that.

I'm old enough, at the 80th anniversary of D-Day, to remember the 40th. In 1984 it was President Ronald Reagan delivering the message. I am still inspired by Reagan, and by his successor George H.W. Bush, both of whom led with strength and compassion for all, punctuated with a sunny outlook and faith in the future guided by past and principle.

Here's what Reagan said: “We are bound today by what bound us 40 years ago, the same loyalties, traditions and beliefs. We're bound by reality. Here in this place where the West held together, let us make a vow to our dead. Let us show them by our actions that we understand what they died for. ... “Strengthened by their courage, heartened by their valor, and borne by their memory, let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they lived and died.”

Today's partisan bickering and hatefulness is unworthy of their sacrifice.

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