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The island restoration work at Brainards Bridge Park is completed after a season of earth, rock and tree moving. Erosion was slowly washing away the islands. Wildflowers and tree were planted and dead ash trees were removed. Submitted Photo

Brainards Bridge reopens

Islands saved

WAUPACA – The make-over at Brainards Bridge Park is complete other than letting some tree seedlings and prairie wildflowers to take root.

Throughout the spring, a DNR fisheries crew moved rock and sediment to prevent erosion around the photogenic islands that are the main attraction to the park. The islands were slowly washing away.

Kyle Kossel, the crew

leader, studied old photographs to better understand how the river flowed over the years. Without intervention, the islands would get smaller and smaller.

The islands gained some size as the shorelines were reinforced. Besides rerouting the braided currents, the crew also felled numerous ash trees that were killed by the emerald ash borer, a destructive invasive beetle that has wiped out thousands of ash trees in the Waupaca River watershed. They repurposed the ash trees to

create large woody debris habitat for trout.

The Waupaca Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Chain Exploration Center for a field day with first and second graders. They learned about erosion and erosion control and planted prairie plugs along the shoreline. With the DNR crew, they released trout into the stream for the start of the general inland trout season.

This project was made possible with grant awards from the Bass Pro Shop and

Cabela's Outdoor Fund and the Fund for Lake Michigan, part of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

"These two grants provided enough funding to move this project forward and also allowed us to replace trees removed for the purpose of this project and trees that were removed due to invasive species. This park will continue to be a destination park for years to come thanks to these generous awards," said Laura Colbert, the Waupaca Parks and Recreation director.

Shakespeare's comedy at park

STEVENS POINT – The Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater will present William Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" at 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 15-17, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Schmeckle Reserve.

This production is set in England in the 1600s.

The comedic plot revolves around Sir John Falstaff. Listening to all the best rock music of the day, Falstaff attempts to court two married women, Mistress Ford and Mistress Page, to gain access to their husbands' wealth.

The clever wives see through his schemes and,

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The Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater will present William Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" at 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15-18, at Schmeckle Reserve in Stevens Point. Submitted Photo

Community Partner Annex celebrated

Center serves growing numbers

BY JOHN FAUCHER STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Compassionate Connections Center and Fox Communities Credit Union unveiled a new Community Partner Annex building in Clintonville Friday, June 28.

The newly built annex is located behind the CCC's office building at 143 S. Main St. It was officially named the Fox Communities Credit Union Partner Annex Friday.

The Compassionate Con-



The new Fox Communities Credit Union Partner Annex will be used by Compassionate Connection Center and its partners for programming and storage needs. John Faucher Photo

nections Center is a local non-profit organization that provides resources and basic needs in the community of

Clintonville.

The center and its growing partnership of organizations have served an increas-

ing number of individuals and families since opening

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Architects propose renovation design for courthouse

BY MICKEY SCHOMMER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – The Spaces and Properties Committee Meetings recently discussed renovations of the courthouse with Dewberry Architects and Staff during their June 20 meeting.

The presented goals of this remodel include improved security, additional space and infrastructure improvements.

The courtroom will require new HVAC, an electrical upgrade, a fire suppression system and further accessibility additions that comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). In this plan, the roof will be repaired and insulated windows will replace the single-pane windows the courthouse currently has.

The entrance of the courthouse was proposed to be reorganized to a single-point entry to ensure safety. An additional courtroom will be added and the judges will be located behind the courtroom. The design emphasizes the separation of

incarcerated people from the community as a way to increase security.

This proposal is still conceptual and the architecture firm is working closely with judges, attorneys, and courthouse employees to finalize designs and create a budget for the renovation.

Judge Jesse Baker noted that she was pleasantly surprised with the proposed renovations.

"One of the aspects that is really important to me is we're not looking at a lot of the confinement aspects of the justice system at this stage. We're looking at those programs and groups and facilities that really work with reintegrating people back into the community after the exit," she said.

The architecture firm intends to present a budget for this conceptual proposal in the beginning of August, after which a confirmation of the plan will begin the engineering phase.

The Spaces and Properties Committee will meet next on July 9.



A doe and two fawns wander through a driveway and front yard in the town of Farmington. Whitetail deer give birth between April through July. Most fawns are born in June. James Card Photo

New London to withdraw funds from investments

Principal should not decrease

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The city of New London will withdraw approximately 5% of an investment portfolio it has with Edward Jones.

The funds will be applied to the city's budget.

The New London Common Council unanimously approved the withdrawal when it met June 18.

The investment and withdrawal were discussed in detail at the New London Finance Committee meeting on June 5.

Portfolio

At the June 5 committee meeting, Judy Radke, finance director for the city, said the portfolio with Edward Jones is currently

at \$2 million. She added that the portfolio was created around 35 years ago, which was before she was hired as finance director.

"It has been invested for that entire time, and we want to take a look at, thinking outside the box, utilizing these funds as they have grown over time. We feel like this is a good time for us to take a look at that and possibly put some dollars in our capital projects budget," Radke said.

Lund Cooley, a financial advisor for Edward Jones in New London, told the committee that the portfolio is invested in mutual funds.

In January 2013, the portfolio was worth around \$685,000, Cooley said. The 10-year rate of return has been 10.25%.

The funds have been

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three years ago. The center started out its mission at 26A 10th St. in Clintonville and recently relocated to the 143 S. Main location.

"In just three short years since opening our doors we quickly outgrew our space and we added so many partners to our organization to help expand services that we needed a bigger space to continue our outreach and continue to grow our impact," said Leah Wojnowiak, Executive Director of Compassionate Connections Center.

"In time, more and more partner organizations began walking through our doors to help collaborate with us and provide essential services," said Wojnowiak.

Just a few examples she cited included, Theda Care Rural Health began providing wellness visits, Cap services provided mental health navigation, Waupaca County Health provided vaccines, health resources, car seat safety checks and Head Start

provided early childhood screenings.

"Providing the space for these essential services quickly became a challenge in our small space and we often had to get creative," said Wojnowiak.

They've used tents, borrowed space from the fire department, local churches and Fox Valley Technical College to do some of the center's programming.

Since opening, the center's backpack program skyrocketed from 50 students to 250 students. A recent back-to-school clothing drive served 800 students with new clothing.

"We soon realized that our limited space was holding back our mission and our potential for continued growth and collaboration. We began to dream of a space where we could house all of our programs and partners under one roof and today that dream has become a reality," Wojnowiak said at Friday's event.

"The journey to this moment has been filled with the dedication and collaboration of many.

Your support and belief in our mission have not only made today's celebration possible, but have also set the stage for countless lives to be positively impacted for years

to come.

This annex represents more than just a building. It embodies our shared commitment to compassion and community," she said.

The annex will act as a year-round centralized hub for CCC's partners where essential supplies, resources and materials will be housed for clients to utilize. It also provides the CCC with the ability to host both its, and its partner's events, without needing to rely on other locations to do so.

She said the partnerships work side by side with the center's programs to actively fight the threat of poverty in the community by offering support and teaching valuable skills to individuals who need it.

Heather Wesley, director of Community Engagement at Fox Communities Credit Union, said the fact that Fox Communities Credit Union could step up to help provide this new annex for the Clintonville Community is special. "At Fox Communities Credit Union, we believe in building stronger communities and we are proud to partner with an organization that shares our commitment to dignity, respect, and opportunity for all," said Wesley.

SHAKESPEARE
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with the help of their husbands and townsfolk, devise a series of hilarious pranks to humiliate Falstaff.

The play will be performed at the Pankowski

Friends Amphitheater, located within the Schmeckle Reserve, 2419 Northpoint Drive, in Stevens Point.

The dinner-play features a Polynesian-inspired feast. Tickets for the dinner-play combo on Aug. 16

cost \$30 and must be ordered by Aug. 6.

General admission to the play costs \$15. Seniors, veterans and children are admitted for \$10.

Go to cwact.org/ for more information and tickets.

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invested in "conservative growth," Cooley said.

Corey Knepfel, a financial advisor for Edward Jones, said if the withdrawals are held to around 5% of the total investment, the principal should not decrease. A 5% withdrawal would equate to around \$150,000.

"That's not something that would deplete that investment," Knepfel said.

Budget

Radke told the council that the city has a "solid" undesignated fund balance of around \$3 million. That amount is split between the \$2 million in the Edward

Jones portfolio, and \$1 million in cash in banks.

"Our purpose of taking additional revenue from year to year and adding savings from our expenditure side, you get to the point where you have a solid unassigned fund balance," Radke said. "And why does it make sense to continue to tax people at the same tax rate if you're not utilizing the fund balance year to year? So, let's not continue to build the unassigned fund balance, but start to utilize the dollars."

She added that the city's auditors told her that would be an appropriate use of those funds.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us," Radke said.

By adding the \$150,000 to the city's budget each year, Radke said the city won't have to take out short-term bank loans each year.

Cooley said there would be no charge to the city if it were to withdraw funds from the portfolio. And since it is the city's account, there would be no taxes to be paid when funds are withdrawn from the portfolio.

Committee member Mike Barrington said withdrawing 5% each year sounded like a good idea, as long as some of the money would be spent on improving the city's streets.

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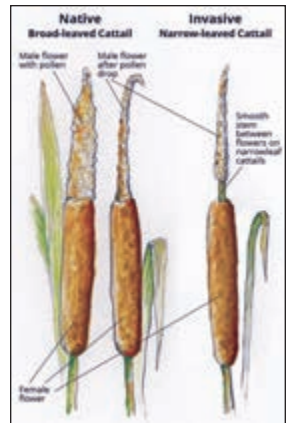


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Know your cattails

Good ones, bad ones



The brown sausage-shaped section at the top of the stem is female section. On top of this is a fuzzy section of male flowers.

On the broad-leaved cattail, the male flowers emerge directly on top of the brown cylinder of the female part. For the narrow-leaved cattails, there is a distinct smooth-stem gap between the male and female sections.

Narrow-leaved cattail spreads by seed and they have starchy underground rhizomes that form large colonies. They can also hybridize and the offspring are also considered an invasive plant. The narrow-leaved cattails can be pulled out by the roots or the tops can be cut and plant is submerged underwater to drown. The plant material should be removed and composted in a place where it cannot take root.

WAUPACA—On June 14, Chris Hamerla, an aquatic invasive species coordinator from Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, led a workshop at South Park on how to identify native and non-native cattails.

Cattails are a common and easily identifiable wetland plant throughout Wisconsin; however, there are native ones and invasive ones.


The narrow-leaved cattail (*Typha angustifolia*) is an invasive species that takes over freshwater marshes, wet roadside ditches, shallow ponds and lakeshores. The broad-leaved cattail (*Typha latifolia*) is native to Wisconsin and is more interspersed between other aquatic plants.

Invasive narrow-leaved cattails are present in Waupaca area wetlands, lakes and rivers. They can be identified by the gap between the male and female flowers.

Image courtesy of the Nebraska Game And Parks Commission

The two can be differentiated by studying the sausage-shaped section of the plants.

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Waupaca NEWS

Two authors hold book signing

Event slated for July 5

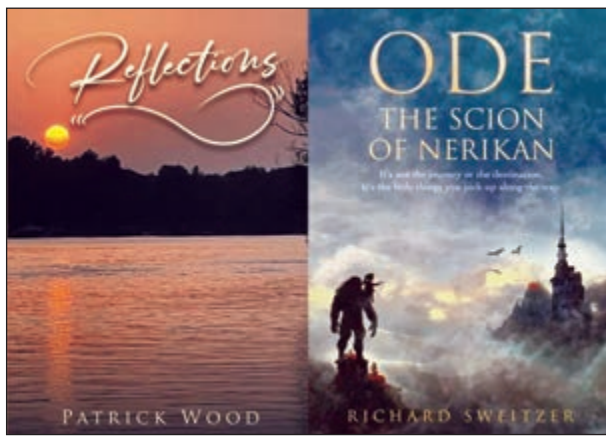
WAUPACA – Local authors Patrick Wood and Richard Sweitzer will hold a book signing at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 5, at the Bookcellar on Main Street, across from the public library.

Better known as long-time radio host Rick Winters on Lakes 92.7 WDUX, Sweitzer is the author of "ODE: The Scion of Nerikan."

His first book is an epic fantasy about an immortal monster searching for a way to die and a little girl who gives him reason to live.. It was awarded a starred review by Kirkus Reviews.

"Ode" is "a hulking escapee from a mythic prison and a courageous young girl form an unlikely bond in Sweitzer's fantasy novel," according to Kirkus Reviews.

"The author takes readers across the expanse of the richly imagined Eisen, around forests, into various cities and villages, and through harrowing mountains. No journey, however,



is more fulfilling than the emotional one at this story's core," the review notes. "Indelible characters carry this epic, heartfelt, and magic-infused tale."

Wood is the publisher of the Waupaca County Post, Picture Post and more than three dozen other newspapers, websites and specialty publications throughout Wisconsin.

He is also the author of "Reflections," a collection of thoughtful essays about human relationships and the journey through life.

Readers of the Waupaca County Post will recognize many of Wood's essays in "Reflections" from his

weekly letters.

Wood covers a wide range of human experience – from the cosmic in "Billions and Trillions of Stars" to the spiritual in "Homelessness and Matthew 25:35," personal growth and character in "The Quest for Virtue" and memory and nostalgia in "That Old Gang of Mine."

A reviewer of Wood's book on Amazon noted, "I found myself reflecting along with him as I read a chapter or two each day. 'Reflections' provides a window into the soul of the author, while also providing a view into our own lives and what we truly value."

Rotary recognizes 'Service Above Self'

WAUPACA – At the close of each school year the Waupaca Rotary Club recognizes a Waupaca School District teacher or staff member with its Service Above Self Award.

The award recognizes community service that extends beyond job responsibilities.

Award winners receive a \$500, including \$250 they can keep, and another \$250 they can designate to a charity of their choice.

This year's winner was Sue Harrington who recently retired from the Waupaca School District.

During her 37-year career, Harrington taught kindergarten through third grade and served as team leader for the third grade for the last 10 years.

Though she did not have a degree in special education, Harrington was drawn to work with children with disabilities in her classroom.

"This provided me with many opportunities to teach the importance of acceptance and inclusion," she said. "I taught a lot of kids to read, write, and to do math, but I believe my greatest



Rotary Club of Waupaca President Greg Harvey presents the Service Above Self award to Sue Harrington.

Submitted Photo

contribution was teaching children to accept and include one another, celebrating their differences."

Harrington finds ample opportunities for service outside the classroom. She has been involved in the Waupaca International Cultural Exchange Committee for two decades during which time she hosted, traveled and coordinated travels to Waupaca's sister city, Mi-toyo City, Japan.

WICEC is the charity she has chosen to receive the \$250 donation.

Harrington and her family have also been involved with the Waupaca Rotary Youth Exchange program, hosting

multiple exchange students over the years. Further, she is a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she has served in a range of capacities.

A co-worker describes Harrington as "a teacher who teaches the whole child. She treats every child as if they were her own. Not only wanting them to learn academics, but to be kind, productive human beings in life. She loves her students from day one and the students know she loves them. They love her too. She looks for the best in everyone."

To learn more, find Rotary of Waupaca on Facebook.

New pop-up retail

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Popsy is a new pop-up retail space on 117 W. Fulton St. for an entrepreneur or artist who has something to sell but no physical place to sell it.

The concept of pop-up retail is a more formalized and better curated cousin of flea markets, garage sales and art fairs. It is a temporary market that pops up overnight; it is open for a while and then closes down.

Popsy is the brainchild of Brooke Bebout, who owns the building and runs the Revival boutique a couple doors down. "It's kind of a small space.

I had the pop-up idea where people could rent it out temporarily. I have a friend that runs an online boutique and she mentioned she might want to rent on a temporarily and I thought maybe there are other people that like to do that to," said Bebout who named the shop after her father. Popsy was his nickname.

The space is the former home to a cleaning business, an upholstery shop and Honest Eye Boardworks, a custom skateboard shop owned and operated by Ian Gibson who now produces boards out of his home workshop.

Bebout is no stranger to



Popsy in downtown Waupaca is a new pop-up store that can be rented for a week. Small retail operations can set up shop and have a temporary brick-and-mortar home to test the market.

Submitted Photo

the pop-up world. She makes most of the jewelry in her store and she often brings her inven-

tory to a store that hosts pop-up events in Mount Prospect.

Popsy can be rented for

\$150 per week and since there is no bathroom, the hours of the pop-up store must follow that of the Revival next door which is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Also, the pop-up must be pure retail, no services are allowed.

Bebout pointed out that it's about the same as renting a space at festival for the weekend. Although online sales are an obvious option for entrepreneurs, the pop-up retail experience allows them to meet their customers face-to-face, get immediate feedback and to see what is popular in a new market. It has those upsides without committing long-term for a

brick-and-mortar presence.

Her first pop-up retailer was American Alchemy, a woman's apparel and accessories shop. "She was very well received. People were really excited to shop something new. I think it could be something really cool for Waupaca," said Bebout.

The outside storefront has a sign that Bebout can arrange with the name of the pop-up operation and the days they will be there. She also creates events on the Popsy Instagram and Facebook pages to get the word out about upcoming pop-ups. She encourages incoming entrepreneurs to tag Popsy on social media posts so more people will be aware of the upcoming sale.



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Stevens Point NEWS

City park features solar canopy

STEVENS POINT – The newest neighborhood park in Stevens Point features a solar canopy shelter.

The shelter currently under construction at Groholski Park is the first of its kind to be installed in a municipal park in Wisconsin.

Scheduled for completion in July, the solar canopy shelter will provide shade to park visitors and power a free charging station for electric vehicles.

It will generate more energy than the park will consume. The surplus energy will be sold back to the utility company.

“We are thrilled to see Groholski Park taking shape,” said Stevens Point Mayor Mike Wiza. “This project not only enhances our community’s recreational options but also exemplifies our dedication to green, renewable energy initiatives. It’s the first of its kind and a monumental step forward for our city park system.”

The Groholski Park project was made possible through donation from the



Construction crews are building a solar canopy shelter at Groholski Park in Stevens Point.

Submitted Photo

Judy Groholski Family in November 2020.

The donation included 10 acres of land dedicated to creating and protecting additional public green space and wetlands.

The land was zoned as a conservancy, and the city committed to developing a neighborhood park on the portion adjacent to the street within five years from the donation.

Planning began immediately with city staff, under the direction of Wiza, exploring innovative ways to ensure the park would have a net-zero impact on the en-

ergy grid and possibly generate renewable energy for the community.

Groholski Park also includes a walking and biking trail along a scenic path around the perimeter of the greenspace and adjacent the wetland. The path is less than a block from the Schrader Connection and will give nearby residents the ability to take a stroll around the park.

The official opening is anticipated in late August, following the completion of the park’s final grading and greenspace seeding.

New clinic to open in Stevens Point

BY ELIOT JAVERS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – Area residents can expect a new health clinic to be coming to the area next summer.

Noble Community Clinics, formerly known as Family Health La Clinica, held a groundbreaking ceremony Monday, June 24.

They plan to build a new clinic at 2501 Main St., in Stevens Point.

Noble Health CEO Laura Waldvogel described the construction of this clinic as a “dream come true,” emphasizing the importance of patient access to health care.

“We don’t turn away anyone based on ability to pay and offer a sliding fee scale so everyone can access the care they need,” Waldvogel said.

The full-service clinic will be 38,000 square feet and house medical, dental, behavioral health, chiropractic and optometry services. The facility will also include a



Renderings of Noble Community Clinics' future facility in Stevens Point were displayed at the recent groundbreaking.

Eliot Javers Photo

community room for local organizations.

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

Once the new clinic is fully operational, the number of patients served in Stevens Point is anticipated to grow from approximately 4,500 to 10,000.

Waldvogel said funding for the new clinic included \$7 million from Governor Evers’ Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Program, which is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, using American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The clinic is scheduled to open in July 2024.

City band to perform in park

STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point City Band will present its sixth concert of the summer season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, in the Piffner Pioneer Park band shell along the Wisconsin River.

“Christmas in July” will be the theme as the band takes a break from its usual repertoire to perform what it generally doesn’t get the chance to play – some of the holiday-themed

music that has been written for concert band.

Selections will include classics such as Leroy Anderson’s “Sleigh Ride” and “Christmas Festival,” Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas,” the Mannheim Steamroller arrangement of “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen,” “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and “How The Grinch Stole Christmas,” as well as fun newer selections such

as “Christmas Fancies” and “Scherzo for Santa”.

Concerts are free and held Wednesday evenings through July 31.

Audience members should bring chairs or blankets for seating.

In the event of rain or other inclement weather, concerts will be held in the gymnasium at St. Paul Lutheran School, 1919 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.

New principal at McDill Elementary

STEVENS POINT – Cole Irish was named the new principal of McDill Elementary School, effective July 1.

Irish brings a strong background in educational leadership and a passion for fostering a supportive school environment, according to a press release from the Stevens Point Area Public School District.

He holds a master’s degree in education with a focus on school supervision and instructional leadership from the University of Wisconsin–River Falls. He also earned his bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point.

Irish has three years of teaching experience and two years as an administrator.

Most recently, Irish served as the principal of Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. In this role, he led 37 staff members and 350 students. His efforts



Irish

have consistently focused on building a positive school culture, fostering student achievement, and promoting staff development.

Cory Hirsbrunner, superintendent of the Stevens Point Area Public School District, expressed confidence in the new appointment.

“We are delighted to welcome Cole Irish to our team. His leadership skills, dedication to education, and commitment to community engagement make him an excellent fit for McDill Elementary School. We look forward to seeing the positive impact he will have on our students and staff,” Hirsbrunner said.

Irish shared his enthusiasm about joining the Stevens Point community.

“I am honored to join McDill Elementary School as the principal. I believe in creating a collaborative and inclusive school environment where students, staff, and community members work together to achieve excellence. I look forward to contributing to the continued success of McDill and fostering a nurturing and dynamic learning environment,” Irish said.

In addition to his administrative duties, Irish has been an active member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard for eight years, currently serving as a Company Commander. His military experience has equipped him with leadership, organizational and communication skills, which he plans to bring to his role in education.

UWSP seeks input on climate action

STEVENS POINT – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is seeking the perspectives of community members as it develops a plan to respond to environmental and social pressures related to climate change.

The public is invited to UW-Stevens Point’s Community Resilience Assessment session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Portage County Library’s Pinery Room.

Working with members of the university’s Office of Sustainability, attendees will identify how the

campus and community are positioned to deal with hazards relating to environmental and climate change.

This input into the university’s Climate Action and Resilience Plan will help identify strengths and weaknesses and an understanding of the campus and community’s current capacity for resilience.

“Resilience is the ability of a system or community to survive disruption, adapt and flourish in the face of change,” said Michelle Gullickson, a research assistant in the

Office of Sustainability. “Our goal is to plan for a more resilient and climate-responsible future.”

UW-Stevens Point is working with a national organization, Second Nature, to create its Climate Action and Resilience Plan. Building from a 2007 pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, UW-Stevens Point’s multi-year planning process will align its carbon neutrality plan with a lens towards campus resilience, adaptation and mitigation.

Learn more at www.uwsp.edu/carp.

County holds Ag Clean Sweep

PLOVER – Portage County Solid Waste will hold a hazardous waste disposal event from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at 600 Moore Road in Plover.

During the Agricultural Clean Sweep, farmers and ag landowners with unwanted, expired or discontinued agricultural chemicals may dispose of them during this event.

Agricultural chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers will be accepted for a fee of 75 cents per pound.

Oil-based paint, solvents, degreasers, fuels and treat wash will also be accepted for a fee of 75 cents per pound.

Mercury or mercury containing devices, will cost \$3 per pound with a 1-pound minimum.



Portage County Solid Waste will hold an Agricultural Clean Sweep event on July 18.

Submitted Photo

Latex and water-based paints will cost \$1.50 per pound.

Items accepted free of charge include antifreeze, motor oil, brake, hydraulic, power steering and transmission fluids in 5-gal. containers or smaller.

Empty chemical containers, compressed gas cylinders,

explosives, radioactive material, medications and infectious or biological wastes will not be accepted.

Registration is required, by calling 715-346-1931 or go online to www.co.portage.wi.gov/Activities.

Heavy equipment will not be available to unload material.

Maria Drive closed July 2

STEVENS POINT – Maria Drive between Union Street and Prentice Street was closed to through traffic on Tuesday, July 2.

The pavements will be removed in anticipation of

underground utility work beginning.

Local traffic will be maintained to the greatest extent practicable, however, at times access will be impossible.

Following completion of

the underground utilities, the corridors will open to all traffic over gravel until paving can be completed.

This work is dependent on availability of crews, weather and field conditions.

Subdivision project begins

STEVENS POINT – Construction started earlier this week on the

Forest Creek subdivision project.

Contractors anticipate finishing the project in late October.

Work will begin on Walter Street between Wildwood Drive and Joe Street and on Joe Street between Walter Street and Regent Street.

Pavement removal is underway and roads will be closed to through traffic.

Utilities are scheduled for installation beginning on

Monday, July 8.

the goal is to maintain local traffic to the greatest extent practicable. However, at times access will be impossible.

Following completion of the underground utilities, the corridors will open to all traffic over gravel until paving can be completed.

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Clintonville NEWS

Higher prices for athletic events

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board voted to increase the yearly price of single and family passes to the district's athletic events.

When the board met June 24, it approved increasing the single athletic passes to \$30 and family passes to \$50. Board member Glen Drew Lundt was absent from the meeting.

During the discussion, Superintendent Troy Kuhn

said Shaun Liesch, district activities director, recommended raising the rates. He said Liesch thinks the district should actually be charging \$50 for a single pass, and \$75 for a family pass.

Kuhn said if someone would attend every single volleyball, football, and basketball game, the at-the-door cost would be \$180.

In a follow-up interview with the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette, Kuhn said while doing research on

the district's budget, it was discovered that a lot of fees have not been increased in many years.

"Those are all revenue generators," Kuhn said. "With inflation, costs go up. We know that. Use of our facilities and attending events and other stuff, has not gone up, in some cases, in almost a decade."

He added that the district understands that fees cannot be increased too much at one time, but need to be reviewed on an annual basis.

New substation approved for utility

Estimated cost
\$1.57 million

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – A new substation for Clintonville Utilities will be built on Badger Power Marketing Authority's (BPMA) property along State Highway 156, at an estimated cost of \$1.57 million.

The Clintonville Common Council approved the construction of a new substation when it met June 11.

In addition, the council approved having the city sign an agreement with Forster Electrical Engineering to do the engineering work for the new industrial substation, and to complete the construction authorization for the Public Service Commission (PSC).

The council also approved ordering a 2500 KVA three-phase Pedmount transformer at a cost of \$104,025.

New substation

At the June 10 Clintonville Finance Committee meeting, Clintonville Utilities Manager Dave Tichinel said that if the project was approved, it would be two years before work would start.

"However, we would need to order supplies for this," Tichinel said. "We already started a process, a year or two years ago. It was in the capital (budget) for about \$450,000 over a three-year process in our capital (budget)."

Over the past year, Tichinel said he has been working with BPMA to lease land, adding the city doesn't pay for the land until it starts using it. He said the city owns half of BPMA, with the city of Shawano owning the other half.

"By moving this out there, we would be able to do all of our industries with 35 kVA instead of converting down

to 4 kVA from these businesses to feed residential," Tichinel said.

If the project is completed, Tichinel said the new substation would feed electricity to businesses in the Clintonville Industrial Park, replacing the substation behind Walker Forge. He added that the new substation would also better support other substations in the city because of the 35 kVA system.

"What we're trying to do is separate and have 35 kVA for all of our bigger industries," Tichinel said. "... And anything that would happen in the industrial park, in the north, we would have a 35 kVA feeder to feed that area, as well as the school."

He said that is important because if there is a power outage, electricity loads can be transferred to other feeders, and reduce the amount of time a power outage lasts.

"I want to do it the right way the first time," Tichinel said. "I don't want to spend \$400,000 on an industrial sub to get it back up to where it needs to be. If we can do it right, and change everything around for another million dollars to do it right."

Tichinel said the cost of labor for the project should be less than the estimate because the city's utility per-

sonnel would be able to do some of the labor.

City Administrator Caz Muske told the committee that the city council approved the project a few years ago when it approved the Capital Improvement Plan for the city.

"Based on feedback we've received from Forster, it makes more sense for the geographical area that the substation will serve, to then have the new substation in the Badger Power Marketing Authority location," Muske said.

Need for new substation

The need for a new substation was clarified in a May 22 letter from Forster Electrical Engineering to Tichinel.

The letter stated that improvements were being planned for one of the city's industrial substation's existing equipment. But after conversations between the city of Clintonville, BPMA, and Forster, "it was determined that the customers of Clintonville would be best served if a new padmount substation was constructed within the BPMA substation instead of upgrading and replacing equipment at the Industrial Substation on

Substation
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Clintonville considers auditorium upgrades

Proposals requested

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – At the June 24 Clintonville School Board meeting, members heard a presentation about upgrades to the high school auditorium.

Cost estimates were included in this presentation.

Superintendent Troy Kuhn said upgrades to the high school auditorium have been discussed for about two years.

Josh Heyer, band director for Clintonville High School, said he had originally obtained a bid four years ago as to what it would cost to provide the auditorium with a lighting upgrade. He added that that company once again supplied a bid. And while two other companies visited to school as part of the process to provide bids, only one of those companies actually submitted a bid.

In addition to the two bids the district received to upgrade the lighting, the district also received one bid for upgrading the sound system in the auditorium.

Background

Heyer said the lighting and audio systems in the auditorium are 22 years old.

"But the actual fixtures that are in there, technology-wise, do date back 32 years," Heyer said. "They were originally from the early 1990s fixtures. And that wouldn't matter if we hadn't had such drastic changes in technology in the past three decades."

By updating to LED light fixtures, all the colors are in them, so the district wouldn't have to purchase different color gels and physically place those gels in the lights.



The Clintonville School Board will consider proposals for the high school auditorium. File Photo

"You're whole stage is completely a different level of functionality than the older systems would do," Heyer said.

An upgrade to LED lights would also mean less energy would be consumed than the current lighting system, Heyer said.

Heyer said the bids he requested were for a similar system to what the district currently has in the auditorium, but with newer technology.

The bid included a new control board for the lighting system. The district's current control board uses a floppy disk to run, as do the wall panels.

Auditorium budget

"Up until the last couple of years, Josh functioned on about a \$200 auditorium budget per year. Which is completely ridiculous because most auditoriums really are using \$10,000-\$30,000 a year," said Kristine Heyer, band director for the Clintonville Middle School. "So, we haven't been spending that (much), and that's why all of this needs to be done."

Board member Jason Moder said he didn't disagree.

"A lot of that sound stuff, we're very fortunate it's still functioning," Moder said.

Auditorium use

Kuhn confirmed that the auditorium is used by several

community groups.

"This is the whole reason why the auditors preapproved that we can take this out of Fund 80, otherwise this would be coming out of Fund 10," Kuhn said.

After some discussion regarding optional items in the bids, Kuhn said the estimated cost to upgrade the lighting and sound systems in the auditorium would be around \$333,000.

The board directed Heyer to work with the companies that submitted bids to submit official proposals for the upgrade project, and bring that back to the board.

Kuhn's comments

In a follow-up interview with the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette, Kuhn said the auditorium is used for a lot of community events, which makes it possible to use funds from Fund 80, which has a "healthy" balance.

"The positive with that is we can use Fund 80 money then to update it, instead of Fund 10 money," Kuhn said. "I already have that preapproved from our auditors."

He added, "I'm hoping the board does approve that we can move forward with the auditorium project, because for a school our size in a rural community, the auditorium is a focus in our community. It's not just the gymnasiums, it's the auditorium, and all the other things we offer."

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New London & Hortonville NEWS



New London students attending the state FFA convention shown from left, FRONT: Claire Klotzbuecher, Hanna Gorman; MIDDLE: Henry Heideman, Carolyn Backes, Brya Schmidt, Evan Retzlaff; BACK: Morgan Williams, RJ Weyland, Wyatt Adamovich, Jake Flocker and Lily Hoffman. Submitted Photo

Local students attend state convention

NEW LONDON – Members of the New London FFA attended the state FFA Convention June 11-13 in Madison.

It was a busy week for FFA members and their hard work paid off.

At the first session, Wyatt Adamovich received the Three Star Leader Award and Evan Retzlaff received the Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship.

During the second session, members were recognized for their outstanding proficiencies.

RJ Weyland placed fourth for grain production and fifth for ag mechanics, Brya Schmidt placed fourth

for small animal care and management,

Wyatt Adamovich placed first for poultry production and fourth for diversified agriculture. His application will be evaluated by nationals this summer.

Evan Retzlaff placed third in diversified agriculture, third in poultry production and fourth in sheep production.

Retzlaff and Lily Hoffman w sang in the State FFA Choir throughout the week.

For Leadership Development Events, the Parliamentary Procedure team of Carolyn Backes, Evan Retzlaff, Hanna Gorman, Jake Flocker, Wyatt Adamovich and Claire Klotzbuecher placed fourth

and Wyatt Adamovich placed second in employment skills.

On the second day of convention Wyatt Adamovich and Hanna Gorman received their State FFA Degrees. In order to receive this students must complete two agriculture speeches and spend time or invest money in a Supervised Agricultural Experience, take at least four semesters of agricultural courses and complete 25 hours of community service.

The food science CDE team was also recognized for placing first in the state and will be competing at nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October.

ThedaCare Foundation announces grants

NEW LONDON – The ThedaCare Medical Center-New London Quasi Endowment Fund recently awarded more than \$76,000 to 12 local nonprofit organizations and programs in the New London area.

The ThedaCare Foundation-New London Fundraising and Grants Committee reviews applications and makes donations once each year.

“Supporting local agencies in their activities directed toward improving the communities we live in supports our ThedaCare mission of improving the health and well-being of those we are privileged to serve,” said Kellie Diedrick, vice president of critical access hospitals, ThedaCare North Region. “Learning about the activities of these local agencies and programs helps us better understand the needs of individuals and families in our area, which can lead to solutions that can improve health outcomes.”

The grant program seeks to support community health, health care outreach, education, patient care, rehabilitation and wellness services in the Wolf River area. Communities include New London, Clintonville, Manawa, Hortonville, Marion, Weyauwega, Shiocton, Fremont and Embarrass.

2024 grant recipients

Allen Matson Wheelchair Ramp Foundation – Funds will support the purchase of materials to construct wheelchair

ramps for residents of the Clintonville School District experiencing severe mobility issues.

Chaos Fastpitch Inc. – Funds will enhance the opportunity for young girls to safely participate in playing softball. Funds will be used to help lessen costs for participants to join teams, bring in trainers, host clinics and provide equipment to keep players safe.

Christ Congregational UCC – Funds will be used to increase attendance at the weekly meal offered by six local churches at the Clintonville Community Center each Thursday night and to cover the cost of renting the Community Center.

Compassionate Connections Center – Funds will support The Nutrition Mission’s weekend backpack program through which eligible students receive two days’ worth of healthy breakfast, lunch and snack items each weekend.

Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs – Funds will be used to provide domestic and sexual abuse prevention education, shelter programming and support services, including counseling, connection to community resources, and assistance with economic and housing security for those experiencing domestic or sexual violence.

New London School District – Funds will support of the purchase of new strength and conditioning equipment for the high school physical education program to pro-

vide more access to training, and promote lifelong health and wellness.

City of New London – Funds will be used to replace outdated and worn out equipment at the New London Parks and Recreation Aquatic and Fitness Center and thereby increase use of the facility.

New London First Responders – Funds will support on-going training for team personnel, as well as the purchase of medical supplies and equipment.

Project Backpack New London – Funds will support the purchase of healthy food for weekend food backpacks for eligible children at the eight schools in the New London School District.

Rawhide Inc. Outpatient Services – Funds will support the continuing presence of mental health therapists to provide outpatient counseling in eight local communities and school districts.

Trinity Lutheran Church – Funds will be used to purchase healthy food for the church’s free monthly Grab and Go meals offered to those in need.

New London Lions Club – Funds will provide vision screening and optical care, including glasses, for students (4K – elementary) of the New London School District whose families could benefit from financial assistance.

Applications for funding in 2025 will open in January. For more information, contact the Foundation at NLQuasi@thedacare.org.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Audition for stage

Murder mystery in Wega

WEYAUWEGA – Auditions for “A Talent for Murder” will be held at the Gerold Opera House on from 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14

They are looking for actors, singers, jugglers, magic acts, hula hoop twisters and novelty acts.

“A Talent for Murder” is a murder mystery dinner theater event that goes back in time. Here is the story: It’s 1959 in Weyauwega and there is a talent show at the Gerold Opera House. One of the guest judges is Robert Bloch, the author of “Psycho,” who resided in Weyauwega during that time.

Weyauwega has a lot of talent on the stage yet someone apparently has a talent for murder as one of the contestants is soon found dead.

Who did it? The audience will decide the winner of the talent show as well as who has a talent for murder.

The performance will be held Aug. 9 and 10 at the Gerold Opera House. Doors will open at 6 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and include pasta dinner, bread, salad and dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Weyauwega Area Historical Society.

Slow-no-wake updates on Wolf

FREMONT - The town of Wolf River updated their boating safety ordinances and added new signage on the Wolf River.

There is a slow-no-wake zone at mouth of the Lake Poygan and Boom Cut. There is a slow-no-wake zone at Chico’s Corner/Orihula that extends up to Triangle Farm Campground.

The slow-no-wake ordi-

nances begin at 6 p.m. Friday, July 5 and ends at midnight Sunday, July 7 in the town of Wolf River.

This year, Friday, July 5, is a slow-no-wake day under the new holiday hours. Any future year the Fourth of July falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, the Monday before or the Friday after will also be included as a slow-no-wake day per the town of

Wolf River ordinance.

The town also added 10 large-lit buoys to mark the beginning and the end of the slow-no-wake areas on the Wolf River from the mouth of Lake Poygan through Partridge Lake in Fremont. New buoys were also added to blind corners where needed. That is a total of 36 lighted and anchored buoys.

Officer flattens tires

WEYAUWEGA – At 3 a.m. Saturday, June 15, a Waupaca County deputy used a James Bond-like tool to stop a driver who would not pull over.

A Weyauwega police officer noticed a vehicle moving westbound in the eastbound lane on U.S. Highway 10 near County Trunk F. Despite following the driver with emergency lights and sirens acti-

vated, the driver would not pull over.

A deputy aided the Weyauwega officer by driving ahead of the suspect vehicle and then deployed a Stop Stick, a device used to deflate tires.

The device is deployed by throwing a folding stick into the roadway. The stick folds out to a one car-lane width and has multi-directional spikes. The stick is attached

to a long cord with a reel. As the oncoming vehicle drives over the Stop Stick, the tires are punctured and the officer yanks the cord to clear the Stop Stick from the roadway.

The officers stopped the wrong-way driver who was arrested on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants and cited for driving the wrong way on a divided highway.

NL yard waste site opens to town

Contract runs through 2024

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – Residents of the town of Caledonia will now be allowed to use the city of New London’s brush and yard waste drop-off site through the end of the year.

The New London Common Council approved a contract between the city and the town to give Caledonia residents that option. Ald. Charlene Magolski voted against approving the contract.

As part of the contract, Caledonia will have to pay the city \$425 per month. Caledonia residents wishing to use the drop-off site will also be required to purchase a key card and an annual sticker for access to the site.

When the topic was

discussed at the June 3 New London Public Works Committee meeting, Robert Garske, director of Public Works, said the city had been contacted by several people from the town about using the city’s brush and yard waste drop-off site. He said this was prompted because several residents of Caledonia were turned away from dropping off yard waste at the site.

“I did the same kind of formula that I did for the town of Mukwa, for this first year, basing it off population,” Garske said.

Using that formula, Garske said the recommended Caledonia be charged \$425 per month.

The contract would begin July 1, and run through Dec. 31 of this year.

Garske said the program can be reviewed in December, and after Caledonia reviews the usage numbers by its resi-

dents, it can decide if it wants to continue with the program.

The town of Caledonia had already approved the proposed contract, Garske said.

Committee member Charlene Magolski asked if the site can handle an increased amount of yard waste, as the site is usually “pretty full.”

Garske said he feels the site can handle the extra material. He added that some Caledonia residents were already bringing material to the site, without the city knowing that.

In the future, Garske said he hopes the city will be able to use a chipper to chip the smaller branches into mulch for city residents to use.

“We’re just so busy trying to catch up on other stuff, that it’s hard to implement that right now,” Garske. “I’m hoping at some point we can.”

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Mork recognized at park dedication

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Residents of the village of Iola gathered June 24 to hear Lyle Mork give a presentation of the history of the Veterans Memorial Park.

The event, however, became a celebration of the speaker himself.

Mork is a member of the American Legion Post 14 and has raised just under \$200,000 for the Veteran's Memorial Park in Iola. He has been very influential in the growth of the park.

After Mork presented pictures and stories of the history of the park the dedications began.

The dedication started with Dave Harper, Iola's village president pro tem, who announced that by decree of the Village of Iola Board voted that June 24 moving forward will be "Lyle Mork Day."

"Be it resolved by the Village of Iola Board of Trustees, at its meeting on June 20, 2024 at 5 p.m., at the Iola Village Hall, to express its heartfelt thanks to Lyle Mork for his dedication to preserving the history of Iola, and his dedication to honoring our area servicemen and women," Harper said at the presentation.

Harper read that Mork entered the military Nov. 21, 1958, and he served



Lyle Mork was surprised with a bench dedication June 24 at the Machine Shed in Iola for all of his hard work he has done for the Veteran's Memorial Park.

until Dec. 7, 1962. Mork he became a member of the American Legion Sheveland-Taylor Post 14 and led the project to research and find names for veterans in the area so they can be honored at the park.

After Harper, Dave Leder, commander of the American Legion Sheveland-Taylor Post 14, read a dedication to Mork as well and unveiled the bench to honor Mork and his work with the park.

"From his time in service, bringing new life into the world, to his community involvement, his actions truly embody what being a veteran, a Legionnaire, and an American is all about. His impact in the community of Iola will last long

beyond him," Leder said of Mork. "The Memorial Park will provide a place for future generations to gather as families, as friends, or even on their own to contemplate the sacrifice of our fellow veterans."

After unveiling the bench that the American Legion commissioned in Mork's honor Leder said that the bench will be placed in a position that when sitting on it the entire park will be visible.

"Mere words cannot express the thanks and respect we have for you and all that you have done," Leder said. "Even though the words sound inadequate, they are all we have. Thank you, Lyle."

Manawa NEWS

Triangle Park renovation update

MANAWA – The Triangle Park Renovation Committee is nearing their deadline for recognition on the donation sign.

The new sign is set to be unveiled at the 150th anniversary celebration set for Aug. 1-3.

Mary Mann, a member of the committee, said donations are still being taken. Those who make a donation by July 15 will be

recognized permanently on the donor sign.

The committee is close, but still short of their fundraising goal of \$75,000.

The refurbished Manawa community sign will feature a digital sign that will be used to alert the city to announcements and events at the schools.

The dedication of the sign will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.

Mann encourages everyone to attend.

Donors can mail contributions to Manawa Revitalization Committee, P.O. Box 130, Manawa, WI, 54949.

Mann said to write Triangle Park Renovation in the Memo line and that the donation can be used as a tax deduction.

For more information, contact Mann at 920-540-7589.



Mike Frazier accepts a donation for the 150 year anniversary from Mike McQuade, the human resources manager at TreeHouse Foods, June 25.

TreeHouse donates to sesquicentennial

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – TreeHouse Foods recently made a large donation to Manawa's 150th anniversary celebration by sponsoring the event as well as the music.

Mayor Mike Frazier accepted the donation on behalf of the city on June 25.

The donation will provide help with expenses over the anniversary weekend, as well as sponsor the cost of Copper Box. The band will perform from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, on Second Street as part of the street dance.

"TreeHouse Foods is really excited to partner with the city to celebrate 150 years and continue to be proud to be a civic partner and look forward to many years to come," Mike McQuade, senior human resources manager for TreeHouse Foods.

Throughout the years,

Frazier said, TreeHouse Foods, formerly Sturm Foods, donated to a number of organizations around Manawa.

The donations include churches, schools, police, fire and ambulance, as well as the community, Frazier said.

"They have been a great asset to Manawa for over 100 years as they have been our largest employer all these years," Frazier said. "Our committee is looking forward to a great three-day weekend celebration."

Frazier said the history of Sturm Foods and its ties in this community are strong, even his grandfather drove a horse drawn egg wagon during the 1920s for Sturm Foods.

The celebratory weekend will take place Aug. 1-3, starting with the kick-off event at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Triangle Park with guest speakers State

Rep. Kevin Peterson and State Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara.

This will be followed by Manawa Night Out from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at Lindsay Park. There will be food, drinks and children's games.

At 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Triangle Park the Little Wolf High School band and chorus will perform, followed by the bluegrass band Ryan Thompson and Townline.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, a new time capsule will be buried at 2 p.m., a parade will begin at 4 p.m. and a street dance with Copper Box will begin at 6 p.m.

In addition to TreeHouse Foods, Manawa Lions Club also sponsored the event assisted with the cost of Copper Box.

For updates on the celebration go to Facebook at Manawa's 150th Anniversary.

Fan promotes Iola Car Show

Ali from Iola on Facebook

BY EMILY CONROY
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Ali Johnson went to her first Iola Old Car Show in 2016 and her first year volunteering was in 2019.

A year ago she created the Facebook page Ali from Iola, which has grown to 5,000 followers.

Johnson has found her way into the automotive world and, for her, there is no turning back.

The Ali from Iola Facebook page is a way for Johnson to promote the Iola Old Car Show, other car shows around the country, as well as other area businesses that she frequents.

She said she started the page when people wanted to see more of the work and places she was going, as far as other car shows and behind the scenes action.

"I love supporting local. I love being part of the community and it's just been a fun and good fit," she said.

Johnson is originally from the Waupaca area, she graduated from Waupaca High School in 2009 where she earned a D2 scholarship in basketball and track at Northern Michigan University.

Johnson said she was unable to compete because of five knee surgeries from 2009 to 2013. Her focus switched from athletics to business, which is what her degree is in from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

She moved to Iola in 2016, and after a few years of visiting the show, she volunteered in 2019.

Volunteerism

Johnson said the car show is built on volunteerism. Volunteers pick an organization and the hours that they spend volunteering for the show accumulate and are paid out at the end of the year to their organization.

"It's a really great way to put the money back in the community. So they're not



Ali from Iola is sitting in the Rawhide car that will be given away at the Iola Car Show. The car comes to them through a partnership with Rawhide.

true volunteers and you're not an employee. You're volunteering on behalf of someone," she said.

Johnson said last year they paid out almost \$300,000. Since the inception of the non-profit in the mid-1980s the car show has paid out over \$9 million.

She also noted the economic impact that the show has in Waupaca County and surrounding counties. At the 50th anniversary they did an economic impact study that found the show brought in \$25 million to \$30 million to six counties.

Johnson said the show is not just for car enthusiasts, stating that she did not grow up in the automotive world. She said the Iola Car Show is more than just cars, it is also about community.

"It was just that sense of family that when you come on the grounds, nothing else really matters," she said. "And that is something that I still love about it is politics aside, division aside, anything that's trending in the world aside, when you come into our grounds, all of that is kind of irrelevant."

As far as what first-time visitors should check out, Johnson said there are a many things to see, so she insists visitors wear good walking shoes.

To start there is a campground on property that currently holds 1,600 sites. That number that may change next year due to the influx of larger and larger motor homes and trailers.

The number of swap meet spots coming in at

4,000, which Johnson reports is 95 percent full as of early June.

The swap meet is one of the largest car show and swap meet combined in the nation, with many of the swap meet spots selling car parts, as well as a bit of flea market types of booths.

"I think for people who don't know the automotive world or swapping, definitely walk up and down the aisles. That is a whole city in itself. It is a different thing," Johnson said.

There are activities for kids, Gear Kids, this includes making a birdhouse, as well as a scavenger hunt.

There is also Waupaca Foundry in a Box, which allows kids to make key chains with trained Foundry employees.

Then there is the entertainment, with music all three days and the meet-and-greet and autographs with celebrities.

This year's celebrities are Henry Winkler, Anson Williams and Donny Most from Happy Days, Jon Provost from Lassie, and Stan Livingston from My Three Sons. Also joining the Iola Car Show will be Derek Bieri from Vice Grip Garage and Emily Reeves from Flying Sparks Garage.

The cars themselves take the largest spotlight of the show.

Over the three days Johnson said there are about 2,500 cars, and regardless of whether or not a visitor is an old car enthusiast, being able to check out all of the unique cars will be a highlight to the trip.

For more information on the Iola Old Car Show, visit www.iolaoldcarshow.com.

Addressing mental health issues

WAUPACA – When a person is facing mental health struggles, figuring out how to connect to care can feel like one more hurdle to overcome. To take the first step, it can help to speak to their primary health provider.

"Opening that conversation can be challenging," said Dr. Robert Sedlacek, with ThedaCare Physicians-Waupaca. "There's benefit in talking to your primary care provider, who knows and understands your health and history."

Sedlacek discussed factors that influence mental health and shares tips for starting a dialogue with a primary care provider.

Widespread concern

Mental health struggles affect people across backgrounds, genders, ages, geographies and races.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the following statistics:

- More than one in five U.S. adults live with a mental health issue.
- Over one in five youth (ages 13-18) are experiencing or have experienced a debilitating mental health problem.
- About one in 25 U.S. adults lives with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depression.



Dr. Robert Sedlacek

Sedlacek noted, in some cases, there are challenges when it comes to accessing mental health care. He said a primary care provider can help people connect to available resources.

Contributing factors

Many factors contribute to the high rate of mental health struggles, Sedlacek said. Technology plays a big role. It often hurts people's well-being more than helps.

"We have a lot more tools for connectivity, but those don't always result in meaningful interactions or relationships," Dr. Sedlacek said. "We find ourselves behind a lot of screens. Those simulate interactions with another person, but often mask the full emotional content."

Heavy technology use can pose a particular risk to young people. Phones and other devices can make it easier for kids to become targets of bullying. Using certain social media sites can also lead

to developing body image negativity, comparing oneself to others and striving for unrealistic standards of beauty.

Many other factors also are at play. People today may have worries and stresses specific to the current time. These can include everything from money woes to climate change anxiety.

Mental-physical health connection

When someone comes into the doctor's office with a physical problem, a mental health concern may underlie that.

"If there's a physical illness, then the mental illness tends to follow, and vice versa," Sedlacek said. "If there's a mental health concern then we often see physical symptoms that follow. It's usually that physical symptom that gets someone to come in."

People may not come in to the doctor's office saying they feel depressed, Sedlacek explained. Instead, they might say their stomach hurts and they're not sure why. Or they'll say they're having trouble focusing, sleeping or eating.

Physicians and advanced practice clinicians are trained to see these connections. They can help people recognize that they may need help.

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Echoes

Dear Reader,

What is the meaning of life?
I don't think the question can be answered in any universal sense. But each of us is faced with a more personal question: What is the meaning of my life?

Recently I spent some time pondering this question, and came up with some conclusions that try to answer it, at least for myself. My answer came to me in verse. If you are with me this far – the big question of meaning in life, whether short or long, whether sweet or sour – then I hope you will enjoy this poem.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

- Ephemeral Echoes -

In fleeting moments, our lives unfold,
A whisper of time, so brief, so bold.
We gather treasures, build empires high,
Yet dust and shadows claim them, by...and by.

What worth are riches, amassed with pride,
When we depart, we leave them slide.
The houses of stone, the gold we glean,
Fade into whispers, a forgotten dream.

For in this world, our stay is brief,
A tale of joy, of pain, of grief.
We grasp at moments, clutch to hold,
Yet time slips by, relentless, cold.

We journey onward, beyond the veil,
Where earthly gains cannot prevail.
No wealth or power can cross that gate,
Only warmth and kindness we create.

So ponder not on what we own,
But on the seeds of care we've sown.
For in the end, what truly remains,
Are the hearts we've touched, the love that reigns.

Let go of burdens, the worldly chase,
Embrace the light, the higher grace.
For in the end, we all must see,
There's something beyond you and me.

And as we leave, with nothing in hand,
We find our place in a promised land.
So live with purpose, love with might,
For what we leave is pure and bright.

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Happy birthday to a great country

I was almost 11 years old in 1976 when a little known movie came out named Rocky.

The main character was an unknown, but whenever I hear the theme song, I think about what freedom means in America, and to me it means respecting the God-given freedom of all, with the potential to succeed on my efforts on as level as playing field as possible.

At times, life did not seem fair to me, but as I look back at my half-century plus of life, I have been many things to many people ... and now I am a politician.

From what I understand about history, our Founders fought hard to create the

republic where people are free to vote for their public leaders, and no one should really expect to get their way 100% of the time. To do so is childish. Not one Founder got all that they wanted, so why do some current politicians operate that way now? You tell me.

This is yet another year to elect our public leaders. We do this every two years. I have been disgusted with state and national politics for too long, but I knew that real deliverable public service is only done at the local level. That is why I ran for Portage County Board this past spring. I am still an unknown person to many in my district, yet I lost by only 4 votes out of a little over 400 counted. In

the process, I learned that our voting process is secure and that every vote does count. I accepted my loss, which will only motivate me to do better next time.

Now come the fall elections. Whether you vote or not is up to you, but it is time well spent to get to know your choices. I read with interest the two political letters to the editor earlier in June. One is from state Assembly candidate, Republican Duane Wilson from Waupaca. Mr. Wilson loves Trump and loves his guns, and hopes to secure the southern U.S. border. How Mr. Wilson will do that as a member of our state government is a mystery to me, but that is what he wrote for the June 6

newspaper.

I will not be voting for any Republican this year, and perhaps never after Trump finally fades away, but I'd like to know what candidate Wilson plans to do in Wisconsin to promote clean drinking water, quality public skilled nursing homes and providing a hand up to those who want it in our county jails and legal systems. These are some issues I care about.

How about you?
Who and What will you be voting for this year?

Thank you for reading, and Happy Birthday America. This is still a great country!

JOHN BERTELSON
PLOVER

Worse ways to spend tax dollars

BY BILL BARTH

It's been about 40 years since a couple of friends dragged me to Beloit's Krueger Haskell Municipal Golf Course for the silly purpose of whacking a stupid ball and then chasing it.

Little did I know. The hook was set. I know – mixed metaphor, about fishing, not golf, but it works.

I was pretty bad then. Not much has changed with time.

But scoring well was not our purpose. It was all about spending time together with close friends, in a beautiful space beneath blue skies – yes, even in Wisconsin, the sun shines occasionally. I confess, beer was usually involved. After a round, after settling bets, after some food and more beer, a little liar's poker marked a satisfying end to the evening. Perfection.

This reminiscing comes to mind as the City of Beloit – which owns Krueger Haskell – once again has decided to take a look at farming out the venerable course to private management. I get it. The course, like most munis, usually loses money and sniffing around for a better deal amounts to due diligence for taxpayers.

Or so it seems.

There's a reason Beloit has kept the track in-house despite repeated studies for privatizing course management. The existing arrangement seems to work in every way except turning a profit. Generations of golfers have loved the course. Regulars pony up for season passes and golf almost every day, then idle away time in the clubhouse. It's hard to find out-of-town golfers within driving distance who have not yet played Krueger, and usually have good things to say about upkeep at the course.

Still, it loses money. Not as much as it used to; the subsidy is around \$50,000 a year, sometimes less.

Here's my thought – So what?

A good community subsidizes lots of amenities. Parks, pools, playgrounds, even cemeteries. What's wrong with kicking in a little to bridge the gap between revenues and expenses for a people's golf course?

Maybe it's just me, but I have a theory. A lot of taxpayers don't play golf, and golf often is stereotyped as a rich man's game. There's truth in that. Private golf clubs can be eye-poppingly expensive, allowing the well-heeled to avoid rubbing polo shirts with the common folks. Hackers like me won't be playing the kind of courses shown on television during professional tournaments.

Most cities, though, offer public golf that meets an egalitarian need, allowing everyday adults and youth to play for modest fees. Extending relatively small subsidies to accommodate play for the working class seems worth the money.

That's not to say City Hall is out of bounds – this one's a golf metaphor – by taking a look. Taxpayers should expect occasional studies. But I'll be surprised if the process results in a strong case for change.

I don't play golf at Krueger very often anymore. That has nothing to do with the course. When I do play there the course is well maintained and it's a fun day. As my sons grew up and settled within an hour of home, it made more sense to travel for golf. Because it's still not about scores, it's about hanging with them. Golf, at its best, is a game that brings people together.

I still think of Krueger as

the “home” course, though, filled with memories of good friends – some of whom have gone on to the big course in the sky – and the place where I taught, sort of, my boys how to hit the ball.

I suppose generations of Beloiters – like muni lovers everywhere – feel the same way.

Another thought

To keep the peace and avoid picking a fight I'd probably lose, the names and places shall remain anonymous.

Here are three yard signs I've seen recently: (1) Let's Go Brandon; (2) We the People are P— Off; and (3) the worst of all, F— Joe Biden.

Forget for the moment, please, the partisan element. I'm writing about decency.

All these banners are in plain sight. For children. Grandmothers. Everybody.

Growing up on the farm years ago, working every day around men, I heard all the words. Dad tried to give me perspective. He said, “Being around men all day I know all the words, and so will you. Some of these guys couldn't talk if they couldn't cuss. But what you hear shouldn't be repeated, especially around women and kids.”

How did we go from that to all these banners in plain sight? Or, for that matter, to people wearing shirts – or tattoos – with the kind of language I heard in the barn lot?

No wonder too many kids are unmoored. We can't expect them to display decency if their role models refuse.

Bill Barth is the former Editor of the Beloit Daily News, and a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame.

What's the deal with the dancing

BY CHRIS HARDIE

Passing the age of 60 gives me the right to slip into what I believe is my curmudgeon persona, which means I can complain about certain things that I dislike or just don't understand.

The fact that I've been doing it all my life is irrelevant because getting old gives me a good excuse.

In that spirit, I'd like to register a complaint about all the advertisements and videos that feature people dancing.

I've never been much of a dancer. With the exception of the “forced dancing” in elementary school physical education classes or the slow dancing at junior high or high school dances, I've literally cut more rugs in remodeling projects than I have on the dance floor.

Not that I'm entirely uncoordinated. I had the “forced dancing” version of The Hustle down to an art in sixth grade and I could do-si-do with the best of them around my partner in our PE square dance sessions. I even did a solo soft-shoe performance as Jacquot during a high school theatrical performance of “Carnival.”

But my size 12 double-Es were not made for moon-walking, polka steps or waltzes. I once drew the wrath of local country bar enthusiasts when I wrote a column poking fun at line dancing when it was popular in the 1990s. Having to look at everyone else's feet while you were

trying to dance just looked awkward to me. Reminds me about the punchline to the joke of how you define an extroverted Norwegian.

It's not that I dislike dancing. Athletic and talented dancers who take their craft to the art form can be a thing of beauty and a joy to watch. And even I have a hard time not tapping my foot when “Footloose” starts playing.

Wedding dances should absolutely be fun for the participants, with no critiques or judging, especially from the sidelines. But why the Chicken Dance or the Hokey-Pokey became staples at every wedding dance I have ever attended is one of those timeless riddles that is simply too hard to answer. What if the Hokey-Pokey is what it's all about?

(I believe part of that answer is in direct correlation to the amount of alcohol being consumed, but I digress.)

I simply dislike all of the commercials that include ridiculous dancing to sell their product. I think my A1C increases every time I see the Jardiance commercial where people dance with exuberance in the middle of a park. I experience some of the same side effects as the drug – nausea/vomiting, stomach/abdominal pain and trouble breathing.

If that sort of dancing happened in real life in public settings most folks would be barring their doors and summoning the cops.

But apparently it works, because dancing sells.

Colleen Dunagan wrote a book on dancing in advertising called “Consuming Dance: Choreography and Advertising.” Thankfully I could tapdance through the purpose by reading the abstract, which states ... “the marketing value of dance lies in the ability of the dancing body to produce affect through kinesthetic empathy and correspondingly to create the appearance of relational meaning and agency.”

Dunagan essentially claims that choreographed movement sells stuff, no matter how ridiculous or far-fetched it may be.

To each their own, but I prefer my shakes, mashed potatoes and salsas in a glass or on a plate. Dancing people don't compel me to buy nor dance.

Give me macaroni over Macarena. Each of my hips have already been surgically hopped. Call me a jerk, but I'm not going to duckwalk or swim at the YMCA or slide into a cha cha – electric or not.

To monster mash-up Van McCoy and George Bush, just not going to do it.

Chris Hardie spent more than 30 years as a reporter, editor and publisher. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and won dozens of state and national journalism awards. He is a former president of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Law library name change stirs controversy

BY WISPOLITICS.COM

The switch from conservative to liberal rule on the Wisconsin Supreme Court is still being felt.

The latest episode: a renaming of the State Law Library.

Yes, even that is steeped in political controversy.

In mid-June, around Wisconsin Women Lawyers Day, the liberal majority announced the renaming of the State Law Library after the

first female lawyer in Wisconsin history. That means the removal of former conservative Justice David Prosser's name in the process.

Liberal members of the court praised Lavinia Goodell as a trailblazer, with Justice Ann Walsh Bradley saying renaming the library is “an opportunity to recognize her legacy and inspire the next generation of women in Wisconsin.”

But conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley on X called the move “another petty and vindictive maneuver” by the court's liberal majority. And fellow conservative Justice Pat Roggensack argued the court may not have statutory authority to rename the library.

The court's then-conservative majority in 2016 named

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MENTAL HEALTH

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Starting the conversation

Sedlacek said getting help can be as simple as asking. He also acknowledged that it's not

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always that straightforward.

"In the clinic, we routinely screen adults for anxiety and depression," he said. "We also have a set of tools for screening for substance use, which so often coincides with mental health issues."

Screenings and tools can help uncover problems. The provider can then start to further investigate and offer treatments that may include therapy or medication.

Kids and teens experiencing mental health struggles can receive care through Catalpa Health, a pediatric outpatient

SUBSTATION

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the Walker Forge, Inc. property."

The fact that Walker Forge no longer utilizes a 4 kV system for many of its loads, it makes more sense to build a new substation that is not located by Walker Forge, the letter stated.

The letter also noted that by locating a new substation on the northeast side of the city, better segmentation of the distribution system can be done. This would mean that fewer customers would

mental health and wellness organization.

"As primary care providers, we're here to take care of the whole person," Sedlacek said. "We encourage everyone to have open conversations about their mental health."

Additional care

To provide additional mental health support to people through ThedaCare primary care clinics, ThedaCare Behavioral Health has begun offering Collaborative Care. Patient-centered teams use this type of integrated care to

be affected by power outages.

Engineering contract

Tichinel told the committee that Forster has been doing work for the city since around 1982.

"Forster has been doing our engineering, and they know our whole schematic of our whole city better than if we went out and got an engineering service," Tichinel said. "We'd be paying a lot more (hiring a different company)."

Before the project can

treat common mental health conditions in primary care.

Primary care and behavioral health providers collaborate using shared care plans that incorporate each patient's goals. The care team also works with a psychiatric consultant. That expert consults on a patient's treatment and progress, and makes recommendations to the primary care provider on treatment adjustments when needed.

Because the collaboration manager is located right in the primary care clinic, access to care is almost immediate,

said Heather Pagel, behavioral health manager with ThedaCare Behavioral Health. This often starts with a warm hand-off during an office visit.

Patients then follow up with the collaboration manager regularly for up to six months. These follow-up visits can take place in the clinic or by video or phone.

Eleven collaboration managers work across nine primary care clinics. ThedaCare Behavioral Health plans to continue to expand the program.

move forward, the PSC must approve the project because the cost of the project is more than \$500,000, he added. Once approval is applied for, the approval process can take up to 6-8 months.

Transformer purchase

Tichinel said the city received three bids for a new transformer. He said the transformer needs to be upgraded for Creative Converting to "take them off what they call the 4 kVA to the 35 (kVA) line."

RESCO submitted the lowest bid at \$104,025.

Maddox of Market St, Oregon submitted a bid of \$152,717, and Border States of Pewaukee submitted a bid of \$159,659.

Tichinel said the lead time to receive the transformer once it is ordered would be about two years.

"If we can get this ordered this week, that price sticks, even though its two years away before we receive it," Tichinel said.

The transformer will be paid for with electric utility capital funds.

LAW LIBRARY

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the library after Prosser.

This followed allegations by Ann Walsh Bradley in 2011 that he had choked her during a heated argument over the court's ruling in Act 10, the law that stripped most public employees of collective bargaining powers.

A special prosecutor declined to press charges, and a complaint the Judicial Commission filed against Prosser went nowhere after justices recused themselves from the case because they were witnesses to the incident.

Roggensack told WisPolitics when she led the court as chief justice, she got permission from GOP Gov. Scott Walker and the Legislature

to change the name of the State Law Library in Prosser's honor, which she argued is required.

"If they want to name the Supreme Court Law Library, which is within their chambers, I guess they can call it whatever they want," Roggensack said. "But this is not the Supreme Court's law library, it is the State Law Library."

However, the court's public information office told WisPolitics the court was given full authority over the library in 1977, as noted on a web page about the library's history.

"It does not need approval from the Governor or Legislature for a name change," a spokesperson said.

Conservative Chief Justice Annette Ziegler in a statement

to WisPolitics said the decision dishonored Prosser.

"There are many ways to honor Lavinia Goodell, which is entirely appropriate, without dishonoring a lifelong public servant like Justice David Prosser," Ziegler said.

Liberal justices in statements announcing the name change praised Goodell as an example for women and the state, making no direct mentions of Prosser.

Justice Janet Protasiewicz, the newest member of the court whose election put liberals in charge, said the change is "the right thing to do."

"When people enter this important space, they need to know they are somewhere named after a leader who inspired others to do good and do what is right," Protasiewicz said.

According to the release, Goodell was admitted to practice law in Wisconsin in 1874, but was met with resistance.

The state Supreme Court in 1875 unanimously denied her the right to represent a client before the court, which led her to draft legislation guaranteeing women the right to practice law in the state. Gov. Harrison Ludington signed the legislation into law two years later.

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Pavelski remains on leave

STEVENS POINT – Portage County Executive John Pavelski continues to be on a temporary medical leave of absence. Until Pavelski’s return, County Board Chair Ray Reser will perform the duties of the county executive. For county executive matters, contact Executive Administrative Assistant

Jane Iwanski at 715-346-1997. Portage County expects no interruption in the county’s operations during this time. While Pavelski is recovering, the county requests that no emails, calls or texts be sent directly to to respect his and his family’s privacy during this time.

Stevens Point bridge winners

STEVENS POINT – Social Bridge winners on June 24 at the Lincoln Center were ark Thomas, Mark Heimlich, Barb Johnson, Rose Marie Durst and Mary Olson. Rose Marie at 715-341-1654 by Wednesday to play next Monday. June 27 - Duplicate Bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Gene Clark and Bob Alexejun,

Jim Golz and Terry Byrne, Tom Rowe and Art Flashinski. June 28 - Duplicate Bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Mary Jacobson and Pat Curti, Rick Jansing and Gene Clark, Polly Garbe and Mary Beth Anday. To learn more about playing duplicate bridge on Fridays, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.

Grow Solar program returns to area

REGION – The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) announced the return of the Grow Solar Central Wisconsin program for its seventh year. This initiative offers property owners in six counties (Lincoln, Portage, Marathon, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood) the opportunity to learn about solar energy and benefit from more affordable pricing through group purchasing. Grow Solar Central Wisconsin helps property owners realize the economic potential of installing a solar array on their properties. The program combines free educational outreach events, known as “So-

lar Power Hours,” with a competitive contractor bidding process and group purchasing rebates to maximize cost savings and simplify the solar adoption process for participants. “The economic benefit of solar mirrors the economic benefit of owning your home,” said Jeff Schneider, Grow Solar’s communication coordinator. “Without solar, you’re essentially renting your electricity: paying every month in perpetuity. With solar, you own the means of producing your electricity, and once it’s paid off, that electricity is free. That will drastically reduce your energy costs in the long run and can help



For the supermarket’s 11-year anniversary, Scott Neumann of Piggly Wiggly donated \$1,200 to the the Waupaca police and fire departments. Neumann also matched \$600 to the funds raised at the Unity in the Community Block Party held on June 13. That money will be donated to the Waupaca Food Pantry. From left: Scott Neumann, Bret Rodenz, Arden Niemuth and Pete Jungers. James Card Photo

Boat inspectors stop the spread

WAUPACA - The Waupaca Chain O’ Lakes Lake District is sponsoring two boat inspectors to help control the spread of aquatic invasive species. Karyn Morrissey is a college student from Waupaca

pursuing a double degree in biology and environmental studies. Michelle DeGodt is a former driver of the Chief Waupaca tour boat and one of the first inspectors when this program was started.

At Taylor and Columbia Lakes they will talk to boaters about how aquatic invasive species hitch rides on boats. They will perform watercraft inspections and provide tips on how to prevent their

spread. They will be at the boat landings on weekends and holidays. This program was expanded by a donation from the Jim and Mary Grist Fund.

you avoid future energy price hikes.” The program has bbrought affordable solar to the region in the past six programs, with over 1.5 megawatts of solar installed on 238 properties. By helping residents invest in solar with a local company, the program helps boost the regional economy and supports the growing solar job market. This year, an independent Advisory Committee of local stakeholders has selected Northwind Solar of Amherst (www.NorthwindRE.com) to serve the program. “We’re thrilled to once again be working with

the MREA on another Grow Solar program,” says Woody Bolton, solar designer and sales manager for Northwind. “We think it’s a great way to share the benefits of solar power with Central Wisconsin residents, who are often excited about the additional savings through collective buying power the group buy model can offer”. The program relies on promotional support from municipalities and organizations interested in helping residents or members save on energy costs while pursuing sustainable development. This year, the city of Stevens Point is a key

partner in promoting the program. “Continuing our partnership with the Grow Solar Central Wisconsin program is a win-win-win situation,” says Mike Wiza, Mayor of the City of Stevens Point. “Our community can reduce their energy costs, through a strong, reliable local company, and it aligns with our long-term sustainability goals. That’s why we’re excited to once again offer this opportunity to our residents.” Interested individuals can learn more about Grow Solar Central Wisconsin by attending an upcoming Solar Power

Hour. The first virtual Solar Power Hour on Zoom will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10. Residents can register for the event and attend live, or watch a recording. City of Stevens Point residents are invited to attend an in-person Solar Power Hour at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Community Room of the Stevens Point Police Department, 933 Michigan Ave., or a virtual Solar Power Hour at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, via Zoom. To see a full schedule and register for any of the program’s events, visit www.CW.growsolar.org.



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