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Vibhas Kendzia played Native American, East Indian and classical flutes at Arts on the Square in downtown Waupaca Saturday, Aug. 17. Emily Conroy Photo

City must clean up contaminated soil

New London orders site investigation

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The city of New London moved forward with contracting with AECOM for site investigation on Pearl Street, and will be responsible for any cleanup of contaminated soil found.

The New London Common Council approved the contract with AECOM at a special council meeting July 31. The approval came after a month of meetings on the topic.

petroleum related. “What this means is the city of New London is the responsible party for cleaning up, and/or monitoring these sites until case closure,” Garske said.

He added that case closure can be accomplished in several ways. Many of those ways were discussed when Garske met with the DNR in late June.

“But I’ll leave that more for the professionals to kind of identify when we get to that point,” Garske said.

In conversations with the DNR, Garske said there was no documentation for one of the locations where four underground storage tanks have been removed. At one of the other locations, there is documentation for an underground storage tank, but no documentation that it was ever removed.

With AECOM onsite already doing work for WisDot, Garske said AECOM will put together a proposal that would list all the steps that it will take to bring the locations to case closure.

Public Works Meeting

At a July 1 New London Board of Public Works meeting, Robert Garske, director of Public Works, said the city had received letters from the Wisconsin DNR indicating that the city would be the responsible party for three locations in downtown that tested higher than DNR standard limits for hazardous material. Most of it is

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Explosion at substation

Cause unknown in Clintonville

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The cause of a regulator exploding and causing a fire at the East Madison Street substation Aug. 1 in Clintonville is still unknown, and may never be known.

That was the message that Clintonville Utilities Manager Dave Tichinel told the Clintonville Common Council at an Aug. 13 Committee of Whole meeting.

Explosion details

Tichinel said a regulator at the substation “blew up.” He said a regulator regulates voltage after it is transferred down from 35,000 volts to 4,000 volts by a transformer for households in the neighborhood.

The power went out, due to the explosion, at 2:02 p.m. and power was restored by around 2:20 p.m.,



A plume of smoke appears in the sky after a regulator exploded at the East Madison substation in Clintonville Aug. 1. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Photo courtesy of Dave Tichinel

Tichinel said. “This was a pretty good outage,” Tichinel said. “It could have been very dangerous, but everyone responded well and did an absolute perfect job.”

After the explosion, Tichinel said he contacted

the Wisconsin DNR, which was required, as well as the city’s insurance company.

“I found out stuff that I didn’t obviously know as electric manager, so it was a learning curve for me,” Tichinel said.

He said he also contacted

electric utility managers in area communities, and the electric utility manager in New London provided him with a lot of useful information.

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The Aquatic Plant Management of Minocqua crew removes Eurasian watermilfoil at Sunset Lake Park Beach on Aug. 7. Contributed Photo

Weeds removed at Sunset Lake

BY GENE KEMMETER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NEW HOPE – The Sunset Lake Association of Portage County in the town of New Hope is working to rid the 61.2-acre lake of invasive aquatic plants.

The association, comprised of 24 property owners within about one mile of the lake, contracted with Aquatic Plant Management of Minocqua in May to begin removal of the plants. The association raised more than \$14,500 primarily from lake property owners, and Aquatic Plant Management (APM) began the removal the week of Monday, Aug. 5.

APM uses a driver-assisted suction harvest system from a pontoon boat to remove the invasive aquatic plants, primarily Eurasian watermilfoil, from lake beds.

Pat Quigley, president of the Sunset Lake Association, said the boat has a two-person crew, a diver who pulls the invasive weeds from the bed of the lake by hand and then suctions the weeds from the water, and the boat skipper who collects the weeds on

the boat for disposal. Quigley said the association identified eight locations for removal of Eurasian watermilfoil during the five-day operation, with two large colonies just outside the Portage County Parks Department swimming beach the top priority. But the beach area took three full days of the contracted work, he said, meaning the association will have to raise more funds to complete the project later.

The association was founded two years ago, he said, with the priority to get rid of the invasive weeds which can form thick mats that make swimming or boating almost impossible in waters that are 20 feet deep or less.

Sunset Lake volunteers have hand harvested the weeds in shallow water for years, but they don’t have the equipment to remove the plants from the deeper water. APM was brought in to remove plants in water that was 8 to 20 feet deep.

One situation facing

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Drug overdoses in Waupaca County

Walk to raise awareness

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – For Justine Leavitt, the Overdose Awareness Walk on Saturday, Aug. 31, in Waupaca, represents her own personal journey and mission to help others.

She is a recovering drug addict who spent time in jail after being convicted of possession of narcotics, maintaining a drug trafficking place and child neglect.

Leavitt spent 144 days in jail on a cash bond while her case was pending.

“I went into jail weighing 95 pounds,” Leavitt said, noting that she weighed 140 pounds when she left jail.

On Jan. 10, 2022, Waupaca County Judge Troy Nielsen placed her on five years of probation and ordered her into the drug court treatment program.

Part of Leavitt’s treatment involved the Project



Project WisHope Community Center is located in downtown Waupaca. Robert Cloud Photo

WisHope Community Center in downtown Waupaca where she was both a client and a volunteer.

She participated in a 12-step program for drug addicts, went to meetings and one-on-one counseling sessions several times a week in the beginning.

Since graduating from the drug court program in July 2023, Leavitt has become a sponsor, certified peer coach and a life coach for others coming to Project WisHope for help.

“We want to bring aware-

ness that overdoses are a real thing,” Leavitt said, regarding the walk. “People are dying.”

Registration for the Overdose Awareness Walk will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at Project WisHope, 200 N. Main St.

Participants will walk south on Main Street to South Park, over to School Street, then to the rec center, north on State Street to the Waupaca Foundry Plant 1, then on Main Street back to Project WisHope. The total walk is 2.5 miles. There will be a balloon lift

off for lost loved ones and a memory wall. Food will be served and commemorative T-shirts sold for \$25.

The event will also feature education and free distribution of Naloxone.

For more information on the walk or Project WisHope, call Justine at 715-408-4742 or Rachel at 715-802-3831.

WisHope services

The Project WisHope Community Center offers opportunities to develop positive social networks and receive non-clinical, recovery support services, including peer recovery coaching services, life skills training and job placement.

The center’s hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Waupaca County overdose cases

Jed Wohlt, the public

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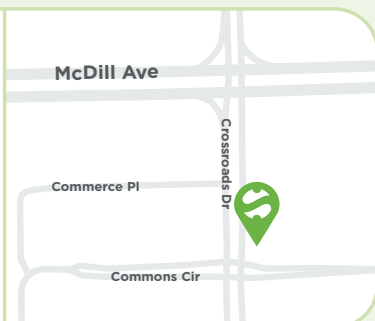
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## OVERDOSES

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health officer for Waupaca County, presented information on opioid-related deaths at both the state and county levels at an Aug. 8 meeting of the Aging and ADRC Committee.

In 2022, Wohlt noted 1,464 Wisconsin residents died from opioids.

Of those deaths, 1,340 were from synthetic opioids, 303 were from prescription opioids and 127 were from heroin.

According to Wohlt, there were 842 opioid-related deaths among Wisconsin residents between the ages 18 and 44 in 2022. Among those ages 45-64 there were 533 opioid-related deaths, 64 deaths among those age 65 and older and 16 deaths among those age 17 and younger.

The number of Wis-

consinites over the age of 65 killed by opioids rose from 27 in 2018 to 64 in 2022.

In Waupaca County, there were a total of 17 overdose deaths in Waupaca County from 2021-23.

Between 2019-23, there were 24 total inpatient visits related to opioids in Waupaca County.

During the same five-year period, there were 73 total opioid-related visits to a Waupaca County hospital emergency room.

Wohlt noted a number of ways citizens can help address concerns regarding drug addiction and unintentional overdoses.

He recommended participating in and supporting local coalitions, such as the Waupaca Area Recovery Coalition that is building a grassroots community approach to over-

coming substance abuse.

Partners in the local coalition include CORE Behavioral Health Services in Manitowoc, ThedaCare Behavioral Health, Waupaca Police Department, Mission of Hope in New London, Impact Wisconsin which has resiliency houses in Waupaca County and Project WisHope Community Center.

Wohlt urged citizens to support recovery organizations, and share information on prevention, treatment and other resources with friends, family and neighbors.

Another important thing that families can do is manage their medications. Wohlt suggested storing prescriptions in locked spaces and discarding unused prescriptions at drug drop boxes, such as the one at the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office,

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

# The Transitory Tapestry of Life

Dear Reader,

In the grand tapestry of existence, where threads of time and space weave the intricate patterns of our lives, we find ourselves often pondering the nature of our transient state. Life, as Seneca observed, is on loan to us—a fleeting gift with an inevitable expiration date.

Every breath we take, every moment we cherish, is a testament to the temporality that characterizes our existence.

As we navigate through the days, we become acutely aware of the ticking clock that governs all we hold dear. Our possessions, our achievements, even our relationships, are bound by the same immutable constraints. They are all subject to the inexorable passage of time, destined to fade or transform as the sands of our personal hourglass continue to trickle down. This realization can be both humbling and enlightening, prompting us to reflect on what truly holds value in our fleeting journey. Faith, beauty, and truth—concepts that have long captivated the human spirit—are, in fact, deeply personal constructs. Their relevance and resonance are determined by the beholder.

Faith, whether in a higher power, a cause, or oneself, is a beacon that guides us through life's uncertainties. Beauty, a subjective experience, lies in the eye of the beholder, evoking emotions that range from joy to melancholy. Truth, often elusive, is a quest for meaning that varies with perspective and experience. These elements, though intangible,



shape our perceptions and give color to our existence, yet they too are subject to the flow of time.

As we continue our sojourn, we must acknowledge that we are but one chapter in the ever-evolving story of humanity. Each day, new seeds of time are sown, bringing forth fresh faces, ideas, and dreams. We are continually supplanted by the next generation, each bringing their own unique contributions to the collective narrative. This cycle of renewal is a reminder of our place in the grand scheme—a single link in an endless chain of life.

The beauty of recognizing our temporal state lies in the clarity it brings. It encourages us to live with intention, to savor the fleeting moments, and to find meaning in the transient. It urges us to invest in what truly matters—our connections, our passions, and our personal growth. By embracing the impermanence of life, we can foster a deeper appreciation for the present and cultivate a legacy that, while finite, resonates beyond our own existence.

In this ephemeral dance, let us find solace and inspiration. For it is within the fleeting nature of life that we discover its true value. We are all on loan here, but in our brief tenure, we have the power to leave an indelible mark on the ever-turning pages of time.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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

## Correction

The name of Andrew Halverson, executive vice president of Ellis Construction, was misspelled in the Aug. 15 article "Sports complex holds groundbreaking."

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# Waupaca NEWS

## New e-tickets, girls wrestling

Ball dropped on \$18,000

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – During the Aug. 13 meeting, the Waupaca School Board voted to add an all-girls wrestling team to the school's sports program.

"The WIAA has adopted rule changes for the 2025-2025 school year. In order for girls to wrestle in a girl's state tournament, school districts must have a stand-alone girls wrestling team. The committee has this motion coming to the full board to approve a stand-alone girls wrestling program and a coach," said board member Dale Feldt.

"Girls wrestling is one of the fastest growing sports. The state of Wisconsin in the last decade has gone from letting a girl compete against boys, to letting them wrestle and qualify for the boys state tournament, to creating their own girls-only state championships, to multiple divisions of girls at the state championship. The state is now quickly moving to enough

girls in the sport for them to compete solely against other females during the season. There has been a growing interest by the WIAA for girls to compete against girls. This has created more opportunities for girls-only tournaments throughout the state and more opportunities for our girls to branch off and go their separate way," wrote athletic director Rob Scherrer in a memo to the board.

### E-tickets

The board also approved a partnership with GoFan, an online platform that provides digital ticketing to sporting events. More than 160 Wisconsin schools use the platform for ticket sales.

The tickets can be purchased digitally at the gate with a QR code emblazoned on a sign that reads "Buy Tickets Here" or with major credit card using point-of-sale card reader.

The schedules for all sports will be loaded onto the event page of the school's website and a person can scan through and purchases tickets for individual games throughout the seasons.

Also season tickets can be purchased.

The benefits of digital ticketing is less congested lines at the gates as a person can simply show an attendant the ticket on a smart phone. This means less staffers are required to handle paper tickets and cash and no more swiping people's hands with a magic marker or handing out wrist bands to indicate payment.

GoFan's receives a service fee of \$1 per admission ticket, 5% plus \$2 for season tickets, and 3% plus 30 cents per order for concessions. GoFan handles all refunds, chargebacks and disputes.

"There is a concern raised for using GoFan for concessions in that it is billing the fee into the cost of an item and student's club running the concessions would have to absorb some of those fees," said Feldt.

Scherer addressed the board about the finer points of the deal. The school district will have a one-year contract with GoFan that binds the district to not partner with another company during that

contract year. After a year, there is no other obligation to continue to use the service, other than stop selling tickets digitally and returning the credit card readers the company provides for free.

"It's real simple to use because it [GoFan's platform] talks to all these programs that we're already using anyway. It's very user friendly," said Scherrer.

Cash will still be used this year and most likely the following year.

### An \$18,923 fail

Austin Moore, director of business services, brought attention to the board that in early June he found an uncashed check from Blenker Building Systems Inc. in the school safe.

The check was made out to the school district for \$18,923.81. It was dated April 14, 2022. In the memo line was "Comet House-Julie Lane."

The Comet House was the mini-home that was built by students in shop class. Previously students built two houses with the

### School News

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## Colbert named to state vets board

MADISON – Laura Colbert, of Waupaca, was appointed to the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs.

A nine-member, part-time citizen advisory board to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the board has one representative from each of the state's eight congressional districts and one at-large member.

Colbert will serve as the at-large member.

"I want to extend a warm welcome to Laura Colbert as she joins the Board of Veterans Affairs," said Secretary-designee James Bond. "She is an exemplary veteran advocate in Wisconsin with an impressive service record, both in her military and civilian life. I'm grateful she accepted this position and that Wisconsin veterans have someone like her in their corner."

Colbert is a Waupaca native who served in the Wisconsin National Guard from 2001-2009. She was deployed to Iraq in 2003 and was a military police officer with the Army National Guard 32nd Military Police Company in Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom



Colbert

until 2004.

Colbert discussed her time in the military with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, available to listen to and read online at bit.ly/46Ly224.

"It is an honor to serve on the Board of Veterans Affairs. I look forward to serving the state of Wisconsin Veterans, advocate on their behalf, and continue to bridge the civilian and military divide to enhance communication and collaborative efforts from every corner of the state."

Mother of three, Colbert is the city of Waupaca Parks and Recreation director. She is a professional speaker, both as a management consultant and as a veteran advocate. She also published a memoir, "Sirens," about her deployment and return home.

## New apartments by 2025

Setbacks, new timeline

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Common council was briefed Aug. 6 about what was going on at the empty lot where St. Mary Magdalene Church used to be.

It is the lot that is across from the recreation Center.

On May 16, 2023, the city council approved a development agreement with Shuelke Properties LLC for a 30-unit apartment complex. Over the course of a few months, the old church was deconstructed and now a fenced gravel lot is all that is left. There has not been much activity at the construction site since then.

City Administrator Aaron Jensen said one of Shuelke's colleagues passed away. The person was a key team member that submitted plans and handled state regulations and that was a big setback for the firm.

The amended development agreement states the guaranteed value will increase from \$2.16 million to \$3.2 million. The start of the project has moved from Aug. 2023 to Nov. 2024. The completion of the project has changed from January 2024 to 2025.

In a memo to the council, Jensen wrote: "City staff recommends approving these amendments to preserve incentives for completing a project that will increase market rate housing units, help improve economic vitality to the downtown, prevent blight on a visible downtown block, add \$3.2 million to the tax rolls and retain financial health in TID 10."

Tim Schuelke was at the meeting and he addressed the council. He said time was not on his side and there were some drastic changes and asked council to approve the amended agreement.

"We have not changed the design of the building at all. Just two weeks ago, we approved an upgrade

to material on the exterior. We did not reduce costs at all on this building," said Shuelke.

There was one minor change. One idea was to incorporate some of the stonework from the old church into the new building. During the asbestos removal, they found black mastic (resin) on the stones which was not expected. To try to repurpose and reburbish the stones would drive up costs. Instead he found a similar stone to utilize and the previous owners, St. Mary Magdalene Church, were able to recover some original stone to utilize in statuary.

Shuelke said all of the hiccups are past and that the demolition phase was dealing with a lot of unknowns. He is familiar with the practices of the general contractor he will use and expects the construction phase to be on track to meet the new deadlines.

"The council unanimously approved the amended development agreement.



Brady Looker gives a glassblowing demonstration at Arts on the Square Aug. 17.

Emily Conroy Photo

## Bridge games at Holly Center

WAUPACA – The next Waupaca duplicate bridge game will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, in the Holly Center.

An educational program will be presented at 8:45 a.m. All area bridge players are invited.

On Aug. 9, first-place winners were Eric McVicker, of Appleton, and Rob Webster, of Ripon. Second place went to Karen Holly and Sue Heideman, both from Waupaca, and third place was awarded to Jay and Cathy Quella, also from Waupaca.

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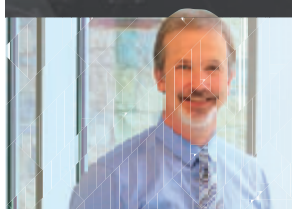


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# Stevens Point NEWS



Giving donations to local charities, shown from left, are Plover VFW Auxiliary President Sandi Kowalski, Director of Operations Mel Dow of Interfaith Food Pantry, Basket Chairman Sally Michelkamp, and Outreach Coordinator Kate Mueller of CAP Services - Family Crisis Center. Submitted Photo

## VFW Auxiliary donates to charities

PLOVER – Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary 10262 presented donations totaling \$5,000 to two local charitable organizations at their Post and Auxiliary Joint Meeting on Aug. 12.

Auxiliary President Sandi Kowalski and Basket Chairman Sally Michelkamp presented donation checks of \$2,500 each to Outreach Coordinator Kate Mueller of CAP Services Family Crisis Center, Stevens Point and Director of Operations

Mel Dow of Interfaith Food Pantry, Plover.

The donations were proceeds from the Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle Fundraiser that was held in June.

Kowalski and the kitchen team prepared and served 159 spaghetti dinners. Basket Chairman Michelkamp spearheaded the basket item donation campaign and, with her crew, collected items and assembled 53 baskets for the raffle. More than 95 businesses

and individuals contributed items and gift certificates for the event.

Since 1914, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary has united Americans from all walks of life with a common purpose - to improve the lives of veterans, active-duty service members and families, and to assist their local communities.

For more information or to join the Auxiliary, go to [plovervfw.org](http://plovervfw.org) or call 715-341-8414

## City administrator's role discussed

BY ELIOT JAVERS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – Discussions about adding a possible city administrator position in Stevens Point continued the Aug. 12 Personnel Committee meeting.

Among the key points were the potential duties of the city administrator and to whom would they would report.

The committee reviewed examples of surround-

ing communities and the city administrator's duties Green Bay, Whitewater and West Bend.

In these different municipalities, city administrators oversee various city government department heads, assist them with different projects and reports to the common council and mayor.

Ald. Jacquie Guthrie brought up the organizational flow chart in the Stevens Point city government. Guthrie then asked

if there should be a revised flow of command chart before any substantial discussions are held about the city administrator position.

Little progress was made in fleshing out what the city administrator's role would be in Stevens Point's government.

Discussions will be ongoing on the city administrator's role in Personnel Committee meetings in the coming months.

## County launches hazard mitigation survey

COUNTY– Portage County is inviting residents and businesses to participate in a critical hazard mitigation survey.

The survey's goal is to assess the county's vulnerability to natural and human-caused disasters in order to develop effective preparedness plans.

The survey will be open from Aug. 19 to Sept. 20.

It will gather data on potential hazards such as floods and severe weather,

as well as the community's preparedness and recovery capabilities.

Information collected will be used to create a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan to reduce the vulnerability of lives, property and the environment.

The survey can be accessed online through the county's website. Hard copies of the survey will also be available at the Portage County Emergen-

cy Management Office, 1462 Strongs Ave, third Floor, Stevens Point.

For more information about the hazard mitigation survey or the planning process, contact Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Weinert at 715-346-1437 or [weinert@co.portage.wi.gov](mailto:weinert@co.portage.wi.gov), or Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Bonnie Skalecke at 715-346-1492 or [skaleckb@co.portage.wi.gov](mailto:skaleckb@co.portage.wi.gov).

## Stevens Point bridge winners

STEVENS POINT – Social bridge winners on Aug. 12 at the Lincoln Center were Mark Thomas, Dorothy Ford and Debbie Simonis.

Call Rose Marie at 715-341-1654 by Wednesday, to play the following Monday.

Duplicate bridge winners on Aug. 15 at the Lincoln Center were Tom Rowe and Art Flashinski, Larry Niederhofer and Bob Alexejun, Cathy Quella and Jay Quella.

Duplicate bridge winners on Aug. 16 at the Lincoln

Center were Bob Matthews and Janice Doxtater, Pat Curti and Mary Jacobson, and Mary Beth Anday and Polly Garbe.

Those who are interested in playing duplicate bridge on Fridays, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.



Photo courtesy of Portage County Sheriff's Office

## Traffic enforcement campaign in effect

STATE – The Portage County Sheriff's Office is joining law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign from now through Labor Day, Sept. 2.

During the campaign, law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers, for longer hours, watching for impaired drivers.

Last year in Wisconsin, there were 5,976 alcohol-related crashes that resulted in 159 deaths (approximately one-quarter of all traffic fatalities).

This campaign is not

about stopping and arresting motorists. It's about saving lives and preventing needless tragedies during the holiday season, according to law enforcement.

To help combat impaired driving, Wisconsin has:

- 7,579 police officers trained in Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) to help detect impaired drivers and remove them from our highways.
- 390 highly-trained drug recognition experts.
- 30 multi-jurisdictional high-visibility enforcement task forces.

Those who plan to celebrate should identify a sober designated driver or find a safe alternative for getting home.

Never allow someone to get behind the wheel impaired.

Anyone who encounters a suspected impaired driver should call 911 and provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle, and location.

During the Drive Sober campaign and throughout the year, law enforcement's goal is to help ensure all travelers reach their destinations safely.



The Wisconsin Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program is offering an "Introduction to Archery and Shotguns" workshop Saturday, Aug. 24. Submitted Photo

## BOW offers archery workshop

STEVENS POINT – The Wisconsin Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program is offering an "Introduction to Archery and Shotguns" workshop on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Bill Cook Izaak Walton League property east of Stevens Point.

This workshop is a safe and fun course that will introduce participants to recreational shooting with compound bows, crossbows and shotguns.

Participants will learn hands-on firearm safety handling and principles from certified, patient instructors. After becoming familiar with the different guns and bows available, participants will be coached one-on-one in shooting lessons.

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essary and all the equipment – bows, firearms, ammunition, ear and eye protection - will be provided. This workshop is designed for beginners but also appropriate for anyone who wants to brush up on their shooting skills. This is an excellent opportunity to learn to shoot in a safe environment with the support of other women.

The registration fee is \$125 and includes lunch. There are just 9 spots available in this one-of-a-kind BOW-signature program designed specifically for women. To ensure your place in the event, call Peggy Farrell, 715-346-4681 to make a reservation today.

The Bill Cook Chapter of the Izaak Walton League consists of 147 acres of

managed forest with the scenic Plover River passing through it. The Conservation Center has meeting space and modern restrooms.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshops focus on learning outdoor skills. Workshop activities are balanced between hunting and shooting, fishing and boating, and non-consumptive activities like camping and canoeing. Workshops are designed primarily for women and are learning opportunities for anyone 18 years and older. Participants range in age from 18-80. BOW is a non-profit, outreach education program at UWSP and supported by the Wisconsin DNR.

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- Plover\*: Municipal Building, 2400 Post Road. Serving at noon every Tuesday.

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- Junction City\*: Park Lodge, 224 Case Ave. Serving at 11:45 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

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# Clintonville NEWS



The new building being constructed for Clintonville Utilities is on schedule, and estimated to be completed around April of next year. Bert Lehman Photo

## New utility building on schedule

**BY BERT LEHMAN**  
STAFF REPORTER  
CLINTONVILLE – The new building being constructed for Clintonville Utilities is on schedule to be completed around April 2025. Devin Flanigan, construction manager for Keller, Inc., shared this

message with the Clintonville Finance Committee at its Aug. 12 meeting. Flanigan told the committee that the project was started early enough that the high amounts of rainfall earlier in the summer did not have much impact on the project. “Currently we have

\$32,000 remaining in the contingency,” Flanigan said. “We started with a pretty lean contingency to begin with, so Dave (Tichinel, Clintonville Utilities manager), has been very diligent, very kind to me, to help navigate, not spending extra money.” Flanigan said he did not

expect much more of the contingency funds to be spent. “Usually, you burn it up early on in the process,” he said. “I don’t really see a whole lot extra being done. We made some changes, but it’s a simple building. It’s been thought out pretty well.”

## Clintonville may change 2025 graduation date

### Wednesday night considered

**BY BERT LEHMAN**  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board is considering changing the 2024-25 graduation date commencement is not during Memorial Day weekend.

A discussion by the Clintonville School Board about the possible change took place at its Aug. 12 meeting.

Consideration of the date change was prompted by complaints that the current graduation date of Sunday, May 25, is during Memorial Day weekend.

One proposed new date would put graduation on Wednesday, May 28. I

No final decision on changing the date has been made yet.

Clintonville High School Principal James Blashe said when the 2025 graduation date was released, he did not receive any direct complaints about it being during Memorial Day weekend. He added that he’s heard some complaints from second-hand sources via word of mouth.

Through discussions with district staff when choosing the graduation date, he was asked to not schedule a graduation date as early as it was in 2024, which was May 19.

“The seniors just got out way too early, and the rest of the building kind of spun into summer mode a little too soon,” Blashe said.

The proposed date of Wednesday, May 28, is during the last week of school.

Also, because the set-up for graduation occupies the gym at the high school, a later date was chosen so it wouldn’t have as big of an impact on physical education classes, Blashe said.

One parent spoke during public comments, requesting the district not change the date to Wednesday, May 28, because that is the same graduation date as the New London School District.

Potentially scheduling graduation for a Wednesday evening came about after Blashe said he conferred with area school districts. Five of the nine schools in Clintonville’s conference have midweek graduation ceremonies.

“Wednesday is a big one because that is reserved for religious stuff, but by this time of the school year, we’re past most of your end of the year religion classes, and athletics has just kind of kept Wednesdays open throughout the school year,” Blashe said. “So, that was one of the deciding factors.”

Blashe said most school districts avoid scheduling graduation during Memorial Day weekend as much as possible. He added that even that late in the school year, athletic events can occur on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend.

If the district would move graduation to Wednesday, May 28, the final day for seniors would be Friday, May 23, Blashe said. Senior finals would take place on May 22 and 23. Graduation rehearsal would be Tuesday, May 27.

The last day of school for the rest of the district would be Friday, May 30.

Kuhn asked if most school districts hold their graduation ceremony prior to the entire district being done for the school year.

“I did not see any of them (other school districts) that had school finish, and then graduation happen that day or after,” Blashe said. “The seniors were out completely before the rest of the students end of year.”

Board Vice President Kris Strauman asked Blashe if he had reached out to parents of seniors to get their opinions.

Blashe said he could send a survey to the parents of the senior class. “I think no matter what we do, we’re going to have people that are for it, and we’re going to have people against it,” Blashe said.

Strauman said it would be best to make the majority of the parents happy.

## Clintonville still has staff vacancies

**BY BERT LEHMAN**  
STAFF REPORTER  
CLINTONVILLE – With the 2024-25 academic year scheduled to begin the final week of August, the Clintonville School District is still working to fill staff vacancies.

At its Aug. 12 meeting, the Clintonville School Board approved the hire of two teachers, but still had four staff vacancies that needed to be filled.

Superintendent Troy Kuhn told the board that many school districts are struggling to find staff.

He added that there have been conversations as to why staff is currently leaving the district, acknowl-

edging that some staff have left because they were unhappy working in the district. He said the majority, however, have not left for that reason.

“The majority of people have left to get closer to home,” Kuhn said.

Another reason for staff leaving, was due to other school districts offering more money.

“There are other school districts in our area that are just offering raises that I don’t know how they can sustain,” Kuhn said. “You know, \$10,000 more than what we’re offering for the same position and the same amount of experience.”

Kuhn said he’s asked superintendents of area

school districts how they are able to financially do that, and he has been told they have, “been given permission from the board to get the best teachers, no matter how much it costs.”

“I guess that’s one way of looking at things,” Kuhn said. “The other thing I hear area school districts are doing, is they are proposing minimum salary raises for multiple years. The percentage that I heard that has gotten to me multiple times, is 4% for the next three years, guaranteed.”

He added, “I really hesitate on making those decisions as I make recommendations for you. Budgets are bi-annual at the state

level, so they get approved every two years. And knowing that it’s an election year, you really have no idea what’s going to happen at the state or federal level when it comes to funding. So, at this point, I would not bring those recommendations forward because I don’t want to necessarily be putting the cart before the horse. But that’s what is happening behind the scenes when it comes to staffing.”

Kuhn said he has received questions about qualified staff in the district, and he guaranteed that the district would have qualified staff to teach the students in the district.

## Chamber holds scarecrow contest

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Chamber of Commerce will hold a Fall Frenzy Scarecrow Contest.

Clintonville businesses are encouraged to decorate and display a scarecrow outside their buildings.

They should snap a photo of the scarecrow and

send it to [executivedirector@clintonvillechamber.com](mailto:executivedirector@clintonvillechamber.com) by Sept. 16.

The photos will be posted on the chamber’s Facebook page and the scarecrow with the most reactions by end of day Sept. 23 will be named the winner and receive a traveling trophy.

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS



New London Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors joined MJJ Building Services team members and staff from Griebenow Eyecare during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its newly expanded clinic on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Joy Casper Photo

## Griebenow Eyecare completes expansion

BY JOHN FAUCHER  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – Members of the New London business community and Griebenow Eyecare staff celebrated the completion of its newly expanded clinic at 105 Northridge Drive Thursday, Aug. 15.

The expansion included construction of a 2,410-square-foot addition and remodel of the existing New London clinic, which now totals 5,442 square feet.

The project broke ground on Sept. 26, 2023, under the direction of MJJ Building Services.

Griebenow Eyecare Business Manager Melissa Sylte said numerous local

contractors and professional tradesmen helped complete the project.

“This construction project is a true testament to all the talented trade professionals who call New London and the surrounding area home,” said Sylte.

Griebenow Eyecare founded its New London optometric practice in 1979 and serves Northeast Wisconsin with clinics in New London and Clintonville.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony at New London Thursday, the clinic held an open house and offered tours of the expanded facility.

The clinic expansion added additional examination rooms, diagnostic

and treatment rooms and added additional space to the clinic’s optical.

“In the past several years, our doctors have recognized the growing need for advanced eye care treatments for eye health issues such as dry eyes, glaucoma and myopia control,” said Sylte.

The expansion will help them offer more treatments that are cutting-edge to patients closer to home, she said.

“The clinic addition also allowed us to have our newest optometrist, Dr. Chris Lopez, to expand his clinic offerings in New London,” Sylte said.

Dr. Lopez joined Dr. Molly Benck and Dr. Craig Sylte in 2022.

## New London applies for placemaking design project

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Economic Committee approved the city submitting a Community Design and Planning application to the De-

partment of Planning and Landscape Architecture at UW-Madison for a downtown placemaking project.

The approval for submitting the application came at the committee’s July 30 meeting. The area of the city that would be concentrated

on for the project if the city is chosen, would be city property along West Wolf River Avenue. A new beer garden has also been proposed for part of that area.

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## Construction begins

Hortonville’s Alonzo Park will be closed starting Wednesday, Aug. 21 for construction to begin on the new playground and splashpad. The estimated completion time line for the project is June 1, 2025.

John Faucher photo

## Beer garden proposed in New London

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Economic Development Committee has directed City Administrator Chad Hoerth to negotiate a developer’s agreement with Kim Chonos for a proposed beer garden.

The agreement is to include details, purchase timelines, and project expectations for a project on West Wolf River Avenue.

The committee made that decision at its July 30 meeting after Chonos presented her idea of constructing a beer garden on

what is currently property owned by the city.

Chonos, who owns Events Everlasting in New London, provided the committee with details about her idea to open a beer garden in New London.

“We would like to combine our success of creating events at Events Everlasting with another passion we that we have – craft beer,” Chonos said. “With the support of my family and the Events Everlasting team, we are dedicated to making this a successful business and tourist destination for New London.”

She told the committee that the property she is interested in for the beer garden is located between Longevity and the apartments being built by Swiderski. The beer garden would overlook the Wolf River and be on the south half of the lot.

She said she is currently working with a builder to develop mock-ups of what the building would look like. The north half of the property would be an area where other events could be held.

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# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS



Surplus funds in the village of Iola were allocated to Olson Park, with hopes of paving the parking lot as well as playground equipment repairs.

Emily Conroy Photo

## Surplus funds pay for park upgrades

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The village of Iola found a surplus from its 2023 budget.

The reallocation of those funds was discussed at the last Village Board meeting Aug. 14.

The surplus totaled \$25,159, which Dave Harper, president pro-tem on the Iola Village Board, said was found after a recent reconciliation and audit of last year's budget.

The recommendation Harper brought to the board was for \$11,000 to go to improvements at Olson Park, \$10,000 will go to the sick-fund reserve and the remaining \$4,159 will go towards repaving half the parking lot at Olson Park.

Harper said the expected cost of repaving half the parking lot at was assumed to be about \$20,000, which was put aside with the 2024 budget. However the quote

came back at \$32,000.

"I told the board that I would look for other savings in the unspent 2023 funds and in the village of Iola 2024 budget to offset the extra \$12,000 so that other park projects and routine maintenance could go on as Rick had planned," Harper said.

Harper said that if any of the street projects planned in 2024 come in under budget, the savings would be applied to the \$12,000.

The sick-fund reserve is used for accumulated sick pay that is paid out at retirement, Harper said. The accumulation of those sick pay hours ended in 2014.

"We have a line on our budget, \$10,000 every year goes to paying off accumulated sick pay hours, that were frozen in 2014," Harper said at the Village Board meeting. "That was in the budget last year but not specifically appropriated because for cash flow purposes

it's kind of the last piece, if we had an emergency we'd have that \$10,000 to use until its specifically appropriated."

The 2023 budget included \$27,000 allocated to Olson Park. However, only \$16,000 was spent in 2023.

Harper said this is due to delays in work planned at the dog park and the park in general.

Harper said there are a few repairs that need to be done on playground equipment, which can get expensive.

Missy Fenn, Iola's deputy clerk and treasurer, said there have been a lot of plans and ideas for the future of Olson Park.

Fenn said some of the things discussed for future building include a splash pad, new shelter building or another pickleball court.

The board held a roll call vote and approved the surplus reallocation funds unanimously.

## Cones with Cops at Shivers

IOLA – Cones with Cops event is returning and will take place 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Shivers.

The Iola Police Department, the Fire and Ambulance Department and Iola Public Works will have equipment on display.

The aim of the event is for the community to meet their local police, fire,

emergency services and public works department employees.

Shivers will be donating ice cream for the event.

Iola Village Board member Pamela Parks, thanked Shivers for the donation of cones at the Aug. 14 board meeting.

"It's a great program, it's a great way to connect kids

and let them know that our services and the people that work in them are something very positive and we want them to know who they are," Parks said at the board meeting.

Parks said that some of the county employees may also show up with equipment to share with the community as well.

## Melum awarded CWEC scholarship

IOLA – Carter Melum, a 2024 graduate of Iola-Scandinavia High School, has been named as one of the recipients of the 2024 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's (CWEC) Electric Utility Worker Scholarship.

He will receive \$1,000 for his studies.

CWEC established the scholarship to help address a forecasted shortage of electric utility employees and to encourage students to consider a career in an electric utility.

Melum said he started thinking about becoming an electric utility worker when he was in middle school.

"Before that I always wanted to be a dentist because it's still helping people out, but the more I went on with schoolwork, the less I got interested in going to a four-year college," Melum said. "But I knew I still had to go on to school to make something



Melum

of myself. And doing this is definitely doing that."

Finding a career that helps people is important to Melum, who said he has always been interested in electricity, and also enjoys being in the outdoors. "Being a lineman fits all those. It checks all those boxes," Melum said.

To help reaffirm his decision to pursue a career as an electric utility worker, Melum said he spoke with two retired electric utility workers who had worked at CWEC, as well as current CWEC lineman Alex Lutz.

"All of them had nothing bad to say about working for the co-op and being a lineman," Melum said.

Melum is currently enrolled in the Electrical Power Distribution program at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTTC) in Green Bay. The program last nine months, and Melum is scheduled to graduate in March of 2025.

Being named a scholarship recipient was very important for his career pursuit, Melum said.

"Without it (scholarship), I would have less opportunity," Melum said. "For all I know, I may not have even been attending this school without it. It definitely helps a lot."

Kalee Gilmeister, of Eland, and a 2024 graduate of D.C. Everest High School, was also named a recipient of the CWEC Utility Worker Scholarship, and will also receive \$1,000 for her studies

# Manawa NEWS

## Ogedensburg corn roast planned

BY EMILY CONROY  
STAFF REPORTER

OGEDENSBURG – Jim and Erin Ferg are organizing a corn roast and car show Saturday, Aug. 31, to raise money for the Veteran's Memorial Park in Ogedensburg, as well for local fire and emergency services.

Erin and her husband Jim, who is the town chair, were looking for a way to raise money for the Veteran's Park because that the park does not generate enough money to sustain continuous improvements, she said.

Erin said the park had not seen much traffic. After the installation of pickleball courts and a new basketball court, the park is now seeing more visitors.

"My husband ... is pretty passionate about the community enjoying the park he takes great pleasure in seeing all the people enjoying the park not just from our community but other communities," Erin said. "There are groups meeting down there on multiple days a week playing down there."

Erin said they are hoping

to install lighting as well as build two more pickleball courts.

Along with raising money for park improvements, some of the money raised will also go to support the Ogedensburg-St. Lawrence Fire and EMS.

Erin said there will be fire trucks and personnel on hand to recruit volunteer fire fighters.

Erin hopes to make it an annual event to continue raising money for these local services.

The event includes a corn roast that starts at 11 a.m. A car show and pickleball tournament are also planned.

The cost to participate in the pickleball tournament is \$15. It will cost \$10 per car to enter the car show.

There will also be live music provided by Beautiful Dreamers.

Basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, face painting and a bounce house will also be happening throughout the day.

To donate a basket for the raffle, volunteer or get more information, contact Jim Ferg at 920-843-0175.

## Kolbe promotes new marketing director

MANAWA – Kolbe Windows and Doors promoted Elizabeth (Liz) Reynolds to the position of director of marketing.

This promotion recognizes her contributions and achievements within the company and marks a significant milestone in her career.

Based in Wausau, she reports to Kolbe's president Jeff De Lonay and will be responsible for leading the company's

marketing strategies and initiatives.

"Liz has demonstrated outstanding leadership and creativity in her previous role as marketing manager," said De Lonay. "Her deep understanding of our market and ability to execute impactful marketing strategies have been invaluable. We are confident that Liz will continue to elevate our marketing efforts to new heights."

Since joining Kolbe in 2018, Reynolds has played a pivotal role in developing and executing successful marketing campaigns with her team.

Her dedication and expertise have enhanced Kolbe's brand presence and connecting with architects, builders and influencers.

Prior to joining Kolbe Windows and Doors, Reynolds managed the marketing department at Wisconsin-based

Prince Corporation, a hardware, agricultural, pet and garden store supplier.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where she earned several honors.

Additionally, Reynolds is an active member of the professional organization Women in Manufacturing (WiM), where she supports advancing women's leadership and innovation in the manufacturing sector.

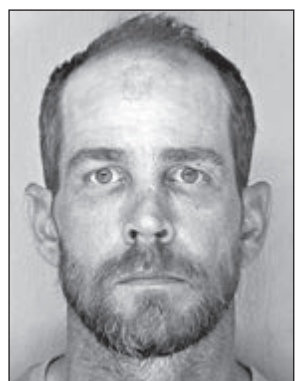
## Suspect charged with reckless endangerment

COUNTY – Darwin L. Huebner Jr., 43, Clintonville, is charged with two felony counts of first-degree reckless endangerment, one felony count of suffocation as an act of domestic abuse and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct as an act of domestic abuse.

On the evening of July 31, Clintonville Police Officer Cody Rollin spoke to a woman in the McDonald's parking lot. She asked if an officer could go to the Dollar General.

According to the criminal complaint, the woman said her boyfriend, Huebner, had threatened to "blow a coworker's face off."

The woman told Rollin



Huebner

that Huebner "had gone off the rails," after seeing a text on her phone from the coworker.

The girlfriend said Huebner began yelling at her because she had stayed at work longer than normal.

The woman said she met the officer at McDonald's because

Huebner allegedly had a phone app that could track her location and that he attempted to control every aspect of her life.

She said Huebner threatened to slit her throat after he was done with her coworker.

The girlfriend accused Huebner of holding a knife close to her throat and pointing a gun at her head.

At one time he allegedly choked her, using his forearm around her neck and causing her to black out.

Huebner was released from custody after posting a

\$2,500 cash bond.

He faces up to 12 years in prison if convicted of reckless endangerment.

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**TOWN CLERK POSITION**

The Town of Farmington, located on the Chain O'Lakes in Waupaca County (population 3,497), is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Town Clerk. This is a part-time hourly position and is appointed by the Town Board.

The Town Clerk's duties are, but are not limited to, election administration, agendas and minutes, licensing and permits, records management, responding to public records requests, assist in maintaining town cemetery records, Notary Public, assist Town Treasurer, and maintain the Town's website.

**Job description and application form available on website: [www.farmingtonwaupac.gov](http://www.farmingtonwaupac.gov)**

Successful candidates will have a minimum of two (2) years of related experience in office operations, administration, and public service. Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher) and a Valid WI Driver's License are required. Previous municipal clerk experience preferred.

Work hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (20 hours per week) and additional hours in the afternoon and evening for meetings, training, and elections.

Rate of pay: Based on Qualifications. Benefits include 12+ Paid Holidays, vacation, and paid time off.

Please submit completed application form and return to:  
Town of Farmington  
E913 Prairie View Ln, Waupaca, WI 54981  
(715) 258-2779  
Or email: [chair@farmington-waupaca.com](mailto:chair@farmington-waupaca.com)

**Application period open until position is filled.**

**ELECTRIC LINEMAN APPRENTICE**  
**NEW LONDON UTILITIES WILL BE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR AN ELECTRIC LINEMAN APPRENTICE POSITION UNTIL 11:30 A.M. AUGUST 30, 2024**

This is skilled, technical work in the construction, repair and maintenance of the electric distribution system including overhead and underground electric systems. This position requires working knowledge of electrical principles and the ability to apply them to construction, repair, and troubleshooting responsibilities. Employees frequently work with high voltage wires and under unfavorable weather conditions.

**Requirements:**

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- A valid State of Wisconsin Drivers License and have the ability to obtain a Commercial Driver's License within six months of hire.
- Willingness to work overtime and stand-by duty.
- Ability to perform heavy manual labor in all weather conditions.
- Must be able to deal courteously and tactfully with the Utilities customers both personally and by phone.
- New London Utilities offers competitive wages and benefits.

Please send resume and cover letter to [NLU@nlwi.org](mailto:NLU@nlwi.org) or mail to P.O. Box 304, New London, WI 54961-0304  
Attention: General Manager.



# Wega-Fremont NEWS

## Weyauwega updates city plan

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – The city of Weyauwega held a public hearing Aug. 15 at city hall to gather input on 2024 updates for the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The living document is a guidebook for managing and providing direction for development, redevelopment and preservation.

The updates are an addendum, not a rewrite of the 2007 plan. Only two people showed up for the public hearing. There was no oral testimony and the hearing was closed. The updates will be sent to city council for approval.

The 2024 update can be reviewed at [www.cityofweyauwega-wi.gov](http://www.cityofweyauwega-wi.gov). Here are a few highlights of the update:

- The current population is 1,796, the projected population in 2040 is 2,090. Weyauwega added an average of 131 residents each decade since 1970.
- There are currently 828 households, the projected households in 2040 is 896.
- Review and revise zoning ordinances to be consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- Adopt a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.
- Pursue high-speed internet access.
- Consider adopting an

official map.

- Inventory all cultural and historic structures and places and adopt a preservation ordinance for those things.
- Undertake a review of the comprehensive plan every five years.
- Maintain a reasonable tax rate.
- Restore and sustain a vibrant downtown.
- Plan for a wide variety of housing (seniors, multi-generational, condos, apartments, single-family, etc).
- Focus on transportation for seniors, have pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and accommodate non-traditional vehicles like ATVs and UTVs.

## Fresh groceries coming

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – After the Aug. 15 public hearing about the updated comprehensive plan for the city of Weyauwega, the planning commission reviewed a sign permit application for a new business coming to town.

It was for Lennon Holdings LLC, a company better known as doing business as Dollar General. Except the sign would not advertise Dollar General.

It would be for DG Market.

The committee approved the signage for the property at 108 E. Ann St., the home of the former IGA market.

DG Market stocks fresh produce, meat and other perishables that are not found in other Dollar General Stores such as the one down the road in Fremont. Of the approximately 19,000 stores the company owns, 2,700 provide fresh groceries.

"They signed the [clos-

ing] papers today. It's totally different than any Dollar General we have in the area. They will have a vegetable and fresh meat section and it will be like a grocery store. Look at all Dollar Generals in the area. The tax role is over a million dollars on each property, even the one in Fremont. So that should help with taxes. They've been talking to me since last September so its been almost a year to get this over with," said Mayor Richard Luedke.

## Horse and Buggy Days set Teal, Fehl are king and queen

WEYAUWEGA – The 63rd annual Horse and Buggy is set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14.

This year's king and queen are Ian Teal and Kathy Fehl, the dynamic duo that operates the Gerold Opera House and hosts numerous cultural events. The festivities kick off with a brunch sponsored by Crossroads Health Care with former kings and queens and afterwards they will visit local elementary schools to share historic memories of the area.

### Music

On Friday night, Loose Cannons will perform in the beer tent from 7 to 11 p.m. On Saturday night, Minus 1 will perform from 7 to 11 p.m.

### Parade

The parade will start at noon on Saturday starting from the Waupaca County Fairgrounds with the route going from Elizabeth Street to Main Street. To register to be in the parade, contact the Chamber of Commerce at [weyauwegachamberinfo@gmail.com](mailto:weyauwegachamberinfo@gmail.com). The Kiddie Parade will begin at 11:30 a.m., meeting at the corner of Main and East Street.



Ian Teal and Kathy Fehl, are the kind and queen for the 63rd Horse and Buggy Days. They operate the Gerold Opera House and through Wega Arts they put on numerous plays and events throughout the year.

Submitted photo

### Festivities

On and around Main Street there will be vendors; the famous Historical Society Pie and Ice Cream social will after the parade in city hall's community room, there will be children's games and prizes including a petting zoo and a sawdust pile of money from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There will be a black-

smithing demonstration and wagon-ride historical tours departing at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. The Weyauwega Public Library will host a book sale.

The Partners Cornhole Tournament will take place at Hauschildts Brew Haus starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. Pre-register at the Brew Haus. It is a 100% payout at \$25 per team.

# Waupaca County sheriff's report

• Aug. 12 – A female caller reported that on Friday, Aug. 9 she witnessed a pickup truck with extra bright lights parked outside her home. She heard four gunshots, possibly from a pistol. The next morning she looked for empty cases but did not find any.

• Aug. 12 – A state-certified contractor stopped at the sheriff's office to request a welfare check on a resident whose irrational behavior is linked to a mold issue.

• Aug. 12 – A Manawa man on Garrity Road reported a small gray car fully engulfed in flames. He did not see anyone in the car.

• Aug. 12 – A Clintonville man on State Highway 45 reported she was being harassed by a man with whom she has a verbal living arrangement. "Don't ever cross me—you'll be sorry," he said.

• Aug. 12 – A Waupaca man on Pryse Drive reported the theft of prescription medications from his home.

• Aug. 12 – A Clintonville woman on Neitzke Road reported a verbal disturbance where a husband locked his wife out of the house.

• Aug. 13 – A Fond Du Lac man reported his neighbor was trespassing on his hunting property.

• Aug. 13 – A Milwaukee woman reported she could see two men and three children trespassing on her property via a camera.

• Aug. 13 – A male caller reported there was a six-foot piece of plastic in the ditch that looked like there was something inside. There was a circle on the road that looked like blood.

• Aug. 13 – A Waupaca woman on State Highway 22 reported a juvenile called her who was home alone. The juvenile said there was a vehicle in the driveway and the juvenile was instructed to lock the door and not open it for strangers.

• Aug. 13 – A Clintonville woman on Lakeshore Road requested a welfare

check on a neighbor she had not seen for three days.

• Aug. 13 – A Manawa man on Nicolai Road reported his furnace, Polaris Indy 500 snowmobile and Kawasaki dirt bike were missing from his shed.

• Aug. 13 – A Waupaca man on Larson Road reported noisy neighbors riding four wheelers.

• Aug. 13 – A female caller reported a male, about 45 years old, was laying in the ditch. She asked if he was OK. He said yes.

• Aug. 13 – ThedaCare in Appleton reported a patient was making comments the he was better off dead. He said he would take a large dose of insulin to end his life.

• Aug. 13 – An Ogdensburg woman reported seeing a person put a Slow Down sign in the middle of the road and then run off into a field.

• Aug. 13 – A Scandinavia woman on Main Street reported she and her husband

were not getting along.

• Aug. 13 – A Weyauwega woman on Wisconsin Street reported that children on scooters were going through the neighborhood and knocking on doors.

• Aug. 13 – A Waupaca woman on County Trunk E reported she heard cars driving by very slowly and then circling back. She said she also heard the voice of a man in her basement.

• Aug. 14 – A Waupaca woman on Larson Road reported her neighbor harasses her and calls law enforcement on her, most recently it was about a property line dispute.

• Aug. 14 – A woman from Elm Park, Illinois, reported there was a pontoon moored to her dock. There was not supposed to be anyone there. She wanted a call back and demanded to know what is going on.

• Aug. 14 – A Fremont man on County Trunk W reported the theft of a 12-foot kayak.

• Aug. 14 – A Waupaca woman on Larson Road reported a case of neglected dogs and a mule.

• Aug. 14 – A New London man on County Trunk O reported his neighbors have been putting vehicles and brush over the property line.

• Aug. 14 – A Weyauwega man on Main Street reported a woman was being physical with his mother.

• Aug. 14 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

• Aug. 15 – A Waupaca woman on Evans Street reported a man walks down the roadway and runs at cars. If a driver slows down, the man will lie on the car and pull at the door handle.

• Aug. 15 – An unknown caller reported smoke coming from trees near a farm area south of County Trunk EE.

• Aug. 15 – A Waupaca woman on County Trunk QQ reported a man was harassing her and putting

things on her door.

• Aug. 15 – A Waupaca woman on County Trunk EE reported a tree fell atop a vehicle.

• Aug. 15 – An unknown caller reported an intoxicated male and female were trying to drive off in a Ford truck. They fell in the parking lot. The caller said they tried to get the keys but the couple would not give them up.

• Aug. 15 – A female caller reported her husband was verbally aggressive with her. She feared for her safety and the safety of her animals.

• Aug. 15 – A Clintonville woman on Main Street reported a man who had been drinking choked her and locked her out of the house.

• There were six deer-auto collisions during this period. Five controlled burns were called in. The water patrol stopped two boats. An Ogdensburg woman reported a loose horse in the road.

## EXPLOSION

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### DNR contact

Tichinel said everything was not cleaned up the day of the explosion because they concentrated on putting the fire out, and then let everything cool down.

"It was very, extremely hot," Tichinel said.

The DNR informed Tichinel the day after the explosion that the city would need to clean up the affected area in the substation that same day. This required utility staff to be called into work, as some staff had the day off.

"But we did clean it up the best we could," Tichinel said. "The gravel and stuff was cleaned up that day."

Tichinel said utility staff could have done the cleanup themselves, but the DNR was not completely comfortable with that op-

tion. The city was required to hire a company with a hazmat team to oversee the cleanup. This company then reported back to the DNR.

### City insurance

When originally contacting the city's insurance company, Tichinel said he was told the city would be responsible for the clean-up costs. He said the clean-up would be expensive because two dumpsters filled with gravel and oil needed to be disposed of. The oil did not include PCBs, as it was mineral oil.

The gravel and oil were disposed of, Tichinel said.

After the city's insurance company reviewed the insurance policy closer, Tichinel was informed that the insurance would cover all costs associated with the cleanup, as well as all of the equipment that was

damaged in the explosion. The cost of the two loads of gravel needed to replace the gravel that was removed, will not be covered by insurance.

As of the date of the council meeting, Tichinel said utility staff were still cleaning the equipment in the substation.

"There's a lot of switches that need to be replaced," Tichinel said.

He added that the transformer still works, which was welcomed news to the utility, as it would cost around \$1 million if the transformer would have needed to be replaced.

The regulator that exploded will need to be replaced, and Tichinel said he was currently working on finding a replacement.

### Cause of explosion

Tichinel said the utility

does not completely know what caused the explosion. They originally thought that since it was very hot that day, that the regulator overloaded.

"That was not the case," Tichinel said.

The regulator was new in 1999, and Tichinel said it should have a longer life than 25 years. He added that the life of a regulator is 50 years.

There was a similar type of explosion and fire at a New London substation not long ago with the exact same type of regulator, Tichinel said.

This led Tichinel to ask the engineers if the regulator was faulty. The engineer said that was not the case since the regulator was 25 years old.

Tichinel said the engineers think there was a "hot spot" in the internal workings of the regulator. This

type of a hot spot would not show up when the regulator is tested each year. He emphasized that the regulators are tested each year.

"It's almost impossible to find out exactly what happened to this regulator, besides it blew up," Tichinel said. "We're pretty confident to say it wasn't from the weather, the heat, or that it was overloaded. If I had to guess, it was a malfunction in that regulator that showed up 25 years later, and that could happen."

### Current situation

Tichinel said that that side of the substation is currently not working, but there are two sides to each substation, with each side containing a transformer and three regulators. So, half of the East Madison substation is still working.

He added that he will re-

quest multiple quotes to get the other half of the substation up and running.

"As of right now, the quotes I'm looking at, we're probably talking, with the insurance and stuff, probably under \$100,000 to get that substation up and running," Tichinel said. "That's still a lot of money."

Ald. Greg Rose asked if additional electric load is being routed through the working half of the East Madison substation since the other half of the substation doesn't work.

Tichinel said additional electric load is being routed through the working half of the substation, but the additional load is also being routed to other substations in the city.

"If we put all the load on that half, I'd be afraid it would blow up too," Tichinel said.

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the association is the property owners within a mile or more of the lake shores. More than half of the shoreline is owned by public groups, Portage County and the Boy Scouts of America, which leases the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Funding is basically unavailable from them.

Quigley said the association is looking for more

members to expand its boundaries to include properties beyond one mile.

"We're happy with the work that is being done, but realize it will take longer than we expected. There's a lot to be dealt with," he said, acknowledging that grants and funding to help lake districts and associations is minimal.

More information is available at the Association's website: <https://sunsetlakeportageco.com>. Quigley can be reached by email at [sunsetlakepoco@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetlakepoco@gmail.com).

**Petersen wins GOP primary**

**BY ROBERT CLOUD**  
SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – State Rep. Kevin Petersen defeated challenger Duane Wilson in the Republican primary Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Petersen received a total of 6,156 votes against Wilson's 3,606 votes to clinch the nomination for the 57th Assembly District.

He garnered 63% of the vote.

The Waupaca County Republican Party had endorsed Wilson and filed an ethics complaint against Petersen

with the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Joel Bartel, the Waupaca County GOP chair, accused the state Republican Party of endorsing Petersen in violation of the party's state constitution.

The state GOP denied the allegations, noting that the state party's disclaimer on a in-kind campaign mailer did not constitute an endorsement.

Petersen will face Democrat Ruth Caves and independent Dylan Testin in the general election on Nov. 5.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PORTAGE COUNTY**  
AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., S.I. 6000 AMERICAN PKWY MADISON, WI 53783 Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MICHAEL W. BARTZ  
**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**  
Case No. 24CV199  
416 WEST STREET N Hon. PATRICIA BAKER  
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481  
Case Code: 30301  
Defendant.  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. To each person named above as a Defendant. You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.  
Within forty (40) days after August 8, 2024, you must respond with a written answer as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 1516 Church St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, and to the offices of Heuer Law Offices, S.C., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 300 N. Executive Dr., Suite 101, Brookfield, WI 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.  
If you do not provide a proper answer within forty (40) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 30th day of July, 2024.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
**Heuer Law Offices, S.C.**  
Jonathan D. McCollister  
(State Bar No. 1037740)  
300 N. Executive Dr., Suite 101  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
Phone: (414) 224-3500  
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**DATE SIGNED: July 30, 2024**  
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle  
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. BARTEL  
D.O.D.: 04/02/2024

**Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24-PR-64

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/01/1937 and date of death 04/02/2024 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI 54946.  
3. The application will be heard at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054, before Angela Dahle, Probate Registrar, on September 3, 2024 at 10:00.  
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 31, 2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6429 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
Form completed by:  
Attorney Brian C. Williams, Esq.  
1400 Merrill Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401  
Telephone Number (715) 675-7777  
Bar Number 1037787  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
Plaintiff(s):  
SWEENEY LAW OFFICE S.C.  
P.O. BOX 206  
SEYMOUR WI 54165  
-vs-  
DENISE & AARON MONTGOMERY  
W9413 SCHWEITZER ROAD  
NEW LONDON WI 54961  
Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)  
Case No. 24SC551  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6460 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation  
**Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):**  
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:  
Waupaca County Courthouse  
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-258-6460  
Courtroom/Room Number:  
Address: 811 Harding Street  
City: Waupaca State WI Zip 54981  
on the following date and time:  
Date: August 26, 2024 Time: 10:30 a.m.  
**If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you.** A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.  
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.  
Plaintiff/Attorney Robert D. Sweeney  
Date July 30, 2024  
Plaintiff's/Attorney's Telephone Number 920-833-6166  
Attorney's State Bar Number 01020151  
Law Firm and Address  
Sweeney Law Office S.C.  
P.O. Box 206  
Seymour, WI 54165  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY**  
Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Anthony D. Brooks, et al.  
Defendants.  
Case No. 2024CV000091

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on June 11, 2024 in the amount of \$143,095.89, I will sell at public auction, located in the front lobby of the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, on **September 17, 2024** at 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:  
LOT NO. TEN (10) IN BLOCK NO. TWELVE (12) OF BUCK AND DICKINSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEW LONDON, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.  
Street Address: 219 W. Beacon Avenue, New London, WI 54961  
Tax Key No. 33 12 76148  
**THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.**  
**TERMS OF SALE:** CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of the Courts 10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely. Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.  
Timothy R. Wilz  
Sheriff of Waupaca County, Wisconsin  
Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
(414) 775-7700  
50-24-00417  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
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**NOTICE to the Residents of the Town of Matteson**  
(Publish 8/22/2024)  
The Town of Matteson has adopted Resolution 2024-1 which is an amendment to the Town's current Fee Resolution. The full review of the Fee Resolution can be arranged by making an appointment with the Town Clerk at 715-460-2345. The Resolution is on file at the Matteson Town Hall, N10891 Jepson Rd., Clintonville, WI 54929, in the Town of Matteson Code of Ordinances/Resolutions book.  
Mike Mehlgren, Clerk  
Town of Matteson  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY**  
**PREMIER COMMUNITY BANK,**  
Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
**DERRYAN T. ABRHAM,**  
E6002 County Road N Manawa, WI 54949.  
**NATALIE L. AUSTIN**  
E6002 County Road N  
N.Y.W.I WI 54949;  
**ABRAHAM SEED GROUP, LLC,**  
E6004 County Road N Mana WI 54949,  
**ABRAHAM FARMS ALL TERRAIN TRUCKING, LLC,**  
E6004 County Road N Manawa, WI 54949.  
Defendants.  
Case No.: 23 CV 70  
Case Code: 30404  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on November 29, 2023, the undersigned Sheriff of Waupaca County, Wisconsin, will sell the following described real estate:  
All that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 23 North, Range 13 East, described as follows:  
Commencing at the Northeast corner of said roed, thence South 22 rods, thence West 195 feet to the place of beginning of the parcel to be described, thence South 210 feet, thence West 130 feet, more or less, to the East line of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Robert L. Plotter and Irene, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 290 of Deeds, page 317, Document No. 274671, Waupaca County Records, thence North 210 feet along the East line of said parcel conveyed to Robert L. Plotter and Irene,

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Case No. 2024CV000091  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on June 11, 2024 in the amount of \$143,095.89, I will sell at public auction, located in the front lobby of the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, on **September 17, 2024** at 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:  
LOT NO. TEN (10) IN BLOCK NO. TWELVE (12) OF BUCK AND DICKINSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEW LONDON, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.  
Street Address: 219 W. Beacon Avenue, New London, WI 54961  
Tax Key No. 33 12 76148  
**THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.**  
**TERMS OF SALE:** CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of the Courts 10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely. Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.  
Timothy R. Wilz  
Sheriff of Waupaca County, Wisconsin  
Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
(414) 775-7700  
50-24-00417  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF RAFAEL CRUZ COBOS AND REYNA GARCIA CARRASCO.  
Petitioner Rafael Cruz Cobos.  
Respondent Reyna Garcia Carrasco.  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:  
You are notified that the petitioner

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named above has filed a Petition for Divorce against you. A Temporary Order hearing is scheduled for August 28, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Jury Assembly Room of the courthouse located at 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981. A Pre-trial conference hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Branch III of the courthouse located at 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981. You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.  
The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:  
Clerk of Court, Waupaca County Courthouse  
Address: 811 Harding St, Waupaca, WI 54981.  
And to:  
Rafael Cruz Cobos c/o Kristina Mendez  
1221 Bellevue St., Ste. 210, Green Bay, WI 54302  
It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.  
If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.  
A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.  
You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.  
If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9) Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.  
You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.  
§767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.  
(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affective the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451: (a) The circuit court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced: 1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action. 2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action. 3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties. 4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders. (b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-448-4110 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Date: 07/29/2024  
Electronically signed by: Kristina Mendez  
Kristina Mendez  
1221 Bellevue St., Ste. 210, Green Bay, WI 54302  
kmendez@mendezlawgb.com  
920-401-7885  
State Bar No. 1121432  
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husband and wife to the Northeast corner of said parcel; thence East 130 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.  
ALSO a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 23 North, Range 13 East, described as follows:  
Commencing at the Northeast corner thereof; thence South 0° 57' West along the East line thereof 18 rods, thence West 264 feet, thence 80° 5' 57" West 66 feet, thence East 90 feet and this shall be the place of beginning; thence South 0° 57' West 210 feet, thence West 11 feet, thence North 0° 57' East 210 feet thence East 11 feet to place of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that parcel of land described in Certified Survey Map No. 834 as recorded in Volume 3 of Certified Survey Maps at page 25 as Document No. 376472, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Street Address: 401 High Street, Manawa, WI 54949  
Tax Parcel No. 31-22-22-17  
Being part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Nine (9), Township Twenty three (23) North, Range Thirteen (13) East, in the Town of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, and bounded as follows: Commencing at an existing Harrison Monument at the East Quarter corner of Section Nine (9), Township Twenty-three (23) North, Range Thirteen (13) East, thence South 00°35'53" West, along the East line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, a distance of 2272.52 feet to an existing mag nail; thence North 88°43'46" West, a distance of 636.18 feet to a set 3/4" rebar, said point being the point of beginning; thence continuing North 88°43'46" East, a distance of 668.69 feet to an existing 3/4" rebar; thence South 00°33'53" West, a distance of 347.00 feet to an existing mag nail; thence North 88°43'46" West, along the South line of the said Southeast Quarter of said Section a distance of 11.26 feet to an existing mag nail; thence North 00°16'31" East, along the West line of the said East Half of the said Southeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 1471.00 feet to a set 3/4" rebar; thence South 89°18'00" East, a distance of 731.80 feet to a set 3/4" rebar; thence South 02°49'00" West, a distance of 1131.50 feet to the point of beginning. Reserving and/or Excepting therefrom any and all lands previously reserved and/or dedicated as Highway Right-of-way (County Trunk Highway "N"). Street Address: E6002 County Road N, Manawa, WI 54949  
Tax Parcel No. 13-09-44-6  
Lot One (1), Certified Survey Map No. 3929 filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Waupaca County, Wisconsin on May 13, 1994, in Volume 11 on Page 414, as Document No. 519933, being all of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Number 3812 as recorded in Volume 11 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 193, being part of the Southeast of 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section Nine (8), Township Twenty-three (23) North, Range Thirteen (13) East, Town of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Street Address: E6004 County Road N, Manawa, WI 54949  
Tax Parcel No. 13-09-44-3  
Place Sale: Lobby of Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981  
Date and Time of Sale: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
Terms of Sale:  
1. Property is sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances, including but not limited to unpaid and accrued real estate taxes, special assessments, and other governmental charges, plus interest and penalties, if any.  
2. A bid deposit of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount shall be due in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified funds at the time of sale.  
3. Successful bidder to pay the entire unpaid balance of bid within ten (10) days following confirmation of the sale by the court plus buyer to pay for buyer's title insurance, document recording fees and Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax.  
4. Failure to make timely payment following confirmation of sale will result in forfeiture of bid deposit.  
Dated at Waupaca, Wisconsin this 13 day of August, 2024.  
Timothy R. Wilz, Sheriff  
Waupaca County, Wisconsin  
MICHAEL C. MEYER LAW OFFICE  
111 Grant Street, P.O. Box 178  
Marion, WI 54950-0178  
Tel. (715) 754-5000  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0021466-10-0  
Permittee: City of Clintonville, 350 E 15th St, Clintonville, WI, 54929  
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Clintonville Wastewater Treatment Facility, 350 E. 15th Street, Clintonville, Wisconsin  
Receiving Water And Location: Pigeon River in Waupaca County  
Brief Facility Description: The City of Clintonville owns and operates an advanced secondary wastewater treatment facility. Construction is nearly complete for a major facility upgrade. Improvements include: rehab and generator connections to four collection system lift-stations, influent submersible pump lift station and pumps, influent rotary-drum screening unit and building, two anaerobic selector-basins and mixers, aerobic aeration equipment

for the existing 3-channel oxidation ditch, recycle denitrification pump, phosphorus removal chemical pumps, polymer feed sludge thickening system and pump, waste sludge tank and load-out system, flow-proportional samplers, service building, etc. Biological treatment is provided in an oxidation ditch and phosphorus removal is provided by chemical addition. Disinfection is provided seasonally via ultraviolet radiation. Effluent is discharged on a continuous basis via Outfall 001 to the west bank of the Pigeon River, approx. 100 yd southeast of 15th St & Staff Sergeant Warren Hanson Dr intersection. Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Adkins, DNR, 625 E Cty Rd Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI, 54901, (920) 360-3309, Sarah.Adkins@wisconsin.gov  
Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Amy Garbe, 141 NW Barstow St, Room 180, Waukesha, WI 53188, (608) 716-9968, Amy.Garbe@wisconsin.gov  
The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.  
Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed. The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.  
Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 360-3309 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.  
PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER:  
Clintonville Tribune Gazette, 17 9th St., Clintonville, WI 54929  
Date Notice Issued: Thursday, August 22, 2024 WNAXLP

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BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting AGENDA August 26, 2024 | 6:00 PM | WF High School Community Forum Room Posted August 19, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m. 1. Call the meeting to order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Roll call and establish quorum 4. Report of meeting notification 5. Communication and Visitors a. Visitors b. Administration • District Administrator • Middle/High School Principal • Weyauwega/Fremont Elementary Principal • Director of Pupil Services • Business Manager • Others c. Board of Education d. Recognition and Special Guests e. Student School Board Representative- Lauren Wisner 6. Consideration and approval of vouchers a. July monthly vendor payments b. July monthly cash receipts 7. Old Business a. Charter School Update

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8. Consent Agenda a. Special BOE Meeting - 7-29-24 b. Committee of the Whole Meeting - 7-8-24 c. Regular Board of Education Meeting - 6-24-24 d. Resignations - MS/HS Assistant Principal, Elementary Teacher, Paraprofessionals e. Hires - Director of Buildings & Grounds, Maintenance/Mechanic, Maintenance/Building & Grounds, MS/HS IMC Aide, HS Social Studies, Paraprofessionals, MS/HS Assistant Principal, 6th Grade Teacher, Spanish Teacher, EL Coach 9. New Business a. 2024-2025 WIAA Membership Renewal b. Gill & Gill Annual Legal Renewal c. 66.03 Agreement with Manawa School District d. Roof Discussion 10. Calendar & Future Agenda Items 11. Adjourn Meeting Publish Aug. 22, 2024 WNAIXLP

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completed b. CMAR DNR response c. CMOM update d. GIS mapping e. Emergency response f. Clean Water Fund - update 10. Woolsey report - Bill Woolsey a. Work in progress and projects completed b. Lift stations c. Force mains 11. Date for next board meeting 12. Adjournment Publish Aug. 22, 2024 WNAIXLP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH Housing Authority of the County of Portage meeting: 4:00 p.m. at 1001 Maple Bluff Rd Ste 1, Stevens Point. Housing Authority has scheduled its Board of Commissioner's meeting. For more information, including a complete agenda for the meeting, visit www.co.portage.wi.us.

Minutes 7725

BOARD OF EDUCATION CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION July 22, 2024 A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on July 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber. Members Present: Ben Huber, Kris Strauman, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Mark Zachow, and Glen Drew Lundt. Members Excused: Clint Barkow Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, James Blashe, Britney Dobrzt, Madalyn Simonis, Shaun Liesch, Stephen Reinke, Patti Krause, and Trevor Drake. Press Represented: Bert Lehman of Tribune Gazette. Others Present: Michael Engel, Jodie Tuddenham, Shea Lyn Tuddenham, Tina Rindt, Jim Madden, Amanda Barnes, Camilo Garanto, Michael Loshe, Roger and Diana Zschaechner, and Bob Burns. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This July 22, 2024 meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting. APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Mark Zachow to approve the agenda, moving items IX D-2 Teacher Hires to closed session. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath seconded by Jason Moder to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2024, with amendment to "Press Represented" as Bert Lehman of Tribune Gazette. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS: None. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS Presentation of Vouchers: The administration informed the Board of Education that final numbers were being prepared for the audit process. No action was taken. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT Spanish Club Panama Trip Presentation: Heather Schmidt, Spanish Club Advisor, gave a presentation on the June 2024 Panama Trip. Taher Food Service Presentation: Representatives from Taher Food Service presented information regarding how they may be able to support the Clintonville School District's food service program. Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board of Education. Support Staff Resignation a. John Barr - Custodian II - effective July 10, 2024. Support Staff Transfer a. Sarah Olesen - Transfer from Paraprofessional to Custodian II, effective July 10, 2024. Support Staff Hire a. Betty Pehlke - Custodian II, effective July 15, 2024. Support Staff Hours Increase - Child Care Center a. Maleah Pirk - from part-time to full-time, effective July 1, 2024. Extra-curricular Hire a. Rayne Ruch - Head Swim Coach, effective with the 2024-2025 school year. Personnel: (The Board may choose to go into Executive Session per section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss a personnel issue, and then return to open session to take action) Teacher Hires: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the following teacher hires, effective with the 2024-2025 school year: a. James Mathews - High School Technical Education Teacher b. Amy Firnstahl - Middle School Teacher Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Teacher Hires: Moved to Closed Session. Bilingual Coordinator Position: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the hire of Rebecca Dillenburg with a \$250 stipend as Bilingual Coordinator, effective with the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Teacher Transfer: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the transfer of Melissa Egdford from her Business Education Teacher position to a Reading Interventionist position, effective with the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Other: Auditorium Upgrade: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Jason Moder to table this item and bring back to a future meeting. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. District Liability Insurance Summary: The administration presented information regarding the District's Liability Insurance. 2024-2025 Student Fees: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the 2024-2025 student fees as presented. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. 2024-2025 Student Handbooks: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve the 2024-2025 student handbook changes as presented: a. Clintonville High School b. Clintonville Middle School c. Clintonville Elementary School Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Rexford/Longfellow Building Sale Update: The administration and Board of Education gave an update. Approval of Academic Standards: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve a statement on Academic Standards that the Clintonville Public School District approved for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Annual Board Tour of Facilities: The Board of Education set a date of August 5th for the Annual Board Tour of Facilities. 2024 Annual District Meeting Date: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to set October 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. as the date for the 2024 Annual District Meeting, per the authorization granted through Resolution H of the 2023 Annual District Meeting. Ayes and nays called, with 5 voting aye and 1 voting nay. Motion carried. POLICY Second Reading of Revisions to Administrative Guideline 80.1 - Moved

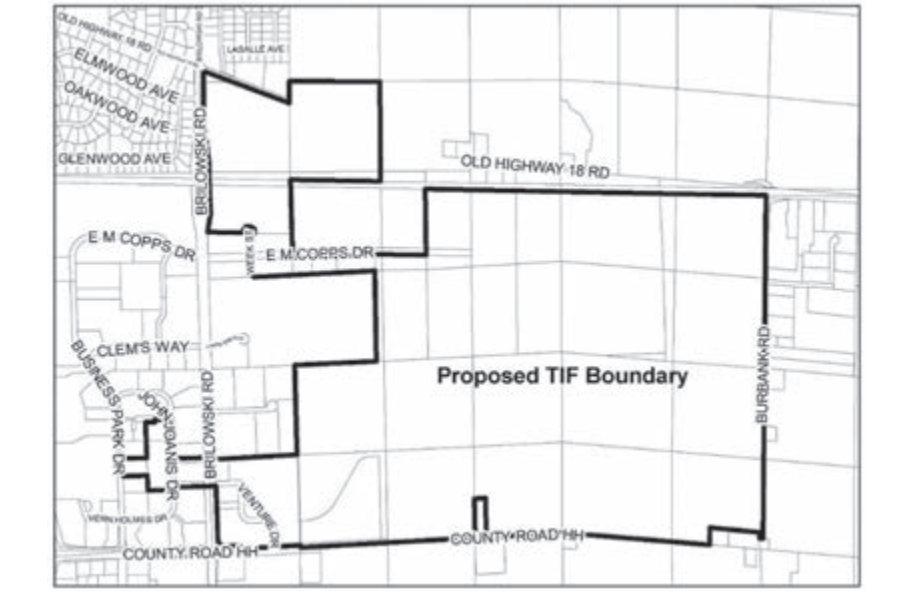
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by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve a second reading of revisions to Administrative Guideline 80.1 - Parent/Guardian Waiver of District Provided Transportation from a School Sponsored Event. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. First Reading of New/Revised Policies: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve a first reading of revisions to the following Policies: 1. NEW Policy #2264 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities. 2. Revised Policy #2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION Land Use Plan Cyber Attack Plan ANNOUNCEMENTS July 22 - Aug 2 2024-2025 Online Student Registration August 1 In-Person Student Registration 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CHS Commons August 5 Board Facilities Tour 5:00 p.m. Starting at the Bus Garage August 12 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC August 13-15 New Teacher In-service August 19-22 Teacher In-service August 26 First Day of School August 26 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC August 30 No School ADJORN TO CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to adjourn to closed session for consideration of matters over which the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) - Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purposes of reviewing individual employment contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance; for the purposes of reviewing administrative contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motion carried and meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:56 p.m. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken with Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Kris Strauman, Glen Drew Lundt, and Ben Huber voting aye (Mark Zachow excused at 8:45 p.m.). Motion carried and meeting returned to open session at 9:09 p.m. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Jason Moder to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Laurie Vollrath, Board Clerk Publish August 22, 2024 WNAIXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA INLAND LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Public Hearing and Annual Meeting of the City of Waupaca Public Inland Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District will be held on the 3rd day of September, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin with the option to attend physically or virtually via video / teleconferencing. AGENDA Public Hearing and Annual Meeting on the proposed budget for 2025: 1. Call to order 2. Roll Call 3. Approve Agenda 4. Approval of minutes of the Annual Meeting on November 7, 2023 5. Resolution No. IL-53 6. Adjournment INLAND LAKES OPERATING BUDGET

OFFICIAL NOTICE NUMBER 24-03 INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN 2024 FALL PAVING PROJECT WisDOT LRIP Project The Board of Public Works of the City of Stevens Point will receive sealed bids for the 2024 Fall Paving Project until 11:00 A.M. local time, Tuesday, September 3, 2024. For this project, bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Bids will be downloaded at the time indicated at the Office of the Director of Public Works and read aloud publicly. Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work approximately shown as follows: Approximately 100,770 square yards of Pulverize and Relay; approximately 7272 square yards of Removing Asphaltic Surface Milling; approximately 1625 tons of HMA binder; approximately 2180 tons of HMA surface; prepare foundation for asphaltic paving (project); traffic control; and all incidental items required to complete the work. The 2024 Fall Paving Project is a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2024-2025 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Project. The Local Road Improvement Program applies only to the Mill and Overlay portion of the project on Jordan Lane. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.stevenspoint.com/dpw or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plans for \$22.00 by inputting QuestCDN ebidDoc Number 9261620 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. There is a fee of \$42.00 for submitting a bid online through QuestCDN. No bid will be considered which is not completed on the City of Stevens Point QuestCDN website. No late bid shall be accepted. No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond equal to 5 percent (5%) of the total bid price payable to said City of Stevens Point as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file a contract within ten (10) days after such acceptance. All applicable charter and statutory provisions and ordinances are incorporated into the contract. The successful bidder shall be required to conform to all Federal, State and local safety requirements. The Board of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Board of Public Works for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the contract. Prequalification of bidders will not be required. Dated: August 15, 2024 Publish: August 15, 2024 August 22, 2024 CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN For: Board of Public Works

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Stevens Point will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on September 5, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the City Conference Room at the Stevens Point City Hall, located at 1515 Strongs Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for consideration of the City's proposal to amend Tax Incremental District No. 9 and the City's proposal to create Tax Incremental District No. 14. The Joint Review Board will also review the annual reports and the performance and status of each Tax Incremental District governed by the Joint Review Board as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.1105(4m)(f). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the City of Stevens Point will hold a public hearing on September 5, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Community Room, located at 933 Michigan Ave. The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Project Plan for Tax Incremental District No. 9. Based on the planned use of properties within its boundaries at time of the creation, territory within the District was previously identified as suitable for industrial development. The proposed amendment would allow excess revenue to be transferred from the District to Tax Incremental District No. 10, No. 11, and No. 12 as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(6)(f). Under the proposed amendment, a total of \$14,000,000 in excess tax increments will be transferred to Tax Incremental Districts No. 10, 11 and 12.



The hearing will also be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of Tax Incremental District No. 14, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan. The District's proposed boundary is identified on the map included in this Notice. Based on the planned use of properties within the proposed Tax Incremental District No. 14 boundary the City expects to designate the District as suitable for mixed use development. Projects to be undertaken within the Tax Incremental District No. 14 creation and costs to be incurred (Project Costs) will be for the purpose of promoting mixed use development and may include acquisition of property, rights of way or easements, site preparation, installation or rehabilitation of utilities and streets, payment of cash grants as development incentives to owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District, professional services and organizational costs, administrative costs, financing costs and other costs as may be necessary to implement the District's Project Plan. Projects will be undertaken within the District's proposed boundary and in areas located in the City within 1/2 mile of that boundary. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Tax incremental District No. 9 Project Plan and the proposed creation of the Tax Incremental District No. 14, its boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan. Copies of the proposed amendment to the Tax Incremental District No. 9 Project Plan and the proposed creation of the Tax Incremental District No. 14 Project Plan, including a description of the proposed boundaries, will be available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk at the Stevens Point City Hall, located at 1515 Strongs Ave. By Order of the City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin Published August 22, 2024 & August 29, 2024 WNAIXLP

Notice of Public Hearing Village of Iola 180 S. Main St • Iola WI 54945 Governmental Body: Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting Place: Iola Village Hall, Iola Community Room Date: Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 Time: 5:00 PM For the purpose of issuing a Conditional Use Permits to the Iola Pines Campground for the purpose of building four cabins. Publish Aug. 22 & 29, 2024 WNAIXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ZONING CODE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Waupaca will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear testimony on whether to change language in Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code, Zoning Ordinance, to amend 17.131(3) B-1 Neighborhood Business District, Dimensional Standards. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard. A copy of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Community & Economic Development Department. /s/ Barbara J. Nowak City Clerk PUBLISH: August 15 and 22, 2024 WNAIXLP

The Village of Iola Board Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. at the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street. The Finance Committee meeting is held thirty minutes prior to the board meeting. WNAIXLP

Town of Wolf River Board Meeting Will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024 7:00 p.m. Wolf River Town Hall 8800 County Road II, Fremont Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED Notices are posted or e-mailed by the clerk for mailing at the following locations: Union Star, Hahn-a-Lula Resort and are posted at the Wolf River Town Hall, and Fremont Post Office. Publish Aug. 22, 2024 WNAIXLP

WAUPACA CHAIN O' LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT PO Box 71, King, WI 54946 BOARD MEETING AGENDA 8/27/24 9:00 A.M. 644 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 2, Waupaca 1. Call to order 2. Roll call 3. Open meeting statement 4. Approval of agenda 5. Review and approval of 7/25/24 meeting minutes 6. Public comment 7. President's report - Bob Ellis 8. Financial report and investments - Julie Prahl 9. AECOM report - Angel Gebeau a. Work in progress and projects

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Monday, July 8, 2024 PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, and H. Schweitzer. EXCUSED: M. Wilz. I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM) II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the following consent agenda items: • Approval of Minutes of the Total Compensation Committee Meeting of Monday, June 10, 2024 • Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 • Approval of Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of Monday, June 24, 2024 • Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, June 24, 2024 • Approval of Resignation of Personnel o Katie Christian, Transportation Supervisor o Ana Rosas, Bilingual Tutor Motion carried. IV. REPORTS The calendar, monthly celebrations, and director reports were reviewed. V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$2,099,079.55 as per list of July 2, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0. C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of July 2, 2024, in the amount of \$6,977,984.88. VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS VII. NEW BUSINESS A. Review of Revised Policies/Administrative Guidelines • 500 Policy Manual and Employee Handbook • 510 Personnel Policies Goals (Section Title) • 510 Goals of Personnel Policies • 511 Equal Opportunity Employment/Complaint Procedures • 512 Employee Harassment • 520 General Personnel Policies (Section Title) • 522 Staff Contract (NO POLICY) • 522.1 Employee Alcohol and/or Other Controlled Substances Use • 522.2 Tobacco Use on School Premises (see 831) • 522.3 Criminal Activities • 522.4 Conflict of Interest for Professional Educators with Their Own Children • 522.7 Staff Technology Acceptable Use • 522.9 Receipt of Gifts or Gratuities • 523 Employee Health and Safety (Communicable Disease) • 523.1 Staff Physical Examinations • 523.11 Medical Certification for Illness • 523.2 Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan • 526 Personnel Records • 527 Grievance Procedure • 530 Professional Staff Policies (Section Title) • 531 Staff Positions (Job Descriptions) • 532 Contracts—Certified Staff • 532.2 Professional Staff Salaries/Fringe Benefits (NO POLICY) • 532.21 Health Insurance - Continued Coverage Upon Termination of Employment • 532.31 Family and Medical Leave • 533 Selection of Certified Staff • 533.1 Background Checks • 534 Substitute Certified Staff Employment • 165-1 Conflicts of Interest—Staff and School Board • 422.1 Admission of Foreign Exchange Students S. Bleck reviewed the revised policies/administrative guidelines. B. 2023-2024 School Nurse Report K. Martin reviewed the 2023-2024 school nurse report. C. 2023-2024 Catalyst Academy Report K. Martin reviewed the 2023-2024 Catalyst Academy report. D. Notice of Academic Standards D. Sievert reviewed the academic standards. E. Review and Potential Approval of 2024-2025 Student/Parent Handbook Revisions It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the 2024-2025 Student/Parent Handbook revisions. Motion carried. F. Review and Potential Approval of 2024-2025 Employee Handbook/Addendum Revisions It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook/Addendum revisions as presented. Motion carried. G. Review and Potential Approval of Activities Pay Schedule It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the activities pay schedule as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0. H. Discussion of High School Fitness Center Project J. Marquardt updated the Board on the High School Fitness Center project.



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**I. Review and Potential Approval of Revised Official District Depositories and Individuals Authorized to Invest District Funds**  
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the revised official district depositories and individuals authorized to invest district funds as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0, with K. Batten abstaining.  
**J. Review and Potential Approval of Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan**  
The Board discussed the District State Report Card indicator of success. Discussion addressed the current report card scoring protocol and how district-to-district analysis does not always present an equal comparison. It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried.  
**K. Wisconsin Association of School Board Proposed Resolution / Bylaw Development**  
C. Martinson reviewed the WASB resolution proposal process. As discussed under Agenda Item VII, J. the Board suggested proposing a resolution to simplify the calculation of the State Report Card. S. Bleck and D. Sievert will present a proposed resolution for Board review. Board members were asked to contact District Office with any other resolution ideas for review at the August meeting.  
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to submit the WASB Resolution to Protect Title IX in K-12 Public Education and Save Women's Sports as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0, with M. Grossman abstaining.  
J. Heideman suggested continued review of the WASB Bylaw voting structure.  
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**  
A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.  
Katie Batten, Clerk  
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Pursuant to the regulations, the regular Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room and live streamed via YouTube. The meeting was also broadcast on TV Channel 991.  
The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click here.  
**Vice President's Comments and Pledge of Allegiance:**  
Steve Klismet welcomed everyone and advised that Board President Ron Brooks would be late to the meeting. He introduced the new Interim District Administrator, Craig Gerlach, who shared a brief history of himself. Mr. Gerlach then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Call to Order:**  
The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Klismet at 5:30 p.m.  
**Roll Call:**  
Present in the WHS Community Room: Steve Klismet, Molly McDonald, Betty Manion, Dale Feldt, Bob Adams, and Lori Verhalen; Ron Brooks arrived at 5:38 p.m.  
**Also Present:**  
Present in the WHS Community Room: Craig Gerlach, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Austin Moore, Michael Werbowski, Jenifer Erb, John Meyer, Lisa Graf, John Erspamer, Jody Pankratz, Carrie Aparalla, Rob Scherrer, Jamie Trzebiatowski, Melissa Durrant, Marsha Purchatzke of GoRiteWay, and members of the community.  
**Approval of Agenda:**  
A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Public Comment:**  
Marsha Purchatzke of GoRiteWay advised that they are having a "Stuff the Bus" event August 5-16 where the community can donate school supplies for children in need, and she also shared a filer which provided additional details.  
Several community members addressed the Board with their concerns regarding the tennis/pickleball courts at WHS and WMS. They were grateful that the lines had been drawn for the pickleball courts, however, the nets are not at the correct height for either tennis or pickleball. They are also very concerned regarding the conditions of the courts and do not want to see them continue to deteriorate so would like them resurfaced. They asked if the School District could work with the City of Waupaca to see what they can do to make it better for everyone, including designated tennis and pickleball courts as well as bathroom facilities.  
**Review of Board Meeting Norms:**  
The Board reviewed their collective commitments.  
**Board Reports:**  
**Approval of Minutes:**  
June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting  
June 12, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting  
June 27, 2024 Special Board Meeting  
A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the Minutes of the Board meetings listed above as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Upcoming Meetings and Other Activities:**  
The Board was reminded of the following upcoming meetings and other activities:  
July 16, 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.  
August 13, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.  
**Completion of Board Member Availability Calendar:**  
The Board members were asked to complete their availability calendars through August.  
**School Visits or Other Board Report:**  
None.  
**CEC Liaison Report:**  
CEC Liaison Betty Manion advised that the Governance Council meeting originally scheduled for last Friday was postponed due to the holiday to this Friday.  
**Review Monitoring Schedule:**  
Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten advised that this is an annual review of the Board's monitoring schedule. This schedule is used as a guide with the flexibility to adjust it as needed. He recommended that it remain in place as is and no changes be made to it this year.  
**Policy Committee Meeting:**  
The Policy Committee met on June 12, 2024, to discuss the student dress code and how it is implemented in each of the schools.  
**Federal Law Changes to Title IX:**  
Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten advised that federal law changed in late June with regard to Title IX, so interpretation of the law was put into policy by Neola. The new law takes effect August 1, 2024, therefore, it is required that the new policy be approved by the School Board prior to that date.  
The current Policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities is required to remain in place for the next few years based on the statute of limitations for any allegations that occurred prior to July 31, 2024. Therefore, it was revised to include that technical correction.  
Neola Policy 2264 was created to ensure that the District is in compliance with the new Title IX federal law. Mr. Flaten advised that because of the late notice and urgency of the approval of this policy, he asked that per Policy 0131.1 that the Board set aside the requirement that it go before a Policy Committee meeting first and waive the requirement of two readings.  
A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve Neola Policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Consent Agenda:**  
Board members Dale Feldt and Molly McDonald questioned the large

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difference in the Fund 10 balance from last year and the decrease in revenue. Director of Business Services Austin Moore advised that it has to do with the time of year and the timing of when things go through. Additionally, the network issues caused a delay in the transfer of funds. He added that the District may receive reimbursement of some of the costs incurred for HBIS from the insurance company.  
Because it was noted below of the hire of a new WMS Associate Principal, WMS Principal John Meyer introduced Lisa Graf. Her hire was just finalized yesterday. Ms. Graf shared that this is her 21st year in education and is coming from the Oshkosh School District. A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented.  
**Financial Reports:**  
Accounts Payable  
Cash Receipts  
Budget to Actual Comparison by Fund Groups:  
Fund 10 Ending Balance: \$9,127,949 [2022-2023: \$11,241,048]  
Fund 21 Ending Balance: \$303,013 [2022-2023: \$353,489]  
Fund 27 Ending Balance: -\$3,045,416 [2022-2023: \$0]  
Fund 49 Ending Balance: -\$31,763 [2022-2023: \$4,064,048]  
Fund 50 Ending Balance: \$534,294 [2022-2023: \$498,838]  
Updated Staffing Changes for the 2024-2025 School Year  
**Retirements:**  
Cheryl Kelly - WMS Ed. Asst.  
**Resignations:**  
Jillian Gutzdorf - WHS Special Education Teacher  
Emma Sievers - WHS Science Teacher  
Matthew Warner - District Computer Technician  
**Hires - 2024-2025 School Year:**  
Genesis Cratsenberg - WLC Speech and Language Pathologist  
Lisa Graf - WMS Associate Principal  
**Hires - Summer of 2024:**  
Vivian Sanderson-Vigus - Custodian  
WLC and CEC AGR Reports  
Student Academic Standards  
Student Assessments Annual Notice  
Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report  
Annual At-Risk Report  
The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Communications:**  
**June Highlights:**  
Mr. Flaten advised of the new staff hired to date and shared a brief history of each. He also provided highlights of the summer school programs at WLC and WHS.  
Mr. Moore advised that all bills have been paid and the referendum is complete. He provided a final breakdown of the referendum expenditures which indicated that the project came in over budget by \$185,641.68 (4.79%), due to unexpected foundation issues at WLC which in turn led to extended construction during the winter months. Those additional costs will be absorbed in this year's budget.  
He also advised that the WHS track resurfacing has been completed and the roof work at WMS is scheduled to begin this week. Both projects were delayed due to weather.  
Mr. Moore advised of the potential sale of the 515 School Street building with two entities expressing interest in purchasing it. An informal initial market analysis has been completed, and he is reviewing monthly costs and upcoming maintenance of the building. However, the District is under contract with CESA 5 through next June and receives \$43,000 per year from them. Some Board members expressed concerns that there may be asbestos in the building and the possible costs associated with mitigating that. Mr. Moore was not sure if that was taken care of during the past remodeling, but if not it will be addressed and set out at the time of the possible sale.  
Director of Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics Rob Scherrer advised that an official fall school apparel store has opened which replaces all of the ad hoc coaches apparel. It is an online only store that will be open for a few weeks and then closed for a few weeks at a time throughout the year. He is advertising the online apparel store through social media.  
**Administration:**  
**Graduating Seniors Celebrations Report:**  
High School Principal Michael Werbowski advised of the many accomplishments attained by the graduating class of 2024. More students completed an Advanced Placement course as well as the GMAW Welder Basic Certificate than in the past.  
**Annual School Health Summary Report:**  
School Nurse Jamie Trzebiatowski presented the annual School Health Summary report which outlined what the Health Services Department provided to the District as a whole as well as in each building. They continue to see an increase of acuity health concerns and the need for health services is high. Their team of six managed 611 students with medical diagnoses, 61 daily scheduled interventions, and 14,581 unscheduled visits, which is about the same as last year.  
School Nurse Trzebiatowski is located at the WLC and WMS while School Nurse Hannah Rowe is at the CEC and WHS. They handle the high direct needs and emergencies while the Health Aides assist with medications and lesser direct needs. They average between 1-3 calls to 911 each year and are in communication with GoRiteWay when situations warrant. Mr. Scherrer added that the District recently renewed its contract for an athletic trainer who is available Monday through Friday for the next five years to assist the Health Services Department as needed.  
**Adjournment:**  
A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Dale Feldt to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
Ron Brooks, President  
Board of Education  
Betty Manion, Clerk  
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**Notice To Creditors 7735**

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**CLAIMS DEADLINE NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF RUTH A. DERBY LIVING TRUST**  
DATED MARCH 8, 2012  
Pursuant to Section 701.0508, Wisconsin Statutes, Carol L. Derby and JoEllen M. Derby, as successor trustees of Ruth A. Derby Living Trust dated March 8, 2012, with power to pay the debts of Ruth A. Derby, D.O.D. July 19, 2024, hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing claims for payment of debts of Ruth A. Derby with Carol L. Derby and JoEllen M. Derby, as Trustees of the Ruth A. Derby Living Trust dated March 8, 2012, is December 9, 2024, being the date four (4) months after the date of the first insertion of the Notice.  
By: /s/ Jaimesue M. Knowlton  
Legacy Law Group, LLC, 5740 Grande Market Drive, Ste D, Appleton WI 54913  
Publication Dates  
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**DATE SIGNED: August 2, 2024**  
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle  
Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE M. FOWLER  
D.O.D. 1-1-24

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR44  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 4, 1940 and date of death January 1, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI 54946.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 5, 2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
Form completed by:  
Jack Buswell  
101 West Oak Street  
Sparta, WI 54656  
Telephone 608-269-1200  
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**DATE SIGNED: August 2, 2024**  
Electronically signed by Chris Marfilus  
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gavin M. Scott  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR52  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth January 5, 1965 and date of death May 9, 2024, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1100 Wisconsin Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 13, 2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.  
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**SOIL**

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Under the best-case scenario, the city would dig in the areas the underground tanks are supposed to be, but were previously removed.

In this situation, the next step would be to find the contamination level and where it dissipates, and then remove the contamination. Samples would be taken around the area and all that documentation would be submitted to the DNR.

Under this scenario there would be a shorter process to reach case closure without a lot of additional testing.

"If the tanks are there, they have to be removed by a qualified contractor in tank removal," Garske said. "AECOM is certified in making sure they were taken out correctly and whatever they have to do after they are out of the ground for that portion of it. That will be in the proposal as well."

Garske said the city has a short timeline to establish a contract and bring in a contractor to start the work.

He added that as soon as the section of road is taken out, this process would need to take place.

Committee member Mike Barrington asked if the city would be responsible for the clean-up where ever a former gas station was located.

Garske said that would be determined when that time comes.

According to state law, Garske said the city has no legal right to go after the previous property owners where the contaminated areas are.

**Special Public Works meeting**

At a special Board of Public Works meeting on July 31, Garske said the proposed contract with AECOM would cover the scope of work for investigating the site where they have

no records of underground tanks being removed. This was identified as part of the investigation for the downtown street project. Garske said the DNR wants the city to investigate whether the tanks are still buried and the extent of hazardous material in the area where the tanks are or were located.

Garske said AECOM is the company on site and did the initial investigation.

If approved, AECOM has a contractor lined up to do the exploration, which is certified to remove underground tanks should they be found, Garske said the cost to remove any underground tanks is not included in the contract. That removal would be an additional cost.

"We're expecting not to find tanks, just based on, when they looked into this proposal, they looked over the site again, found monitoring wells that were installed in the '90s, and were abandoned in 2001, that the DNR didn't recognize," Garske said. "And the readings from those sites were low enough that they could abandon them."

Six test pits would be dug, three at each location, and soil samples would be taken to be tested.

"We'll know more as we get into it, but this kind of covers all of that, except for if we find a tank, or tanks," Garske said.

The cost of the service would be \$23,500, Garske said.

If any underground tanks are found, Garske said they would most likely contain a combination of gasoline, and either fuel oil or diesel fuel. He added that fuel oil or diesel fuel would be more likely than gasoline, because no lead contamination was found.

"As early as these tanks were put in, usually it was leaded fuel carried in them, and not having any lead readouts at those locations, they're thinking it would be the other ones," Garske said.

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**Emmaus Lutheran Church** Town of Lind, N180 Cty. Rd. A, Waupaca. Rev. Kurt Schilling. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 am. A Missouri synod church. Visitors welcome.

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## Referendum questions defeated

STATE – Voters defeated the two Republican-sponsored referendum questions seeking to change the state constitution.

Question 1 asked voters if the constitution should recognize the legislature as the “sole power to determine how monies shall be appropriated?”

Question 2 asked to prohibit the governor from having authority to spend federal monies sent to the state without legislative approval.

Wisconsin voters rejected Question 1 by a vote of 703,461 against to 521,122 in favor of the change to the state constitution.

Question 2 was defeated

by a vote of 705,591 against to 520,778 in favor.

While the referendum questions were defeated statewide, in Waupaca County the vote was 6,870 yes and 4,916 no on Question 1 and 6,787 yes and 4,916 no votes on Question 2.

Republicans who control the state legislature wanted more control over federal emergency relief funds after Gov. Tony Evers dispersed more than \$3 billion in covid-related aid without legislative oversight.

Opponents of the referenda noted that while the legislature controlled the state budget, the governor’s

authority to make rapid emergency-response decisions in times of crisis had been state law since the 1930s during the Great Depression.

### 8th Congressional District

In the GOP primary for the 8th District of the U.S. House, Tony Wied won with 41,937 votes, against 34,344 votes for Roger Roth and 25,186 for Andre Jacque.

Kristin Lyerly is the Democratic candidate for the 8th District. She ran unopposed in the primary.

### ADRC

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#### Falls Prevention

The Portage County Healthy Aging Coalition will observe Falls Prevention Awareness Day beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. They encourage all individuals throughout the county to use the autumn season to educate themselves and their loved ones about fall risks and fall prevention.

Older adults are encouraged to reserve a spot at the coalition’s falls prevention event, Healthy Aging Your Way, which will be held at Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St., in Stevens Point. The event will include screening activities, prize drawings, guest expert speakers, refreshments, lunch, and more.

The event is free, but space is limited, and reservations are required. To register, call The Aging and Disability Resource Center at 715-346-1401 by Sept. 3.

Falls are not a normal part of aging and can be prevented. Attending Healthy Aging Your Way on Sept. 17 is one step seniors can take to prevent falls. To attend the event, seniors can visit [www.falls-free.org](http://www.falls-free.org) where they will find steps, tools, and resources that can help them stay safe and independent as they age.

For more information or to register, contact the health promotion coordinator at 715-346-1401, or toll-free at 1-866-920-2525.

#### Introduction to Medicare

A class on Medicare is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16., at the ADRC. This class is designed to help anyone enrolling into Medicare for the first time better understand their available options. It is suggested that you attend one session three to four months prior to starting

Medicare.

Topics covered will be the basic parts of Medicare (A, B, C, D), how they work, how to enroll, the additional insurance options available, drug coverage requirement, along with the Extra Help program and Medicare Savings program which are designed to help cover some of the costs for Medicare premiums. To register for this free class, call the ADRC at 715-346-1401.

#### Lincoln Center

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is located at Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St., Stevens Point. Call 715-346-1401 or 866-920-2525.

Hours:

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Email:

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## Arts on Square gives awards

WAUPACA – The Arts on the Square art show on Aug. 17 was a juried event that attracted artists from across Wisconsin as well as surrounding states.

This year’s judge, Dawn Olson, awarded six artists a total of \$750 in prize money.

The judge was not given information as to where

each artist was from. This year two of the six award winners were Waupaca residents.

Maggie Burmeister of Waupaca, won Best of Show for her watercolor and oil painting, and Jim Lang, a well-known Waupaca ceramicist, won an Award of Excellence. Other winners were Ashley El-

lis of New London, who won the Patty Vaux Memorial Award for her encaustic painting, and three other Award of Excellence winners, Jason Iamovec of Willard, for his wood furniture, Gary Lebouton of Wautoma, for his photography, and Jan Raven of Wausau, for jewelry.

## WAGS celebrates 30 years

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society is celebrating 30 years.

For three decades, WAGS has collected genealogical materials from Wayne and Alta Guyant, Geraldine Trinrud and from various donors – members and non-members alike.

WAGS has been slowly indexing and digitizing its collections to be added to its website – [wagswi.org](http://wagswi.org).

This work has been made possible with the help of fundraisers. WAGS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

WAGS offers classes on how to research one’s ancestors by providing programs from well-known speakers at membership meetings at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, virtually and at the Waupaca Area Public Library.

WAGS will sponsor a free workshop from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Waupaca library, or virtually through Zoom.

The free workshop will

feature speaker, Judy Russell. Her website, “The Legal Genealogist,” whose readers understand the legal aspects to family records.

#### Four topics covered

- “Landin the Ancestor” – Federal and state land records are among the earliest, most complete and most valuable genealogical records. They are also among the most puzzling. Understanding how land was acquired, measured and recorded under the law is essential to using the records effectively.

- “Copyright Mythconceptions” – What family researchers don’t know about copyright law can hurt them the pocketbook. The workshop provides a guide to the most common mistakes and misunderstandings about copyright laws and what researchers can and can’t do with materials created by others.

- “The First Trip to the Courthouse” – When it comes to genealogy re-

search, not everything is available online. Sooner or later, every genealogist has got to make that first trip to the courthouse to check out the original records available there. This lecture explores how to prepare for that trip, what to expect, what to ask for, and how to be welcomed back the next time.

- “Polls, Personality and Property” – Somebody had to pay the government’s bills and they did it through the law by imposing taxes on polls, personal property and real property. The records of those taxes offer some of the best clues available to locating ancestors, their families and their neighborhoods.

The program is offered virtually or in person.

To register for the workshop, contact WAGS at [info@wagswi.org](mailto:info@wagswi.org) or [njweasner@gmail.com](mailto:njweasner@gmail.com). Registration is open through Aug. 31.

Lunch will be available for \$12, payable at the time of registration. Attendees may bring their own.

## SCHOOL NEWS

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second one finished in 2016. They are built in the school parking lot and later sold to a private owner and moved offsite. During the pandemic, the construction of the Comet House slowed to a halt because of remote learning. It was a large project that gave students hands-on experience in everything from framing, hanging windows and roofing.

Amherst-based Blenker Building Systems Inc. supported this project in the early stages. In March 2020, Campbellsport-based Drexel Building Supply acquired the company. Blenker continues to own and operate its own company, Blenker Construction.

Moore contacted Blenker about the check and was told they had no idea why it wasn’t cashed. The school’s bank informed him that the check was no longer valid and the school would have to contact Blenker and have them reissue a new check if

so inclined. The school’s legal counsel also advised the check was no longer valid and to consider the affair finished. Moore recommended to the school board to destroy the check.

“Because Blenker Building Systems will not reissue the check, the district would have to pursue this matter in court and the legal cost involved in doing so would negate much of the value. The committee did not like the fact of losing this money but understood the district has to move on. Interim District Administrator Craig Gerlach added that this occurred several years ago, the people involved are no longer with the district and there are no records on it. Mr. Moore advised the district to obtain written agreements prior to starting any projects. Everything is documented and records are kept more accurately,” said Feldt.

Associate Principal Jen Erb was involved in the early stages of the Comet House project. She reached out to company president

Jason Blenker to see if the check could be reissued.

“He told me he would give Craig a call and even consider reissuing the check. I talked to Jason, the one that came to our school to want to work with us. I think we can make it strong again,” said Erb.

“It’s with the intent of re-establishing a business partnership with them. I’m optimistic. It’s a good opportunity for the kids and the community,” said Gerlach.

In a May, 9, 2018 article in the Waupaca County Post about student work experience, former teacher Dave Larson commented about the school’s relationship with Blenker, saying that Blenker’s involvement saved the district thousands of dollars: “We’ve had a very close relationship with Blenker Construction in Amherst. They bought the lot, paid for almost all the materials, and when we’re finished, they’re going to buy out whatever the school has invested in it, sell it and split the profits with the school.”

## ARC plans bowling events

NEW LONDON – All area DD/IC individuals, their families, friends and caretakers are invited to participate in a bowling activity sponsored by Waupaca

County ARC Inc.

The events are scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 7 and 21, at Hilby’s New London Lanes.

The cost for participants

is \$7.50 and to participate they must fill out a waiver form.

For more information, contact Sheryl Spencer at 920-570-0536.

## PROJECT

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Ginger Sowle, director of Parks and Recreation, said graduate students can do a two-semester project that includes working with municipalities. The first part of the semester would be research and analysis.

“They come to New London, they talk to us about our vision, look at the site, they do the research needed to go along with a project like this one,” Sowle said. “And then they go ahead and then in the second semester they do a vision framework plan and site design.”

She said the work involved would be similar to the work that would be done if the city hired an engineer.

“But it’s a very limited cost because it’s a student’s project,” Sowle said.

Once the information is

assembled by the student, Sowle said the city would need to hire a licensed engineer.

“The final documents and drawings are a vision and concept design,” Sowle said.

The cost to the city for a UW-Madison student to work on this project would include covering the costs the student incurs while visiting New London to obtain information for the project. She said that typically amounts to \$500-\$1,500.

Sowle said the UW-Madison professor involved with the program thought this would be a good opportunity for the city.

“I think it would be a really great opportunity to take a look at that site,” Sowle said.

Hoerth said the city has funds in its Economic Development budget that

have already been approved by the New London Common Council for consultants for projects like this one.

Hoerth told the committee applying for the program does not mean the city will be chosen to be part of the program.

“This would be a really cool opportunity to work with some university students, working on graduate projects, get some ideas, work in collaboration with what Kim’s (Chonos, who has proposed a new beer garden) project is, and see what the overall area could look like,” Hoerth said.

He added it would cost “quite a bit more” if the city were to hire a consulting firm to do the work, adding that professionals may need to be hired in the future if the city were to proceed with any of the ideas.

## BEER GARDEN

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The beer garden would feature only Wisconsin craft beers, she said.

“The only exception that we would make, would be the two major beer holidays, of course our St. Patrick’s Day and Oktoberfest,” Chonos said.

Due to a limited amount of liquor licenses, Chonos said the beer garden would be limited to beer, wine, and malt beverages that would fit within the city’s guidelines.

“The overall goal then is to create a place with character that provides upscale drinks and services, but has a casual atmosphere where everyone can feel welcome,” Chonos said.

She said for the foreseeable future, the beer garden would not have a

kitchen, but snacks would be served. Instead of food being prepared at the beer garden, local food trucks would be utilized, or customers could order takeout from local restaurants or bars.

In addition to food trucks on the north end of the property, Chonos said other possible events that could take place in that area would be a farmers’ market, flea markets, concerts, art in the park, and outdoor movies.

“We basically want to be a place where we can help with fundraisers,” she said.

Chonos acknowledged that the majority of business for the beer garden would occur during the warmer months, but said outdoor domes are part of the business plan for colder months.

“Making sure that we

make this profitable year-round, so we can sustain ourselves,” she said. “We want to be able to take these domes.”

The domes allow customers to be seated in a heated space. These types of domes are more prevalent in Green Bay and Milwaukee.

The beer garden would be open Wednesday through Sunday, Chonos said.

“My family and I would like to work together with the city to create an entire area that is green space for New London,” Chonos said.

Chonos said her goal is to open the beer garden by July Fourth weekend next year.

“I do want to be open in 2025, for sure before fall, to be able to get it going,” Chonos said.

## SPACVB names new director

STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (SPACVB) appointed Megan Vruwink as its new executive director.

Currently serving as the director of marketing for SPACVB, Vruwink will succeed Sara Brish, who recently transitioned to Travel Wisconsin/Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

Following the announcement of former Executive Director Sara Brish’s departure, the SPACVB executive search committee launched a comprehensive search for her successor.

Vruwink emerged as a strong candidate, bringing experience in tourism promotion and tourism development, as well as an innovative perspective and professional demeanor to the role.

“Leading the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau requires a unique blend of skills, experience and characteristics,” said Chris Klesmith, president of the SPACVB Board of Directors. “Our executive search committee was determined to select someone who possessed those ingredients.”

Vruwink will work closely with

Brish during the leadership transition. Vruwink is grateful for the support of the SPACVB staff, board of directors, partners and stakeholders as she steps into her new role.

“Working with our talented, knowledgeable team during my time as director of marketing has been a privilege. I’m eager to continue advancing the Stevens Point Area CVB’s mission in an expanded capacity as Executive Director. I look forward to fostering collaboration with community partners, leveraging our collective strengths, and embracing new challenges to drive positive economic impact in Portage County. Here’s to the next chapter for the Stevens Point Area CVB and the exciting opportunities ahead!” said Vruwink.

Klesmith and the executive search committee expressed confidence in the strength of the organization under Vruwink’s leadership.

“The Stevens Point Area is full of incredible assets, many of which have been built through partnerships and diligence, that uplift the region overall,” said Klesmith. “The executive search committee is confident that Megan will

do well to lead a talented team and continue uplifting our region for both residents and visitors. We look forward to her leadership at the Bureau.”

Vruwink began her professional journey with SPACVB as a student marketing intern in 2014 and transitioned to a full-time visitor experience role after graduating from UW-Stevens Point in 2015.

In 2016, she relocated to the Chippewa Valley, where she served in marketing and business development roles. It was during this time that Vruwink led comprehensive integrated marketing campaigns, fostered business relationships, engaged in state and national advocacy efforts, and gained extensive hands-on experience in the tourism and live event industries.

As a central Wisconsin native, Vruwink and her husband decided to move back to the region in 2021 to be closer to family. Upon settling in the Stevens Point area, she worked at UW-Stevens Point in the University Centers department before returning to her tourism promotion roots with SPACVB as the director of marketing in January 2024.



# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

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# 2024

## Comets seek success in Bay conference

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

Waupaca Comets will try to rebound from a 2-7 campaign and a 2-5 record in the Bay conference to become eligible for the play-offs for the first time since 2021.

The maturation of the Comets is promising for the team as the players continue to define and grow into their individual roles.

“Last year and the year before we had a lot of young guys play, there haven’t been a lot of senior classes, so we’ve had a chance to see them play,” said Head Coach Bennett Hansen. “This class has had 10 guys that started a varsity game as sophomores.”

In a wide-open conference, the Comets can gain wins and momentum in the Bay, which consists of Waupaca, Fox Valley Lutheran, New London, Seymour, Shawano, Winneconne, and Xavier.

“Our conference is tough, it’s one of the best conferences in the state for divi-



Waupaca standout running back Xzaver Pittman looks to improve on a season where he scored 11 rushing touchdowns. Nick Griesbach Photos



Comets’ versatile Andre Hendrix looks to match his 2023 All-Bay conference season.

sions our size, every week is a battle, and there’s no easy games week to week.” Coach Hansen said, “Every win has to be scraped out.”

The Comets return starters on offense as Xzaver Pittman, a 2022 Second-Team All-Conference running back who rushed for 946 yards and 11 touchdowns, will be joined in the backfield by versatile fullback Andre Hendrix, who was named Second-Team All-



The Comets’ season opener is at home against Wrightstown on Friday, Aug. 23.

Conference in 2023.

“We have a lot of guys who have been on varsity

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The Waupaca Comets take steps to improve a young defense from 2023.

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# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW 2024

## Truckers lean on receivers to maintain passing game

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Clintonville Truckers will begin the post-Kade Rosenow era in 2024. Rosenow led a potent passing attack at quarterback for the Truckers. Rosenow passed for over 2000 yards in his two seasons as the team's starting signal caller. The Truckers made a playoff appearance in 2023 despite a 3-9 record but went 3-4 in the Northwoods conference to qualify for the postseason before losing 46-8 to Wittenberg-Birnamwood in the first round.

Clintonville Head Coach Nick Raasch on the impact of losing Kade Rosenow, "Losing Kade is about as tough as it gets, having a guy like that graduate, talking about the kind of player he is, he can do anything for you, the type of leader he is and the type of teammate he is. It's not a hard-to-replace thing; it's an impossible-to-replace thing, with that guy."

Rosenow, who was a two-time All-State Honorable-Mention, graduated along with two-way Northwoods All-Conference honorees offensive lineman/defensive lineman Peyton Kautz, wide receiver/defensive lineman Zander Schroeder, and wide receiver/defensive back Jack Yaeger, as well as Honorable



Second-Team All-Conference wide receiver Zach Johnson looks to keep the Truckers passing attack strong.

Mention defensive players, defensive back Jonathan Scherschel and linebacker Kaine Killips.

Both sides of the ball will lean heavily on Sam Wegener, a 2023 unanimous first-

team Northwoods selection at wide receiver and a second-team all-conference defensive back. Wegener is the top target for the Truckers, catching 59 passes for 963 yards and 12 touchdowns



All-Northwoods First-Team wide receiver Sam Wegener is on track to break the Truckers career receiving record in 2024. Nick Griesbach Photos



The Truckers begin their season on the road against Marinette on Aug. 23.

a season ago. Wegener is a key contributor on defense for the Truckers, voted second-team Northwoods at defensive back, contributing 57 tackles and two interceptions on the year.

Wegener said of his 2023 campaign, "It did a lot to build my confidence, as a player and a person, just knowing that I can go out there and beat the person in front of me, or two people or whatever they send at me."

Coach Raasch on building the offense around Wegener, "It's no secret that our

offense runs through him, we like to get him singled up a lot, that's the number one guy on our team, running our offense through him makes things easy."

Wegener is not the only weapon on offense, as Zach Johnson, a second-team Northwoods selection at wide receiver with 38 receptions, 421 yards, and four touchdowns. Johnson will have even higher expectations this season with a new starting quarterback leaning on experienced playmakers.

"I'm trying to at least either match, or surpass as

many receptions as I had last year, and get that First-Team All-Conference," Johnson said of goals for the upcoming season, "obviously make the playoffs and get a playoff win."

All-Conference Honorable Mention Ryan Gauthier will lead the offensive line for the Truckers this season as they look to improve on a running game that only produced 337 yards rushing a season ago and allowed 38 sacks on the year.

"Really it comes down to lineman on both sides of the ball," said coach Raasch, "for much of the season we were starting three sophomore linemen and they were in some tough spots, especially running the ball and that was not our strong suit last year, those guys are another year older and stronger and they can take a big leap for us."

Clintonville will start the season on the road against Marinette on Friday, Aug. 23.

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# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW 2024

## Falcons look to regain their high standard

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

A 7-4 season, a 5-2 record in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large, and advancing to Level 2 of the WIAA playoffs before losing to conference rival Wittenberg-Biramwood 16-14, still left the tradition-rich Amherst Falcons wanting more for the upcoming 2024 season.

"We have the same expectations every year, our goal is to punch a ticket to the playoff, go after the conference title, make a run in the playoffs," Amherst Head Coach Mark Lusic said, "It's been the same goal every year since I've been here."

The Central Wisconsin Conference-Large comprises Amherst, Spencer/Columbus Catholic, Stratford, Weyauwega-Fremont, Wittenberg-Biramwood, and newcomers Colby, Loyal-Greenwood, and Marathon. Seven of those teams participated in the playoffs a season ago.

The Falcons graduated 10 All-Conference players this past spring, including four players who played on both offense and defense.

Coach Lusic, on replacing the senior class from a year ago, "We're going to have Mi-



The Falcons want a deep WIAA playoff run after a Level 2 loss in 2023.

chael Glodowski as the starting quarterback, we have Jack Seeger returning on the offensive line we expect big things out of him."

Offensive First-Team All-Conference members, offensive lineman Balin Wojtalewicz and running back Nasiah Holland, Second-Team All-Conference wide receiver Spencer Cohen and Honorable Mentions kicker Beau Diederich, Offensive Lineman Rhett Loken, quarterback Michael Benjamin and wide receivers David Scott have graduated.

On the defensive side, Cohen was a First-Team defen-

sive back and was joined on the First-Team by defensive lineman Gunnar Wierzba, on the Second-Team was Holland at linebacker, Diederich at punter, and defensive lineman Charlie Lehman and Honorable Mentions defensive lineman Loken and linebacker Ephraim Anglemyer.

"A lot of these guys are going to see the field, and many of them have already seen the field as sophomores and juniors," Coach Lusic says, "A lot of these guys were given jobs last year, not this year you're going to have to earn it this year."

The lone returning All-

Conference player, linebacker Sam Stuczynski, a Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Second-Team member, is looked on to be a leader and increase his production this season.

"I feel like this year I can improve in a lot of different ways, last year I was new on varsity and I know what to expect," Stuczynski said, "I just need to keep practicing hard and I will get to where I need to be."

The Falcons begin their season on the road against Saint Mary Catholic on Friday, Aug. 23.



Second-Team All-CWC-Large Linebacker Sam Stuczynski steps up as lone All-Conference returnee.

Nick Griesbach Photos



Manawa Wolves begin their season at Rosholt on Aug. 22.

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and have the ability to compete, "Pittman said of team confidence "We're looking really solid this year, we got a chance we just need to compete and ball out."

Having experience in the backfield leads to a calm demeanor for the Comets on

offense.

Coach Hansen on the experience of his backs "They can do a lot, they have a lot of experience, so things aren't so fast for them and they can explain to the other guys how things are."

The defense looks to replace Second-Team All-Conference members' defensive linemen Cullen Friedrich and Trayse Hanson

but still has Second-Team All-Conference linebacker Owen Hansen to lead the defense.

Hansen said, "We're looking to be a little faster, looking to eliminate the self-inflicted wounds we had last

year, play a clean game, play physical, and lean on our guys to make plays."

The Waupaca Comets' first game is at home against the Wrightstown Tigers on Friday, Aug. 23.

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# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW 2024

## Warhawks look to capitalize on 6-0 start in 2023

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks are coming off back-to-back winning seasons led by head coach Colton Zimmerman and quarterback Kameron Zielke. The Warhawks posted a 6-4 record overall and a 4-3 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large before being eliminated by conference rival and eventual WIAA Division 6 State Champion Stratford in the first round of the playoffs by a score of 49-0.

Zielke was named Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Honorable Mention at quarterback for the second year in a row and has proven to be a versatile and dynamic playmaker in all three phases of the game. Zielke passed for 979 yards and ten touchdowns and rushed for 582 yards and nine touchdowns. He recorded four interceptions as a defensive back and returned both a kickoff and a punt for a touchdown in 2023.

Zielke on staying focused after a strong 2023 season, "Stay motivated and ready for this year, and that's definitely what happened, I have more motivation to work even harder than last year and my guys have worked harder than we have in the past."

The Warhawks began the season at 6-0 behind play from Zielke before he tore his ACL in a matchup against Shiocton, which kept him out for the remainder of the season.

Coach Zimmerman on Zielke's off-season rehabilitation, "What's great about Kam is, after the initial shock, he's a kid who thinks what's next, how can I get better and with his determination and discipline as a player, he was determined to make spring and run track and he did that."

Junior running back Dawson Lind will join Zielke in the backfield as he rushed for 449 yards and five touchdowns, earning All-Central Wisconsin-Large Honorable Mention in 2023.

Warhawks will replace 2023 First-Team all-conference wide receiver Brayden Arndt and second-team two-way standouts Vanden Hoffman and Hunter Meisenhelder.

Coach Zimmerman on players playing both sides of the ball, "That's the beauty of living in a small town we need kids to play both ways and that's how it is, if you can't play on both sides you're missing an opportunity to impact the game."

The Warhawks will be joined in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large this season by Amherst, Spencer/Columbus Catholic, Stratford, Wittenberg Birnamwood, and additions to the conference Colby,



Two-time CWC-Large Honorable Mention quarterback Kameron Zielke returns for another season at the helm of the W-F Warhawks.

Nick Griesbach Photos



The Warhawks aim to make the playoffs for the third consecutive season.



Weyauwega-Fremont will open their season at Belleville on Friday, Aug. 23.

Loyal/Greenwood, and Marathon.

"I will go on record in saying that we have the toughest conference; there is no doubt about that," Coach Zimmerman, on the toughness of his conference, "we have four

teams across separate divisions that are ranked in the top 10 in the state that alone speaks of the rigor of our conference."

The Warhawks face eight

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## Wolves find new home in Northwoods

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

A change in scenery for the Manawa Wolves leads them to a new conference as they join the Northwoods to face off against new opponents in 2024. A fresh start is welcome after a 2-7 overall record and a 1-6 record in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large in 2023.

Along with traveling to new destinations, gaining new rivals will pose unique challenges, "We're going to play different teams with a different level of intensity, we don't know if that will play to our strength or not," said head coach Brad Johnson.

The Northwoods conference will include Clintonville, Shiocton, Coleman, Crandon, Crivitz Northland Pines, and Oconto Falls. Coleman, Crandon, Crivitz, and Oconto Falls all finished the season with winning records in 2023.

Coach Johnson and the difficulty of replacing two-way All-Conference player Brady Zemple, "He never left the field really, whoever was our second best last year is expected to be our best this year."

A standout expected to replace much of Zemple's productivity on the defensive side is 2023 Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Honorable Mention line-backer Patrick Paque, who was second to Zemple in the conference with 100 tackles.

Paque, on his develop-



The Wolves seek success in the Northwoods in 2024.

Nick Griesbach Photos



The Manawa Wolves look for consistency with young talent on their roster.

ment as a leader, said, "I want to teach the younger guys how to play the right way and help them improve to help Manawa football get to where we want to be."

The Wolves will again be a team that relies on young players to step up.

"We haven't had a JV team since Covid, so the players we have coming in

will be expected to fill in right away." Coach Johnson said, "We have those players stepping up and putting time in the weight room, it would be hard to pick just one, two, or three players to step up. We expect all the younger guys to fill a role."

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# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW 2024

## Bulldogs look for team maturity to pay off

**BY NICK GRIESBACH**  
SPORTS REPORTER

New London Bulldogs look for a turnaround in 2024, coming off a 2-7 season with a 1-6 conference record in the Bay, where they found themselves on a four-game losing skid early in the season.

The Bulldogs gained experience over the last few seasons, with seniors who have seen plenty of snaps during their time in the program.

"It's been a tough last couple years, but we have been able to start some young kids on the offensive line that are all going to be seniors this year," Head Coach Kyle Collins says, "So we're excited to watch all of those reps pay off."

The Bulldogs struggled in the Bay, which consists of Fox Valley Lutheran, Seymour, Shawano, Waupaca, Winneconne, and Xavier.

The Bulldogs have reason to be hopeful with running back Tommy Fields returning after posting 1,000 rushing yards a season ago.

"Tommy is such a stud runner and we have, such a good offensive line that they're able to open holes for him and Tommy's able to run people over or make them miss," said Coach Collins

Fields was a workhorse for the Bulldogs in 2023 and named First-Team All-Conference last season after rushing for 1,015 yards and



2023 Bay First-Team running back Tommy Fields sets his sights on another 1,000-yard season.

Nick Griesbach Photos

three touchdowns on 242 carries.

"The offensive line needs to get the credit for everything they did to help me get that 1000-yard season," Fields said, "They don't get the appreciation but, they did a lot to get that 1,000."

Leading the way for Fields on the offensive line, First Team All-Conference Parker Walbruck, Second Team All-Conference Ira Stein, and Honorable Mention Braxton Bryant.

"It was really good to know that we were the main anchor of Tommy having that success," said Walbruck, "so we need to focus on playing even better together."

On the defensive side of the ball, Fields and Walbruck were both named First-Team All-Bay Conference, along with Honorable Mention Logan Ten Haken.

Fields led the Bulldogs in tackles with 47 and tackles for loss with eight, and Walbruck contributed five tackles for loss on the defensive line.

Walbruck said of his team's potential, "The more we try and the more effort we put in, the better the outcome is, we are trying this year to motivate everyone to pick up the effort."

The Bulldogs begin their season on Friday, Aug. 23, at home against Freedom.



First-Team All-Conference Parker Walbruck anchors the offensive and defensive line for the Bulldogs.



The Bulldogs offensive line continues to be a strength as they return three All-Bay Conference members.

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opponents that qualified for the WIAA playoffs a season ago, including Coach Zimmermans former high school team, Iola-Scandinavia the second week of the season.

"As just a fan of the game and someone that loves watching high school football, if I am going to watch one game that week it's going to be that one," Coach Zimmerman said of the matchup against Iola-Scandinavia, "Coach Zimmerman is a mentor to me and taught me everything I know, he also knows I'm not going to go easy and I know he's not going to either."

The Warhawks will face Belleville on the road on Friday, Aug. 23.

### MANAWA WOLVES

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The offense will look to adjust with the graduation of starting quarterback and first-team All-Conference kicker and punter Dakota Stroud, and the emergence of the new starter Braison Zielke

"We don't know entirely what to expect on offense, we are going to play to our team's strengths," said Coach Johnson.

Johnson believes if the team can work through the grind of each game, his team will find more victories, "The teams we play will try to wear you down, if you can stay focused into the fourth quarter, and they keep their mind on the



Manawa linebacker Patrick Paque takes on leadership role after 100-tackle season.

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details when they're tired, I think we will have a successful season."

The Wolves begin their season at home against Rosholt on Thursday, Aug. 22.



The Bulldogs take on Freedom in the season opener Friday Aug. 23.

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## Thunderbirds seek another CWC-Small title

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

Iola-Scandinavia Thunderbirds overcame a 1-3 start to the 2023 season and won six consecutive games to take home the Central Wisconsin Conference-Small championship and finished the season 7-4 and 5-2 in the conference. The Thunderbirds ended the season after a back-and-forth 24-22 loss on the road to the Cambria-Friesland Hilltoppers in Level 1 of the WIAA playoffs.

“We had crossover games with some bigger schools, and we only had two seniors last year, once we got into conference play, we were able to win conference games and get the conference title,” Thunderbirds Head Coach Scott Erickson said, “We had an early out in the playoffs, and we thought we were better than what we performed there.”

There is reason to have high expectations this season, as the Thunderbirds return plenty of talent on both sides of the ball.

On offense, quarterback Jensen Rice was named Offensive Player of the Year, First-Team All-Conference players’ offensive linemen Ryan Doede and Brian Kroseberg, tight end Korz Loken, wide receiver Alex Robbins, Second-Team All-Conference running back Kyrlyo Kopytsia and Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman Owen Wolberg.

Coach Erickson said about team offseason preparation, “We have kids who have stepped up, good offseason weight training, summer was great, so, we have a lot of potential.”

Rice threw for 700 yards and nine touchdowns and ran for 959 and 15 scores to lead the Thunderbirds offensive attack.

Rice on keeping focused after winning a conference championship and Offensive Player of the Year, “We want a state championship, the jobs not finished until we win that, personal stats are just a bonus, it’s all about the wins and losses,



2023 CWC-Small Offensive Player of the Year Jensen Rice leads the Iola-Scandinavia Thunderbirds. Nick Griesbach Photos



The Thunderbirds are led by 10 returning All-CWC-Small members.



Iola-Scandinavia opens their season at home against Shiocton on Aug. 23.



The Iola-Scandinavia football team looks to compete for a second-straight CWC-Small conference championship.

it’s all about the team.”

On the defense, Doede, Loken, and Kopytsia were named First-Team All-Conference, and defensive back Charlie Tappa and linebackers Billy Myers and Grant Fredy were named to the Second-Team.

The Central Wisconsin Conference-Small is adding four new teams the Thunderbirds will have to adapt to the inclusion of Auburndale, Abbotsford, Edgar, and Pittsville, as well as playing existing ri-

vals Assumption, Pacelli, and Rosholt.

“Some of them we’re familiar with, we’ve played Edgar before, they’re a perennially good team, even when they’re down there good,” says Coach Erickson, “We have our work cut out for us, but we have a lot of talent and a lot of good players.”

The Thunderbirds start their season off at home against Shiocton on Friday, Aug. 23.

## Hortonville moves to Fox Valley Association

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The Hortonville Polar Bears, after a two-year absence, made their return to the WIAA playoffs under the leadership of first-year Head Coach Nick Reichert as they completed a 5-5 campaign in 2023 and a 4-3 record in the Wisconsin Valley. They concluded the season after a 20-9 loss in the opening round of the playoffs to Cedarburg.

2024 will see the Polar Bears move into the Fox Valley Association, which includes Appleton East, Appleton North, Fond du Lac, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Neenah, and Oshkosh West. Five teams (Appleton North, Fond du Lac, Kaukauna, Kimberly, and Neenah) participated in the playoffs in 2023.

A stout defense led the way for the Polar Bears last season as they surrendered only 13.4 points per game and boasted ten honorees to the All-Conference team. The first-team included Co-Defensive Player of the Year defensive lineman Ben Smith, who was a unanimous selection, defensive lineman Aidan Roh and linebacker Miles Sillas, second-team linebacker Stuart Ellenbecker and safety Sam Buelow and honorable mention defensive lineman Sam Bellile and cornerback Kane Fletcher, each of those players graduated in 2024.

Coach Reichert on the defense, “Going back to last year, that unit was fun to be around, they went out there and played fast and played hard.”

The Polar Bears still have a core of players to build their defense around as three All-Conference performers return.

First-team selection defensive lineman Reggie Kloehn was Co-Defensive Player of the Year, first-team defensive lineman Matthew Spielman, and second-team cornerback Seth Valeri.

“It’s going to be a big thing to fill the shoes of all the seniors that left,” Spielman said, “I’m getting prepared, I hit weights hard this off-season, everybody did, we got players to fill the spots, we have players to fill the spots, I think we’re going to be pretty good.”

Kloehn, a recent Idaho Vandals commitment, believes the defensive line is the team’s biggest strength.

“What our leadership



First-Team All-Conference defensive lineman Matthew Spielman (middle) is part of another strong defensive unit. Nick Griesbach Photos



The Polar Bears return three All-Conference players from their 2023 defense.



Polar Bears seek second straight trip to the WIAA playoffs in their first season in the Fox Valley Association.

does in improving our players on the d-line, we have great leaders, and our front four is really, really good.”

The offense is losing talent as well, with unanimous First-Team selection offensive lineman Noah Draeger and honorable mention honorees offensive lineman Bo Anderson, tight end Tate Denkins, wide receivers Colin Wendt and Winston Peters, and running back Gavin Vallner.

The offense can still be effective with returning honorable mention honorees quarterback

Broden Butzin, running back Levi Strange, and offensive lineman Logan Gaffney.

The Polar Bears believe they have what it takes to have a successful transition into the Fox Valley Association.

Coach Reichert, “Just trying to build consistency and just keep trying to make the playoffs as we keep going and build excitement around the program.”

The Polar Bears begin their season on Friday, Aug. 23, on the road against West De Pere.

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