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Canadian Mark Inglis makes a throw at the Waupaca Curling Club on Monday, Nov. 11. The Canadian team is on a Midwest tour to reclaim the CanAm Cup. James Card Photo

Canadians sweep Waupaca

Curling club hosts tour

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Curling Club lost to a Canadian team traveling on the CanAm Cup tour on Monday, Nov. 11.

The tour alternates between countries every five years, therefore this was a once-per-decade international sporting event for Waupaca to be a host.

It was the first competition of the year for the club and they just finished laying down new ice. A Canadian flag hung in the doorway to welcome the visitors. The clubhouse was adorned with strings of the Stars and Stripes and the Maple Leaf.

On display was the CanAm Cup, a sterling silver bowl mounted on a wooden

base. An engraved metal plate listed the American 2019 winners and the score from that tour: USA 623, Canada 613. On this year's tour, Canada has the lead.

"This means a lot to us for your guys to come to our town, so welcome and we hope you have a good time. We hear you guys are up by a few points, is that right? Well, there's a bloody Mary bar over here and we have a strong tradition we hope you adhere to where you have to drink a whole pitcher of beer before you go out on the ice," said Neil Wenberg, who recently gave the presentation, "Waupaca Curling Club: Throwing Rocks Through the Ages" for the Waupaca Historical Society.

After some laughter at the attempt to encourage the Canadian team to get load-

ed, Wenberg clarified the "no-tick rule," a rule that is common for Canadian play but not used in U.S. curling. They will be using that rule for this match-up.

Before play, both teams lined up for a moment of silence. Veteran's Day in the U.S. and Remembrance Day in Canada fall on the same day.

Four teams played at once on the frosty 30-degree rink. The ice is divided into four sheets (think of a sheet as like an individual rectangular court). On Sheet 1, Canada won 9-5. On Sheet 2, Canada won 12-3. On Sheet 3, Canada won 10-4 and on Sheet 4, Canada won 8-5. Lunch and beverages were served in the clubhouse after play.

The Canadian team (made up of 20 curlers from across Canada) is traveling

through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan for three weeks. Their next stop is Madison. They will play a total of 107 games at 28 curling clubs.

The Waupaca Curling Club has a long history and they used to play on local lakes in the winter.

On Jan. 16, 1880, the Waupaca Republican newspaper reported on the formation of a curling club and listed its members. An unknown reporter wrote: "The boys marked out a rink on the lake last Saturday morning and made it lively all day. On Monday they were not so sore with their vigorous exercise but that they renewed their work. It is probable that before the close of winter there will be some lively games. As of yet it has been but mere practice."

Waupaca County OKs 2025 taxes, spending

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – Waupaca County home and business owners could see their property tax rates drop by nearly 50 cents as a result of the proposed 2025 county budget.

The proposed budget, which is scheduled for a vote on Tuesday, Nov. 12, is funded by a \$30.44 million total tax levy, which represents an increase of \$557,968 (1.86%) over the amended 2024 budget, according to County Finance Director Heidi Dombrowski in a letter to Waupaca County supervisors.

Property tax rates will drop to \$4.52 per \$1,000 of equalized value, down from the \$5.01 mill rate for the 2024 budget.

Dombrowski noted the median home value in Waupaca County is \$178,500. This means the total tax levy on a \$178,500 home will drop from \$893.46 in the 2024 budget to \$857.43 in the 2025 budget.

Waupaca County's total

Waupaca County

'25 rate \$4.52 '24 rate \$5.01

'25 levy \$30.4m '24 levy \$29.8m

expenditures have dropped by nearly 9%, from more than \$139 million in 2024 to \$127 million in 2025.

Of the total tax levy, \$4.25 million is for debt service.

Waupaca County has \$51.2 million in outstanding debt, which represents about 7.5% of the county's total equalized property values of \$6.85 billion.

The county's direct debt burden per capita is \$988. Dombrowski told the Waupaca county Board that this amount is "\$413 over target."

In 2019, the Waupaca County Debt Management Policy "established a targeted maximum of 1.25% for direct debt burden (as a

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Operation Green Light

The Waupaca County Courthouse building was illuminated green Nov. 8-15. Operation Green Light is an initiative of the National Association of Counties to support military veterans and raise awareness about the challenges they face. "Since the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, our nation's voluntary military force members, and their families, have made immense sacrifices for our safety and security over a two-decade period," said Jesse Cuff, Waupaca County's director of Veteran Services. Contributed Photo

Klein Auto celebrates 50 years

Clintonville dealership opened in 1974

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – When Charlie Klein replied to an ad in a Milwaukee newspaper in 1974 that was promoting the sale of the Chrysler Plymouth dealership in Clintonville, he had no idea that it would lead to him what became Klein Auto.

Klein was 28 years old at the time and living in Menomonee Falls.

"The amount of money I needed was about as much as you would need to buy a decent used car today," Klein said. "Back then it wasn't so small (of an amount)."

Klein Auto celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.

Klein history

After purchasing the Chrysler Plymouth dealership in Clintonville, which was located at the intersection of State Highway 22 and U.S. Highway 45 where Montour is currently located, Klein moved his family



Charlie Klein, founder of Klein Auto, said he is proud that the business has employed many people during the business's 50-year history. Submitted Photo

to Clintonville. The dealership sold new and used cars, had a service garage, and a body shop in the basement.

In 1976 the business expanded, as Klein said Chrysler allowed him to start selling Dodge trucks.

A big change came around 1982 when Klein purchased the Chevrolet Oldsmobile dealership in Clintonville, which was located where Kwik Trip is now.

"I bought him out and I was approved by General Motors to be a dealer," Klein said.

He added, "I locked up the building (of Chrysler Plymouth dealership) and moved everything to the

Chevrolet store waiting to get approval."

When U.S. 45 was reconstructed and moved to its current location in the city, Klein purchased a tavern, a sheet metal shop and a Texaco gas station that were located next to his Chevrolet dealership. Also, during this time, he had the parking lot at the dealership reshaped, and added a showroom and offices to the dealership building.

"For that period of time it (dealership) was pretty modern," Klein said. "So, when we got the building done, and the road done, and the parking lot paved, our business doubled. And that was the impetus for

moving forward."

Klein eventually purchased the Buick Pontiac dealership in Clintonville that was located next to the Clintonville Post Office, where Clintonville Area Ambulance is now located. Around that time the city was considering construction of a new building in the industrial park for the ambulance service, Klein said. He wound up selling the Buick Pontiac dealership building so it could be renovated for the ambulance service.

"That's how the ambulance got to be there," Klein said. "I engineered that

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Portage County Board approves 2025 budget

BY OLIVIA COFFIN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – The Portage County Board approved its 2025 budget following a public hearing on Nov. 4.

The total \$140.66 million budget for 2025 includes a \$131.6 million operating budget and a \$3.9 million capital budget.

The total Portage County tax levy for 2025 is just over \$35.69 million.

The tax rate for 2025 will be \$4.12, which is down from \$4.30 last year, per \$1,000 of equalized value.

The median home value in Portage County is \$214,700. The resulting tax on a median home is approximately \$884.56.

Due to the increase in property values, taxes will increase by approximately \$90 on a median home.

Just under half of the operating budget is dedicated to the areas of public works and health and human services, while 15% of the operating budget is dedicated to public safety.

The capital budget will

Portage County

'25 rate \$4.12 '24 rate \$4.30

'25 levy \$35.7m '24 levy \$34.9m

pay for equipment, roads and facility improvements as well as maintenance of existing assets and infrastructure. The budget also includes funding to maintain County services such as highways, law enforcement, jail, child protective services, and courts.

The 2025 budget, including operating and capital, represents a 13.5% decrease over the 2024 budget.

With a higher cost of health care claims there was a 20% increase in health care premiums for 2025. To lessen the impact, the county used \$250,000 of fund balance to ease the burden on department budgets. The county's 2025 debt service expenses are budgeted at

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deal, saving the city lots of money.”

As the years went by, expansion continued. Klein purchased the Dodge trucks dealership in Marion, as well as the used car dealership that was located where the Klein Dodge dealership is now located.

“He had a small showroom in the building he had, and I renovated that and put a new showroom and offices in it,” Klein said.

In 1995 the dealership in Marion that Klein had purchased was moved to Clintonville, and the properties in Marion were sold. Around 2000, Klein purchased the Chrysler and Jeep inventory from the dealership in Caroline. That inventory was moved to the Klein Dodge dealership in Clintonville.

Through the years, Klein purchased a feed mill, gas station and another business that were located across the street from his



Charlie Klein, founder of Klein Auto, and his wife Barb, center, with their sons Jason Klein, far left, and John Klein, far right, who became owners of the business in 2014.

Submitted Photo

dealerships in Clintonville because he needed more space. In 2008, Walgreens approached Klein to purchase some of that land to build a Walgreens store in Clintonville.

Then in 2010, Kwik Trip approached Klein about purchasing some property to build a Kwik Trip gas station. Klein said he initially turned Kwik Trip away, but eventually

changed his mind. He sold the property that his Chevrolet dealership was on to Kwik Trip, and purchased the property where Klein Chevrolet is currently located. He said that property was owned by two people who were going to build a grocery store on it, but couldn't because of the wetlands in the area.

Klein said he has been involved in 28 real estate transactions that have been made to reach the point Klein Auto is at now.

“We brought to the community Kwik Trip. We brought to the community Walgreens. We've been a pretty good citizen bringing in tax base for the community,” Klein said.

New location

In December 2011, Klein Chevrolet move to its current location.

“This was the first Chevrolet dealership in the state, from the ground up, built in this new style,” said John Klein, Charlie Klein's son. “It was a big deal. That December we had a party. Big wigs from Chevrolet came.”

“They came out here and they were just amazed,” Charlie Klein said.

Ownership change

In 2014, John and Jason Klein became owners of the Klein dealerships. Charlie Klein still owns the property that houses the dealerships. John and Jason Klein also own Klein Ford in Winneconne.

Both John and Jason Klein said they worked for the dealership as kids, with one of their duties being washing cars.

“I came here after college, which would have been 1989,” John Klein said.

“I was gone for a while and I came back in 2005,” Jason Klein said.

John Klein said they both wanted to be part of the business when they returned to Clintonville.

“We went on different paths out of high school,” John Klein said. “I went to the Coast Guard Academy

and I went to be an aerospace engineer. None of those worked out too well. I went to business school and decided this would be a better thing for me. I had a lo-

cal high school sweetheart. I married her and we wanted to be here.

“Jason went off to be a pro golfer and did that for a number of years. That was a grind for him. That's how we ended up back here. It's a good business. We weren't groomed for it necessarily or encouraged. We weren't discouraged from it.”

50 years later

Klein Auto sells new and used cars, provides a full-service garage, as well as a large body shop.

“We're a big collision center that does a lot of business with all the deer,” John Klein said.

Klein Auto currently employs around 60 people, including those at Klein Ford in Winneconne.

“We've had a lot of people that spent the majority of their careers here and retired here,” Charlie Klein said.

Charlie Klein said the business has changed “dramatically” over the past 50 years.

“The relationship with the factories has changed immensely,” Charlie Klein said.

“It used to be in the old days, you could call, I had phone numbers of vice presidents of the company. Today, you don't even know who's there. They don't communicate with you.”

John Klein added, “Obviously, the technology has changed. The way people buy cars has changed. The

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Reflecting on Our Blessings this Thanksgiving

Dear Reader,

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as individuals and as a nation. This is a special time of year when we gather with family and friends, sharing a meal and reflecting on all for which we have to be thankful.

When you think about it, our country is the greatest in the world, built on the foundations laid by our forefathers and strengthened by each generation, including our own. We have much to celebrate and even more to protect and cherish.

Take a moment to think about the family you have and the family from whence you came. The love and support that surround us during this season are invaluable. Our families are our anchors, providing us with strength and comfort through the highs and lows of life.

Consider, too, the opportunities we have in our work and careers. With unemployment at a low rate, many of us are fortunate to have jobs, and for those seeking employment, opportunities are still out there. It's a time to appreciate the security and stability that



employment brings, enabling us to provide for ourselves and our loved ones.

This generation has contributed to our nation's ongoing greatness, each of us playing a part in shaping our community and our country. As we look to the next generation, we see incredible potential—a future filled with

hope, innovation, and progress. It is our responsibility to nurture this potential, ensuring that the blessings we enjoy today will be passed on to those who follow.

So, as you gather with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, take a moment to reflect on the abundance in your life. Share your blessings with those around you and offer a prayer of thanks for the goodness we experience daily. In a world that often moves too fast, let this day be a time to slow down, appreciate the present, and give thanks for all that we have been given.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.

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percent of equalized value), and \$575 for direct debt burden per capita.”

Waupaca County plans to spend \$42.85 million for capital outlay in 2025.

Of that amount, \$32.48 million is for the expansion and renovations at the courthouse.

While Waupaca County's 2024 equalized values of \$6.2 billion increased by 12.6% over 2023, Dombrowski noted that “the increase for net new construction remains low at 1.189% or \$296,379.”

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\$5.9 million, which is within the county's ratio of debt ser-


vice funds to the total governmental operating funds of less than 10%.

Maintaining debt service allows the county to maintain its infrastructure without

diminishing funding needed for direct services for future generations.

The next county board meeting will be held on Nov. 12.

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Waupaca County votes Republican

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

WAUPACA – Republican candidates won by overwhelming margins on ballots across Waupaca County.

County voters chose Donald Trump over Kamela Harris by a margin of 20,057 to 9,932 votes.

Statewide, Trump received 1.688 million votes, defeating Vice President Harris by 49.7% to 48.8%.

Wisconsin gave Trump 10 of the 277 Electoral College votes he garnered to win the 2024 presidential election.

Waupaca County citizens cast 19,081 votes for Republican Eric Hovde, while giving 9,999 votes to U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, the Democratic incumbent.

Statewide, Baldwin was re-elected with 49.4% of the vote, while Hovde received 48.5%.

Republican Tony Wied won both Waupaca County and Congressional District 8 in his bid against Democrat Kristen Lyerly.

Wied garnered 19,399 votes to Lyerly's 10,161 votes in Waupaca County.

He won the district with 57.3% to 42.7%.

Although Waupaca County is represented as part of three different state Senate districts, only Senate District 2, which includes the Clintonville area, had an election this year.

Republican Eric Wimberger defeated Democrat Kelly Peterson districtwide by a vote of 67,870 to 37,391, and by 2,373 to 1,246 in Waupaca County.

As a result of redistricting, there were four state Assembly races in Waupaca County.

In Assembly D6, representing the Clintonville area, Republican Elijah Behnke defeated Shirley Hinze 21,830 to 10,558 districtwide and 2,429 to 1,175 countywide.

In Assembly D56, representing the New London area, Republican Dave Murphy was elected with 21,988 total votes against 10,012 for Democrat Emily Tseffos. In Waupaca County, Murphy won 4,102 to 1,960.

State Rep. Kevin Petersen won re-election against Ruth Caves, a Democrat, and Dylan Testin, running as an independent in As-

sembly D57, which represents most of southern Waupaca County, including Waupaca, Weyauwega, Fremont, Ogdensburg and Manawa, as well as nearly all of Waushara County and parts of three other counties.

Petersen received a total of 21,988 votes, Caves 10,012, Testin 3,235.

In Waupaca County, Petersen received 9,808 votes, Caves, 4,399, Testin 1,025.

Assembly D87 represents northeastern Waupaca County, including Iola, Scandinavia and Big Falls, as well as parts of Marathon, Portage and Shawano counties.

Republican Brent Jacobson won the race with a total of 23,853 votes against Democrat William Switalla with 12,260.

Jacobson garnered 3,314 votes in Waupaca County, while Switalla got 1,351.

A referendum on whether to change language in the state constitution allowing only citizens to vote passed statewide with a 70.5% majority statewide and countywide by a vote of 23,109 yes and 5,316 no.



The Waupaca High School Madrigal Dinner is slated for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, at Waupaca High School. Photo courtesy of Tim Koll

Madrigals to host holiday feast

WAUPACA – The Waupaca High School Madrigal Dinner is slated for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, at Waupaca High School.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for wassail, conversation and light entertainment. Seating and the meal begin at 5:30 p.m.

Because the WHS Music Department is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Madrigal Dinner, "We are excited to invite any WHS Madrigal Alumni to attend and have a few ways for them to get directly involved in the performance," according to mu-

sic instructor Anna Lussier. Reservations are required and due by Nov. 20. Reservation forms are available at the WHS main office or at the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$35 per person, payable by cash or check to Waupaca High School.

Winchester speaker discusses Holocaust

WAUPACA – Tim Crain, PhD, will present "America and the Holocaust: Myth Versus Reality" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at the Waupaca Area Public Library.

Hosted by Winchester Academy, the program is free and open to the public.

Crain is the former director of the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The Holocaust took the lives of nearly six million Jews between 1941 and 1945.

According to Crain, the United States government knew that the mass murder of the Jews was taking place in 1942, but it did little to stop the genocide.



Crain

His presentation will explore the American response to the Holocaust, as well as review what could have been done to end the mass murder.

The United States believed that the best way to rescue Jews was to win World War II as rapidly as possible. The decision re-

mains controversial to the present day.

This program is a collaboration with the Waupaca Area Public Library, which is hosting "Americans and the Holocaust," a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association from Nov. 9 to Dec. 17.

Crain's program is sponsored by Winchester Academy in memory of Glenda Rhodes.

For more information or to receive email notification of future programs, contact Executive Director Ann Linden at 715-258-2927 or winchesterwaupaca@gmail.com. General information is available at winchesterwaupaca.org.

Facility's \$4.1 million timeline

Rec center expansion put in motion

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – By the autumn of 2026, Waupaca will have an expanded recreation center that will include more gym space, a business center and computer lab, multi-purpose classrooms, an audio-visual studio and spaces that be reserved for projects.

The city received a \$4.16 million grant from the Flexible Facilities Program that is funded through the Wisconsin Department of Administration and supported by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Capital Project's Fund.

The target date was re-

vealed during the Nov. 6 city council meeting when Parks and Recreation Director Laura Colbert shared the timeline to get to the finish line. As she broke down the timeline, she emphasized urgency to keep the project on track.

"The bottom line is that construction has to start no later than July 1, 2025, so we are on a very strict deadline. Please note on our timeline that it does indicate Sept. 30 2026 as the date construction needs to be completed. That is the date it needs to be done for the grant," said Colbert.

• Nov. 5, 2024: Request

for council approval of state municipal agreement.

• Nov. 8, 2024: Send request for proposals for engineering/architecture.

• Nov. 21, 2024: State municipal agreement due to the Wisconsin Dept. of Administration.

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Smoking, drinking and driving

Downtown survey results

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – A recently survey indicates that puffing on a Marlboro on the sidewalk, gulping down an open intoxicant outside of a building and driving down Main Street on an ATV is mostly frowned upon – but not by everyone.

Greg Grohman, the city's grant writer and chair of the Public Engagement Committee submitted the results of a public survey into the city council's packet for their Nov. 6 meeting.

A total of 975 surveys were sent out by mail. There was one survey for downtown residents and one for business

owners. More surveys were distributed door-to-door.

- 31% of residents and 29% of business owners were definitely or probably in favor of expanding ATV/UTV use in the downtown area which is currently not allowed Main Street.

- 61% of residents and 65% of business owners were definitely or probably in favor of restricting smoking in the downtown area. Smoking is currently allowed in outdoor areas in public right-of-ways.

- 61% of residents and 71% of business owners were definitely or probably in favor of creating ordinances that allow open intoxicants in designated public spaces downtown under specific circumstances. This is currently allowed by permit during special events such as Hal-

loween on Main.

The Public Engagement Committee also gathered input from the Waupaca Police Department. Their conclusion: allowing ATV/UTVs on Main Street is a potential safety hazard, smoking laws are hard to enforce and not a big priority, and they are not opposed to open intoxicants during events as long as the perimeter is well defined.

Comments from the survey respondents noted that ATV/UTVs are a safety hazard and negatively contribute to the downtown environment. Cigarette butts littering the downtown area is a problem and respondents are not in favor of allowing open intoxicants in the downtown area on a permanent basis but were mostly okay with it for special events.

Murphy to step down

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

FARMINGTON – Town chairperson Caroline Murphy will not be running for reelection. She spent 16 years on the town board.

In the Fall-Winter Farmington Town Hall Newsletter, she thanked the township electorate for the opportunity to serve and hoped that the township will have growth and improvement in the future.

Murphy wrote her goodbye letter in the form of an acrostic word composition where

the first letter of each new line spells out a word or phrase when it is read vertically. Her note spelled out "Thank You." "Knowing that I always considered your communications, suggestions and visits helpful in my decision-making. You and you involvement are the basis by which Farmington can continue to move forward. Ordinances and resolutions were enacted to provide direction for the benefit of the entire township. Understand that, from my perspective, Farmington is the best township in Wau-

paca," wrote Murphy. Farmington Township supervisors Craig Nelson and Phil Durrant are up for reelection during the spring general election on April 1, 2025. The new town clerk is Anjela Hamm and she will be at the town hall from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday n. Kathy Kasza, the town treasurer, is there on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Town board meetings are held every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall located on the corner of State Highway 54 and County Trunk Q.

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Stevens Point NEWS

Portage County election results

BY ROBERT CLOUD
SENIOR EDITOR

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Statewide, Baldwin was re-elected with 49.4% of the vote, while Hovde received 48.5%.

In the 3rd District Congressional race, Republican incumbent Derrick Van Orden was re-elected over Democrat Rebecca Cooke by a vote of 211,707 to 200,567.

Portage County voters favored Cooke over Van

Orden by a vote of 22,299 to 20,238.

In Portage County, Democrat Collin McNamara received 17,878 votes against incumbent Republican incumbent Patrick Testin, who garnered 17,178 in the race for the state Senate District 24 seat.

Districtwide, Testin was re-elected with 57,518 votes to McNamara's 40,497 votes.

In Assembly District 57, State Rep. Kevin Petersen won re-election against Ruth Caves, a Democrat, and Dylan Testin, running as an independent.

Petersen received a total of 21,988 votes, Caves 10,012, Testin 3,235.

Petersen also received the most votes in Portage County, where the count was Petersen 1,190, Caves 622 and Testin 260.

In Assembly District 71, Democrat Vinnie Mirresse defeated Republican Bob Pahmeier by a vote of 18,631 to 18,631 district-wide.

Portage County voters favored Miresse by a vote of 18,598 to 16,280

In Assembly District 86, six-term Republican incumbent John Spiros defeated Democrat John Small by a vote of 23,329 to 11,51.

Portage County voters also favored Spiros by a vote of 1,157 to 610.

In Assembly District 87, Republican Brent Jacobson won the race with a total of 23,853 votes against Democrat William Switalla with 12,260.

Jacobson also carried Portage County by 2,094 votes to Switalla's 1,284.

A referendum on whether to change language in the state constitution allowing only citizens to vote passed statewide with a 70.5% majority statewide and countywide by a vote of 29,198 yes and 13,051 no.

Voters approved a referendum to increase the budget for the Stevens Point Fire Department by 7,889 yes to 6,023 no votes.

Testin named Senate president pro tem

MADISON – Following his re-election, Sen. Patrick Testin, R-Stevens Point, has again been selected to serve as president pro tempore of the Wisconsin State Senate.

Testin was first elected to the role in November 2020 and succeeded Sen. Howard Marklein, who is

the current co-chairman of the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee.

"It is a tremendous honor that my peers continue to have the confidence in me to fulfill the obligations of president pro tempore," Sen. Testin said. "I remain committed to carrying out

the duties of the position with fairness, civility and respect."

The president pro tempore often presides over the Senate while in session and is tasked with performing the Senate president's responsibilities whenever they are unavailable.

Bridge winners at Lincoln Center

STEVENS POINT – Social bridge winners on Nov. 4 at the Lincoln Center were Diane Shufelt, Mark Heimlich, Mark Thompson and Jeanette Glisczynski.

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

Duplicate bridge winners on Nov. 7 at the Lincoln Center were Art Flashinski and Tom Rowe, Larry Niederhofer and Jim Golz, and Sally Haessig and Mary Jacobson.

Duplicate bridge winners on Nov. 8 at the Lincoln Center were Nancy Quick and Gene

Clark, Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg, Polly Garbe and Mary Beth Anday.

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

Grant helps UWSP address forestry needs

STEVENS POINT – A \$4 million grant is helping the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology (WIST) focus on innovations in the forest products sector, an industry central to Wisconsin's economy and environment.

WIST, a center within the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point, received the grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) in March. Since that time, WIST Executive Director Paul Fowler has led a series of changes and upgrades to the organization's infrastructure.

With an expanded team, including four new staff members and student interns, WIST has enhanced laboratory capabilities, adding equipment to conduct advanced research on compostable materials and plant growth applications.

"With WIST, our Wisconsin Forestry Center and our paper science and chemical engineering program, I am incredibly proud of our college's ongoing investments in this essential sector of Wisconsin's economy," said Brian Sloss, dean of the College of Natural Resources.

The grant aims to address current challenges in the \$24.4 billion forest products industry, Wisconsin's fourth-largest manufacturing sector. This sector employs over 61,000 people across the state, making it a crucial component of Wisconsin's economy. As markets for forest and fiber products evolve, WIST's innovations and support for product development can help rejuvenate economic centers around forest products, particularly in underutilized pulp and fiber resources and packaging and



Krystina Gehrke, a compostability testing research specialist hired through the WEDC grant, monitors seedling growth in WIST's new grant-funded plant growth chamber.

tissue production.

"There are markets available for these forest products," said Fowler. "Packaging and tissue production represent potential growth areas in Wisconsin, but many businesses may not know where to begin. WIST can guide them in building a roadmap for success."

The WEDC's grant came after WIST and its partners advanced to the final stage of the Build Back Better (BBB) national program. While WIST did not receive that grant, Gov. Tony Evers and WEDC recognized the importance of WIST's proposal, offering the \$4 million grant to support the institute's vision and initiatives.

"As a multi-billion-dollar industry that employs more than 60,000 Wisconsinites, there's no doubt that our paper and forest products sector is a key industry that contributes mightily to our state's economic success," said Gov. Evers. "I'm incredibly proud of our continued efforts to invest in and bolster this critical part of Wisconsin's proud heritage."

"The folks at UW-Stevens

Point are doing great work to support the sustainability of Wisconsin's forestry industry, and we're excited to be providing critical funding to the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology to help ensure the long-term viability of this critical economic driver for our state," Evers said.

Beyond infrastructure upgrades, Fowler's team is bolstering WIST's role as a resource for compostability and recyclability testing in fiber-based products, providing businesses with critical data to make informed decisions on product development and market entry.

"WIST's expertise and industry connections can help businesses fine-tune their strategies or find the right starting point for transformative changes," said Fowler. "Our goal is to help rural forest communities thrive by unlocking this untapped potential."

Businesses interested in exploring new opportunities in forest products, pulp, or agricultural products are welcome to inquire at 715-346-2111 or wist@uwsp.edu.

Safely disposing of gasoline

COUNTY – Recently, Portage County Solid Waste encountered a serious safety issue when three gas cans, still containing fuel, were improperly disposed of.

Department staff stressed that this was a hazardous situation. They were fortunate that the truck driver, staff and facility were unharmed. However, the recyclables were soaked in gasoline, presenting a significant fire risk. Any small spark could have ignited them. This is not the first time something

similar to this has happened.

Portage County Solid Waste would like to remind residents that if they are moving or uncertain about how to dispose of leftover chemicals, batteries, or any other item they should contact the office. Staff can assist in determining the best course of action for any specific circumstance.

To schedule an appointment to properly dispose of household hazardous materials, call 715-346-1931 or visit the department's

website to make an online appointment. Online appointments are updated every couple of weeks based on staff availability: www.co.portage.wi.gov/409/Hazardous-Materials.

The Household Hazardous Waste program operates from March through November. If moving during the winter months, residents can utilize the Marathon County Solid Waste's Household Hazardous Waste Program, which is available year-round.

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Clintonville NEWS

School board OKs balanced budget

Mill rate remains \$10.74

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School Board passed a balanced budget for the 2024-25 school year that has the mill rate remaining at \$10.74.

The balanced budget was presented at the budget hearing Oct. 28, and approved at the board meeting the same night.

At the district's annual meeting held the same day, the board approved a levy for the General Fund (10) in the amount of \$3.48 million, and a levy for the Referendum Debt Service Fund (39) in the amount of \$7.17 million. The board also approved a levy of zero dollars for the Non-Referendum Debt Fund (38) and the Community Fund (80).

Prior to the board approving the budget, Superintendent Troy Kuhn explained how the district was able to balance the 2024-25 budget. He said the district cut back on some professional development in curriculum.

The maintenance budget was cut by \$30,000 since the district no longer owns the former Rexford Longfellow Elementary School property. Also, a part-time position in the district's office handling human resources and benefits issues was not included in the budget. One final reason is the district moving to manage the retirement funds for district employees, instead of having a third-party do that.

"If we don't do that,

then we have a potential nine retirements next year, we'd have to dip into our fund balance to pay those retirements," Kuhn said. "By bringing that money back, we won't have to dip into our fund balance that much because we would be managing that instead of having somebody else manage it for us."

During the budget hearing, Nick Curran, a CESA 8 financial advisor contracted by the district, said Kuhn and school administrators, as well as his team at CESA 8, built a budget on zero-based budgeting philosophy.

"That philosophy is essentially, we start at zero," Curran said. "It's literally what it says in the title. You start at zero from a budgetary standpoint, and you build up from there to establish your budget."

He said it takes two- to three-years to fully implement a zero-based budget process at a school district.

Fund balance

The district ended the 2023-24 school year with a \$3.2 million fund balance, which is 17.82% of the district's expenses, Curran said. He added that the district is projected to end the 2024-25 school year with \$3.7 million in its fund balance, which is 21.85% of the district's expenses.

Fund 10

Jessica Holtz, director of finance from CESA 8, said the majority of the district's financial transactions take place in Fund 10. This includes activities for regular classroom instruction, maintenance, utilities, in-

surance and sports.

The primary sources of revenue for Fund 10 are general state aids and property taxes.

For the 2024-25 budget, the district projects Fund 10 revenues to be just over \$17.7 million, which is a reduction of \$202,000 from the previous year. The reduction is mainly due to the district no longer receiving ESSER funds related to COVID.

Holtz said state aid to the district increased by 8.7%, and property values in the district increased 10.6%.

The expenses for Fund 10 are also just over \$17.7 million, making it a balanced budget.

"However, this is the first year the district has used the zero-based budgeting, so we're going to work throughout the year to manage those expenses," Holtz said.

In order to balance the budget, Holtz said the district had to cut \$792,822 in expenses from its preliminary budget.

Fund 27

Fund 27, which covers special education, must have a balanced budget, Holtz said.

"In order to achieve that, we have to do a transfer from Fund 10," Holtz said.

The budget for Fund 27 calls for revenues and expenses in the amount of just over \$3 million. To balance Fund 27, the 2024-25 budget calls for a transfer of a little more than \$1.7 million from Fund 10 to Fund 27.

Fund 39
The district's debt service fund is Fund 39, and is

used to track the principal and interest payments for the district's long-term obligations.

The 2024-25 budget calls for a principal payment of \$1.37 million, and an interest payment totaling \$745,381.

Holtz said the budget proposal recommends the district do a debt defeasance.

Debt defeasance

Curran told the board that the recommended debt defeasance would be for the district's recent referendum project.

Debt defeasance is the ability to prepay a borrowed debt in a way that does not require refinancing, Curran said.

He said for the 2024-25 budget, and the recommended \$10.74 mill rate, the district could do a debt defeasance in the amount of just over \$5 million.

"Doing the defeasance, you're projected to save over the life of the borrowing, \$2.5 million," Curran said.

Doing the debt defeasance also allows the district to receive an additional \$1.4 million in aid the following year, Curran said, adding that it also creates the opportunity for the district to do it again next year.

Fund 80

Fund 80 is the district community service fund, and is used to keep track of activities at the Clintonville Rec Center, Dellwood Childcare Center, Trucker U, and middle school sports.

Holtz said the recommendation is to levy zero dollars for Fund 80.

Curran told the board that Fund 80 had a "significant" balance of \$3.3 million at the end of the 2023-

24 school year. He said he is recommending the district use some of those funds for a CD ladder.

"A CD ladder allows us to invest dollars at different periods of time, trying to capitalize and maximize possible interest earnings," Curran said.

A total of \$1.1 million would be invested in the first CD for a total of 364 days. This CD would earn \$26,000 in interest. A total of \$900,000 would be invested in a second CD for a total of 150 days. The second CD would earn \$16,000 in interest.

Curran said he is recommending investing only \$2 million of the funds in Fund 80, to bring down the Fund 80 balance, and to also levy for zero dollars for Fund 80. This will allow the district to levy more in Fund 39 to further capitalize on the interest savings on the debt.

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reliance on financing them, obviously has become a big factor."

Jason Klein added, "It's constantly changing because you either have something going on with the economy nationally, like interest rates. COVID changed everything. But I think people in this business are entrepreneurial, like him (Charlie Klein). They have a way of solving problems."

Adapting to change is what led to the success of the business, Charlie Klein said.

"I was only in my 20s," Charlie Klein said, about when he purchased the deal-

ership. "I don't think at that point I had the vision that that could happen. I had the vision that I would constantly grow, but I grew in a controlled manner. I didn't go nuts and buy 28 dealerships. It's too hard to get that many good people to work for you. And I wanted to be there so I could see what my people did. Try to train them the way we want them trained."

Over the years, Charlie Klein experienced many triumphs with his business, but some stick out more than others.

"Probably the boys coming in and taking over for me after all my time that I spent getting the thing going," Charlie Klein said.

"I'm proud of the fact that we have a lot of employees that are long-term. I'm proud that we've had so many people retire from here and they're still friends of ours. There's a lot of things to be proud of."

He added, "We've seen a lot of people come and go in these 50 years. We're pretty proud of the fact that we're still here. And we like to think that it's because maybe we treat people properly."

As for the future, John Klein said, "Considering the amount of change we've been through in these 50 years, we'll just keep adapting and changing. Like Jason said, being entrepreneurs and making sure things work."



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New London & Hortonville NEWS

School board discusses grant writer

Three-way partnership considered

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London School District is currently discussing the possibility of working with the city of New London and the New London Area Chamber of Commerce to hire a grant writer who would be shared by all three entities.

Superintendent Scott Bleck presented the idea to the New London School Board at its Oct. 9 meeting.

Bleck said public entities often seek grant opportunities that may be available to them.

“These are funds that aren’t always available, but at times they do become available, which can enhance the direction of the district’s vision, what we want to accomplish, and so forth,” Bleck said.

He said grant funds can also help create revenue for capital projects.

Bleck cited two examples of different public entities partnering to share a grant writer.

The first example involved the city of Waupaca, the Waupaca School District, and the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce. The second example included the villages of Howard and Suamico

and the Howard Suamico School District. He said the grant writer works for all entities to research and find relevant grants that would support what is best for all entities in the partnership.

After speaking with the grant writer employed in Waupaca, Bleck said he learned they have found success receiving available grant funds. He said around \$6 million were obtained collaboratively for all the entities involved in the Waupaca partnership.

Bleck said he was bringing this idea to the board because he feels there is an opportunity for this to work in New London with the school district, chamber of commerce, and the city. He added that the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce is interested in such an arrangement, and the city of New London is willing to continue discussing the possibility.

For the arrangement to work, Bleck said each of the three entities would have to provide a monetary contribution to support a grant writer position.

“Typically, one of the agencies takes on the ownership of the individual that would take on the responsibility,” Bleck said.

Board Vice-President John Heideman asked how much it would cost the district.

Bleck said he didn’t have an exact figure to share, but that it would be a flat fee the district would have to pay. He added that if the grant writer would be able to secure grants for the district, it would financially benefit the school district.

Heideman said he didn’t have a problem with the district contributing funds for a grant writer.

“While it’s sad, that’s where we find ourselves in the world, where you have to pay somebody to jump through just the right hoops to get money out of the DNR or DPI or any of the other organizations, where continually 20-30 years ago it seemed to be way more even-handed,” Heideman said.

Board Clerk Katie Batten asked who is currently asked to seek grant opportunities for the district.

Bleck said the district does currently apply for grants, but basically only if it is assured of receiving the grant.

“It’s (applying for grants) not part of our make-up,” Bleck said.

Batten asked what type of contract and terms would be involved in a partnership with the city and chamber of commerce.

Bleck said it would be an annual contract, and the grant writing position probably would not be a full-time position.

Hortonville Legion holds Veterans Day dinner

BY KIM CRADDOCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HORTONVILLE - Ray Boland, colonel, U.S Army retired and past secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, was the guest speaker at Hortonville American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of American Legion Veterans Day dinner held at the Hortonville Grand View Golf Course on Nov. 9.

Boland served two tours in Vietnam as well as serving in Germany during his 30-year career.

He served as a Huey and Cobra helicopter pilot and was a member of the Red Arrow 32nd Brigade.

His service also included Commandant at Fort McCoy.

Boland recently published his memoirs in a book titled “When the Bugle Calls.” Boland resides in the Sparta area. He autographed copies of his book and shared some of his military experiences at the dinner.

Evening highlights

Taking a moment out for humorous recognition, Post 55 Commander Bob Ziegert and Honor Guard Commandant Chuck Mompier recognized Legion mem-



Rick Pankow, left, receives recognition from American Legion Post 55 Commander Bob Ziegert during a Veteran’s Day Dinner held in Hortonville, Nov. 9. Pankow was instrumental in creating the Hortonville American Legion Baseball program and has been a major supporter of the Legion, its Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion programs.

ber LeRoy Groeschel’s love of ice cream at all Legion events with an ice cream dessert.

William Fischer was recognized for 50 years of consecutive membership in American Legion Post 55. Ziegert presented William a plaque in honor of his achievement.

Legion Sgt of Arms, Jim Jentz was recognized for his outstanding giving of over 13 gallons of blood to area hospitals and to his community.

Special recognition was given to Rick Pankow, who while not a veteran himself, has given many years of

dedication and support to the Hortonville Community, primarily through the Legion baseball programs here in Wisconsin.

Pankow worked to establish the American Legion baseball program in Hortonville and he is a big supporter of Legion Post 55 and its associations.

One of the guests, Junel Korth, is a teacher at Mount Olive in Appleton, a school the Legion visits as part of veterans events.

Korth brought hand-crafted flags that students at Mount Olive created,

Dinner

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Wega-Fremont NEWS



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Where to donate deerskins

Drop boxes throughout county

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – As the whitetail rut is peaking, so does the bowhunting action.

Wisconsin’s state gun-deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 23. After a successful hunt and the venison is in the freezer, there lingers the question of what to do with the deer hide.

Hides for Heroes is a nonprofit that collects deer hides to sell as a way to raise money. They donate the funds to the veteran’s group Wounded Warriors that operates Camp Hackett, a healing retreat in Phillips. The group is composed of volunteers and was founded by local resident Dave Hintz.

Drop-off boxes for Hides for Heroes are now scattered throughout Waupaca County. The hides should be as clean as possible when dropped off for donation. Remove as much meat and fat as possible.

As of Nov. 12, 2024, these are the current drop-off locations in Waupaca County.

- Chain One Stop, King
- JR’s Sportsman’s bar, Waupaca
- Taber’s County Inn, Waupaca
- Waupaca Foundry (both plants), Waupaca
- Shell Station, Churchill Street, Waupaca
- Cenex Station, Scandinavia
- JR’s Sports Shop, Iola
- Sandbur General Store, Sanbur Corners
- Club 161, Ogdensburg
- Union Still, Symco
- Feed Mill, Big Falls
- Shell Station, Marion
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- Radtke’s Little River Meats, Weyauwega
- BP on State Highway 10, Weyauwega
- Ma’s Bait and tackle, Fremont
- Pup’s Irish Pub, New London
- Quiver N’ Minnow, New London
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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Scandinavian Christmas traditions

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

SCANDINAVIA – The Scandinavian Christmas Boutique will again be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca.

Rosemaling pieces painted by a local group of rosemalers are featured.

Juel Krueger started the original boutique when she decided to sell her and her students' rosemaling work.

She said she originally hoped to make \$1,000 but ended up making five times that.

Krueger said she started giving away a welcome gift at the door, in order to keep a count of the amount of people who were coming. She discovered that more than 600 people were visiting her home.

She held the sale in her home for 19 years, then moved it to Fox Valley Tech in Waupaca.

After that first year in Waupaca, interest in the Christmas boutique kept growing.

The tradition remains alive today with Krueger's

students.

The sale is currently held each year at Trinity Lutheran Church, 206 East Badger St. in Waupaca.

The sale features a variety of Norwegian crafts, not just rosemaling, along with the sale of Scandinavian treats.

Jennifer Wandke will be on hand demonstrating how to make lefse.

Wandke's family hails originally from Norway, and her family has worked to keep classic Norwegian traditions alive to this day

through art with rosemaling, as well as cooking traditional Norwegian foods, like lefse.

Wandke said lefse is a favorite in her family and has been for generations. Her grandmother originally showed her how to make it.

After getting married, Wandke said she moved to Scandinavia where her new neighbors, Betty and Cubby Voie, showed her once again how to make lefse.

"The most important thing I learned from her, is that you need to enjoy

it," Wandke said. "She and Cubby listened to polka music while she rolled and he grilled, they had fun together making lefse in their kitchen."

Wandke continues the tradition in her family, with her daughter asking to be taught how to make the Norwegian treat.

Lefse is made of riced potatoes, Wandke said, the potato is rolled thin which requires significant amounts flour.

"The best way I can describe it is to think of a thin

tortilla, made of potato," Wandke said. "Every year we have a demonstration of lefse making at our sale, and the area around the lefse maker gets covered in white flour, so we call the area 'lefse heaven.'"

Along with lefse, the boutique will also be selling homemade rosettes, krumke and sandbakkels, as well as a variety of other traditional Norwegian baked goods.

The sale will take place Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca.

Manawa NEWS

Mayor meets with state reps about dam

MANAWA – Mayor Mike Frazier, the city's engineer, city officials and representatives from Cedar Corporation met with state Rep. Kevin Peterson and state Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara Oct. 30.

Peterson and Cabral-Guevara requested estimates for the total dam replacement project including costs with demolition of the existing dam and construction of a new alternative so they can submit it to the Joint Finance Committee in an attempt to have costs allocated in the state's next budget cycle.

The overall condition of the dam was reviewed, which has been determined by the city's engineer to be severely deteriorated and not structurally sound for long-term operation. Replacing the dam is the city's preferred option over repairs that would only provide

temporary solutions.

Cedar Corporation is preparing an analysis for the Manawa Common Council to review the feasibility of replacing the hydroelectric dam with a new dam or a spillway.

City council will review the analysis provided and select their preferred alternative.

The estimate for the chosen alternative will then be submitted to the Joint Finance Committee by the end of March 2025.

Under the direction of the Federal Regulatory Commission and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the city of Manawa must stabilize eroded streambanks adjacent to the dam and immediately downstream to reduce impacts on water quality caused by erosion, prior to the construction of the dam.

Resulting from collaboration between Cedar Corporation and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the city is being awarded grant funding through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program that will cover up to 75 percent of the streambank stabilization construction costs that are estimated at \$560,000.

Design on the project will begin in 2024 with construction to take place in winter or spring 2025.

Members of Manawa Common Council have been communicating with residents and officials of the town of Little Wolf to discuss potential joint efforts to restore the Manawa Mill Pond where a number of Little Wolf residents reside.

The city of Manawa will continue to update the public when new information becomes available.

Volunteers repair Manawa Trail

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Little Wolf River Trail saw a great deal of damage after the flooding that occurred July 5.

The storm resulted in the breaching of the dam and massive flooding in Lindsay Park in Manawa.

Ann Wade, who volunteers with the Little Wolf River Trail Committee, said the trail has been closed since the flooding. A main trail head in Lindsay Park was not accessible to the community.

Wade said last month volunteers shoveled off mud from some of the boardwalks, as well as stomp down overgrown saw grass.

The flooding pushed one of the boardwalks five feet in the air, Wade said, which needed to be pushed back down with heavy equipment.

Ben Hlaban, who is volunteering and assisting in the repairs of the trail, said there was not only the raised boardwalk, but there were also multiple silt deposits on the trail, boardwalks and covered bridge from the high water.

As of right now, Hlaban said, the silt deposits have been removed from wood surfaces on boardwalks and bridges as well as fixing the



Local volunteers work on the Little Wolf River Trail, which needed maintenance after the flooding from July 5 made parts of the trail impassable. Submitted Photo

lifted boardwalk and helping to level three more.

Hlaban said work on the other displaced bridge has started, however the bridge will need to be disassembled and reassembled at the original site.

Wade said there is a new problem that they are starting to worry about moving forward. How will the river be regulated without the dam to manage rain fall.

Wade said there is still more work that will need to be done to get the trail back to its original state.

The only fund raising the Little Wolf Trail Committee does is through the

Manawa Stampede during the rodeo, which was cancelled after the flooding.

With the new repairs, Wade said, the trail still needs maintenance. Following the new rainfall over the last two weeks, using the trail would be at risky and she does not recommend it as of right now.

For more information on the Little Wolf River Trail or to donate to help with the maintenance or rebuilding, visit their Facebook page Little Wolf River Trail Organization or mail in a donation to P.O. Box 121, Manawa, Wisconsin, 54949.

Manawa school board adopts budget

Tax levy remains among lowest

EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa School District held its annual meeting, setting the tax levy and mill rate for the school year.

District Administrator Ryan Peterson said there are multiple sources of money that finance the school district. Some grants make up a small portion of the incoming money, however the two largest amounts of money come from state aid and property taxes.

State aid is called equalization aid and that number can change from year to year depending on a number of contributing factors, Peterson said.

Those factors include things like total property values within a district and the property tax revenues, as well as the socioeconomic status of the district, Peterson said.

Once the state figures out the amount of equalization aid the school district gets, which is given to the district Oct. 15 of the school year, then the district has to figure out the tax levy.

The tax levy is the most amount of money that the

school district can levy and raise through property taxes, a policy enacted over 30 years ago referred to as revenue limits, Peterson said.

This year the tax levy for the district was decided to be at \$2.57 million, which is the amount of money that the school uses to operate on, Peterson said.

Part of that levy will also be used to go to the community for tuition for private school through a voucher program.

"Basically that is not money that we as a district pay, but we become the pass through for, the state says as a school district, you either levy this on the community or it's going to have to come out of your general funding to pay for these private school vouchers," Peterson said.

The amount of money that will go to private school vouchers also comes in Oct. 15, with a recent 406%

increase in the amount of money that goes to the voucher program that came during the 2023 to 2024 school year.

There are many contributing factors in determining the tax levy and equalization aid that can change yearly, however Peterson said the school board has continued to be fiscally responsible.

The mill rate for the Manawa School District came in at \$7 this year, which means if you own a home worth \$100,000 then your yearly taxes would be \$700.

Peterson said the tricky part about the mill rate currently is that home values have increased throughout the county and more specifically the state, which means property taxes will be going up for homeowners.

However, the mill rate has

Budget

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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

No. 7150 as recorded in Volume 27 of Surveys on Page 94, as Document No. 782528, located in and being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

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.

Minutes 7725

MINUTES OF UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING October 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the New London Utility Commission was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by President Steingraber at the Utility Offices at 400 East North Water Street, New London WI.

Members present were Steingraber, Schmidt, St. Marie, Barrington and Bessette. Coppersmith not present.

Minutes 7725

MINUTES OF UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING October 15, 2024

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Name Change 7730

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: OCTOBER 21, 2024 Electronically signed by Raymond S. Huber

Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Giuliana A. Pezzella

BY THE COURT: Honorable Patricia Baker Portage County Circuit Court Brand 3 Date: 11/6/2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Travis Andrew Spalding

BY THE COURT Hon. Raymond S. Huber 10/22/2024 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY

Name Change 7730

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Breann Nicole Giauque

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV273

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Breann [Middle] Nicole [Last] Giauque

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin.

Notice To Creditors 7735

DATE SIGNED: October 18, 2024 Electronically signed by Sandra Gagas

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN P. KOSMALSKI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth April 12, 1992 and date of death September 21, 2024, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 322, Rosholt, WI 54473.

Name Change 7730

DATE SIGNED: November 8, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Elaine L. Jones

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/30/1949 and date of death 01/23/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 510 River Street, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Name Change 7730

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN D. LEHMAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/19/38 and date of death 9/1/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 210 Joann Lane, Apt. 2, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Name Change 7730

DATE SIGNED: October 28, 2024 Electronically signed by Sandra Gagas

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE A. WEIR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth September 6, 1931 and date of death November 24, 2020, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 117 Weir Blvd., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Name Change 7730

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL F. O'CONNOR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/29/1948 and date of death 05/17/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 71 Robert Street, Clintonville, WI 54929.

Notice To Creditors 7735

Telephone 920-779-4140 Bar Number 1021034 Publish Nov. 14, 21 & 28, 2024

DATE SIGNED: October 30, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver

Deputy Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY KAY LAMBERIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/11/1973 and date of death 05/31/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of E11199 Cass Road Clintonville, WI 54929.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Thomas E. Falk

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6/6/1952 and date of death 7/14/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 506 Factory Street, Manawa, WI 54949.

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Special Town Meeting of Electors Notice

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the Town of Lind, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, will be held at the Lind Town Hall at N1315 County Road A, Waupaca, WI, on Monday, November 25, 2024.

Immediately following the Special Town Meeting of Electors, the Lind Town Board will meet to discuss and adopt the 2025 budget.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2024.

Publish November 7th and November 14th, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office located at N1674 County Road A, Waupaca, WI 54981 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Table with columns: Year 2024 Adopted Budget, Year 2025 Proposed Budget, % Change. Rows include General Fund REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1, TOTAL REVENUES, and TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

CITY OF WAUPACA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2025 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET

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Stephanie Reif, Finance Director/Treasurer Posted: November 12, 2024 Published: November 14, 2024

Notice To Creditors 7735

Phillip K. Johnsrud Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 101

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Sports

Amherst boys basketball preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Amherst Falcons look to rebound after a 2023-24 season that saw them 11-15 and 4-10 in the Central Wisconsin-East Conference a season ago.

The Falcons season came to an end in the WIAA regional against Freedom.

The Falcons will look to replace the productivity of Sec-

ond-Team All-CWC-East selection Spencer Cohen, who led the team in both points (13.9) and assists (5.3), and Honorable Mention selection Jaren Alfuth, who contributed 13.8 points per game.

Jarrett Davidson will be on the sideline for the first time as head coach for the Falcons.

Returning for the Falcons is Sully Perkins, who averaged 8.9 points per game and

was a threat from three-point range as he had an average of .426, and Jack Seeger, who had an average of 5.4 points per game and led the team in rebounding with 5.6 per contest, both players look to take on the bulk of the production this season.

The season opener for the Falcons will be on Dec. 2 against Port Edwards at home.

New London boys basketball preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Bulldogs are in a position to have their third consecutive winning season after making a run to the sectional final in 2022-2023 and finishing the 2023-2024 season 16-9 and 10-4 in the Bay, which tied them with West De Pere for second in the conference and a trip to the regional final.



Joseph Daly leads the Bulldogs after being named Second-Team All-Bay conference in 2023-2024.
Nick Griesbach Photo

It will be a tough climb without Jonah Schlueter, who was First-Team All-Bay a season ago. Schlueter averaged 12.5 points and 6.6 rebounds and led the conference with 6.6 assists. Also missing after graduation is Bay Conference Honorable Mention Paul Vuillaume, who contributed 10.9 points per game for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs will be led by junior Joseph Daly, a second-team All-Bay conference selection a season ago who led the team in scoring with 15.5 points per game. Daly, who stands at 6 feet and 6 inches tall, can play in the paint, where he led the Bulldogs with 7.2 rebounds, and can stretch the floor with his outside shooting, averaging nearly 40 percent from three-point distance (.398).

highest since I've been here. He has a strong work ethic, he's a gym rat," Coach Molnar said of Daly, "We're also looking for him to step up on the leadership end and be more of a vocal leader, something that he hasn't always been comfortable with in the past, but he has shown signs, and we're going to need that this year."

The Bulldogs will begin their season on Nov. 29 in Mosinee at the Mosinee Thanksgiving tournament.

Zach Molnar is in his fourth season as the head coach of the Bulldogs.

Coach Molnar on how to replace the production from Schlueter and Vuillaume, "It's going to be by committee, we're not going to be able to replace them, they did so much for our team. So we can't just replace them," Coach Molnar went on to say, "We have Brett Marquardt and Joseph (Daly) will help with the ball handling duties, it will be a little bit by committee there."

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Senior Spotlight

Ethan Olds-Stevens Point

Three consecutive championships is a rare feat in any sport, and the Stevens Point Panthers accomplished that task on Nov. 2 as they took home the 2024 WIAA State Boys Cross Country Championship to add to their trophy case. A factor in all three of those title victories is Ethan Olds.

Ethan helped his team to a state title, posting a time of 15:25.8, which was a team-best and helped propel his team to the top spot on the podium.

Beginning his love of sports through basketball, Ethan began his journey in cross country in the fifth grade and has gained a passion for running: "My teammates are my favorite part. Cross country is one of the most wholesome sports you can be a part of. The environment is just different than other "mainstream" sports. The environment and people helped me love the sport and stick with it throughout high school."

Along with his state championships, Ethan has a list of several accomplishments; highlights in his career include running a 15:15, which placed him 16th at NXR Heartland 2023, and qualifying for Nike Cross Nationals.

Ethan, who plans to attend a four-year university to study data science, has managed his time between his studies and running wisely: "Balancing academics and athletics were never really a problem for me. Using my time wisely in school was always a factor because it gave me time to run."

Keeping his composure has been the key to Ethan's success, "I would say my biggest asset is my calm demeanor. It helps me be a leader for the team and helps relax the younger, more inexperienced guys during stressful races."

Ethan senses his progression from the time he began his freshman season to his senior year, "It is interesting to see how I've grown as a person. As a freshman, I was shy and only talked when I needed to. As a senior, I've noticed myself stepping up and being a leader. As an athlete, it is always cool to see the progression of people as they mature as runners."

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Local swimmers qualify for state

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

The local area will be well represented at the 2024 WIAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship Nov.15-16 at the Waukesha South Natatorium.

The Stevens Point Panthers have several swimmers participating in Division 1 after qualifying at sectionals in Hudson on Nov.9 and winning the sectional championship with a team score of 347.

The Panthers 200-yard medley relay team will compete in heat two after qualifying with a time of 1:49.84, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team will also compete in heat two after posting a qualifying time of 3:38.56.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Stevens Point junior Klare Pilger will compete in heat two after qualifying with a 2:08.31.

Both Pilger and junior Claire Lemke will compete for Stevens Point in the 100-yard backstroke as Pilger qualified with a time of 00:56.51 and will com-



Clintonville's Addy Lundt will compete in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley in the WIAA Girls State Swim Championships on Nov.15. Nick Griesbach photo

pete in heat 3, and Lemke posted a time of 00:59.94 and will compete in heat 1.

In division 2, Addy Lundt qualified for the state championships during sectionals in Ashwaubenon. Lundt won the 100-yard

breaststroke with a time of 1:06.01, putting Lundt in heat two at the state meet.

Lundt took third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:18.74 and will participate in heat one at state.

Waupaca Boys basketball preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

WAUPACA-The Waupaca Comets will look to build from their winning season in 2023-2024, as they went 15-11 and 10-8 in the North Eastern Conference. The 2023-2024 Comets made the regional final before their season came to an end against Freedom.

Head Coach Matt Resch is at the helm for Waupaca

as he enters his fourth season with the team.

The Comets will look to replace scoring from First-Team All-North Eastern Conference Riley Bechard, who averaged 19.7 points per game to go with 14.7 rebounds, which led the conference and was seventh best in the state. Second-Team All-North Eastern Conference Henry Mouw also graduates after scoring 17.8 points per game.

2023-2024 North East-

ern Honorable Mention Aaron Wolff will lead the Comets after averaging 12.4 points and 4.6 rebounds and demonstrating his shooting range with a .390 percent from three-point range.

Wolff is joined by Austin Adamczak, who averaged 5.4 points and led the team with 4.3 assists a season ago.

The opening game for the Comets will be on Dec. 2 at home against Berlin.

Stevens Point basketball preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Stevens Point Panthers have plenty of talent coming back from a team that finished 23-4 and 9-3 within the Wisconsin Valley Conference a season ago. The Panthers made a run to the WIAA sectional before being ousted by Neenah.

The Panthers lost Carter

Combs, who averaged eight points, five rebounds, and a conference-leading 7.4 assists while being named First-Team All-Wisconsin Valley Conference. Stevens Point does return Grant Chandonais, who led the team in scoring with 16 points and rebounding with six per game.

Stevens Point is led by Jon Krull, who is in his seventh

season as the Panthers head coach.

Wisconsin Valley Honorable Mention members Baraka Makalin, who averaged 10.7 points, and Jerrin Hughes, who averaged 9.6 points, respectively, should see their scoring averages increase this season.

Stevens Point begins its season against Bay Port at home on Nov. 30.

New London adds girls golf

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The School District of New London includes girls golf to its sports offerings starting in the fall of 2025.

The New London Board of Education approved the addition at its Oct. 9 meeting.

Philip Sloma, activities director for the School District of New London, presented information about adding girls' golf to the district's sports offerings to the board when it met Sept. 25.

Boys who participated in the golf program purchased their clubs and golf bags for supplies and equipment. Golf fees during 2024 were \$5,561 for the district, with

\$4,554 of that amount paid to Shamrock Heights Golf Course. Sloma said, the remaining \$1,007 was paid to other golf courses to participate in invitationals.

The boys' golf coach received \$2,957, with an assistant coach receiving \$1,154. Transportation in 2024 was \$1,616, compared to \$2,201 in 2023.

Athletes purchased their shirts and paid a \$60 co-curricular fee, which covered a school year's worth of sports for an athlete.

Funds needed to cover awards, such as numerals and letters amounted to around \$150.

If the district adds girls golf, Sloma said high school girls in grades 9-12 would be eligible to participate.

A varsity squad will consist of five athletes. Invites would be just for varsity athletes, while a conference match would include the five varsity members, as well as five junior varsity members.

"You can't send the entire team out to a golf course to golf," Sloma said.

Sloma told the board that 27 boys participated on the golf team in 2024.

"Not all 27 are going to a match," Sloma said.

The girls' team would not be co-ed only girls would be allowed on the girls' team. Each member would have to follow the code of conduct, Sloma said.

Sloma said Shamrock Heights favors the district, adding a girls' golf team.

Hortonville, Stevens Point to showcase at Fiserv Forum

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

REGION-The Hortonville Polar Bears and Stevens Point Panthers boys' basketball teams will participate in the inaugural Deer District Prep Showcase on Saturday, Feb.8, at Fiserv Forum in

Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Bucks and WisSports.net announced the event at the Fiserv Forum on Nov. 11.

The showcase will give a platform to some of the best teams and talent in Wisconsin during the halfway point of the 2024-2025 season.

The Polar Bears, led by junior Ethan Joling, will compete at noon against Oconomowoc.

The Panthers, who return leading scorer Grant Chandonais, will play at 4 p.m. against Sun Prairie East, who boasts the state's top scorer, Chris Davis Jr.



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Season of Lights

Join the ADRC for the "Season of Lights" show at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Planetarium, 2001 Fourth Ave. This show explores the

reasons people are fascinated with lighting up their lives during the December holiday season. It's an exploration of the astronomical meanings behind seasonal traditions, including the "Star over Bethlehem." Lunch to follow at the Cafe at Lincoln Center. Registration required by Dec. 9. Call Lisa at 715-347-4856.

Nutrition program

The nutrition program is open to Portage County seniors age 60 and older. Call the ADRC Nutrition Pro-

gram for more information or to register as indicated below. Donations of \$5 per meal are appreciated. No eligible participant will be denied a meal based on ability to contribute toward the cost of the meal.

Congregate dining and grab-and-go meals are available on these days at these locations:

- Stevens Point: Lincoln Center. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations are required one or more days in advance by calling 715-346-1421.
- Plover*: Municipal Build-

ing, 2400 Post Road. Serving at noon every Tuesday.

• Amherst*: Jensen Center, 487 North Main St. Serving at noon every Wednesday with bingo after.

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

• Rosholt*: Nelson-Kaminski American Legion Post 509, 290 Grand Ave East. Serving at noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

*Reservations are required two or more days in advance by calling 715-347-4856.

State senator to speak at forum

NEW LONDON - State Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevera, R-SD19, will speak at a forum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Washington Center in New London.

Sponsored by the Wolf River Area Patriots, the forum is open to the public.

Due to redistricting, Senate District 19 now includes New London and much of Waupaca County.

Cabral-Guevera led efforts for a tax cut bill in the last senate session, including exempting up to \$150,000 of retirement income from state taxes. Gov. Tony Evers vetoed the bill, but she has vowed to bring it back in the next session.

She is a certified nurse practitioner, who authored a bill with Sen. Patrick Testin to allow nurse practitioners to operate independently of physicians. The legislature passed the bill, the governor vetoes it and the legislature overrode the veto in May 2024.

The Washington Center is located at 500 W. Washington. Forum attendees should use the south side entrance off Dickinson Street. Call Seth Cowan at 920-968-5335 for more information.

Hansen retires after 28 years at First State

NEW LONDON - First State Bank announced the retirement of Brenda Hansen, vice president, marketing manager, after 28 years with the bank.

Hansen began her career with First State Bank in 1989 as Marketing Officer. She left in September 2000, but returned in November 2007, as Vice President, Marketing Manager and has been integral in the overall growth of the bank.

"Brenda's unwavering commitment to the bank,



Hansen

the customers, and our team during her tenure will leave a lasting positive

impact on the bank," said First State Bank President and CEO Matthew R. Lemke. "We are incredibly grateful for Brenda's years of service and dedication and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement."

Hansen shared her time and talents with various community organizations in New London during her tenure at the bank. She served on the board of directors for the Friends of the New London Public Museum, as well as on the

ThedaCare New London Advisory Board.

Customers and community members wished Hansen well at an Open House in her honor last week at First State Bank's New London office.

First State Bank is a \$549 million community bank with offices in New London, Auburndale, Clintonville, Manawa, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Waupaca and Wisconsin Rapids. For more information visit bankfirststate.com or call 800-994-2500.

NL board approves land purchase

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON - The New London Board of Education approved the purchase of a lot of land for \$7,000 from Mike and Judy O'Connell.

The board approved the purchase at its Oct. 9 meeting. With closing costs, the total amount the district would spend would be \$7,030.

The vacant property, which is connected to the east side of the New London Middle School parking lot where buses load, was offered to the district to purchase by the O'Connells. The property currently has trees, shrubs, and grass on it.

According to the Topic Summary Sheet in the board packet, the property was once owned by district.

Stories from Vietnam veterans

Author speaks at Holly Center

WAUPACA - Over nearly 15 years - from February 1961 through May 1975 - about 2.7 million American men and women served in the Vietnam War. This includes more than 165,000 Wisconsin residents.

Local author Peggy Krause has spent years interviewing Vietnam veterans, including her husband who she met after he was discharged from the Fort Riley, Kansas hospital after recovering from injuries sustained in Vietnam.

Krause will present these veterans' true stories at her upcoming program, "The Men Behind the Scarf: What Vietnam Vet-



Krause

erans Don't Talk About."

The program will take place at the Holly History and Genealogy Center at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14.

Krause, who lives in Waupaca, is a wife, grandmother and great-grandmother. She worked as a nurse for more than 40 years, of which 30 were spent working at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. The Vietnam War

veterans Krause met at her husband's Charlie Company Reunion touched her heart and inspired her to publish both a novel and an accompanying book, which records the veterans' true stories.

This Waupaca Historical Society program will take place at the Holly Center, 321 S. Main St.

Refreshments will be served.

The program is sponsored by Michelle Peterson, in memory of 1st Lt. David R. Dresia, and Marge Witt, in honor of Merv Heuer.



Sandy Knoll 4-H

Members of Sandy Knoll 4-H Club shown, from left, are FRONT: Annabel Strube, CoraVan Dinter, Connor Swim, Aubrey Magolski, Elka Van Dinter, Mallory Grafmeier, Vera Van Dinter; CENTER: Andrew Danke, Josh Swim, Brooke Cunningham, Trevor Cunningham, William Danke, Sophie Stueck, Reid Rynish; BACK: Grant Knoespel, Linzie Swim, William Swim, Parker Heise, Kylie Heise, Amari Volp and Lillian Strube.

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Waupaca County sheriff's report

• Nov. 4 – A Waupaca caller on Dawn Drive reported a trespasser on her property driving a maroon truck who got stuck 500 feet from the road. She spoke with the person and the trespasser said he called AAA.

• Nov. 4 – Kwik Trip on Fulton Street in Waupaca reported a female that "reeked of alcohol" and was short tempered with an employee. She left in a white Nissan SUV.

• Nov. 4 – A 911 caller reported a missing child with Down syndrome who disappeared from a playground.

• Nov. 4 – Corner Express in Embarrass reported a man grabbed a bottle of alcohol, put it in his pants and walked out without paying.

• Nov. 4 – An unknown caller reported an ordinance violation of people using a RV trailer as a primary residence on a property.

• Nov. 4 – A Waupaca woman on Cali Way reported she was threatened by another woman while picking up her children.

• Nov. 4 – A male caller reported a person trespassed on his property to retrieve a deer that was shot.

• Nov. 5 – A Waupaca caller on Apple Tree Lane reported an election violation. He was extremely upset because there was discrimination against one of the candidates.

• Nov. 5 – A New London man on Blue Heron Lane reported the illegal dumping of 30-40 tires. This was the third time in the same area.

• Nov. 5 – An Ogdensburg man on County Trunk OO reported a suspicious truck parked for a few days in a row at a locked gate. It was on property owned by a person who lived out of state.

• Nov. 5 – A Waupaca

man on Emmons Creek Road reported his neighbor's dog ran into his garage and tried to bite him.

• Nov. 5 – A New London caller on Buelow Road reported \$175 was transferred out of her bank account.

• Nov. 5 – An unknown caller reported a female was feeling suicidal and had pills and knives in her home.

• Nov. 5 – A Big Falls man on Main Street reported children keep throwing things at his vehicle.

• Nov. 5 – An Embarrass caller on Riverview Lane reported her husband had been drinking all day and took off in his red Toyota Rav 4. She said he was suicidal in the past.

• Nov. 5 – A Fremont man on Bayou Road reported a suspicious white SUV on Mynard and Holmlane roads.

• Nov. 6 – A Weyauwega man on County Trunk AA reported a suspicious male showed up at his door at 9 p.m. the night before. The man wore shorts and had a bandage on his leg. The man asked him questions about his property, internet service, utility service and other things.

• Nov. 6 – A Clintonville man on Anne Street reported a female driver in a white Ford Edge almost caused two accidents. She flipped off the caller and flicked a cigarette into the caller's window.

• Nov. 6 – The New London Bus Garage reported a school bus passing violation.

• Nov. 6 – A Big falls man on Main Street reported children were constantly ringing his doorbell.

• Nov. 6 – A New London man on Weiland Road reported someone stole all of his political signs.

• Nov. 6 – A Clintonville caller on Lakeshore Road

reported a man was loitering on a property in a dark purple Jeep Cherokee. He was staying overnight and leaving trash on the property.

• Nov. 7 – A Waupaca woman on Radley Road reported a man wearing a bright orange sweatshirt and carrying a plastic bag was running in the middle of the road.

• Nov. 7 – A male caller reported his neighbor's dog was running around on his hunting land.

• Nov. 7 – ThedaCare at Home in Waupaca requested a welfare check on a man that they lost contact with and had made suicidal comments in the past.

• Nov. 7 – An anonymous caller reported a couple was hoarding cats. The caller estimated they had 15 to 30 cats in their home.

• Nov. 7 – Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh reported a woman made suicidal comments about wanting to die in the auto accident she was in.

• Nov. 7 – A Waupaca caller on Kelleen Drive reported he received a letter that stated he has to pay some people some money or they will show up at his house. The caller said he was previously talking to this person through email.

• Nov. 7 – A Manawa caller on Oak Road reported her ex-husband was harassing her with a burner phone. He threatened he was going to find her and potentially hurt her.

• Nov. 8 – A Waupaca caller on Marion Lane reported her ex-boyfriend is at her house taking things that do not belong to him.

• Nov. 8 – An Ogdensburg man on North Water Drive reported a woman was going to hurt her father with a stick. She was driving a UTV and on the way to his house.

• Nov. 8 – A Weyauwega caller on Maple Grove Road reported that when he was working at Haunted Hollow, an individual pointed a handgun at him. The person was driving a blue Chevy Silverado.

• Nov. 8 – A Clintonville caller on 13th Street reported there was a woman with her vehicle stuck in a field. She was possibly intoxicated and she said she "could not have the cops involved."

• Nov. 8 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a sex offense.

• Nov. 8 – A Manawa caller on Oak Road reported her ex-husband was sending threatening text messages to her children. "Tell your mom I'm coming if she wants to run her [expletive] mouth. You better tell her to go to the police. She ran her mouth and I'm coming," he wrote.

• Nov. 8 – A New London woman on Bean City

Road reported a suspicious person walking in the ditch. The person looked intoxicated and wore dark clothing.

• Nov. 8 – A male caller reported a stolen Fed Ex package that contained medical supplies.

• Nov. 9 – An unknown caller reported a pole building was on fire on Baldwin Road in Royalton.

• Nov. 9 – A Waupaca caller on Woodland Circle reported she went to take care of the property of a person who passed away. She said the doors were broken and the property was trashed.

• Nov. 9 – The Corner Express in Embarrass reported a gas drive-off valued at \$13. The vehicle was a red Ford pickup.

• Nov. 9 – A Fremont caller on Magolski Lane reported people were trespassing on his land and he viewed them on multiple trail cam-

eras. He believed they were drinking and lighting off sticks of dynamite.

• Nov. 10 – A Waupaca man on center Street reported a party involving underage drinking.

• Nov. 10 – A Fremont man on Wolf River Drive reported the death of a woman.

• Nov. 10 – A male caller reported two trespassers caught on his deer camera.

• There were 18 deer-related calls during this period. Twelve controlled burns were called in. A Weyauwega woman was bitten by her own cat. A Waupaca woman was bitten by her own dog. A Waupaca man was bitten by his neighbor's dog. A caller reported loose cows near the Weyauwega/New London area. A 911 caller reported a cow and a llama were loose on State Highway 22-54. There were three other calls about cows running loose near roadways.

Suspect faces three felony cases

WAUPACA – A Waupaca man who has been in and out of prison since 2016, currently faces three open felony cases in Waupaca County.

Dylan S. Nyman, 33, is most recently charged with two felony counts of identity theft, four counts of misdemeanor theft and eight counts of felony bail jumping.

He is currently in custody on a \$1,500 cash bond.

On Oct. 11, Waupaca Police Officer Jarred Studinski was dispatched to the 1200 block of Crystal Court where he met with a man who reported that \$300 in cash had been stolen from his truck.

The man told Studinski that he had been helping his mother with some things around her apartment. He went to his truck and noticed the odor of cigarette smoke even



Nyman

lottery tickets from her vehicle.

The Stevens Point victim told Waupaca Police Officer Kyle Holden that someone named Dylan Nyman had attempted unsuccessfully to make transactions using her Venmo card. She did not know anyone by that name.

In two other criminal cases, Nyman is facing charges of six counts of identity theft, three counts of receiving stolen property and one count of obstructing an officer, as well as felony bail jumping and retail theft.

Nyman's prior convictions include three count of misdemeanor theft on March 4, 2023; one felony count of possession of narcotics on Sept. 7, 2021; one felony count of possession of narcotics, and one felony count of burglary on April 7, 2016.



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