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## Right ideas for wrong-way drivers

Fixes for U.S. 10

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – Justin Malueg was the first officer to arrive at the fatal traffic crash on Dec. 16, 2023 on U.S. Highway 10 near Weyauwega.

He pulled the 14-year-old through the back window and tried get the 9-year-old out but could not. The accident was caused by an intoxicated driver going the going west in the eastbound lane and it resulted in four deaths.

Over the past year Malueg has analyzed the accident from every angle and has studied an obscure subject: how do drivers end up turning the wrong way into one-way traffic lanes?

The wrong turn that precipitated the accident occurred on Little River Road near the corner where Custom Fiberglass Molding is located outside of Weyauwega. Little River Road



This is the intersection where Scott Farmer turned into oncoming traffic on State Highway 10 that resulted in a crash that killed four people. The Do Not Enter sign to the left would not be visible in the headlights of a vehicle making such a turn.

James Card Photo

forms a T-intersection with U.S. 10.

A driver can right turn into eastbound traffic or cut across the divided highway into the cross-traffic meridian spot, wait for a safe opening and turn left into the westbound lane.

On Saturday night, Dec. 16, Scott Farmer was at the intersection and turned left into oncoming traffic. He was intoxicated but even if he was sober he probably would not have seen the Do Not Enter sign that is lo-

cated in the passenger-side ditch of the eastbound lane.

The sign can be seen from the driver's side window while stopped at the intersection and it would be in the shadows as a driver makes the left-hand turn. The sign doesn't appear in the windshield where a driver's attention is focused.

Malueg points out that the sign would be better placed on the other side of the lane in the meridian strip. The headlights would have a chance to immediate-

ly sweep across the sign just as the driver makes a mistaken turn into the wrong lane.

"When somebody turns the wrong way, they are going to turn left into oncoming traffic. Wherever the headlights are pointing, that's where you need the signs," said Malueg.

### Better signs and symbols

In the meridian is a black-and-white Divided Highway Right sign. There are two symbols on the sign. On the left is lower part of a half oval. Next to it is a curved arrow pointed forward past the half oval. A person could assume that the sign means to drive around some kind of object by veering to the right.

"It means divided highway and you have to go to the right of the median. Most people don't know that and most people don't see the sign. There are big,

**Wrong Way**  
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The Cloud Nine Fire Show is composed of Madeline Murphy (left) Logan Stoltze. They perform throughout central Wisconsin and most recently at Halloween on Main in Waupaca. Submitted Photo

## Playing with fire

Artists go with the flow

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – This is a story of two women getting burned. They've been burned so much they have a hard time remembering how many times they've been burned.

Logan Stoltze rolls up her sleeve and points to reddish blotches on her forearm. She rolls up her other sleeve and points out more. Madeline Murphy leans forward and points to the outside corner of her right eye. A faint scar was left behind when a tethered fireball wrapped around her head.

These are the costs they must pay for doing something that they love.

Stoltze, 25, and Murphy,

28, make up the dynamic duo that is the Cloud Nine Fire Show.

They recently performed at Halloween on Main before a large gathered crowd. They twirled flaming staves, gyrated with fiery hula hoops and spun contraptions in ways that resembled ball lightning. Despite the occasional first-degree burns, they are living the dream.

### Waupaca bound

Stoltze and Murphy are Colorado natives. They met in Fort Collins as neighbors and Stoltze noticed Murphy walking along with a hula hoop.

A connection was made as both of them are long-time [hula] "hoopers" and they've been friends ever since.

**Fire**

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## Options for mill pond suggested

BY EMILY DOUD  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – At a recent Manawa Common Council Programs and Services Committee meeting two local citizens presented an alternative plan for the Manawa Mill Pond.

Nick Heise and Ben Hlaban addressed the committee Nov. 14.

The ideas they presented included connecting the trails throughout the city, adding bridges, pollinator gardens and ponds to help restore some of the waterfront that was lost when the dam breached July 5.

Heise said there are grants available to create and maintain green spaces that could be applied for and used.

Hlaban said they would like to form a working group to research some of the alternatives.



Alternatives to replacing the dam at the former Manawa Mill Pond are being discussed.

Photo by Emily Doud

"I think the idea would be to have a collaborative effort with the city and make sure that we're all working together and exploring these options," Hlaban said.

Heise stressed that the river is as healthy as it has ever been, mentioning that the dam had its place and purpose for many years. However without the log-

ging industry or the mill the need for the dam is less useful than what it had been in the past.

Heise said right now the river is cleaning itself out and creating a new kind of habitat that could help bring sturgeon and trout back to the area.

"I think the river spoke and it says we're done with

the dam and we want to be a river again," Heise said. "We're never going to have these options again, and it might be a better thing for Manawa and I have no doubt its better for the river."

Hlaban said he is also worried that if nothing is done that there could be an invasive species invasion in the exposed lake, whereas planting something desirable there could help keep the invasive species out of the immediate mill pond area.

The biggest hurdle for the city when it comes to the dam is the cost, should the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approve the rebuilding of the dam,

**Mill Pond**  
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## Monroe House opening in Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT – Monroe House Board of Directors and Mayor Mike Wiza announced that the Monroe House project is near completion.

For the past 30 years, Turn of the Century Apartments, located on Monroe Street in Stevens Point, has provided low-income housing and assisted hundreds of local residents in establishing themselves to be more independent members of the community.

Located at 1700 Monroe Street, Monroe House will utilize the Turn of the Century property and offer low-cost, sober transitional living options for single people.

They are a new non-profit organization that will rely on the help and support of the local community.

"Monroe House will help address one facet of housing insecurity in our community," said Wiza. "This project will help up to 24 individuals by not only providing stable housing, but connecting them



Monroe House will offer low-cost, sober transitional living options for single people.

Photo Courtesy of Mike Wiza

with resources to assist them in transitioning into permanent homes."

The Monroe House mission is to foster an environment that encourages self-sufficiency and gives the program applicant the confidence, support, and experience they need to become independent and self-directed as they work toward sustainability goals that they develop.

Clients will be accepted on an application and interview basis, with high priority given to those who are able and willing to follow the program

and house rules, as it is a semi-communal home environment.

Clients will pay a program fee of \$90 per week or \$350/month, which includes a room, access to a communal house kitchen, and a food pantry with basic food items donated to the house to help stretch the individual food budget.

Monroe House will provide stable living arrangements and information about community organizations and resources for help dealing with issues such as alcohol and substance

abuse, mental health, financial management skills, family issues, guidance on acquiring and maintaining employment, and general life skills.

This community-based program needs help getting the last few things in place before opening.

### Items needed

- Monetary donations,
- Single/twin bed frames and mattresses,
- Dressers and night stands,
- Non-perishable food,
- Volunteer mentors,
- Sponsors for individuals in their first month in the program
- Volunteer labor for items such as painting, vinyl plank flooring installation or skilled trades such as; plumbing, electrical, general carpentry and HVAC as we upgrade our facilities.
- Web designers to improve Monroe House webpage and media presence.

For more information, visit [www.monroehouse.org](http://www.monroehouse.org) or email [info@monroehouse.org](mailto:info@monroehouse.org).

## Common council OKs city budget

Clintonville to raise mill rate

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Common Council approved a property tax rate of \$12.98 per \$1,000 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of \$1.26 over last year.

The council approved the city budget at its Nov. 12 meeting.

When the council passed the 2024 city budget at the Nov. 14, 2023 meeting, City Administrator Caz Muske said the compensation study that the city would conduct in 2024 could increase the tax levy in the 2025 city budget.

"We anticipate a levy increase in response to the study that will be conducted next year," Muske said at the 2023 council meeting.

That prediction turned out to be correct, as the 2025 city budget passed by the council includes a total levy of \$2.74 million, which is higher than the previous two years.

### Taxes increase

Muske said General Fund expenses increased by \$387,000 in the 2025 budget. City employee salaries increased by 15%, employee health insurance increased by 5.1%, employee dental insurance increased by 3%, city property insurance increased by 6%, city liability insurance increased by 2%, city automobile insurance increased by 4%, Clintonville Area Ambulance subsidy increased by \$8,622, Clintonville Library subsidy increased by \$7,176, unit cost for Microsoft 365 account increased by roughly 36%, and the city added the Aqua Park and Graceland Cemetery facilities to its books.

The debt service payments made by the city increased by \$225,000, Muske said.

Decreases in revenue also contributed to the increased tax levy, Muske said.

The balances have been exhausted for the city's special revenue accounts.

**City Budget**

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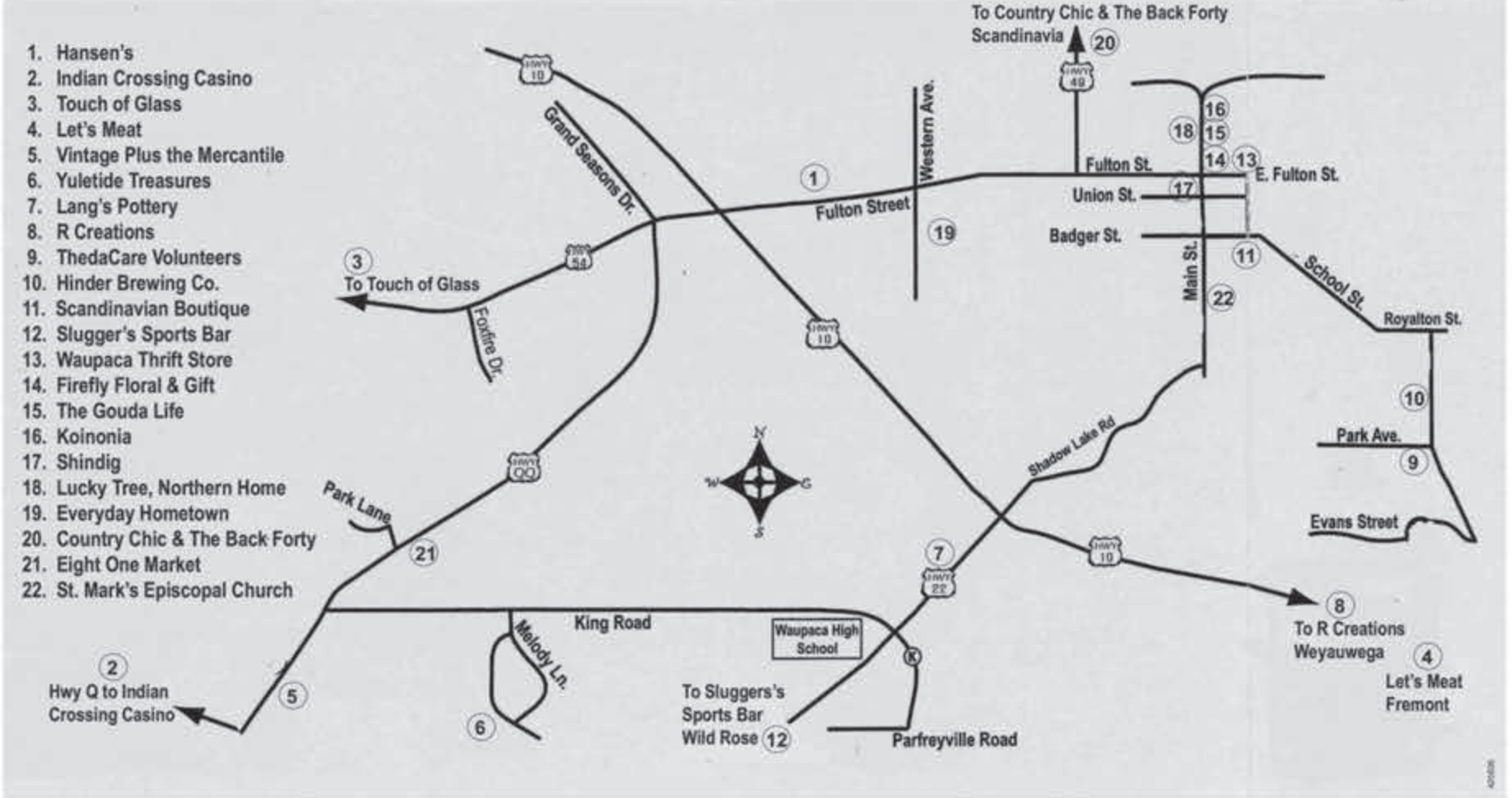


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# Waupaca NEWS

## Local filmmakers nominated

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – A local film production company had two nominations at the 66th annual Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards on Nov. 2.

RAD Productions USA is composed of husband and wife duo Jason and Hope Rajasinghe and they divide their time between Waupaca and Sri Lanka.

They were nominated in two categories. One for Outstanding Achievement for Commercial – Single Spot/Campaign for their Stoney Acres Farm commercial and the other for Outstanding Achievement for Branded Content – Short Form Content for their Portage County Business Council Brand Film.

“While it wasn’t the year for RAD USA to bring home Emmys for our two local productions, we are incredibly honored to repre-



Local filmmakers Jason and Hope Rajasinghe at the Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards. Submitted Photo

sent central Wisconsin, and humbled to be nominated alongside the best in the Chicago/Midwest region,” said Hope Rajasinghe.

Jason Rajasinghe did pick up a win as part of the winning Discover Mediaworks team as one of the cinematographers. This makes him

a two-time Chicago/Midwest Emmy award-winning filmmaker. The award was in the category for Outstanding Achievement for Nostalgia - Short and Long Form Content. The films was “Field of Dreams: AAGPBL 80th Reunion.”

## Search on for superintendent

WAUPACA – The Waupaca School Board is on the hunt for a new district administrator and they are looking for public input for what kind of characteristics and skills they would like the new superintendent to have.

Currently, Craig Gerlach is the interim district administrator. The board is working with the headhunting firm of Hazard, Young,

Attea and Associates to find suitable candidates. The firm specializes in recruiting educators.

The school district sent out an online survey to parents with some generic questions: What strengths does the school district have for the next superintendent to build upon? What challenges face the school district and should be ad-

ressed? What characteristics or traits should the new superintendent have? They also asked for candidate recommendations.

The school will host two listening sessions: one was held via Zoom on Nov. 17 and the other will be in-person at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in the high school library. Registration is not required.

## Faith Community collecting gifts

WAUPACA– Faith Community church is accepting gifts for Operation Christmas Child.

Residents are asked to fill shoe shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and personal care items and drop them off by Monday, Nov. 25.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts to children worldwide for more than three

decades. In 2024, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 12 million children.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse.

“You can show kids in need the true meaning of Christmas this year through a shoebox gift. Please prayerfully con-

sider packing a shoebox this year,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan’s Purse.

Shoeboxes may be dropped off to Faith Community, N2541 County Trunk K, Waupaca. Hours for dropping off shoe boxes are 3-5:30 p.m. Nov. 21; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 22; 9:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 23; 1-3 p.m. Nov. 24; 9-11 a.m. Nov. 25.

## WNA seeks editorial, cartoon entries

STATE – The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation seeks entries to its annual Editorial Writing and Cartoon Contest.

It aims to increase civic education and engagement while celebrating the rights established by the First Amendment.

The contest is open to all Wisconsin middle and high school students, including home-schooled students. Essays and cartoons should focus on the importance of the First Amendment.

Students are encouraged to draw from personal experiences, current events and historical examples.

The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, and winners will be announced in early January.

First-place winners in each contest will receive \$500, second-place winners will receive \$250, third-place winners will receive \$100 and honorable mention recipients will receive \$50.

For the writing contest, high

school students will be asked to write a “guest column” (500 words or less) about the First Amendment, and middle school students will be asked to write a “letter to the editor” (200 words or less) on the same topic.

Students wishing to compete in the editorial cartoon contests may do so by submitting one First Amendment-themed editorial cartoon.

For more information and to submit entries, go to [wnews.com/wisconsin-civics-games/](http://wnews.com/wisconsin-civics-games/)

## Early deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 28 Waupaca County Post, Stevens Point Gazette, New London Press Star and Clintonville Tribune-Gazette will be noon Friday, Nov. 22.

## ICC now open all year

WAUPACA – For more than 99 years, the Indian Crossing Casino (ICC) has stood as an iconic summer landmark on Waupaca’s Chain O’ Lakes.

The ICC will now keep its doors open year-round, making it the only waterfront venue on the Chain O’ Lakes available every season.

Since acquiring the establishment in December 2023, ICC’s new ownership team has worked to enhance the century-old venue’s aesthetics and functionality.

Improvements include expanded waterfront views, a newly designed indoor bar, and the addition of an outdoor green space for dining, activities and entertainment.

The heated building ensures a comfortable experience for patrons in all seasons.

The ICC’s updated menu highlights partnerships with local food providers. It features seasonal dishes, craft cocktails, and sixteen beers on tap—many from Wisconsin breweries. A standout feature is the all-day Friday fish fry, which offers four different options to satisfy every palate. Patrons can also look forward to regular concerts and events throughout fall, winter, and spring, with details on the ICC’s website.

As an official Packers Everywhere bar, the ICC hosts “Pack the House” for every Packers game. Led by an emcee, these events feature food and drink specials, games, prizes, and plenty of Packer spirit. The ICC has enhanced its viewing experience with a

large projector screen and five big-screen TVs, making it the ideal spot to catch all of Wisconsin’s professional sports action.

“Our goal is to provide Waupaca residents and visitors with a year-round dining and entertainment destination location,” said the ICC’s ownership team. “We are thrilled to welcome guests who have been coming here for 50 years or more, as well as first-time visitors. While we continue to enhance the property, we are committed to preserving the historic charm and character of the Indian Crossing Casino.”

For information on upcoming events, seasonal menu changes, or Packer’s game day experiences, visit [www.IndianCrossingCasino.com](http://www.IndianCrossingCasino.com).



Participants in the 2024 4-H Carved Pumpkin Contest, Older Youth, were, from left: Breann Giauque, Serena Taggart, Paul Schultz, Magnus Flowers and Cassandra Stevenson. Submitted Photos

## 4-H members compete in fall contests

COUNTY – The Waupaca County 4-H Program held its annual Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower, and Poster Contest at the Weyauwega City Park Saturday, Oct. 12.

In the largest sunflower division, Breann Giauque, Paul and Peter Schultz, and Serena Taggart from Country Pride, and Archer Umrus and Caldwell, Clayton, and Colter Wilz from Tri-County participated.

Those that entered in the largest watermelon category were Serena Taggart and Paul and Peter Schultz from Country Pride, Jacob and Noah Zemple from Friendly Valley, and Archer Umrus and Caldwell, Clayton, and Colter Wilz from Tri-County.

The pumpkin contest was divided into multiple categories. Younger participants in the decorated-pumpkin con-

test were Peter Schultz from Country Pride, Jacob and Noah Zemple from Friendly Valley, and Adelaide Flowers, Chanel Much, and Shawn and Elizabeth Pockat from Wisconsin Workers.

The older participants in the decorated-pumpkin contest were Breann Giauque, Brooklyn Grimm, Paul Schultz, and Serena Taggart from Country Pride, Magnus Flowers from Wisconsin Workers, and Danielle and Josh Tank from Wolf River Rascals.

Those participating in the younger group carved pumpkin contest: Peter Schultz from Country Pride, and Adelaide Flowers, Chanel Much, and Shawn and Elizabeth Pockat from Wisconsin Workers. Older youth in the carved pumpkin division: Cassandra Stevenson

from Casey Lake, Breann Giauque, Paul Schultz, and Serena Taggart from Country Pride, and Magnus Flowers from Wisconsin Workers.

The 4-H Poster Contest participants were Breann Giauque, Paul and Peter Schultz, and Serena Taggart of Country Pride, Weston Crist of Dayton Community, Jacob and Noah Zemple of Friendly Valley, Alyssa Bucholtz, Josiah, Maddy, and Peter Fredrickson, and Elaina Peterson of Peterson Mill, and Adelaide and Magnus Flowers and Shawn Pockat from Wisconsin Workers.

For information on this and other 4-H Youth Development activities in Waupaca County, can contact Penny Tank, 4-H Program Educator at the UW-Extension Office at 715-258-6230 or [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu).



2024 4-H Poster Contest, from left: Shawn Pockat, Peter Schultz, Magnus Flowers, Paul Schultz, Noah Zemple, Breann Giauque, Jacob Zemple and Serena Taggart.

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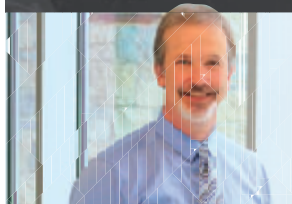


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# Stevens Point NEWS

## Davies receives Keystone Award

STEVENS POINT – The Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin joined in a nationwide celebration, Nov. 12-18, to recognize the increasingly important role philanthropic organizations play in fostering local collaboration,

As part of the local celebration, the Community Foundation honored one of its biggest champions, Kathy Davies, of Plover.

Davies received the 2024 Keystone Award at the Community Foundation's Gala of Gratitude. The award acknowledges her dedication to the Community Foundation and its regional focus on Portage and Waushara Counties.

She's worn many hats over the years, from stepping in as interim executive director to serving as board president and has always been a strong community leader.

Davies' story with the Community Foundation began in 1997 when she created the Laura Davies Memorial Scholarship to honor her daughter.

Since then, she's been a driving force, helping launch the Women's Fund of Portage County and, with her husband Tom, joining the Living Legacy Society. Her passion for helping others also shines



Kathy Davies with the 2024 Keystone Award.

Photo courtesy of Ann Ilagan

in Waushara County philanthropy, where she's supported projects in her hometown of Wildrose, the Patterson Memorial Library Fund, and the Kiwanis Club of Wild Rose Fund.

Each year, this award honors people who give their time, energy, and resources to create lasting change, inspired by those who founded the Keystone Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation.

As community foundations support solutions for communities large and small, urban and rural – it is the collective work of these organizations and people like Kathy Davies

that will have the most profound impact.

In fiscal year 2024, the Community Foundation and its donors directed \$1.57 million in resources to support nonprofits and student scholarships. Since its founding in 1982, the Community Foundation has facilitated over \$17 million in giving, advancing its vision of creating thriving communities in Portage and Waushara counties with a strong culture of philanthropy.

For more than a century, community foundations have served as a trusted partner and resource whose effect can be seen in the lives of millions and in the vibrant neighborhoods that continue to thrive through their mission-driven work. Community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits and represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy.

Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

## Anovia speaks to school board

BY OLIVIA COFFIN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

STEVENS POINT – Staff from Anovia Health-Personalized Health Care for Wisconsin spoke to the Stevens Point School Board at its Nov. 11 meeting.

“Wisconsin has a problem, we're the fourth highest state, fourth highest cost in the country for health care,” said Ken Strmiska, CEO. “Stevens Point is our first clinic and we're really proud of what is happening here. We believe in three things; better care, better access and better cost. We represent the patient and we represent the payer.”

The school district plans to contract with the healthcare provider, which has a clinic

in Stevens Point.

Staff from the school district have visited the clinic.

“A lot of them [teachers] come in and they just don't really believe what we do. They come in and we can take care of everything and we go through everything,” said Becky Jorgensen, DNP. “If we take care of our community and make a healthier community then everybody succeeds and that's what we're here to do... It's been great seeing you guys.”

Dr. Sumeet Goel said that all he wanted to be able to do was take care of patients that were sick.

“The most rewarding thing here is you get to do the medicine how it's meant to be,” he said. “There's com-

panies everywhere, you can work for a lot of different people, different things, the real reason is the culture of this one. This is physician lead care teams, let's do it the right way, and that's why this is the right place to do this.”

When asked by the board who Anovia care is available to, Jorgensen responded with, “everyone.”

“The one thing that makes us different is we don't take insurance. We are a cash paying entity but that's how we can drive costs lower,” said Strmiska.

The board said they have heard really good things about Anovia and they hope staff utilizes it for their benefit and hope it's a great relationship moving forward.

## Murder mystery to be performed

STEVENS POINT – The world's most successful and longest running play and murder mystery will be at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this month.

“The Mousetrap,” written by master mystery novelist Agatha Christie, will be staged in Jenkins Theatre of the Noel Fine Arts Center, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday Nov. 21-23; with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

The murder mystery has staged more than 29,000 performances since 1952 in London's West End. It originated as a short radio play as

birthday present for Queen Mary, partner to George V, in 1947. The production wraps intrigue, sophisticated humor and surprising twists into one narrative.

“Agatha Christie is the master of the murder mystery, and audience members will enjoy the whodunit nature of the story,” said Professor Tyler Marchant, director of the production. He challenges everyone to have fun and do their best to solve the riddle of the play in real time.

“There is something delightful about settling into a story where you see the characters are trapped where they are,

cut off from others, and the threat is real,” said Marchant. “It's like a great novel where you want to keep turning the page to discover what happens next.”

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$27 for seniors and UW-Stevens Point faculty and staff and \$19 for youth. Tickets will be available for purchase at tickets.uwsp.edu, by calling 715-346-4100 or by visiting the Information and Tickets Office in the Dreyfus University Center in Stevens Point.

The Noel Fine Arts Center is located at 1800 Portage St., Stevens Point.

## UWSP group helps students vote

STEVENS POINT – The process of registering to vote as a college student can feel confusing.

Jennifer Collins, professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has encouraged students to help each other in navigating this process.

Collins is the advisor of Pointers Vote Coalition (PVC), an organization focused on providing students with non-partisan voter education and assistance with voter registration. The student-lead project started as two interns working with the national Campus Elections Engagement Project (CEEP) in 2021 and has since grown into a team of five.

These students regularly coordinate information tables and host events to promote and encourage voter registra-

tion with the help of Collins, the Andrew Goodman Foundation and Campus Vote Project. With a commitment to bipartisanship, the group has worked to charter initiatives that simplify the registration process, including compliant student I.D.s, physical and digital registration guides and an optional canvas course through the Dean of Students office called “Vote 101.”

Collins noted that the organization's success lies in the hands of PVC's student interns. From hosting information tables in the Dreyfus University Center to trivia events and organizing candidate forums, the work the students have done is impressive, she said.

“It's constant work that takes persistence,” Collins said. “I think new voters can

easily get intimidated, but these students are great at getting their peers excited about voting and participating in the democratic process.”

Katelynn Gauger, second-year political science major and PVC president, has enjoyed working with Collins and other campus stakeholders to share her passion for democracy with her peers.

“Voting and voter education is important to me because it is the way that we can see our opinions influence our government,” she said. “Especially for young people, it is important to see our opinions reflected in our leadership.”

Gauger is grateful to work with an advisor like Collins who shares her passion for civic engagement and helped this organization thrive.

## Christmas play slated for Dec. 5-7

STEVENS POINT – Playhouse Theatre Group of Central Wisconsin will perform the heart-warming comedy “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” at Stevens Point Area Senior High, 1201 N. Point Drive.

Shows are slated for 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5-6, and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Meet the Herdmans. They steal lunches and smoke cigars, hardly the type of kids to star in the church's Christmas Pageant.

But, to the town's horror, that's just what they're going to do.

Will Christmas be ruined? Will the church survive? Amidst the chaos will the Herdmans, along with the rest of the town, stumble upon the true meaning of Christmas and transform the unruly production into the best Christmas pageant ever?

Tickets are \$10 each and available in advance at playhousetheatergroup.com/tickets/

In the spirit of the season, Playhouse will donate proceeds from ticket sales, concessions and donation jars to Operation Bootstrap in Stevens Point. This organization coordinates the Holiday Basket program, as well as offering year-round emergency assistance to families in need—providing support with food, formula, transportation, clothing, medication, rent, householdwares and utilities.

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS

## Lions pledge \$100k for community projects

BY JOHN FAUCHER  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Lions Club announced it would commit \$100,000 in funding for community projects over the next five years.

Lions made the pledge during its 100th Anniversary Celebration held at Crystal Falls Banquet hall Oct. 3.

Lions Club Anniversary Committee member Gary Henke said the financial grants would go beyond ongoing Lions Club service projects such as vision screening, hearing assistance, ramp building and other community enhancement projects.

"If anyone has any ideas as far as a good project, with as much specifics as you can, please let a Lion member know," said Henke. "We will consider any requests or suggestions."

Earlier that night, the club presented a \$5,000 check to the Randy Marsh Strength and Conditioning Center at New London High School, in honor of former Bulldog basketball coach, educator and keynote speaker Dick Bennett.

### History of Lions giving

The New London Lions Club formed in January 1924 with 29 members.

Henke gave a brief outline of their goals and legacy of



New London Lions Club members at their 100th Anniversary Celebration include, from left, Randy Cleveland, Adam Kopitzke, Mike Barbiaux, Gary Henke, Lund Cooley, John Love, Dr. Craig Sylte, special guest Dick Bennett, Kevin Dembinski, Choua Lee, Bob Witczak, Monte Berg, Roger Steingraber, Tom Schmude, Jay Bessette, Bill Krejcarek, Armin Conrardt, Steve Dyreson, Travis Kloehn, Dave Rusch and Mitch Collar.

Photo courtesy Steve Malliet

commitment.

The scope of Lions Club projects involves civic enhancement and humanitarian projects.

"One major project throughout our history has been sight conservation and providing eye exams and glasses for visually handicapped children and adults who cannot afford them," said Henke.

The club also provides support for the Wisconsin Lions Camp and Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

"Early Lions Club members were actively involved in building one of the first cabins at the Lions Camp," said Henke.

"Our founders did projects over the years that ran the gamut from minstrel shows—that was a lot of years

ago, to snowmobile races, light bulb sales and community birthday calendars," he said.

"Currently [for fundraisers] we actively run the concession stand at Memorial Park, at New London High School games, and other food and beverage sales at various community events. They also hold a spring rose sale, and host the Kids from Wisconsin each summer.

"Community projects run the gamut from fencing at Pheifer Park, to scoreboards, educational scholarships, AODA Accessible playground at Hatten Park, sponsoring Badger Boys and girls State delegates, building concession stands, adopting a highway and ramp building for seniors and handicapped.

This is just mentioning

a few of our projects," said Henke.

"A couple of our major community enhancement donations over the past few years have been a \$15,000 donation to the Hatten Stadium Foundation for improving and upgrading the old Hatten Stadium which is under consideration for the State and National Historical Register.

"And more recently a \$30,000 donation to the New London Public Library project.

"Over the past 25 years our club has donated over \$280,000 to various humanitarian and community enhancement projects in our area," said Henke. "We plan on continuing our humanitarian and civic responsibilities well into the future."

## Winter Wonderland on the Wolf

NEW LONDON – Downtown New London will be transformed into a merry Winter Wonderland on the Wolf on Friday, Dec. 6.

During Light Up New London, families can download a map and tour the Christmas lights throughout the area. All homes and businesses are

encouraged to get their decorations up and register by Dec. 4 to give organizers time to create the map. Find maps on the chamber Facebook page or stop by the chamber office.

New This Year: Take a Selfie with Elfie. There will be multiple Chamber Elves placed throughout the community at differ-

ent businesses and organizations. If you spot a Chamber Elf (must have Chamber hoodie), follow the instructions on the sign that will be placed nearby and go into a drawing for a chance to WIN \$100 Chamber Bucks. Chamber Bucks are just like gift cards that can be redeemed at participating Chamber

members. It's fun for the whole family. Dec. 6-15 . Winner announced Dec. 16.

Highlights of Winter Wonderland include Christmas displays, hosted by Longevity Nutrition, 201 S. Pearl St., on Dec. 6, 2024 featuring a twisting

**Wonderland**  
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## Wega-Fremont NEWS

### A step up for child care

#### Stepping Stones opens soon

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA – St. Peter Stepping Stones Early Learning Center nears completion after a summer of construction.

Electricians are on ladders, craftsmen are laying ceramic tiles and carpenters are installing cabinets. The contractor's office is still out front with fencing around the building site but behind the school's two playgrounds that are ready to go.

"It's definitely a rewarding job. Right now building the business and getting it ready to go takes a lot of hands," said Director Lindsay Voeltner. She said some teachers have been hired and they are still looking for candidates. There will be 10 to 11 staffers.

The facility is about three weeks away from occupancy which means they are on track for a soft opening on Jan. 2 and a grand opening on Jan. 6. Voeltner said general contractor Catalyst Construction has done a good job keeping the project moving forward.

Enrollment is open now and spaces are available. Waupaca County has been described as a "child-care desert" and Stepping Stones will help alleviate this shortfall in child care. One opening has been filled for a child not born yet.

"We have such a high number of zero to five-year-olds in Waupaca County and there are no child care spots available. When we did our research there are about 1,100 children in that age group with nowhere to go," said Voeltner.

One of her goals as the director is to work with other child care groups in the area to help fill openings in other centers. "Our hope is to be able to serve at least—we can have 74 [children] on a full day—and help as many families as we can," she said.

The facility will have a room for infants six weeks old to one year old. There is a toddler room for one to two year olds. Another room is for two to three year olds and two more rooms are for 3k and 4k children.

The early center will be using a Portage Guide which uses the Wisconsin Model of Early Standards that checks child development. Christian faith is integrated in to the curriculum with Bible stories, songs and teachings.

Parents will drop off children at a separate entrance with a security key fob that parents will have

access to. There is a lobby with coffee where parents can meet other parents.

More information about enrollment can be found at [www.splwega.net/steppingstones](http://www.splwega.net/steppingstones).

The early learning center doesn't have the only new classrooms at St. Peter. This fall fifth through sixth graders and seventh through eighth graders moved into new classrooms for the fall semester. The classrooms were constructed by Builders for Christ and numerous volunteers.

The child care center will have an open house and story time on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. The St. Peter's 3rd Annual Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 8. There will be a pre-concert social in the school commons with refreshments and the concert starts in the church at 4 p.m.

## District to use CESA 6 support

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – With the New London School District transitioning leadership for the teaching and learning director position, it will utilize out-of-district support when appropriate to "ensure best practice, compliance, and curriculum resource development."

The New London School Board approved having the person in the district who needs the assistance to make the request from CESA 6, but that request must go through Superintendent Scott Bleck.

The use of CESA 6 services is necessary because Danielle Sievert resigned from her position as the district's teaching and learning director.

"Her final day was recognized as October 1st," Bleck told the New London Press Star via email.

Bleck also said, "Our board will reconvene after the first of the year to reassess and develop a hiring timeline for the position."

During discussion about CESA 6 services, Bleck said action taken during closed session at a recent board meeting recognized that individuals from the district's staff needed support in their teaching and learning transition.

Bleck said one of the pieces from that recommendation was for the board to consider support services from CESA 6, specifically within their teaching and learning department. Services would support the district when it needs those services.

This support would be needed as the district navigates through the next steps of the leadership transition.

"I'm very confident in our team that will do that," Bleck said.

Bleck said the district was recommending that the board acknowledge 15 days of support, and the district would determine when it would be appropriate for someone from CESA 6 to come to the district to work with the administrative staff, and potentially the teaching staff.

It would cost approximately \$20,000 for 15 days of support, which is broken down to \$1,355 per day.

"It's just another layer of expertise if we find ourselves in a position where we need to be seeking solid academic

advice for the various items that are noted in there," Bleck said.

Bleck added, "I'm very confident that we'll be able to take on the vast majority of what we're empowered to do."

Board member Holly Schweitzer asked if the district has used CESA 6 services in the past.

Bleck said the district has used CESA 6 services.

According to the Topic Summary Sheet provided to board members, the five areas that the district would potentially need assistance with from CESA 6 included:

- CESA 6 Learning and Assessment Center will provide support with district needs associated with the role of District Assessment Coordinator. In addition, support will be provided related to the analysis and communication of the district's school report cards.

- CESA 6 Literacy Center will provide support to ensure district compliance with ACT 20 mandates.

- CESA 6 will provide math instructional guidance, professional learning, instructional coaching, and other consultative services to build the instructional capacity of the New London math staff.

- CESA 6 will provide additional support to the Learning and Assessment Center's Learning and Assessment Collaborative.

- CESA 6 will provide internal review of current Teaching and Learning responsibilities and capacities to support best practices.

Board Clerk Katie Batten asked where the five areas of requested services came from.

Bleck said he sent a survey to the administrative team when he knew the district would need to transition, and asked for all the areas the district may need help during the transition after Sievert left the district.

"What do we need to ensure that we're not going to create any gaps," Bleck said. "When we cycled that down, these five bullets settled out as to items we really need to be focused on."

Bleck said if the district had a director of Teaching and Learning currently in place, the district would not be considering using CESA 6 for these services.

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#### Donation

Rita Thews and Tammi Schoohs from the West Bloomfield Neighborhood Card Club are shown here with four of the five backpacks filled with school supplies donated to the Weyauwega Elementary School.

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## Christmas in W-F

WEYAUWEGA – The Frolic in Fremont will be Saturday, Nov. 30.

The downtown parade will start at 5 p.m. and people with floats will line up at 4 p.m. They will start at Fremont Elementary School and finish at the Bridge Bar. The floats will be announced as they pass Hotel Fremont. Awards will be announced for first, second and third place at the Fremont River Deck at 8 p.m.

The Weyauwega Winter Wonderland will be held Saturday, Dec. 7. There will be a Holiday Historic Tour by the Weyauwega Area Historical Society. These tours will run from noon until 4 p.m. Advance tickets can be picked up at city hall and local businesses. The Christmas parade starts at 5:30 p.m. A Chili Supper and Bake Sale will be hosted by Cub Scout Pack 3621 and will be in the community room in city hall from 4 to 7 p.m. Also there will be face painting there starting at 4 p.m.

After the parade, the city Christmas tree will be lit up with a presentation by the W-F choir. Santa Claus will be at the Gerold Opera House, along with hot chocolate, candy canes and music by the W-F band and choir. Those interested in volunteering or running a float in the parade can contact [weyauwegachamberinfo@gmail.com](mailto:weyauwegachamberinfo@gmail.com).

The Waupaca County Fire Department Food Drive and Light Show will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Firefighters and fire trucks

from departments throughout the county will be there. It will be held on the 200 block of East Parker Street. Food and monetary donations can be dropped off on-site at a location on East Parker. Both sides of the street will be lit up and connected to an interactive show broadcasted via the radio on 88.7 FM. There will be approximately 100,000 lights, over 40 spot lights, lasers, illuminated inflatables and a brilliant photo area for people to take Christmas pictures.

The year before, they brought in over \$2,500 and 1,860 lbs of food in three hours. The proceeds are donated to local pantries throughout Waupaca County. Local businesses can advertise a Christmas message on the radio broadcast for free in between Christmas songs. The only request is to make a donation for the food drive. The messages should be less than 15 seconds long. Send a recorded message to Justin Malueg at [justin.malueg@yahoo.com](mailto:justin.malueg@yahoo.com).

The main event is the food drive on Dec. 14 but those that miss out can cruise down E. Parker and see the lights. The Waupaca County Fire Department Light Show will be illuminated every evening, through the holiday season from Dec. 7 until New Year's Eve.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on 8580 37th Ave. in Fremont will host a drive-through live nativity scene from 4 to 7 p. Saturday, Dec. 21m. The event is free, all are welcome.



# Clintonville NEWS

## CHS auditorium upgrade approved

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville High School auditorium will receive a lighting, audio and networking upgrade.

The Clintonville School Board approved spending up to \$300,000 for the upgrade by a 5-2 vote at its Nov. 11 meeting.

Board members Jason

Moder and Glen Drew Lundt voted no. Both were in favor of the upgrade, but wanted a smaller dollar amount for the project.

The upgrade will be paid for from Fund 80. The upgrade is also in the district's budget.

According to the overview of the project, the lighting for the upgrade is estimated to cost \$146,689. Optional boom lighting

was approved for \$16,323. The side lighting option at a cost of \$33,475 was omitted from the upgrade.

Network and data distribution was approved in the amount of \$13,985. That work will be done by Krueger Electric.

The audio upgrade is estimated to cost \$84,665, with an additional \$20,927 approved for wireless microphones.

A new projector is also part of the upgrade at a cost of \$13,391, but the district hopes that will be covered with a donation from Hope Community Church.

If the projector is covered by a donation, then the total cost of the upgrade would be \$282,589. If the donation doesn't happen, the upgrade would cost \$295,980.

## Marion Rotary Student of the Month

Colleen Malueg was named the Marion Student of the Month.

The Marion High School senior is the daughter of Connie and Carl Malueg.

Malueg has been active in volleyball, basketball, band, FFA as an officer, student advisor and sentinel.

Her community activities include volunteering for summer school, Col-orama clean-up, Jump-Rope-For-Heart and Youth Basketball clinic.

Malueg has received varsity Volleyball MVP, honorable mention for volleyball and basketball, Academic high honors and



Malueg

highest honors, two volleyball letters, Academic All Conference, three basketball letters and was basketball team captain.

After graduation she plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College for animal science.

## CHS graduation slated for May 23

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Seniors at Clintonville High School will walk across the graduation stage on Friday, May 23.

Based on information from two different surveys of parents, the Clintonville School Board approved May 23 as graduation day at its Oct. 28 meeting.

At the meeting, the board was told that 60 families of senior students replied to

the second survey the district sent. The survey asked parents if they would rather have graduation on Friday, May 23 or Sunday, May 25.

### Oct. 14 meeting

At the Oct. 14 board meeting, Superintendent Troy Kuhn said that in the 2024-25 school calendar that the board had already approved, graduation was set for Sunday, May 25.

Kuhn said after surveying families of seniors who will

be graduating in May, the majority of families chose Friday, May 23 for graduation. The day that received the second most votes was Wednesday, May 21.

Board President Ben Huber said the results showed that roughly half the respondents wanted graduation on May 23, and a third of respondents wanted it on May 22.

After hearing the results, board member Clint Bar-kow asked if May 25 was one of the options families

could vote for.

Board Clerk Laurie Voll-rath also questioned that.

"The people that I've talked to said leave it alone, it was discussed last year, and we've already made plans," Vollrath said.

Kuhn said based on the results it looked like May 25 was not an option presented to families.

Because of that, the board asked school administration to ask parents to vote between May 23 and May 25 as the only options.

# Manawa NEWS

## Smith's Shrooms head to DuPont

BY EMILY DOUD  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – A classic mushroom recipe used at Smith's Steak House in Manawa, has now made its way to the DuPont Cheese Factory in Marion.

The DuPont Cheese Factory retail store, N10140 State Highway 110, recently started selling Smith's Shrooms, which are marinated mushrooms made in house at Smith's Steak House, 960 Depot Street.

DuPont is just one of a growing number of businesses that have started carrying Smith's Shrooms. John Smith, owner of Smith's Steakhouse and Smith's Shrooms, said he hopes to continue to grow.

The recipe for the marinated mushrooms was acquired from the previous owner of the Steakhouse, John Levezow, when Smith purchased the business.

Levezow mentioned to Smith that he should can them and sell them to make up the money Smith used to buy the recipe.

Smith has been canning his mushrooms for the last eight years. When the variance ran out on his previous permit to can mushrooms, he went through the process of getting certified to be able to sell the mushrooms to local businesses.

With these new permits he said he will be able to sell his mushrooms across state lines, something he is hoping to pursue in the near future.

Part of the certification process was that he had to take a canning class, which is not something that is available through the secondary



Smith's Shrooms have been making their way around retail shops and bars in Waupaca County, something owner John Smith is hoping to continue to grow.

Courtesy of DuPont Cheese Factory

school systems in Wisconsin or Minnesota. He had to take the class online through the University of North Carolina.

"Being self-employed you are really limited on your time, so at one in the morning I'm laying in bed taking a canning class," Smith said.

Smith then had to send four quart jars of both the regular and spicy mushrooms to Market Fresh Lab in Minneapolis in order to get the proper licensing and labels for the jars.

Smith said he is currently a licensed food canning establishment and a food processing plant, not just a restaurant anymore.

With his new certification he has been able to branch

out, with local bars such as Midtown in Manawa, as well as the Indian Crossing Casino in Waupaca and Roxy's Super Club in Oshkosh.

Smith said he is hoping to continue to grow the business and drops off samples at various businesses in hopes to get more places selling his mushrooms.

Nueske's in Wittenberg also sells the jars of mushrooms, along with Scotty's Bait and Tackle in Three Lakes and B&L Sporting Goods in Sparta.

Another place that Smith's Shrooms have been popular is at outdoor sporting shows, namely hunting.

Smith said these shows generally have bloody mary

bars, so when some Steakhouse regulars decided to bring some mushrooms to a show they were able to offer them to those walking around with bloody marys.

"People walk by with no condiments in their Bloody Mary and she's like 'hey you should try these,'" Smith said. "The first show they went to they took four cases and sold out in three hours."

Smith said the Manawa Steakhouse is for sale and hopes to make the mushroom business his retirement job as he continues to venture out and drop off more and more sample jars to businesses around Wisconsin.

## Christmas in Clintonville

CLINTONVILLE - Holiday celebrations are planned throughout the Clintonville Community.

- Nov. 22 to Dec. 16 – Children are encouraged to write letters to Santa and place them in the mailbox in front of the Community Center.
- Dec. 6 – Community Tree Lighting by First State Bank at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 9 • Light Up Clintonville Registration Deadline. Residents and businesses within city limits can register to compete in the annual Light Up Clintonville contest. Learn more on the Clintonville Parks and Rec Facebook page.
- Dec. 11-13 – Judging of Light Up Clintonville takes place.
- Dec. 13 – Movie Night at the Community Center, "The Polar Express" at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 14 – Bingo at the Community Center by Pigeon Lake District from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Dec. 14 – Holiday Shop Hop at participating local businesses.
- Dec. 14 – Santa Meet and Greet sponsored by Fox Communities Credit Union 1-4 p.m. at Clintonville Community Center. Food by Onward Clintonville and Kid's Crafts.
- Dec. 14 – Christmas Parade starts at 4:30 p.m. and goes down Main Street from 16th to 8th streets, sponsored by Marketplace Foods.
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# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

## I-S theater in need of upgrades

BY EMILY DOUD  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA —At the Nov. 11 school board meeting producers and directors of the Iola-Scandinavia musicals expressed support a capital campaign to upgrade outdated equipment.

The musicals put on by the Iola-Scandinavia School District have grown in popularity, which has led to the crew of the musicals to want start looking at upgrades to sound and lighting equipment as well as new curtains for the stage.

“We have been doing the sponsorship program for the last three years to raise money with the hopes that we could do some upgrades to our auditorium,” Shannon Huettner, administrative director of the musical, said. “Through those three years and some investigations, we realized that to really upgrade our auditorium and get it to what we would like we would need \$500,000.”

Huettner said she did some digging and that she could not find any information as to when the lighting, sound and curtains were updated last.

This led her to believe some of the equipment may



Iola-Scandinavia students performed the musical “Footloose” in the spring of 2024.

Emily Doud Photo

be original to 1979 when the school was built.

Currently the musical borrows sound equipment from the Jensen Community Center in Amherst. But with the Jensen Center doing a million-dollar expansion, Huettner is unsure that they will be able to continue to borrow the equipment with the increase of events at the Amherst theater.

Zach Schulfer, a choral teacher and the musical director, said having a sound booth where the sound

equipment can be locked up when not in use, instead of taking all of the sound equipment out for each practice will be a huge time saver.

“Having that separate space will be very helpful to allow us to continue to get that high tech equipment, and then maintain it for a long time,” Schulfer said at the Nov. 11 board meeting.

Before the musical last spring, Huettner said that many of the bulbs were replaced in the stage lighting. However by the time of the

last musical performance a lot more bulbs had gone out.

“Those lights are very, very hot,” Huettner said. “If we replace those with LED lights its going to be much cooler on stage, much more energy efficient.”

The stage curtains are also in disrepair, with tears and rips. Huettner said they are very old and will need to be replaced.

Huettner mentioned putting in a mid-level curtain so scenes can be set up while the play continues on the

front of the stage.

Huettner stressed that the musical has continued to grow, and the amount of students participating is growing as well.

Huettner said she thinks they can confidently start the campaign with taking \$50,000 out of their fund.

“That comes from the sponsorships and proceeds from the musicals we’ve raised so far, the community support is growing year after year,” she said.

The sponsorship program yielded over \$20,000 last

year, and along with the almost 1500 tickets sold they are continuing to prove repairs to the auditorium are necessary as every year the musicals are staying popular.

Huettner said they plan to kick off the fund raising after the first of the year, during the musical rehearsals.

Dale Bestul, the set and stage crew director, was also on hand to talk about the community aspect of the musical.

“This musical has become an incredible asset to the community not only the school ... to bring in almost 1500 people every year for the musical, its become a great event for the community and the auditorium is a great asset for us too,” Bestul said at the Nov. 11 school board meeting.

The goal is to raise \$450,000 over the next three years, which Huettner and Bestul think can be accomplished through fundraising and by applying for grants.

“It’s an incredible event, I describe it as one of the most rewarding events I’ve ever been involved in,” Bestul said.



The Iola Car Show and the Waupaca Foundry have partnered to create benches. Contributed Photo

## Iola Car Show — partners with Foundry

IOLA - The Iola Car Show is an annual national event that for more than 50 years has been making a huge impact on central Wisconsin.

Known as “America’s Greatest Classic Car Show and swap meet,” the non-profit event serves as a fundraiser for more than 120 different civic and community organizations.

It also generates more than \$30 million in economic impact for Waupaca County and surrounding counties.

Thanks to a new special project, the Iola Car Show team is looking to make a different kind of impact at home.

In the Fall of 2023, Iola Car Show Executive Director Joe Opperman reached out to his contacts at the Waupaca Foundry.

There was an existing sponsor relationship there, but Opperman had something else up his sleeve.

“Our team had an idea here in the office for some custom benches that resembled old pickup truck tailgates,” Opperman said. “As a

non-profit corporation with very modest budgets and a lot of passion for what we do, creativity is a core strength of the operation. We knew the Waupaca Foundry would be able to help make it happen.”

What began as a simple sketch on paper, Iola Car Show volunteer Jim Payton turned into a life-sized wooden model.

Payton worked at the foundry and is currently retired. That background gave him some insight into what might be possible from a design and casting standpoint.

The Waupaca Foundry showed interest in the idea, and the project was handed over to David Scott, director of tooling and process manufacturing.

With Payton’s wooden prototype on hand, engineer Alan Crawford got to work turning the prototype into a digital model that could be efficiently produced.

By the summer of 2024, the first castings of the unique bench ends were rolling off the assembly line and

heading to Alliance Industries for color.

Additional support for the project has come from Metal Crafters and Feltz Manufacturing of Stevens Point.

The Iola Car Show is planning to donate the first completed bench to the Village of Iola’s Revitalization Committee, and help develop a sponsorship program for other community improvement initiatives.

“We want this to serve the community in as many ways as possible,” Opperman said. “The benches will help to beautify the village in a creative way as well as generate funds to support more good works. Sponsors will be able to choose the color and messaging for each bench. This is an awesome example of teamwork and community building that would not have been possible without our friends at the Waupaca Foundry. The talent there is incredible, and their willingness to support the local community is really felt with this project.”

## Meth bust follows traffic stop

WAUPACA – Terry J. Searvogel, 36, Waupaca, was charged with felony possession of methamphetamine, operating a vehicle with a restricted controlled substance and a juvenile passenger, a second OWI, operating while revoked and felony bail jumping.

At 2:25 a.m. Feb. 6, Waupaca Police Officer Austin Erickson was running radar on Churchill Street near the Rose Garden Cafe when he observed

a vehicle with a license plate that was not registered to it.

Erickson made a traffic stop and identified the driver as Searvogel.

Two more Waupaca officers arrived and they helped search the vehicle. They reported finding suspected methamphetamine and a pot pipe.

Offices conducted a field sobriety test, then transported Searvogel to ThedaCare Waupaca for a blood draw.

Searvogel was released on a \$2,000 signature bond. He is scheduled to appear in court for a status conference on Nov. 25.

Police said there were three passengers in addition to Searvogel at the time of the traffic stop.

Officers report that one of them, Alex Mills, 27, had her 4-year-old daughter with her. Mills was charged with misdemeanor child neglect and is scheduled for a jury trial on Dec. 20.

## Waupaca County sheriff's report

- Nov. 11 – A Manawa man on State Highway 22-110 reported his wife drove a truck into his car. He called earlier in the morning and said he and his wife “have been having issues and arguing.”
- Nov. 11 – The Waupaca County Courthouse reported a suspicious man wandering around.
- Nov. 11 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a youth bit a staff member.
- Nov. 11 – A Waupaca man on Casey Lake Lane reported his credit card information was stolen and used for online betting that resulted in \$1,100 in charges.
- Nov. 11 – A Big Falls man on Harrison Street reported juveniles were running around with cordless drills and drilling holes in neighborhood trees.
- Nov. 11 – A Scandinavia man on Weinmann Road requested a deputy be present as he kicked out his roommate. He called back and reported his wallet and other things were stolen.
- Nov. 11 – A Waupaca woman on Westgate Acres Road reported a juvenile runaway.
- Nov. 11 – A Weyauwega caller on County Trunk X reported a woman walked into her house and started acting disorderly. The caller had no idea who she was. She left in a red hatchback heading for the Chimney Inn.
- Nov. 11 – A cell phone caller reported hearing five to six gunshots on County Trunk QQ near Clearwater Harbor.
- Nov. 12 – Fleet Farm in Waupaca reported an intoxicated driver leaving the parking lot.
- Nov. 12 – A Waupaca man on Kristin Lane reported possible trespassing on his property as two of his cameras were disabled and he did not turn them off.
- Nov. 12 – A female caller reported that a man “hacked” her car and was tracking her. She said she had a recording admitting this.
- Nov. 12 – A Marion woman on Main Street reported a 20-year-old woman was having a seizure. Her mother said the woman ate THC gummies.
- Nov. 12 – A Manawa man on State Highway 22-110 reported suspicious people banging on a house with

- flashlights for 15 minutes.
- Nov. 12 – The Weyauwega bus garage reported a red SUV drove through a stop sign while children were crossing the road.
- Nov. 13 – A Bear Creek man on River Road reported he was following a suspicious vehicle that was trespassing on his property in Outagamie County. He was on Airport Road and the vehicle was speeding to get away from him.
- Nov. 13 – An Amherst caller on River Road reported three vehicles in a field with their lights on. When he approached, they shut the lights off. The caller suspected poaching.
- Nov. 13 – A Scandinavia woman on Simonson Road reported an 86-year-old woman fell and possibly broke her leg. She was behind a locked door.
- Nov. 14 – An Amherst Junction man reported a possible case of medication fraud.
- Nov. 14 – Weyauwega Star Dairy requested a welfare check on an employee that called in sick three days ago and has not been heard from since.
- Nov. 14 – A Waupaca woman on Crystal River Lane reported a man on a bicycle was riding down the middle of the road and she almost struck him.
- Nov. 14 – A Waupaca man on Shadow Road reported the theft of a motorcycle.
- Nov. 15 – A Kohler man reported his soon-to-be-ex-brother-in-law was following him.
- Nov. 15 – An Embarrass woman on Main Street reported a suspicious white Ford van in her yard.
- Nov. 15 – A Weyauwega woman on White Lake Road reported a neighbor was shooting a “high power rifle” and it was scaring her animals.
- Nov. 15 – A Scandinavia woman on Rollofson Lake Road reported suspicious people in a field with a flashlight.
- Nov. 15 – Schueller’s Great Exspectations reported there was a person sleeping behind the bar and now the person was yelling at people.
- Nov. 16 – A Waupaca caller on East Ware Road reported a woman appeared

- to have jumped out of a gray Suburban and a man roughly got her back into the vehicle.
- Nov. 16 – A 911 caller requested an ambulance for his father who was struck by a tree.
- Nov. 16 – A Waupaca man on Hartman Creek Road reported a juvenile runaway.
- Nov. 16 – An anonymous caller reported a man was going to end his life and said that he does not want to live.
- Nov. 16 – A Waupaca caller on State Highway 22 reported a man was being physical with him and throwing things around.
- Nov. 17 – ThedaCare reported a man with slurred speech, was drooling, and had a headache and left-side facial numbness.
- Nov. 17 – An unknown caller whispered something about a gun and hung up.
- Nov. 17 – A Waupaca caller on Pine Street reported people in a black Ford Ranger taigated her, passed her, flipped her off and took a picture of her and flipped her off again.
- Nov. 17 – A 911 caller reported the death of a 47-year-old female.
- Nov. 17 – Treehouse Foods in Manawa reported a suspended employee was sending threatening messages to another employee.
- Nov. 17 – A Weyauwega man on South Street reported there were suspicious people in the cemetery with flashlights.
- Nov. 17 – An Ogdensburg woman on North Water Street reported a man was out of control and trying to harm his wife.
- Nov. 17 – A Waupaca caller on Harrison Street reported a man struck a woman, then said that she was hitting herself. The woman won’t go outside because he will lock her out.
- There were 35 deer-related calls during this period. Seven controlled burns were called in. A New London woman reported four loose cows in the roadway. A New London woman on Bean City Road was bitten in the ribcage by the neighbor’s dog. A woman was bitten by a dog on Stratton Lake Road.

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# Opinion

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### The True Measure Of Success

Dear Reader,

In the grand tapestry of existence, we each play a fleeting role, our lives but a brief flicker in the vast expanse of time. As we age and eventually face the inevitable end, we are often compelled to ponder the true measure of success and the meaning of our existence. What purpose does our journey serve? Why are we born to live such a brief span of life?



Traditionally, success has been quantified by wealth, status, and achievements. These tangible markers, while significant, often fail to capture the essence of a fulfilling life. True success lies not in material accumulation but in the quality of our relationships, the kindness we extend, and the impact we have on others. It is reflected in the love we give and receive, the dreams we pursue, and the resilience we exhibit in the face of adversity.

Viktor Frankl, a renowned psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, emphasized that the search for meaning is a fundamental human drive. He argued that meaning can be found in every moment of life, even in suffering. Our purpose is not a single, grand mission but a series of small, meaningful acts that contribute to a larger whole. Whether it's through our work, our passions, or our connections with others, we create meaning daily.

Understanding that life is finite can be both daunting and liberating. It encourages us to live with intention, to cherish each moment, and to prioritize what truly matters. Our awareness of mortality can inspire us to live more fully, love more deeply, and strive to leave a positive legacy, however modest it may be. The brevity of life makes our actions more precious and our experiences more profound.

In the end, the meaning of our existence is often found in the legacy we leave behind. It's not about monumental achievements but the simple, everyday acts of kindness and the memories we create with others. Our legacy is etched in the hearts of those we touch and the positive changes we inspire. It is in the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, and the love that endures beyond our physical presence.

The true measure of success and the meaning of life are deeply personal and often intangible. They are found in the authenticity of our journey, the depth of our connections, and the courage to live in alignment with our values. As we navigate the transient nature of our existence, let us remember that every moment holds the potential for meaning. In embracing our ephemeral nature, we discover the profound beauty of our brief, yet significant, speck of life.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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

## Moving the goalposts on student achievement

BY BILL BARTH

Let's step back a few years, to trace the beginning of high stakes school test-taking in America.

It's January 8, 2002. The place is Hamilton, Ohio. The speaker is President George W. Bush, on the day he signed the so-called No Child Left Behind Act.

"The first way to solve a problem is to diagnose it. And so, what this bill says, it says every child can learn. And we want to know early, before it's too late, whether or not a child has a problem in learning. I understand taking tests isn't fun. Too bad. We need to know in America. We need to know whether or not children have got the basic education."

"No longer is it acceptable to hide poor performance. No longer is it acceptable to keep results away from parents. ... If schools don't perform ... there must be real consequences. There must be a moment in which parents can say, I've had enough of this school. Parents must be given real options in the face of failure in order to make sure reform is meaningful."

Fair question: How's that all working out?

The Civics Academy – a great series of public affairs programming – convened a discussion October 31 at the Beloit Public Library, to take a deep look at understanding Wisconsin's school district report cards. The

discussion included expert commentary from Colleston Morgan Jr., executive director of City Forward Collective in Milwaukee, and Alan Borsuk, retired Milwaukee Journal Sentinel journalist and senior fellow in law and public policy at Marquette University Law School. Beloit Library Director Nick Dimassis moderated.

In a nutshell, here's the answer to that fair question: Not very well. Academic scores, particularly in Wisconsin's urban schools, have not soared to new heights in the test-taking era. To the contrary, an alarming percentage of students have fallen not only below grade level, but into the lowest category of "below basic."

So the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction – the state agency with authority over education matters – has decided to raise scores by moving the goalposts. And changing the terminology.

Standards for measuring results have been lowered, and the outcome will be a mirage of higher scores. With lower standards more schools will see their overall report cards improve. But that doesn't mean students taking the tests are actually doing better. It just means they don't have to perform as well in order to appear to be improving.

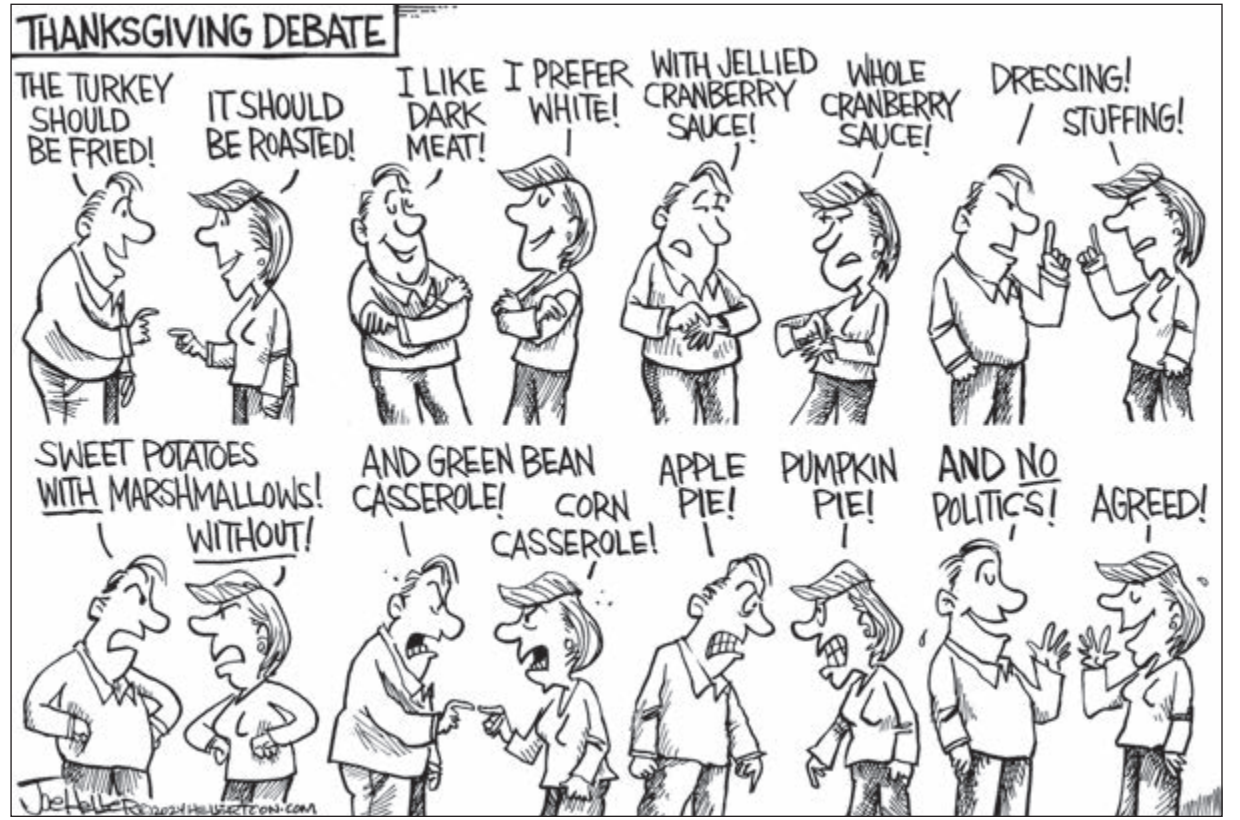
Tests measure performance in language skills, math and science. Previously, top student perform-

can receive 24-hour skilled care.

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Before signing any admissions contract for the nursing home, your family should visit multiple facilities together, looking for a place that offers first-class providers, effective communication, engaging activities, and resident compan-



## Waupaca County is Republican country

As chairman of the Waupaca County Republican Party, I want to sincerely thank all the voters who came out to cast their vote for Republicans to represent our values in Washington and Madison. We truly have some great leadership representing Waupaca County, and, as Chairman, I would personally like to congratulate the following winners.

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District 6, Eric Wimberger for State Senate District 2, Jeremy Schoenike for County Register of Deeds, Mark Sether County Treasurer, and Kristy K. Opperman for County Clerk. To those of you who didn't vote Republican I would personally ask you to join our movement to Make America Great Again. The

Waupaca County Republican Party wishes all the candidates nothing but the best, and thanks again to the voters of Waupaca County, we truly appreciate every one of you.

**JOEL BARTEL**  
WAUPACA COUNTY  
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## Trump's winning recipe in Wisconsin

BY WISPOLITICS.COM  
THE CAPITOL REPORT

Donald Trump won Wisconsin in 2016 on his way to beating Hillary Clinton.

Then he lost Wisconsin in 2020 as Joe Biden won back the "Blue Wall."

And now in 2024, Trump won back Wisconsin over Kamala Harris on his way to a victorious comeback.

How did he do it, despite continued erosion of the Republican vote in the WOW counties of Washington, Ozaukee and Waukesha around Milwaukee?

Part of the recipe was taking a bigger share of the vote in rural Wisconsin.

Trump took a bigger share of the vote in all but five Wisconsin counties compared to 2020, according to a WisPolitics check of unofficial returns.

The five counties where

Trump most improved his margins were:

–Lafayette, winning 59.6%, compared to 56.35% four years ago

–Grant, winning 58.4% compared to 55.22%

–Crawford, winning 56.1%, compared to 53.1%

–Ashland, winning 46.8%, compared to 43.86%

–Trempealeau, winning 60.1%, compared to 57.4%

Four of the five are in western Wisconsin along the Mississippi River with Ashland County in the northern part of the state.

Meanwhile, three of the five counties where Trump fared worse than 2020 are in the Milwaukee suburbs. That includes Waukesha County, where he took 59.2% of the vote Nov. 5, compared to 59.6% in 2020, and Ozaukee County, where he got 54.5% of the vote, compared to

55.15% four years ago. Meanwhile, he took 67.4% in Washington County, compared to 68.4%.

The other two places where Trump fared worse were Door and Adams counties. In Door, considered a bellwether county, Trump took 48.2%, compared to 48.48% last time.

Adams County, which is north of the Wisconsin Dells, went for Trump with 60.3% of the vote this year, compared to 62.3% in 2020.

Overall, Harris won 13 counties, compared to the 14 that Biden won. The outgoing president took Sauk County, which flipped to Trump.

Insiders were watching Milwaukee County to see if turnout waned compared to 2020. According to unofficial returns, at least 462,988 votes were counted there with 99% of precincts reporting. Harris

won 68.5%.

Four years ago, 459,723 were cast there with Biden winning 69% of the vote.

Both parties will be analyzing the numbers as they prepare for the next big statewide election — the state Supreme Court race in the spring of 2025. Then comes the governor's race in 2026.

Dems are already predicting a better climate for them in those two races, but Republicans will be trying to turn Trump's 2024 win into future statewide success.

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ers were rated Advanced; that category stays the same.

Next came Proficient, but it's now called Meeting. Basic is now Approaching. And the bottom tier, previously called Below Basic, is now Developing. Whatever that means.

For good measure the college-bound ACT test standard for Wisconsin also was lowered from a score of 22 to 19.

Morgan put it bluntly: "This widens our state's achievement gap," and causes the most harm to vulnerable students who may be low-income, minority and special needs.

Borsuk was even more biting: "The change lowered the bar. DPI doesn't like to use that term but I don't know any other way to describe it. I don't even know what Developing means."

He added, "Developing, I fear, is a way of backing

away from what are we going to do about it?"

Agreeing, Morgan said, "Labels are one thing, lower standards are another. There should be some truth in advertising here."

To make matters worse, they said, parts of the DPI process to make the changes were conducted in secret, behind closed doors, with participants asked to sign NDAs (non-disclosure agreements). So much for Wisconsin's vaunted commitment to open government.

### Observations

If test-taking could fix the problems we would already be done.

Tests largely illustrate what we knew to be the case. Kids coming from low income, disadvantaged homes tend to perform poorly. Kids from higher

income, stable and advantaged homes do better.

Tests verify that problems are more severe among Wisconsin's most challenged communities.

And when the government finds itself flailing for solutions, the go-to move is to hide the ball.

As a life-long private sector guy, this is what stands out for me. The real test is given in the days after a student leaves campus for the last time. Will it be a successful adaptation to the rigors of the adult world? Or a failure to launch, with all the likely bad outcomes – for the individual and society – that implies?

When it comes to setting goals, building adults is job one. For some, that involves college. For others, technical and trade schools, or apprenticeships. Honest work is honest work. Preparedness is everything. Helping

kids find the right track is just as important as shuffling report card papers.

The good news is the room was packed. Lots of top area educators were present and engaged. People really care about this. So there's hope.

Bush's No Child Left Behind was well-intentioned. There's that, but nevertheless it's been mostly ineffective. Lowering standards while claiming to get better is an awful approach. The folks at DPI and the Wisconsin political class should be ashamed.

When it's all said and done, though, responsibility for fixing this mess lies where it always has – right here, with us, the people.

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

## Considerations when moving parents into nursing home

BY MARY YOUSSEF  
KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

Your mom's cognitive decline is becoming more evident each day. After discussions with family members, your mom's physician, and your mom, it's become clear she needs a higher level of care than can be provided at home or in assisted living. It may be time to consider a nursing home, where she

can receive 24-hour skilled care.

First, understand the difference between assisted living or community-based residential facilities and nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities. Licensed nursing facilities provide continuous coverage by a registered nurse, and only a few offer specialized services, such as ventilator care.

If specialized care is needed, call ahead to confirm availability before touring facilities.

Before signing any admissions contract for the nursing home, your family should visit multiple facilities together, looking for a place that offers first-class providers, effective communication, engaging activities, and resident compan-

ions for your loved one.

Be sure to look at everything with a critical eye and research tough questions you can ask the admissions director. Listen to them and watch how they react to your questions. Beyond finding the right environment and quality of care, it's essential to understand the legal aspects involved in the admissions process.

### Signing admissions contract

If your parent is alert and capable, they can sign the admissions contract. If they have a diagnosed cognitive impairment, a designated agent or guardian must sign on their behalf. A power of attorney for health care or finances, if available, will name an authorized agent. If that

agent is you, be sure to review the contract terms carefully. If another family member is the agent, be sure to join them in the nursing home tour and review the contract as well.

If no agent or power of attorney exists, you may need to petition the court for guardianship. Guardianship can cover two areas:

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# Obituary Notices

## Würth, William



William "Bill" E. Würth, age 80 of Clintonville, passed away peacefully on Sunday November 17, 2024 at Greentree Health & Rehabilitation Center, Clintonville.

William "Bill" Eugene Würth was born October 16, 1944 in Lincoln, IL, son to the late Frederick & Ruth (Bohm) Würth. He attended Blackhawk Central High School in Davenport, IA and graduated with the class of 1964. Bill held many jobs over the years, including owning and operating his own business called Bill's Shoe Repair in Clintonville. He enjoyed his truck driving days with his best friend Rick Yeager, eventually retiring in 2009. Bill married his first wife, Linda, and the couple had three beautiful children and later divorced. He met Debra Lorge (nee Stueck) in 1997, the couple later married on March 5, 1999. He welcomed her four children with open arms. He loved horses and horseback riding, motorcycle rides, hunting, and his old Westerns. In his later years, he enjoyed feeding and watching the squirrels, and spending free time with his grandchildren.

William is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Debra; daughter, Kimberly (Pete) Hager, sons, Joseph (Vicki) Würth, Mark (Dawn) Rambo, and his bonus children, Jackie (Scott) Spieth, Shannon (special friend, Brian) Lorge, Austin (Brittany) Lorge, & Amanda (Bart) Van Straten.

He was a super-loving grandpa, "Big PeeWee" and "Papa" Bill to Brandon (Alyssa) Würth, "Little PeeWee" Codi (special friend, Katie) Schoneck, Sterling, Lauren, Dillon Van Straten and Bentley, Cameron Lorge, and great-grandpa to, Ainslee Würth, Hunter Rambo, and Shiloh Castro.

He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and his best friend, Rick (Joann) Yeager.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter and namesake, Billie Jean Würth; sisters, Minnie Aisenbrenner & Melody Würth; and sister-in-law, Karen Würth.

Funeral services will take place at 2 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, South Location, 299 S. Main St. Clintonville, WI 54929. The Rev. Diana Ziegler will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville.

Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 12 noon until the time of service.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the staff at Greentree Health and Rehabilitation Center, for the years of great care provided to Bill.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Würth family.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

## Hanson, Paul



On November 13, 2024, Paul Richard Hanson passed away peacefully, with his wife and girls by his side. Paul was born to Harvey and LaVon (Schei) Hanson in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on August 5, 1961. Paul attended Waupaca High School and graduated in 1980. He met his future wife, Vera Hanson (Schulke) at Robert's Pub where he was known to always order a shorty Pabst. He eventually convinced her to marry him on May 18,

1985. They had two daughters and five grandchildren. Paul was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing. He was a very proud Papa when his daughter Nicki fell in love with sharing his deer stand and getting her first buck. He worked in the grocery store business for 43 years where he met life-long friends. His kids always loved shouting into the milk cooler at the Pig to say hi to their dad. Over the years, he enjoyed taking trips with his wife, such as attending the Pro-Bowl in Hawaii and going on a hot air balloon ride for their 25th wedding anniversary. While a family road trip to Canada almost ended with a capsized boat, he enjoyed the week of fishing and drinking beer by the campfire. Paul had an endless number of hats, a genuine love for taking care of his family, and a sense of humor that was truly unique.

Paul is survived by his dedicated wife, Vera Hanson; his precious daughters, Noel (Jon) Seroy and Nicole (Adam) Vanden Boogard; grandchildren: Aubree "Blue Eyes" Hanson, Evan and Mia Seroy, Austin and Noah Vanden Boogard; devoted mother: LaVon Glodowski; brothers: Dave Hanson, Jon Hanson and William (Chelsea) Hanson; step-brothers: Dan (Maggie) Glodowski and Albert (Liz) Glodowski and step-sister, Karen (Duane) Bruns; along with aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Paul is preceded in death by his father, Harvey Hanson; step-dad, Norb Glodowski; brother, Mike Hanson; sister-in-law, Kathy Hanson; and in-laws, Verlyn and Joann Schulke.

The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to the staff at Cherry Meadows and St. Joseph Trinity Terrace who cared for Paul during the last couple of months of his life. A special thank you to his favorite CNA, Breann.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, November 30, 2024 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of the service.

## Tody, Laura

Laura M. Tody, age 66 of Clintonville, passed away on Friday evening November 15, 2024.

## Love, Lucille



Lucille Laura (Wozniak) Love passed away peacefully surrounded by family at her home in Weyauwega, Wisconsin on November 10, 2024.

Lucille was born March 16, 1935, in the small town of Athens, Wisconsin, to George and Regina (Reichl) Wozniak. She was the second of five children. Her father was a farmer and the town milkman. Lucille grew up experiencing the simple joys of rural life, gathering eggs, milking cows, and hunting mushrooms with her brother Glen. They made their own ketchup and raised their own chickens. They drew their blackout curtains during the war, and went to their beautiful Catholic church, St. Anthony's, and every Sunday.

An excellent student, Lucille graduated from Athens High School in 1953, where she had been active in drama, played the drums in the school band, and attended Badger Girls State.

After graduation, Lucille moved to Milwaukee. She lived at the YWCA and worked at the Gas Company, a thoroughly modern young lady who earned her own living and played basketball and softball.

One fateful evening, when the Milwaukee Braves won the World Series and all of Milwaukee was out celebrating, Lucille met John Love, the man who would become her husband. "They met on the bridge..." goes the family lore, and the two were married on June 27, 1959. They spent their honeymoon at "The Cottage", a family home on Lake Laura in Northern Wisconsin, a place she would return to many times with her children and grandchildren.

Lucille and John lived together for 65 happy years, raising six children, moving five times (once internationally), and not losing a single child along the way. Sharon, Rhonda, Donna, and John were born in Milwaukee; Susan and Carolyn were born in Minneapolis.

Life took an adventurous turn when John's work took the family to Bogota, Colombia. A far cry from her central Wisconsin roots, Lucille embraced this new experience. The family traveled extensively, exploring archaeological sites, Central America, and the Amazon River. Lucille learned Spanish, immersed herself in the culture, and made many international friends.

Once back in the States, she settled her family into their home in Bayside, Wisconsin, and was active in her children's schools, volunteering at both St. Eugene's in Fox Point and Dominican High School in Whitefish Bay, from where all of her children graduated. She was a wonderful cook and made delicious, homemade meals for her family every day.

Lucille and John retired to the River House in Weyauwega, Wisconsin, their beautiful countryside home with a river for John to fish in, a large cottage garden, and myriad fruit trees. Days were spent volunteering with the Lionettes, the New London Women's Club, and their parish, Most Precious Blood in New London.

Her family learned much from Lucille, who led by example. She was the most selfless, loving, and giving person. She never spoke poorly about anyone, ever. She tried to be positive and happy every single day. She also had an unwavering faith and special devotion to St. Joseph, which she shared with her children. Lucille also taught her children other important lessons: how to make a fantastic sweet roll (inherited from her mother, ask any of her kids for the recipe); when in doubt, to read Jane Austen; go to church; say your prayers and, most important, feel gratitude for every blessing.

Lucille is survived by her husband, John; five daughters: Sharon (Harold Slawik), Rhonda (Farzad Dibachi), Donna (Hamid Mohammadi), Susan (Michael Contardi), and Carolyn; and one son: John (Patricia). She is also survived by her grandchildren: Cecilia, Abigail, Alex (Erin), Franklin David (Laura), Rosie, Peter, Juliette, Charles, Ryan, and Sean; great-grandchildren: Eleanor, Johnny, and Grady; sisters: Carol (Doug Koffarnus) and Bonnie Anderson; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Lucille is reunited in heaven with her parents, Regina and George, and siblings, Florence and Glen.

Visitation was: Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.; Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 120 E Washington St, New London, Wisconsin. Burial was: Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Calvary Cemetery, Athens, Wisconsin.

## Fischer, Otis



Otis "Otie" L. Fischer, age 96 of New London, passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024 after a brief illness. He was born on November 21, 1927 the only child of the late Otto and Gertrude (Mielke) Fischer Pankow. Otie graduated from Manawa High School. He married Mary "Jane" Adkins in 1949. Together for 60 years, they built a loving family, which was the pride and joy of his life. Otie grew up on a farm and loved the outdoors. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to hunt and spent many hours fishing on the Wolf River and all throughout upper Wisconsin. Otie also loved motorcycles, which he rode until age 90. He built a cabin in Little Wolf, where his family had many special memories. Otie worked at the New London City Garage as a mechanic and Cline & Hanson Furniture store for over 30 years.

Otis is survived and deeply loved by his children, Steven (Wendy) Fischer and Faye (Rick) Heinze; grandchildren, Cynthia Lynn (Emily Jean Cox) Fischer, Angela (Rob) Cassill, Eric Heinze and Maria Heinze; great-grandchildren, Meycelle Miller (Keegan Brown), Vladimir Fischer and Wilber Cassill and his half-sisters, Marilyn Braun and Karen Coonen, along with their children.

In addition to his parents, Otis was preceded in death by his wife, Mary "Jane"; his young son, Gregory and sister-in-law, Jackie Moderson.

The Funeral Service for Otis will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2024 at Cline & Hanson Funeral Home in New London with Rev. Kevin Dembinski officiating. The visitation will take place from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until the time of the service. Burial will be in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London.

## Cargile, Jean



Jean E. Cargile, age 81 of Waupaca, passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Bethany Home in Waupaca. Jean was born on November 19, 1942; daughter of the late Elsie and Laura Parks in Eureka, Kansas. On November 22, 1960, Jean joined the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged on April 30, 1963. She then lived in Forsyth, Missouri working as a regional manager for Royal Neighbors of America and was also an independent real estate agent. In 2016, Jean moved to Waupaca, Wisconsin. She was a member of the American Legion Post #161 in King, WI.

Jean is survived by her son, Jay Cargile of Waupaca, WI; Long time best friend, Nancy Neuroth and daughter Dawn of Waupaca, WI; daughter-in-law, Debbie Cargile of Garden City, KS. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Willis "Toby" Cargile; son, Mike Cargile and sister, Alice.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 PM on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at Waupaca Christian Church in Waupaca. Pastor Carl Ferguson will officiate. Military Honors will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the Waupaca Humane Society in Jean's name. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Cady, Patricia



Patricia Rae Cady, age 47 of Ogdensburg, WI passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024 following a lifelong battle with muscular dystrophy. Patricia was born on January 13, 1977; daughter of Ray and Michelle Cady. On January 20, 2006, she married Jeremy Pomerence in Ogdensburg. Patricia enjoyed baking, painting and collecting dolls.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Jeremy Pomerence of Ogdensburg; parents, Ray (Michelle) Cady of Ogdensburg; sisters, Heather (Mike) Leif of Weyauwega; Amy (Jeff) Rausch of Manawa; uncle, Jerry Cady of Ogdensburg; paternal grandmother, Beverly Cady of Ogdensburg; maternal grandmother, Marge Treloar of Waupaca; special nephew Christopher Cady, Patricia's fur babies, Sophie and Willow; also many cousins, nieces, nephew, other relatives and friends. Patricia is preceded in death by her grandfathers, Arden Cady and Don Treloar; uncle, Michael Treloar and brother-in-law, Norman Pomerence.

Per Patricia's wishes, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Legals

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY ARTISAN AND TRUCKERS CASUALTY COMPANY 5920 LANDERBROOK DRIVE MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, OH 44124 Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM MORALES-BRAVO 9 ANNE STREET CLINTONVILLE, WI 54929 Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 24CV191 Hon. WILLIAM F. KUSSEL JR. Case Code: 30301

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each person named above as a Defendant: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within forty (40) days after November 7, 2024, you must respond with a written answer as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166, and to the offices of Heuer Law Offices, S.C., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 300 N. Executive Dr., Suite 101, Brookfield, WI 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within forty (40) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 31st day of October, 2024. Attorney for Plaintiff Heuer Law Offices, S.C. Jonathan D. McCollister (State Bar No. 1037740) 300 N. Executive Dr., Suite 101 Brookfield, WI 53005 Phone: (414) 224-3500 Publish Nov. 7, 14 & 21, 2024 WNAJLP

NOTICE CITY OF WAUPACA FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AND INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS 2024-2025

"CLASS B" INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES AND CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: True Hospitality LLC, PAR 4 RESORT, 201 Foxfire Drive, Russell L. Reeves, Agent PUBLISH: November 21, 2024 WNAJLP

Our File #W40126A STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OUTAGAMIE COUNTY CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. CHRIS PETERSEN Defendant. Case No. 24CV000922 AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: CHRIS PETERSEN E6498 SYMCO RD MANAWA WI 54949 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within Forty (40) days after November 21, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, 320 S WALNUT ST, APPLETON WI 54911 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond with the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 28th day of October, 2024. DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC Attorneys for the plaintiff Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano Jillian E Caggiano State Bar No. 1101032 MAILING ADDRESS: 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 641-3715 Publish Nov. 7, 14 & 21, 2024 WNAJLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Freedom Mortgage Corporation P.O. Box 50428 Indianapolis, IN 46250-0401 Plaintiff, vs. Madison Renee Diana Gerrits f/k/a Matthew D. Gerrits 242 S. Main Street Clintonville, WI 54929 Defendant. Summons Case No. 2024CV000244 Judge Raymond S. Huber Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 days after November 21, 2024 you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Waupaca County Courthouse 811 Harding St., Waupaca WI 54981, and to Codilis, Moody & Cirolli, P.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 200, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

## NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Date of Election: April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the School District of New London on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three (3) years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Incumbents  
Holly Schweitzer  
Mandy Wilz

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the City of New London November 4, 2024

Katie Batten School District Clerk

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**MATHEWSON MONUMENTS**  
750 INDUSTRIAL LOOP RD.  
NEW LONDON, WI 54961  
NONCOMMISSIONED SALES STAFF  
920-982-6465  
WWW.MATHEWSONMONUMENTS.COM

**MONUMENTS**  
Tony Knuppel  
(920) 733-2938  
Local Area Representative  
Appleton Marble & Granite  
800-472-5506  
APPLETONMARBLE.COM



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If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: November 14, 2024  
Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 200  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(414) 775-7700  
pleadings@cmlegal.com  
50-24-01062

**NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.**

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Electronically signed by  
Shawn R. Hillmann  
WI State Bar No. 1037005  
Emily Thoms  
WI State Bar No. 1075844  
Publish Nov. 21, 28 & Dec. 5, 2024  
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Norfolk, VA 23502-4952  
Defendants.  
PUBLICATION SUMMONS  
Case No. 24-CV-000272  
The Honorable  
Troy L. Nielsen  
Case Code 30404  
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)  
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
To each person named above as a defendant.  
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.  
Within 40 days after November 14, 2024 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981-2012 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.  
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 8th day of November, 2024.  
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
By:  
Robert M. Piette  
State Bar No. 1018058  
Case No. 24-CV-000272  
16345 West Glendale Drive  
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841  
(414) 224-1987

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discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT  
COURT WAUPACA COUNTY  
MHCA Homes Finance, LLC  
c/o Triad Financial Services, Inc.  
13901 Sutton Park Dr S, Bldg A, Ste 300  
Jacksonville, FL 32224  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Donald E. Babcock  
N2686 County Rd Y #557  
Clintonville, WI 54929  
Sandra A. Meyer-Babcock  
N2686 County Rd Y #557  
Clintonville, WI 54929  
Defendants,  
PUBLICATION SUMMONS  
Case No. 24-CV-000274  
The Honorable  
Vicki L. Clussman  
Case Code 30303  
(Other Contracts)  
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
To each person named above as a defendant.  
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Gray & Associates, L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
By: Ian J. Thomson  
State Bar No. 1076280  
Case No. 24-CV-000274  
16345 West Glendale Drive  
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841  
(414) 224-1987

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT  
COURT WAUPACA COUNTY  
Seneca Mortgage Servicing LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Charlee R. Hietpas, Daniel R. Cobb, Jane Doe Cobb, State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development and Wright Weber Management LLC  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
Case No. 24-CV-000117  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 11, 2024 in the amount of \$76,759.43 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:  
TIME: December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be

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accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.  
PLACE: On the front steps of the Waupaca County Courthouse, City and County of Waupaca  
DESCRIPTION: The North One-half (N1/2) of the North Two-thirds (N2/3) of Lot Eight (8), Block "M" of the Original Plat of the City of Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 18 N Clinton Ave Clintonville, WI 54929-1527  
DATED: October 11, 2024  
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
16345 West Glendale Drive  
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841  
(414) 224-8404  
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.  
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**NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN RELATING TO NOTE SALE**

On October 21, 2024, pursuant to Section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, a resolution was offered, read, approved, and adopted whereby the City of Stevens Point, Wisconsin (the "City") authorized the borrowing of money through the issuance of notes and authorized certain City officials to enter into a purchase contract relating to said borrowing. On November 13, 2024 the City entered into a purchase contract with an underwriter to whom the City agreed to sell its general obligation promissory notes in the principal amount of \$15,995,000. It is anticipated that the note closing will be held on or about December 4, 2024. A copy of all proceedings had to date with respect to the authorization and sale of said notes is on file and may be examined in the office of the City Clerk, at 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 893.77 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which provides that an action or proceeding to contest the validity of such financing, for other than constitutional reasons, shall be commenced within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.  
Publication Date: November 21, 2024  
/s/ Kari Yenter  
City Clerk

**Meetings and Public Hearings 7720**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Regular Meeting

**AGENDA**  
November 25, 2024 | 6:00 PM | WF  
High School Community Forum Room  
Posted on November 15, 2024@ 3:30 p.m.

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and establish quorum
4. Report of meeting notification
5. Communication and Visitors a. Visitors

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT  
COURT WAUPACA COUNTY  
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
c/o LoanCare, LLC  
3637 Sentara Way  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Jeremy Anderson  
E2748 Nelsen Rd  
Waupaca, WI 54981-9408  
Jane Doe Anderson  
E2748 Nelsen Rd  
Waupaca, WI 54981-9408  
State of Wisconsin  
c/o Attorney General  
114 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53703  
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC  
150 Corporate Blvd

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT  
COURT WAUPACA COUNTY  
Seneca Mortgage Servicing LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Charlee R. Hietpas, Daniel R. Cobb, Jane Doe Cobb, State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development and Wright Weber Management LLC  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
Case No. 24-CV-000117  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 11, 2024 in the amount of \$76,759.43 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:  
TIME: December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be

The County of Waupaca proposes to build a 199-foot Self-Support Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of E9403 W Becker Rd, New London, Waupaca County, WI 54961. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Title Corp, Lauren Sereno, lsereno@titleaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square, Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 630-227-0202.  
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**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
City of Manawa  
April 1, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at an election to be held in the City of Manawa on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term begins on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Office	Term	Incumbent
Aldersperson, District 1	2 years	Aaron Timm
Aldersperson, District 2	2 years	Alice Brown
Aldersperson, District 3	2 years	Mark Lehrer
Mayor	2 years	Mike Frazier

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the office of the city clerk.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Done in the City of Manawa, on  
November 15, 2024  
Logan Hass, City Clerk  
WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
TOWN OF ST LAWRENCE  
APRIL 1, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election to be held in the town of St Lawrence, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on April 15, 2025.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Town Board Chairperson	Jim Ferg
Town Board Supervisor 1	Ronald Wilke
Town Board Supervisor 2	Bruce Cady
Town Board Clerk	Appointed- not on Ballot
Town Board Treasurer	Michelle Oppor

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled at the December 2, 2024 monthly Board meeting. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 2<sup>nd</sup> not later than January 21<sup>st</sup>. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.

Town of St Lawrence  
Jackie Beyer, Town Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**  
School District of Waupaca  
April 1, 2025

**Election Details**  
An election is to be held in the School District of Waupaca, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office	Incumbent
School Board Member	Dale Feldt
School Board Member	Ron Brooks

**Office Terms**  
The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025, and expiring on April 23, 2028. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

**For Candidates**  
A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk, located at E2325 King Road, Waupaca, WI 54981. Declarations of Candidacy are available beginning December 1, 2024.

**Primary Election**  
If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

**Additional Information**  
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles

Done in the School District of Waupaca on  
November 12, 2024.  
Elizabeth Manion  
Elizabeth Manion, Clerk  
School District of Waupaca  
Board of Education  
WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Fremont on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for Village President and Village Trustees will begin on April 22, 2025. All terms are for two years.

Office	Incumbent
Village President	Roberta Marks
Village Trustee	Todd Bartol
Village Trustee	Adam Socha
Village Trustee	Leonard Billings

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a village caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of December. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 2 and not later than January 21, 2025. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.

**Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

Done in the Village of Fremont, this 18th day of November, 2024.  
Megan Wunderlich  
Village of Fremont- Clerk/Treasurer  
WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
Town of Matteson  
Waupaca County, WI  
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Matteson on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Office	Incumbent
Town Board Chairperson	DuWayne Federwitz
Town Board Supervisor #1	W. Greg Hanson
Town Board Supervisor # 2	Daniel Behnke
Town Clerk	Michael L. Mehlberg
Town Treasurer	Patti Hill

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of December. The caucus will be held not before January 2, 2025 and not after January 21, 2025. Notice of the scheduled caucus will be given to the citizens at least five days before the caucus.

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Posted November 21, 2024  
Michael Mehlberg / Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
TOWN OF HELVETIA  
APRIL 1, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** that an election to be held in the Town of Helvetia, on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 15th, 2025.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Town Board Chairperson	JEFFREY OPPOR
Town Board Supervisor #1	JUSTIN HINTZ
Town Board Supervisor #2	MICHAEL GRASSL
Town Clerk	DOUGLAS HINES
Town Treasurer	LIANE GRUENWALD

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN:** that a Town Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled between December 1st, 2024 and January 1st, 2025. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 2nd and not later than January 21st, 2025. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.

**Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

Done in the Town of Helvetia,  
on November 21, 2024  
Douglas Hines, Town Clerk  
WNAXLP

**City of New London**  
Office of the Clerk  
**Notice of Voting Equipment Audit**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.08 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. § 21081), the City of New London will conduct a voting system audit. The reporting unit to be audited is Wards 10-12 which utilizes the Dominion Voting – ImageCast Evolution (ICE) voting system. The reporting units and contests were randomly selected by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

**The audit is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th at 10AM** at the Municipal Building located at 215 N. Shawano St. In the event of recount, the audit will be rescheduled.

Nicole Ryerson  
City Clerk  
WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
April 1, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at an election to be held in the City of Stevens Point, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for alderpersons is two years and begins on April 22, 2025. The term for City Clerk, Comptroller/Treasurer and City Attorney is four years and begins May 1, 2025.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT	NEW TERM
Aldersperson, First District	- Marc Christianson	04/22/2025 - 04/19/2027
Aldersperson, Third District	- Ginger Keymer	04/22/2025 - 04/19/2027
Aldersperson, Fifth District	- Allison Birr	04/22/2025 - 04/19/2027
Aldersperson, Seventh District	- Mary Kneebone	04/22/2025 - 04/19/2027
Aldersperson, Ninth District	- Sam Lang	04/22/2025 - 04/19/2027
Aldersperson, Eleventh District	- Shaun Morrow	04/22/2025 - 04/19/2027
City Clerk	- Kari Yenter	05/01/2025 – 04/30/2029
Comptroller/Treasurer	- Corey Ladick	05/01/2025 – 04/30/2029
City Attorney	- Andrew L. Beveridge	05/01/2025 – 04/30/2029

Information concerning aldermanic district boundaries may be obtained at stevenspoint.com or from the City Clerk's Office, 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

**Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

Done in the City of Stevens Point,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.  
Kari Yenter, City Clerk  
WNAXLP

**VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Park Ridge Village Hall located at 24 Crestwood Drive, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET of the Village of Park Ridge will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Village Hall Office at 24 Crestwood Dr. The Village has met the requirements of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(3)(a) by posting this notice in three public places. This notice is being published as a supplement to the notice requirement. The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 budget.

GENERAL FUND	2024 BUDGET	2024 ESTIMATED	2025 BUDGET	INCREASE/DECREASE
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General Property Taxes	363,098	361,888	491,769	128,671
Intergovernmental Revenues	30,847	26,756	76,255	45,678
Licenses	2,350	1,265	1,750	(600)
Public Charges for Services	2,300	2,752	2,300	-
Cable Franchise Fees	4,500	4,101	5,400	900
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,500	9,439	8,000	4,500
Grant Revenues			400,000	400,000
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	-	1,592,000	1,592,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>406,595</b>	<b>406,201</b>	<b>2,577,744</b>	<b>2,171,149</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General Government	104,248	80,607	190,139	85,891
Public Safety	109,050	85,565	116,280	7,230
Public Works	103,020	77,666	158,375	55,355
Health & Human Services	1,500	1,356	1,700	200
Culture, Recreation & Education	3,000	2,915	3,000	-
Urban Planning	31,000	14,968	79,000	48,000
Capital Outlay			1,992,000	1,992,000
Debt Service	37,250	37,250	37,250	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>389,068</b>	<b>300,326</b>	<b>2,577,744</b>	<b>2,188,676</b>
Designated Reserves	\$ 26,116			
Undesignated Reserves	278,148			
General Fund Balance Jan 1, 2024	304,265			
Total Estimated Revenues	406,201			
Total Estimated Expenditures	300,326			
Estimated General Fund Balance Jan 1, 2025	410,139			
Estimated Designated Reserves	30,000			
Estimated Undesignated Reserves	380,139			

Dated this 18th day of November, 2024  
Published November 21, 2024  
Melissa Clark, Treasurer, Village of Park Ridge  
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**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CLOVERLEAF LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT #1**  
**YEAR 2025**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to section 65.90 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, The Commissioners of the CLOVERLEAF LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT #1, have tentatively adopted the budget for the year 2025 hereinafter set forth. Said budget is available for Public Inspection at the Office of the Cloverleaf Lakes Sanitary District # 1 beginning with the date hereof 11/13/2024. Approval of budget was made **November 13, 2024 at 7:00**

CLOVERLEAF LAKES SANITARY DISTRICT #1  
**Approved 2024**

	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	Anticipated 2024	Proposed 2025
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
User Fee Receipts	\$140,099.00	135,000.00	\$140,100.00	140,100.00
Interest	46,947.00	29,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Penalties		900.00	400.00	400.00
Hook-Ups	600.00	250.00	-	100.00
Long Lake Assessment	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Funds from Reserve Account		(9,000.00)		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$188,146.00</b>	<b>\$156,650.00</b>	<b>\$171,000.00</b>	<b>\$171,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Payroll	\$46,203.00	46,000.00	\$53,000.00	56,000.00
Unemployment Benefit	\$-	1,100.00	\$-	-
Utilities-Phone	13,382.00	14,000.00	11,500.00	10,000.00
System Supplies & Expense	31,087.00	29,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Capital Improvements	14,663.00	24,500.00	31,000.00	27,500.00
Treatment Plant	28,651.00	25,000.00	25,600.00	26,000.00
Insurance	7,779.00	7,800.00	8,200.00	8,500.00
Outside Service Employed	7,525.00	7,200.00	26,000.00	21,000.00
Office Expense-Postage	7,129.00	3,500.00	4,700.00	3,000.00
Transportation	1,780.00	1,800.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
Payroll Taxes	3,535.00	3,700.00	4,300.00	4,500.00
Other Expense	2,781.00			2,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$164,515.00</b>	<b>\$164,100.0</b>		



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b. Administration
• District Administrator
• Middle/High School Principal
• Weyauwega/Fremont Elementary Principal
• Director of Pupil Services
• Business Manager
• Others
c. Board of Education
d. Recognition and Special Guests
e. Student School Board
Representative- Lauren Wisner
6. Consideration and approval of vouchers
a. October monthly vendor payments
b. October monthly cash receipts
7. Old Business
a. Charter School Update
8. Consent Agenda
a. Committee of the Whole Meeting - 11-11-24
b. Regular Board of Education Meeting - 10-28-24
c. Resignations - Paraprofessional, FE Administrative Assistant
9. New Business
a. WASB Delegate (Action)
b. ClearGov Resources (Discussion/Action)
10. Calendar & Future Agenda Items
11. Adjourn Meeting
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plan Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on December 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM at 933 Michigan Avenue (Community Room - Room 122), Stevens Point, Wisconsin and via Zoom Teleconferencing to hear the following:
1. Public Hearing and action on a request from the City of Stevens Point to adopt the Stevens Point Historic Preservation Plan, consistent with Ch. 22.05(3)(2)(a).
To participate via telephone:
1) Dial on your phone: (312) 626-6799
2) When prompted dial the Meeting ID: 858 1119 3432
3) Passcode: 828056
4) Press # again to be a participant in the meeting.
5) Hold until the meeting starts.
To participate via online Zoom platform:
1) Go to www.zoom.us
2) Click "Join a Meeting" in the upper right-hand corner.
3) Enter Meeting ID: 858 1119 3432
4) Passcode: 828056
5) If you haven't downloaded the Zoom program, do so now.
Copies of the proposed historic preservation plan may be obtained from the City of Stevens Point Department of Community Development at 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, or by calling (715) 346-1567 during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend, but are strongly encouraged to submit their comments to Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator (akuhn@stevenspoint.com) prior to the meeting.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN
Kari Yenter, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
REZONING
CITY OF WAUPACA
James Cotter, Jarmax, LLC has made application for a Zoning Change from "I-1 Light Industrial District" to "R-1 Single-Family Residential District" for land located on Commercial Drive (Parcel No. 34 34 41 10, No Address Assigned) more fully described as follows, to wit:
Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map 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.
Described parcel contains 30,929Sq Ft (0.710 Acres)
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED the Public Hearing for the rezoning request is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard.
A map of the property may be obtained from the Community and Economic Development Department.
Barbara J. Nowak
City Clerk
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The Village of Iola Board Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, at the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street. The Finance Committee meeting is held thirty minutes prior to the board meeting. WNAXP

TOWN OF ROYALTON
Special Town Meeting to set the Tax Levy will be held Wednesday Dec 4, 2024 at 5:00pm The Royalton Town Board meeting immediately following the mentioned meeting at the Town Hall located at E6132 Hwy 54, New London. Note day and time change of regular monthly Town Board Meeting.
Publish 11/21/2024
Judy Doud
Clerk, Town of Royalton WNAXP

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 28, 2024
A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on October 28, 2024, at 6:59 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber.
Members Present: Ben Huber, Kris Strauman, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Mark Zachow, Glen Drew Lundt and Clint Barkow.
Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, James Blashe, Charles Seils, and Eilly Brzezinski
Press Represented: Bert Lehman of

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Others Present: Michael Engel, Ericka Shelton, Gina Goerlinger, Marie Vandenberg, April Lackowski-Postel, Tammy Strey Hirt, Nick Curran, and Jessica Holtz.
OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This October 28, 2024 meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.
APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Mark Zachow to approve the agenda as written. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance
READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS: Tammy Strey Hirt addressed the Board of Education with school safety concerns.
FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS District Budget for 2024-2025: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Jason Moder to adopt the balanced budget option as presented during the Budget Hearing and Annual meeting. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath that authorization be granted to approve vouchers as attached for September, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board of Education.
Extra-curricular Resignation
a. Beau Hoffman - Middle School Football Coach, effective immediately.
Extra-curricular Hires
a. Shawn Howe - 7th Grade Boys Basketball, effective immediately.
b. Aiden Polzin - JV Boys Basketball, effective immediately.
Extra-curricular Transfers
a. Beau Hoffman - Transfer from JV Boys Basketball to JV Girls Basketball, effective immediately.
b. Turner Doornink - Transfer from 7th Grade Boys Basketball to 8th Grade Boys Basketball, effective immediately
c. Casey Ebert - Transfer from Assistant Wrestling Coach to Head Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.
Rec Center Committee Report: The administration gave an update from the Rec Center Committee Meeting that was held on October 23, 2024.
AGR (Achievement Gap Reduction) Report: Eilly Brzezinski, Curriculum Director presented the AGR Report for the Elementary School.

Recognition:
Creative Converting Donation: The administration informed the Board of Education regarding a \$3,000 donation from Creative Converting to be used for school field trips.
Book Fair Donations: The administration informed the Board of Education regarding donations totaling \$308 which purchased 47 books to be donated to elementary students from Carol Metzger, RuthAnn Schultz, members of DKG Nu Chapter, and other anonymous donors.
Personnel: (The Board may choose to go into Executive Session per section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss a personnel issue, and then return to open session to take action)
Elementary Teacher Compensation: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to authorize the administration to compensate elementary teachers, not exceeding the daily substitute teacher rate, divided between teachers who took on extra students when no substitute teacher was available. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Extended Support Agreement: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Mark Zachow to approve the extended Food Services Agreement for Karleen Brei through November 30, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Other:
Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Mark Zachow to approve that the Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony be held on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Early College Credit Program Requests: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the following Early College Credit Program Requests:
a. 3 students - through FVTC for the Spring of 2025 to take courses in Introduction to Sociology, General Anatomy & Physiology, English Comp 1, and Oral/Interpersonal Communications.
b. 1 student - through UWGB for the Spring of 2025 to take courses in Ethnics Influences on Nutrition, Principles of Chemistry 2 with Lab, and Sociological Perspectives on Gender.
c. 1 student - through NWTC for General Anatomy and Physiology
d. 1 student - through North Central Technical College for General Anatomy and Physiology.
Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
POLICY
ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 30 Child Care Center Committee Meeting 3:30 p.m. Dellwood
October 31 CPS Family Night 5:30 p.m. CHS
November 4 No School - Teacher In-Service
November 6 Land Use Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS Cafeteria
November 11 Construction Committee Meeting (tentative) 5:00 p.m. CHS IMC
November 11 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC
November 25 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. CHS IMC
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by

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Laurie Vollrath to adjourn to closed session for consideration of matters over which the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) - Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purposes of reviewing individual employee contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance. For the purposes of reviewing administrative contracts/language, salary/wages, benefits, and performance. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Clint Barkow, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motion carried and meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Moved by Jason Moder, seconded by Kris Strauman to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken with Mark Zachow, Clint Barkow, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Kris Strauman, Glen Drew Lundt, and Ben Huber voting aye. Motion carried and meeting returned to open session at 8:31 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Jason Moder to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.
Laurie Vollrath, Board Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, and M. Wilz.
I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)
II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A quorum was established.
III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the following consent agenda items:
• Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 11, 2024
• Approval of Minutes of the Connections Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 18, 2024
• Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Wednesday, September 25, 2024
• Approval of Employment of Personnel
o Pam Ritchie, Van Driver
o Co-Curricular Advisors
Motion carried.
IV. REPORTS
The calendar and director reports were reviewed. The third Friday count report was reviewed.
V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS
J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J.

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
City of Waupaca
April 1, 2025

Election Details
An election is to be held in the City of Waupaca, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:
Office Incumbent
Alderson, 1st Aldermanic District Cory Nagel
Alderson, 2nd Aldermanic District Paul Hagen
Alderson, 3rd Aldermanic District Scott Purchatzke
Alderson, 4th Aldermanic District Dmitri Martin
Alderson, 5th Aldermanic District Collin Dykstra
Office Terms
The term for Mayor and Alderson begins on Tuesday, April 15, 2024. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.
District Boundaries
Information concerning aldermanic district boundaries may be obtained from the City Clerk's office, 111 S Main St, Waupaca, WI
For Candidates
The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the city clerk.
Primary Election
If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
Additional Information
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Done in the City of Waupaca, on November 21, 2024
/s/ Barb Nowak
Barb Nowak, City Clerk WNAXP

NOTICE Of Town Caucus
Town of Scandinavia

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the electors of the Town of Scandinavia, in the County of Waupaca, State of Wisconsin, that a Town Caucus will be held at the Scandinavia Municipal Center on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:30pm, to nominate candidates for town offices of:
Town Board Chairperson
Town Board Supervisor I
Town Board Supervisor II
Town Clerk
Town Treasurer
To be voted for at the Town Election to be held on April 1, 2025.
Done in the Town of Scandinavia by
Brenda Mazemke
Town Clerk WNAXP

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTIONS
Town of Bear Creek, Waupaca County
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election be held in the Town of Bear Creek, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2025.
Office Incumbent
Town Board Chairman Douglas Behnke
Town Board Supervisor #1 Darold Seefeldt
Town Board Supervisor #2 Patrick Huss
Town Clerk Theresa Huss
Town Treasurer Mary Heling
Town Constable Tom Neely
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of December. The caucus will be held on a date not later than January 2, 2025 and not later than January 21, 2025. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least 5 days before the caucus.
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Given under my hand, done in the Town of Bear Creek on November 21, 2024.
Theresa Huss, Clerk
Town of Bear Creek WNAXP

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
City of New London
April 1, 2025

Election Details
An election is to be held in the City of New London, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:
Office Incumbent
Alderson, District 1 Robert Besaw
Alderson, District 2 BalLynda Croy
Alderson, District 3 Bernard Ritchie, Jr.
Alderson, District 4 Timothy Roberts
Alderson, District 5 Charlene Magolski
Office Terms
The term for alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.
District Boundaries
Information concerning aldermanic district boundaries may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 215 N. Shawano Street, New London, WI, (920) 982-8500.
For Candidates
The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the office of the City Clerk.
Primary Election
If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
Additional Information
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Done in the City of New London on November 11, 2024.
WNAXP (Signature of City Clerk)

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
Town of Little Wolf
April 1, 2025

Election Details
There will be an election to be held in the Town of Little Wolf, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:
Office Incumbent
Town Board Chairperson Alan Moede
Town Board Supervisor, #1 Rod Beyer
Town Board Supervisor, #2 Todd Niemuth
Town Clerk Jackie Beyer
Town Treasurer Rhonda Wilz
Office Terms
All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Caucus for Candidates
At the December 10, 2024 Town Board meeting, a date for the Town Caucus will be scheduled to nominate candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices. The caucus will be held between January 2nd and not later than January 21st. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five (5) days before the caucus.
Done in the Town of Little Wolf on November 17, 2024.
Jackie Beyer, Town Clerk WNAXP

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
Town of Lebanon - Waupaca County
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Lebanon, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.
Office Incumbent
Town Board Chairperson Alan Tank
Town Board Supervisor #1 Randy Schoenrock
Town Board Supervisor #2 Donald Laughlin
Town Clerk Mary Schoenrock
Town Treasurer Lynn Tank
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the town clerk.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Done in the Town of Lebanon this 13th day of November, 2024.
Mary Schoenrock, Town of Lebanon Clerk WNAXP

Notice of Spring Election
Town of Farmington
April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that at an election to be held at the Town of Farmington on Tuesday April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for the Town Chair and Town Supervisors will begin on April 15, 2025. All terms are for two years.
Office Incumbent
Chair Caroline Murphy
Supervisor I Craig Nelson
Supervisor II Phillip Durrant
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled "between December 1st, 2024 and January 1st, 2025". The caucus will be held on a date "not sooner than January 2nd, 2025 and not later than January 21st, 2025". Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus, Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm, will be given at least five days before the caucus.
Done in the Town of Farmington, this 12th day of November, 2024.
s/Kathy Kasza
Clerk/Treasurer WNAXP

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF DAYTON
WAUPACA COUNTY
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Dayton on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.
OFFICE INCUMBENT
Town Board Chairperson Jeff Barlow
Town Board Supervisor Neil Young
Town Board Supervisor Brett Grams
Town Clerk Wanda Hiltgen
Town Treasurer Brenda Hewitt
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of January. The caucus will be held on a date not later than January 2 and not later than January 21. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.
Wanda L. Hiltgen
Dayton Town Clerk WNAXP

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Clintonville, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025.
OFFICE INCUMBENT
Board of Education Member at Large Mark Zachow
Board of Education Member at Large Laurie Vollrath
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk at 45 West Green Tree Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.
A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Done in the City of Clintonville On November 21, 2024
Laurie Vollrath - Clerk
BOARD OF EDUCATION WNAXP



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**ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**  
**X. ADJOURNMENT**  
 A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.  
 Katie Batten, Clerk  
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It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to submit the WASB delegate assembly voting bylaw procedure change as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.  
**V. ADJOURNMENT**  
 A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.  
 Katie Batten, Clerk  
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Motion carried.  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE**  
 Mr. Krause stated that it has been a good start to the year. There are three teachers that are working together and enrollment is at 34 students currently. He also noted that they are waiting on state approval for the yerts yet. If these cannot be installed they are looking at different areas that they could utilize. Chamomile Nusz noted that she has been working with Jodi Alox on the Weyauwega Stem Academy items. There will be a contract draft brought to the board in November and then it will get submitted to the DPI by February.  
**CONSENT AGENDA**  
 Motion by Gerrits, seconded by Kohl, to accept the consent agenda as presented.  
 Six (6) ayes.  
 Zero (0) nays.  
 Motion carried.  
 Under the Consent Agenda, the Board of Education approved the following:  
 A. Committee of the Whole Meeting – 9-9-24  
 B. Regular Board of Education Meeting – 8-26-24  
 C. Resignations – Shawn Pantzloff, JV2 Girls Basketball Coach, Kacie Cullen – JV2 Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Tubbs thanks all of the coaches for their service to the district.  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
**STUDENT BOUNDAR REQUEST (Action)**  
 Motion by Ehrenberg, seconded by Wagner, to approve the student boundary request from Mrs. Handrich for her son to attend Fremont Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year.  
 Six (6) ayes.  
 Zero (0) nays.  
 Motion carried.  
**NEOLA BOARD POLICY UPDATES (ACTION)**  
 Motion by Wagner, seconded by Kohl, to approve the Neola Policy Update Volume 33 No. 2.  
 Six (6) ayes.  
 Zero (0) nays.  
 Motion carried.  
**SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT REPORT (Discussion)**  
 Mr. Schultek referenced the seclusion and restraint report and noted that he will be doing the training for all staff on Friday.  
**CALENDAR & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**  
 October 14, 2024 – Committee of the Whole  
 October 28, 2024 – Annual Meeting  
 Motion by Wagner, seconded by Gerrits, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.  
 Six (6) ayes.  
 Zero (0) nays.  
 Motion carried.

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**Call to Order:**  
 The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brooks at 5:32 p.m.  
**Roll Call:**  
 Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Brooks, Dale Feldt, Betty Manion, Steve Klismet, Bob Adams, and Lori Verhalen.  
 Excused: Molly McDonald.  
**Also Present:**  
 Present in the WHS Community Room: Austin Moore, Mark Flaten, Laurie Schmidt, Sandy Lucas, Jay Seefeldt, and Sandy Robinson.  
**Approval of Agenda:**  
 A motion was made by Bob Adams and seconded by Dale Feldt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Review of Board Meeting Norms:**  
 The Board reviewed their collective commitments.  
**Budget Hearing and Tax Levy Certification:**  
 Director of Business Services Austin Moore advised that the budget presented tonight was slightly revised from the published budget and what was presented at the October 8th meeting because the revenue limit worksheet is updated every day by the DPI. The changes in revenue included a decrease in the local tax levy (Fund 10) and increases in state aid, in other revenue (Act 12, personal property tax set by the state), and in DPI special projects grants (to help with English Learner students). The changes in expenses included a shift from one account to another, increases in activities and technology funding, as well as an increase in instructional services (related to open enrollment and private schools). In addition, there was an increase in Fund 39 of \$1.5 million (the planned defeasance which is included in the budget and levy), as well as a small bookkeeping adjustment in Fund 50. These adjustments resulted in a net decrease in the projected shortfall, so the new projected shortfall for the 2024-2025 school year is \$1,121,165.58. Mr. Moore further advised that the tax levy for the District increased to \$13,374,262 and includes the \$1.5 million defeasance to pay off the referendum early. This results in an estimated tax mill rate of \$4.95 per \$1,000 of property valuation, which is a decrease of \$0.06 per \$1,000 from last year. He pointed out that the equalized property values increased significantly. Mr. Moore set out the major budgetary factors which include general state aid, student enrollment (which is based on FTE on a three year rolling average), equalized property values, and the per member increase of \$325 as determined by the state. The projected year end Fund 10 fund balance is \$8,122,401 (which includes \$500,000 designated for athletic turf replacement). Mr. Moore also provided supporting documentation outlining how the budget calculations were determined. In response to inquiries received from the Board, Administration advised that many school districts in the state have declining enrollment reflecting the fact that there are fewer school age students. In the past, the District had declining enrollment, it then plateaued, and now it is increasing. Our lowest number in the three year rolling average will fall off next year and hopefully enrollment continues to increase. Whether virtual students are considered homeschooled depends on how many classes they take. However, Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) helps to pull some of those students back into the schools as well. The mobility rate of families/students is increasing as well. Board President Brooks asked Mr. Seefeldt and Mrs. Robinson if they had any questions, particularly with regard to defeasance, and they did not.  
**Approval of Change in Adopted Budget From Published Budget:**  
 A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Dale Feldt to approve the amended 2024-2025 budget as presented, which represents a \$1,121,165.58 budgetary shortfall. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Approval of 2024-2025 Revenues and Expenditures:**  
 A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Bob Adams to adopt the 2024-2025 all-funds revenue budget of \$38,305,702.08 and the all-funds expense budget of \$39,360,577.71 as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Approval of 2024-2025 Tax Levy:**  
 A motion was made by Dale Feldt and

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seconded by Lori Verhalen to approve and set the School District of Waupaca's 2024-2025 tax levy in the amount of \$13,374,262.00 (General Fund 10 - \$11,411,262.00; Debt Service Fund 39 - \$1,963,000.00). The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. (Note: The above approved tax levy generates a tax mill rate of \$4.95 per \$1,000 of property valuation.)  
**Approval of Designation of Fund Balance:**  
 A motion was made by Bob Adams and seconded by Dale Feldt to designate the District's 2024-2025 General Fund 10 fund balance (\$9,743,566.00) as follows: \$500,000.00 for future athletic turf replacement (as designated and approved by the Board on 10/27/22) and \$9,243,566.00 for general fund cash flow purposes, from which the projected shortfall will be deducted. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Adjournment:**  
 A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Dale Feldt to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
 Date  
 Ron Brooks, President  
 Board of Education  
 Date  
 Betty Manion, Clerk  
 Board of Education  
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was a large amount of produce harvested from the Community Garden which was donated and used as a service project by the students.  
**Finance Committee Meeting:**  
 Committee Chairperson Dale Feldt deferred his recap of the September 30th meeting because it is going to be discussed later on tonight's agenda.  
**Consent Agenda:**  
 A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented.  
**Financial Reports:**  
 Accounts Payable  
 Cash Receipts  
 Year-to-Date Financial Update  
 Hires – 2024-2025 School Year:  
 Lindsey Dashner - WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.  
 Talia Saarinen-Barr - CEC Food Service Class 3A  
**Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors – 2024-2025 School Year:**  
 WHS Volunteer Advisor Positions:  
 Ryan Prewitt - Robotics  
 WMS Coaching Positions:  
 Brandon Bartel - Football  
 WMS Advisor Positions:  
 Nicole Hahn - Destination Imagination  
 WLC Advisor Positions:  
 Sarah Shock - Destination Imagination  
 CEC Advisor Positions:  
 Lucy Cummings - Destination Imagination  
**Salary Step Changes:**  
 Paul Frank - 15M12 to 15M18  
 Evelyn Kabke - 13M12 to 13M30  
 Service Agreement with Jehovala Cesar for Interpreting Services  
 Final Approval of WHS Class III Field Trips  
 The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.  
**Communications:**  
 Board President Brooks recognized the many important observances happening throughout the month of October.  
**Donations:**  
 Mr. Brooks advised of a donation to WHS from a former student; donations to the WHS Tech Ed Woods Department from Mr. Much; and donations to CEC from various individuals. A motion was made by Molly McDonald and seconded by Lori Verhalen to accept, with gratitude, the various donations as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.  
**Monitoring:**  
 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget Update:  
 Director of Business Services Austin Moore shared the 2024-2025 budget that will be published in the Waupaca County Post the next couple of Thursdays. In summary, revenue is down and expenses are up, therefore we will have a shortage. He advised that it will be a little over a week before we receive the final numbers from the State. However, because of spending last year, it is projected that state aid may possibly be up. The District will also be receiving \$100,000 per Act 12 which relates to personal property aid. Those are the only changes to the preliminary budget since the Finance Committee meeting.  
 Interim District Administrator Craig Gerlach introduced Greg Gaarder of CESA 5 who assisted the District in creating the budget. Mr. Gerlach advised that the District has had a deficit for two years in a row and has had to dip into the fund balance which cannot continue. The budget hearing is scheduled for October 29 and the information provided tonight may change slightly at that time. He noted that the District is a low-spending district so there is nothing really to cut. Therefore, an operational referendum may need to be considered. A tool that could help is defeasance regarding our debt service (capital project) fund, where we prepay debt off early to save on interest, which in turn flattens out the mill rate. Currently, the mill rate is going down but when going to an operational referendum, the mill rate increases. He also noted that the tax levy will go down next year.  
 Mr. Gerlach advised that he has been working with Baird on the defeasance option and suggested that another Finance Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the budget hearing at which time a representative from Baird would provide information regarding defeasance.  
**Summer School Report:**  
 Mr. Moore presented the District's Summer School Report. There was a total enrollment of 1,009 students which equates to 66 FTEs. He also provided the required DPI report. The District received \$11,442 per student, for a total revenue projection of \$302,080. This was a significant increase in revenue over the past few years thanks to the Administration regarding the classes being offered as well as staffing. The Food Service Program also had a small profit. Mr. Moore expressed his gratitude on behalf of the District to Waupaca Learning Center Principal John Erspamer as well as to all of the community partners involved with the summer school program.  
**Administration:**  
 3rd Friday in September Enrollment Report:  
 Mr. Moore shared the 3rd Friday in September enrollment report. The District had a total enrollment of 2,057 students which is up 24 students from this time last year, and equates to 2,001 FTEs or an additional \$92,000 (approximately) in revenue.  
**Early Graduation Requests:**  
 High School Principal Michael Werbowski advised that 22 WHS students are requesting to graduate early. These students and their parents have discussed their request with him and their school counselor. A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Lori Verhalen to approve the early graduation requests of the 22

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**  
**PRESENT:** K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, and H. Schweitzer.  
**EXCUSED:** M. Witz  
**III. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)**  
**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**  
 The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.  
**III. CONSENT AGENDA**  
 It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the following consent agenda items:  
 • Approval of Employment of Personnel o Co-Curricular Advisors  
 Motion carried.  
**IV. NEW BUSINESS**  
**A. Review and Potential Approval of 2024-25 Budget for all Funds in the Amount of \$37,081,890**  
 It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the 2024-25 Budget for all Funds in the amount of \$37,081,890. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.  
**B. Review and Potential Approval of 2024-25 General Operations Levy in the Amount of \$9,259,550**  
 It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the 2024-25 General Operations Levy in the amount of \$9,259,550. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.  
**C. Review and Potential Approval of 2024-25 Community Service Levy in the Amount of \$130,000**  
 It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the 2024-25 Community Service Levy in the amount of \$130,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.  
**D. Review and Potential Approval of Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,700,000**  
 It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.  
**E. Review and Potential Approval to Award a Line of Credit to First State Bank in the Amount Not to Exceed \$3,700,000**  
 It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the line of credit to First State Bank in the amount not to exceed \$3,700,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.  
**F. Review of Health Insurance Renewal for 2025**  
 A lengthy discussion was held regarding the increased health insurance rates. Both public and private sectors are experiencing increased premium rates.  
**G. Review of Dental Insurance Renewal for 2025**  
 Discussion was held regarding dental insurance rates. Self-funding has worked well for the district.  
**H. Board of Education Engagement and Connected Opportunity Development**  
 The Board reviewed engagement and connected opportunities. Board members discussed being available for a "meet and greet" at a breakfast for the staff on January 17 (staff development day).  
**I. Review of Communication Confidence Profile Activity**  
 The Board reviewed and discussed the communication confidence profile.  
**J. Review and Potential Approval of WASB Delegate Assembly Voting Bylaw Procedures**

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**  
**HS COMMUNITY FORUM ROOM**  
 Meeting called to order by President, Doug Ehrenberg at 6:02 p.m. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Roll Call -  
 Board members present: Kohl, aye; Wagner, aye; Ehrenberg, aye; Loehrke, aye; Gorchals, aye; Gerrits, aye.  
 Board members absent: Jason Looker.  
 Meeting properly noticed: Yes.  
 Quorum: Yes.  
 Administration present: Phillip Tubbs, Alexander Muir, Jodi Alox, Donald Ryan, Nick Schultek.  
 Administration absent: None.  
 Supervisors present: None.  
 Others Present: Paul Krause, James Card w/ Waupaca County Post, Anthony Alox, Chamomile Nusz, Andrea Muench, Jim Kabiske, John Neuman, and Michele Neuman.  
**COMMUNICATION AND VISITORS**  
 VISITORS: Ms. Muench spoke to the board about the board policies that the district could do on their own and do not need to hire an agency to do them.  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
 PHILLIP TUBBS  
 Mr. Tubbs referenced some grants that were received. He also gave an update to the board that they have spoken to Jeff from Martin's and they will be here to finish the work on the roof.  
 JODI ALOX  
 Ms. Alox thanked Ms. Poliak for all her work on the Pre-Act testing that will be offered on October 15th.  
 DONALD RYAN  
 Mr. Ryan was not present.  
 NICHOLAS SCHULTEK  
 Mr. Schultek referenced his written report.  
 ALEXANDER MUIR  
 Mr. Muir noted that he has been working on the budget and noted that the aide certification will not be available until October 15th. He noted that the health for July and August are looking better and that we are waiting for a few rebates. He also noted that the district is currently looking at about a \$450,000 deficit in Fund 10.  
**OTHERS**  
 None.  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Nothing to report.  
**RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL GUESTS**  
 None.  
**STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**  
 Ms. Wisner gave an update to the board on all of the sporting events that are happening as well as the Homecoming events that will be happening. She also noted that the FFA leadership conference was today and there will be a Spanish Heritage event on September 30th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.  
**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**  
 Motion by Wagner, seconded by Gerrits, to approve the August monthly payments as printed.  
 Amended motion by Wagner, seconded by Gerrits, to approve the vendor payments and to not include credit card statements for approval.  
 Roll call vote: Loehrke, aye; Kohl, aye; Wagner, aye; Gorchals, aye; Ehrenberg, aye; Gerrits, aye.  
 Six (6) ayes.  
 Zero (0) nays.  
 Motion carried.  
 Motion by Ehrenberg, seconded by Loehrke, to approve the August monthly cash receipts as printed.  
 Roll call vote: Ehrenberg, aye; Kohl, aye; Gerrits, aye; Wagner, aye; Gorchals, aye; Loehrke, aye.  
 Six (6) ayes.  
 Zero (0) nays.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**  
**October 29, 2024**  
 Pursuant to the regulations, the budget hearing was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room and was live streamed via YouTube.  
 The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click here.  
**President's Comments and Pledge of Allegiance:**  
 Ron Brooks welcomed everyone. He noted that we need community involvement and everyone needs to do their due diligence to bring in families and businesses to the Waupaca area. We cannot solely depend on the Waupaca Foundry, we need diversification to share the burden of the taxes. He then asked Lori Verhalen to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TOWN OF WOLF RIVER WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
**APRIL 1, 2025**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election is to be held in the Town of Wolf River, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on April 15, 2025.  

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Town Board Chairperson	Randal Rutten
Town Board Supervisor	David Koepf
Town Board Supervisor	Curt Sprenger
Town Board Clerk	Susan Gilbert
Town Board Treasurer	Judy Knaus

 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the North Lake Poygan Sanitary District will hold an election in the Towns of Wolf River and Bloomfield, and the following office is to be elected to succeed to the present incumbent listed. The term is for six years beginning on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.  

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Commissioner	Randall Riese

 NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that the first day to circulate for nomination papers for the above offices is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the Wolf River Clerk.  
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.  
 Dated this 21st day of November 2024.  
 Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk  
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**TOWN OF DAYTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**  
**2025 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors**  
 Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 5th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dayton Town Hall, located at N2285 State Rd. 22, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET for the Town of Dayton will be held. The purpose of this hearing is to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed 2025 budget. Below is a summary of the proposed 2025 Budget.

PROPOSED TOWN OF DAYTON 2025 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	% Change
Total 41000 - Taxes	604,943	606,753	0.3
Total 43000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	362,336	423,100	16.8
Total 44000 - Licenses/Permits	31,000	20,500	-33.9
Total 46000 - Public Charges For Services	1,000	1,000	0
48000 - Miscellaneous Revenues	84,500	98,500	16.6
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,083,779</b>	<b>1,149,853</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Total 51000 - General Government	187,356	174,900	-6.6
Total Building Inspection, Fire & Ambulance	166,338	168,711	1.4
Total 53000 - Public Works	657,185	731,942	11.4
Total 54000 - Health & Human Services	2,500	2,500	0
55000 - Culture, Recreation & Library - Other	70,400	71,800	2.0
57000 - Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,083,779</b>	<b>1,149,853</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Net Income (Revenue less Expenses)	0	0	
Reserve for future landfill expenses	21,000	21,000	
<b>Proposed Mill Rate</b>	<b>\$0.951</b>	<b>\$0.951</b>	<b>0</b>

Wanda L. Hiltgen  
 Town Clerk  
 Town of Dayton  
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF DAYTON TOWNSHIP**  
**Thursday, December 5, 2024**  
**Immediately Following the Public Hearing**  
 Following the public hearing on the 2025 Budget there will be a special meeting of the town's electors. The town's voters will consider:  
 1. To adopt the 2024 town tax levy to be paid in 2025 pursuant to sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.  
 Following the special meeting of the electors, there will be a special meeting of the Town Board. It is the Town Board's responsibility to finalize and vote to approve the 2025 calendar year budget.  
 Wanda L. Hiltgen, Dayton Town Clerk  
**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING TOWN OF DAYTON**  
 Notice is hereby given the Dayton Town Board will meet immediately following the meeting of the Electors with the purpose of adopting the Final 2025 Budget as discussed at the Special Town Meeting held on **December 5, 2024** at the Dayton Town Hall located at N2285 Highway 22.  
 Wanda L. Hiltgen, Dayton Town Clerk WNAIXLP

**NOTICE TOWN OF MUKWA RESIDENTS NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an Election to be held in the Town of Mukwa on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following officers are to be elected. All offices are for a term of two years. The present incumbent is also listed.  

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Jim Curns
<b>SUPERVISOR #1</b>	Lee Shaw
<b>SUPERVISOR #2</b>	Matt Mansky
<b>TREASURER</b>	Sandy Jensen
<b>CLERK</b>	Jeannette Zielinski

 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025, in the office of the Town Clerk – E8514 Weyauwega Rd, Northport.  
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a Primary is necessary, the Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.  
**Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**  
 Done in the Town of Mukwa on November 14, 2024  
 /s/Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk  
 Posted: November 15, 2024  
 Publish – Press – Legal Notice: November 21, 2024 WNAIXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
**Town of Deer Creek**  
**April 1st 2025**  
**Election Details**  
 There will be an election to be held in the Town of Deer Creek on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:  

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Town Board Chairperson	Steven Young
Town Board Supervisor, seat # 1	Chad Mares
Town Board Supervisor, seat # 2	Mathew Wagenson
Town Clerk	Craig Sorenson
Town Treasurer	Amber Poppe
Constable	Mark Radtke

**Office Terms**  
 All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 8th Tuesday 2025.  
**Caucus for Candidates**  
 The town caucus will be scheduled to nominate candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices. The caucus will be held December 10th at 7:30PM.  
**Additional Information**  
 Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.  
 Done in the Town of Deer Creek on November 15, 2024  
 Craig Sorenson WNAIXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
**VILLAGE OF IOLA**  
**APRIL 1ST, 2025**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN An election is to be held in the Village of Iola, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present Incumbents listed:  

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Village President	Jennifer Schustek
Village Trustee	Rick Meyers
Village Trustee	Jim Rasmussen
Village Trustee	Alan Bauer

**OFFICE TERMS**  
 The term for Village President and Trustees will begin on April 8th, 2025. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.  
**FOR CAUCUS CANDIDATES**  
 The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the village clerk.  
 The scheduled date for the Village of Iola Caucus will be held at 5:15 p.m. January 14, 2025, at the Iola Village Hall, 180 S. Main St., Iola, WI 54945, in the Community Room. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
 Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID from the Division of Motor Vehicles.  
 Done in the Village of Iola, on November 28, 2024  
 Laura J. Kogwald  
 Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Iola WNAIXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
**TOWN OF HARRISON**  
**APRIL 1, 2025**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Town of Harrison on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday 8, 2025.  

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>
TOWN BOARD CHAIRMAN	Dean Lashua
TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR 1	Mike Schultz
TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR 2	John Phillips
TOWN CLERK	Fran Moen
TOWN TREASURER	Carrie Powell

 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of January. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 8, 2025, and not later than January 28, 2025. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.  
 Fran Moen (Clerk) WNAIXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
**Town of Caledonia**  
**April 1, 2025**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Caledonia, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years.  

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Town Board Chairperson	Bill Abba
Town Board Supervisor I	Pete Bosquez
Town Board Supervisor II	Vance Knuth

 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm, on Thursday, January 2, 2025, in the office of the town clerk.  
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.  
 Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.  
 Done in the Town of Caledonia on November 12, 2024  
 Natalie Snyder  
 Clerk/Treasurer WNAIXLP

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION**  
**Town of Caledonia**  
**April 1, 2025**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Caledonia, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years.  

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
Town Board Chairperson	Bill Abba
Town Board Supervisor I	Pete Bosquez
Town Board Supervisor II	Vance Knuth

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 Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.  
 Done in the Town of Caledonia on November 12, 2024  
 Natalie Snyder  
 Clerk/Treasurer WNAIXLP



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Waupaca High School students as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**Sale of 515 School Street Property:** Mr. Moore advised that the District owns property at 515 School Street which is currently being leased to CESA 5. Because there had been some interest shown in purchasing the property, the Administration reviewed the maintenance costs, upgrades, and lease income and recommended the property be made available for purchase.

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Molly McDonald to accept the resolution made by Administration that the School District of Waupaca publicly notices that the property located at 515 School Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, is available for purchase. The School District will be accepting offers to purchase the property. The Board will review all offers available by November 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The District is not obligated to sell this property if the available offers do not satisfy the needs and interests of the School District of Waupaca at the sole discretion of the Board of Education. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**Grant Writer Update:** Mr. Moore shared the Grant Writer's report which outlined a cumulative history as well as the year-to-date status of grants awarded and pending. This included a \$20,000 grant to support and offset some of the costs of the District's EL program, as well as a \$5,000 grant to support educational outreach events which District Librarian Sarah Hanneman is working on. There are two additional grants being worked on, both relating to cybersecurity which will help offset some of those costs.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Molly McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Date: Ron Brooks, President  
Board of Education  
Date: Betty Manion, Clerk  
Board of Education  
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**Name Change 7730**

**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 (Petitioner) Travis Andrew Spalding  
**Notice and Order of Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 24CV325

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Travis Andrew Spalding  
To: Lilith Aya Valentine  
Birth Certificate: Travis Andrew Spalding  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Portage County, State of Wisconsin by Honorable Patricia Baker, Branch 3 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 on 12/19/2024 at 11:15 a.m.  
if you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-346-1364 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Stevens Point Gazette, a newspaper published in Portage County, State of Wisconsin. Publish November 14, 21 and 28, 2024 WNAIXLP

**Notice To Creditors 7735**

**DATE SIGNED: November 14, 2024**  
**Electronically signed by Angela Dahle**  
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH H. MAY

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR107

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/22/1956 and date of death 8/7/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N3550 Behnke Rd. Weyauwega, WI 54983.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 17, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
Form completed by: Atty. David L. Forysthe  
PO Box 215  
Iola, WI 54945  
Telephone (715)445-2511  
Bar Number 1012182  
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**DATE SIGNED: November 15, 2024**  
**Electronically signed by Sandra Gagas**  
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Albin F. Mallek

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR83

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth January 2, 1932 and date of death November 6, 2024, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3380 Bridlewood Drive, Plover, WI 54467.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 28, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.  
Attorney Katherine A. Young Anderson O'Brien, LLP  
1257 Main Street, P.O. Box 228  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Telephone (715) 344-0890  
Bar Number 1087888  
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**DATE SIGNED: November 8, 2024**  
**Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver**  
Deputy Probate Registrar

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

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24 PR 106

**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.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 11, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
Form completed by: Attorney Jake C. Jolic Murphy Desmond S.C.  
33 E. Main Street, Suite 500  
Madison, WI 53703  
Telephone (608) 257-7181  
Bar Number 1119661  
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**Notice To Creditors 7735**

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

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

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR79

**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.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 5, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.  
PAUL A. ANDERSON, Attorney  
1001 Union Street, PO Box 325  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0325  
Telephone (715) 341-3323  
Bar Number 1022993  
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**DATE SIGNED: October 30, 2024**  
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Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL F. O'CONNOR  
DOD 05/17/2024

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24-PR-71

**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.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] January 31, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
Form completed by: Keith A. Steckbauer  
PO Box 5  
New London, WI 54961  
Telephone 920-779-4140  
Bar Number (102)1304  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY KAY LAMBERIES

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24 PR 100

**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.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 31, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
Form completed by: Attorney Michael A. Maas Heritage Law Firm LLC  
2050 Riverside Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
Telephone 920-785-8570  
Bar Number 1061377  
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**DATE SIGNED: October 31, 2024**  
**Electronically signed by Angela Dahle**  
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Thomas E. Falk  
D.O.D. 7/14/2024

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR102

**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.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 3, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate Office.  
Form completed by: Attorney Michael D. Lawrynk  
2711 N Mason St., Suite B  
Appleton, WI 54914  
Telephone 920-733-5521  
Bar Number 1025074  
Publish Nov. 7, 14 & 21, 2024 WNAIXLP

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**Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver**  
Deputy Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Phillip K. Johnsrud

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24 PR 101

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 1, 1950 and date of death October 13, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N9320 State Road 49, Iola WI 54945.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 1, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
Form completed by: Atty. Jennifer W. Koeppl, Koeppl Law Offices SC  
PO Box 270, Wild Rose WI 54984  
Telephone 920-622-3048  
Bar Number 1045183  
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**Waupaca Area 2090**

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

**Immanuel Lutheran Church WELS** 1120 Evans, Waupaca. 715-258-0204. Sunday Worship: 8:00 am & 10:30 am, Thurs 7 pm Pastors Ron Siemers & Ben Kempfert. Sunday Radio Service 8:00am (WDUX 92.7) [www.immanuelwaupaca.com](http://www.immanuelwaupaca.com)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 415 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI (715) 258-5125 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 AM [www.stmarkswaupaca.com](http://www.stmarkswaupaca.com)

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**Weyauwega 2100**

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**St. John's Lutheran Church LCMC** N3882 Cty. Rd. KK Weyauwega, 920-867-3793 Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday FM 101.7 for Outdoor Option [stjohnslutheranlcmc.org](http://stjohnslutheranlcmc.org)

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**WRONG WAY**

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bright, bold yellow reflective signs that have 'Divided Highway' on it. Or a "Stay Right" sign. As long as it is big and bold and obvious for people that don't know what a lot of signs mean. That's the way it is, especially if you are intoxicated," said Malueg.

Malueg – who is currently a law enforcement officer in Poynette and a part-time officer in Shiocton – also pointed out that many of the signs are too high and only catch a portion of the vehicle headlights. This works at a distance but not so well when stopped at an intersection and the sign is nearby.

On Little River Road and looking across to the far side of U.S. 10 there is a black-and-white One Way sign with an arrow pointing left. That indicates to a driver that is paused in the meridian to turn left. Malueg believes this sign could be much larger. It is the same size as speed limit signs on city streets.

**Always at night**

Malueg has received critical comments that no matter how many signs and reflectors are put up; it still will not deter intoxicated drivers. Malueg counters that during his time patrolling the highway, there was a very high percentage of wrong-way drivers that corrected themselves. Meaning that when a call came in reporting a wrong-way driver on U.S. 10, by the time Malueg arrived in the area, there was nobody driving the wrong way – the driver figured out the mistake and turned around in the right direction.

He studied data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) about wrong-way driving incidents that occurred from the Winnebago County line to the Portage County line on U.S. 10. Not a single wrong-way driving incident happened during the day. "Why are we not having wrong-way drivers during the day? Because it's well lit. There's drunk drivers during the day so why don't we see drunk drivers going the wrong way during the day? Signs will help," said Malueg.

During his time as Waupaca County sheriff's deputy, Malueg noticed a trend from Fremont up to Waupaca. "Every time I got a wrong way driver it was almost always between Fremont and Weyauwega. When it was dispatched, it was 'Ten and Reek,' or 'Ten and Little River Road,' or 'Ten and U,' or 'Ten and Sunset Curve,' or 'Ten and coming from the Winnebago county line,'" said Malueg.

He noted there were wrong-way calls for the intersection of U.S. 10 and County Trunk Q and also Anderson Road in the Waupaca area. "Unfortunately it's not that easy. He [DOT contact] said this crash and me advocating and bringing attention to it, has made its way up to the top people. He said they do have a task force they created that is specific for wrong-way driving and they are putting Little River Road on the top of the list for safety improvements," said Malueg.

**Recommendations**

Malueg researched high-tech systems that prevent wrong-way drivers that use thermal imaging, cameras and radar. He learned that communities that imple-



Justin Malueg argues that this Divided Highway Right sign is not easily interpreted by some drivers and there are better signage options to express the traffic situation.

James Card Photo

ment these systems have double-digit percentage decreases in wrong-way driving.

He suggests going the low-tech route first because it's simpler and he understands DOT budgets are tight. He recommends getting new (and larger) signs where most needed, lowering the current signs to better headlight level, placing the signs in more effective and logical spots, adding reflectors to sign posts, placement of LED flasher/sensors, replacing burned-out bulbs immediately at intersections, utilizing reflective paint on the pavement and keeping the intersection clear from tall grass and giant snow banks that block the view of the intersection. He noted signs with white backgrounds against a snowy landscape do not work well.

"Some of this stuff is so cheap. Shawano County has reflective tape on some of these signs and its 'Holy smokes,' when your headlights hit it. It's so reflective. You see it from a mile away on a straight stretch," said Malueg.

**Making progress**

Malueg has been in touch with a DOT officer in the Wisconsin Rapids region and safety improvements are in motion. The DOT did not know Farmer made a wrong turn from Little River Road. Malueg pointed this out and his DOT contact ran this information up the chain of command and according to a recent email Malueg received from the DOT, there has been approval for work on Little River Road that includes new signage, painting and reflective markings on the signs in that intersection.

"It's not as easy as saying this is a bad stretch of road and these community members are asking for extra signs to be put up. Unfortunately it's not that easy. He [DOT contact] said this crash and me advocating and bringing attention to it, has made its way up to the top people. He said they do have a task force they created that is specific for wrong-way driving and they are putting Little River Road on the top of the list for safety improvements," said Malueg.



# Sports

## Area All-Conference Football Honorees

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

### Bay Conference New London

Parker Walbruck represented the Bulldogs as a unanimous First-Team selection on the offensive and defensive line. Walbruck was also named the Bay Conference offensive lineman of the year. Logan Ten Haken was voted First-Team at running back, and Reid Oberstadt was named First-Team at defensive end.

Offensive Lineman Preston Krueger was selected for the Second-Team, along with Brett Marquardt on the defensive side as a defensive back.

Howard Roloff was selected as an Honorable Mention running back.

### Waupaca

Waupaca Comets Xzaver Pittman was named unanimous First-Team running back as he rushed for 1219 yards and 13 touchdowns on the season. Pittman was joined on the First-Team, by teammate Owen Hansen, selected as an offensive lineman and linebacker.

The Second-Team consisted of wide receiver Westen Lauritzen, Colin Everts, who was named Second-Team on both the offensive and defensive line, defensive lineman Cooper Pate, inside linebacker Ethan Harms, outside linebacker Andre Hendrix, who was also an Honorable Mention wide receiver and defensive back Ryder Vergauwen.

Honorable Mentions included offensive lineman Aj McDonald, quarterback Austin Adamczak and kicker Eric Hills.

### Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Amherst

Jack Seeger was named first-team CWC-Large on the offensive and defensive lines. He was joined on the First Team by wide receiver Sully Perkins, who is also a Second-Team defensive



New Londons Parker Walbruck (55) named First-Team Bay All-Conference on both offense and defense in 2024.



Hortonville's Reggie Kloehn (24) named unanimous First-Team Fox Valley Association and the conferences Defensive Lineman of the Year.

back, and linebacker Sam Stuczynski.

Quarterback Michael Glodowski and offensive lineman Logan Glodowski represented the Falcons on the Second-Team.

Offensive lineman Kaleb Krupka, defensive lineman Garrison Gordon, and linebacker Lane Smith were each named Honorable Mention.

### Weyauwega-Fremont

Kam Zielke was named First Team CWC-Large at quarterback and Second-Team defensive back. Zielke, was joined on the First-Team by running back Dawson Lind, offensive lineman Jared Bohringer, a Second-Team defensive lineman as well, kicker Charke Mueller and linebacker Bryce Magdanz.

The Warhawks are represented on the Second-Team by wide receiver Carter Birdyshaw, along with Zielke and Bohringer.

Offensive Linemen Blake



Kam Zielke named All Central Wisconsin Conference-Large First-Team at quarterback and Second-Team at defensive back.



Xzaver Pittman was selected as a unanimous First-Team running back in the Bay conference.

Second-Team members consist of offensive lineman Owen Wolberg and defensive back Charlie Tappa.

Honorable mentions include defensive back Kyrilo Kopytsia, linebacker Tanner Kampert and offensive lineman Brian Krosberg.

### Northwoods Clintonville

Unanimous First-Team selection wide receiver Sam Wegener caught 50 passes for 686 and seven touchdowns, which led the Northwoods conference in each category. Wegener was also selected as a First-Team All-Northwoods defensive back.

Offensive Lineman Blake Laviolette and Ryan Gauthier, defensive back Zach Johnson, and linebackers Teegan Laack and Linken Korh were named Honorable Mention for the Trickers.

### Manawa

Patrick Paque was named Second-Team All-Northwoods after leading the conference with 135 tackles, which was fifth best in the state.

### Wisconsin Valley Stevens Point

The First-Team Wisconsin Valley honorees from Stevens Point were quarterback Grant Chandonais, running back Johnny Mathews, unanimous selection offensive lineman Brenden Clubb on offense, defensive back Jonny Ananaidis, who was also a Second-Team wide receiver, and defensive lineman Owen Van Den Elzen.

Offensive lineman Josh Woznicki, tight end Chris Elsener, defensive lineman Brett Standifer, linebackers Conner Skarsten and Kyle Madlena and kick returner Calvin Roth were all selected to the Second-Team.

Offensive lineman Derek Brooks, wide receiver Charlie Belson, defensive end Isaak Burgener, linebacker Nick Roska, and defensive back Jackson Spees were named honorable mentions.



Clintonville's Sam Wegener named All-Northwoods Conference unanimous First-Team wide receiver and First-Team defensive back.

Ahuna and Carter McDaniel were named Honorable Mention on the offense. McDaniel was also selected as Honorable Mention on the defensive side along with linebacker Alex Loherke.

### Fox Valley Association Hortonville

Reggie Kloehn was a unanimous First-Team All-Fox Valley Association se-

lection for the Polar Bears on the defensive side of the ball and was also named the conference defensive lineman of the year.

Logan Gaffney was selected to the Second-Team as an offensive lineman.

Wide receiver Levi Hebbe. Defensive lineman Matt Spielman, defensive back Levi Strange and linebackers Kaden Heitl and Harley Juadis were all named Honorable Mention.

### Marawood/CWC Iola-Scandinavia

The first-team All-Conference Thunderbirds consisted of quarterback Jensen Rice, who was also a Second-Team defensive back, tight end Korz Loken, who was also a Second-Team linebacker, unanimous selection offensive lineman Ryan Doede, who was also a First-Team defensive lineman, and linebacker Bill Myers, who was also an Honorable Mention running back.

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Honorable Mention Rossalyn Wehmeyer (14) and unanimous First-Team selection Peyton Carlson (3) represent Waupaca on the All-North Easter conference team.



Weyauwega-Fremont's unanimous All-Central Wisconsin-East First-Team selections Olivia Witkowski (pictured middle) and Riley Delwiche (21).  
Nick Griesbach Photos

# Area All-Conference Volleyball Honorees

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Bay Conference New London

New London Bulldogs senior Natalie Collar is a 2024 Bay Conference Second-Team selection.

## Central Wisconsin-East Amherst

Senior Amara Beaudoin was named the Central Wisconsin-East player of the year and voted a unanimous First-Team all-conference selection.

Senior Makenna Orsund and sophomore Ivy Boelk were both named to the Second-Team, and senior Kayla Cullen was selected as an Honorable Mention.

## Weyauwega-Fremont

Seniors Riley Delwiche and Olivia Witkowski were unanimous Central Wisconsin-East First-Team selections, and senior Cathryn Gunst was voted Honorable Mention.

## Iola-Scandinavia

Senior Mckenzie Bonikowske is a Central Wisconsin-East First Team selection, and sophomore Emma Printz is an Honorable Mention choice.

## Manawa

Senior Cassie Arndt was named to the Central Wisconsin-East Second-Team, and senior Lily Krenke was selected as an Honorable Mention.

## Fox Valley Association Hortonville

Juniors Becca Krause and Rayna Nelson are Fox Valley Association Honorable Mention selections.

## North Eastern Conference Clintonville

Seniors McKaylee Stephenson and Bailey Loose were North Eastern Conference Honorable Mentions choices for the Truckers.

## Waupaca

Junior Peyton Carlson was a unanimous First-Team selection for the Comets, and seniors Rossalyn Wehmeyer and Natalie Waller were named Honorable Mention.

## Wisconsin Valley Stevens Point

Junior Katie Kornowski was named a unanimous First-Team selection in the Wisconsin Valley Conference for the Panthers, and teammate Nora Kruger joins her on the First-Team. Lenna Mayer was selected to the Second-Team, while Karli Torhorst Honorable Mention choice.

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# Area Boys Soccer All-Conference honorees



Hortonville's First-Team All-Fox Valley Association selection Roman Glad. Nick Griesbach Photos



Clintonville's Erik Castellanos named First-Team North Eastern Conference.

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Bay Conference New London

The Bulldogs have two representatives on the Bay All-Conference Second-Team, senior midfielder Oswin Menez and sophomore defender Kasey Furman. Junior midfielder Ryan Peters is an Honorable Mention selection.

## Central Wisconsin Conference Amherst

Four Amherst Falcons were First-Team choices in the Central Wisconsin Conference. Senior Carlos Lopez and juniors Milo Graham, Finn Brunett and Ayden Kazda. The Second-Team selections from Amherst are junior Shayden Abbott-Beversdorf and sophomore Antek Zoromski-Linde. Junior Isaac Snyder and sophomore Ian Dudley are Honorable Mention choices.

## Pacelli/Iola-Scandinavia

Seniors Braeden Flaker and Sam Grabiec are First-Team Central Wisconsin Conference Selections and sophomores Lexi Koenigs and Matthew Constantineau are on the Second-Team. Senior Nathan Reimer and junior Noah Hasler were named Honorable Mention.

## Fox Valley Association Hortonville

Polar Bears sophomore midfielder Roman Glad and junior goalkeeper Grant Decker were First-Team All-Fox Valley Association selections. Junior defender Cade Mansfield was a Second-Team All-FVA selection, and senior forward Dylan Glad and junior midfielder Wesley Barker are both Honorable Mention choices.

## North Eastern Conference Clintonville

Truckers seniors, forward Max Polzin and defender Erik Castellanos are First-Team All-North Eastern Conference selections. Junior midfielder Jesus Hernandez was a North Eastern Conference Second-Team choice.

## Waupaca

Three seniors for the Comets were First-Team All-North Eastern Conference selections midfielder Liam Bloedow, defender Zack Gusmer and goalkeeper Tristan Cuff. Senior defender Adam Mace and junior forward Brody Woitczak are both Second-Team members.

## Wisconsin Valley Stevens Point

Senior Midfielder Eli Chang was named to the All-Wisconsin Valley First-Team. Juniors Alex Weisgram and Tyler Falkavage. Honorable mentions were junior forward Sivan Dinga, midfielders, junior Ian Ekstrand and freshman Leyton Stevens.

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## Senior Spotlight

### Ayden Phillips-Almond-Bancroft

A standout on both the gridiron and the hardwood, Almond-Bancroft's Ayden Phillips has truly been a force on both sides of the ball for his eight-man football team that went 8-2 and won the Central Wisconsin-8 conference championship, where he led the state in receptions with 80, to go along with his 1,128 receiving yards and 15 touchdown catches as a tight end.

A UW-Eau Claire football recruit, Ayden was named the Central Wisconsin-8 Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year along with teammate, Davis Dernbach. Phillips was also named First-Team All-Central Wisconsin-8 First team on offense and defense.

On the basketball court, Ayden has been just as impressive, leading the 2023-2024 Eagles to a 27-2 record and an appearance in the WIAA state semifinals. Dominating both ends of the court, Phillips led the Central Wisconsin-South conference in scoring (24.2), rebounding (11.5) and blocked shots (2.9), while also being named the conference Co-Player of the Year along with teammate TJ Lamb.

"The most memorable in high school sports was when we went down to state last basketball season and had the great opportunity to play in the Kohl Center," Ayden said of his team's success.

Ayden, son of Mike and Sarah, is the oldest of three children, gives credit to his dad for introducing him to football at nine, which he considers his main sport after having an affinity to basketball in his earlier years.

The physicality of football has been a draw for Ayden, "My favorite part about football is that you get to hit people. It is an emotional game, and that's why I think I've stuck with it for so long."

Standing 6 feet seven inches tall has been a gift for Phillips that he knows has aided him in sports, "My biggest asset on the field is my physical size." Ayden has realized the importance of balancing his studies and athletics, "At the start of my freshman year I slacked off. Over time it caught up with me and I realized I needed to change something. As a senior, I can positively say that I'm glad I changed. From an athletic standpoint, playing sports and doing school work is challenging at times, but the best thing you can do as I've learned, is make a schedule on what needs to be done and you'll do just fine."

Phillips looks back on his time at Almond-Bancroft and his stellar high school athletics career: "It is a bittersweet feeling, I would say. You get to think about all the memories you made, but at the same time, you will never be able to experience that again."



## Weyauwega-Fremont Boys Basketball Preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

WEYAUWEGA- The Warhawks look to capitalize on their 14-13 season in 2023-2024, finishing with a 9-5 record in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East, which tied for second best in the conference. The Warhawks ended their sea-

son in the regional final with a 52-50 loss to Oconto.

In his eighth season as the head coach at Weyauwega-Fremont, Kyle Loughrin will continue to build off of last season's success.

Brayden Arndt, the leading scorer for the Warhawks last season, has graduated after averaging 17.2 points per game and being named

to the CWC-East Second Team.

Chris Gunst will take over much of the scoring, averaging 10.8 points in 2023-2024, and was named Honorable Mention in the CWC-East.

The first game for the Warhawks will be on the road to take on Wild Rose on Nov. 26.

## Manawa Boys Basketball Preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

MANAWA-The Manawa Wolves look to have another winning season after going 13-12 in 2023-2024 and finished 6-8 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East before losing to Valders in the regional.

Production will need to

be replaced as the CWC-East player of the year, Nathan Gorman, who led the league in scoring (22.7) and rebounding (13.1), has graduated.

Connor Scheid will take over the head coaching duties from Rick Zemple in 2024-2025.

Scheid will have productive players returning for

the Wolves. Brady Jaeckle, who averaged 10.8 points per game and Vincente Timm, who contributed 10 points per game last season, are returning. Both players should be in the running for All-Conference honors.

Manawa will host their regular season opener on Nov. 26 against Rosholt.

## Iola-Scandinavia's Boys Basketball Preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Iola-Scandinavia Thunderbirds look to build on a 2023-2024 season where they went 13-13 and finished with a 5-9 Central Wisconsin-East conference record. The Thunderbirds finished the season with a 64-60 loss to Edgar in the WIAA regional.

Sam Bertsch is enter-

ing his 24th season as head coach of the Thunderbirds. Bertsch will look for young talent from last year's team to continue progressing as they lead the Iola-Scandinavia attack.

Two skilled sophomores look to capitalize on successful individual campaigns from a season ago. Second-Team All-Central Wisconsin-East member

Korz Loken led the team in scoring with 13.9 points per game and rebounding (10.1). Loken's teammate Alex Robbins nearly matched him in scoring, averaging 13.8 points per game and contributing 8.8 rebounds per contest.

The Thunderbirds' first game will be on the road against Almond-Bancroft on Dec. 3.

## Two local swimmers finish top three at state

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

WAUKESHA-Two area swimmers took top three in events at the WIAA girls swimming and diving championships at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 15-16.

Stevens Point junior Klare Pilger finished third in the division 1 200-yard

individual medley, clocking in at 2:03.73, and the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.50. Pilger's teammate, Claire Lemke, also competed in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing 23rd after a time of 1:00.37.

The Stevens Point Panthers competed in two separate relays. Finishing 12th in the 200-yard medley re-

lay with a time of 1:49.73 and 14th in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:37.72.

In the division 2 100-yard breaststroke, Clintonville junior Addy Lundt clocked in at 1:06.67. Lundt finished third in the event. Addy placed 10th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:15.20.

## Bridge winners at Lincoln Center

STEVENS POINT – Social bridge winners on Nov. 11 at the Lincoln Center were Erik Lacey, Jeanette Glisczynski, Sylvia Redding and Mark Hemlich.

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

Duplicate bridge winners on Nov. 14 at the Lincoln Center were Jean Singh and Dan Stoil, Gene Clark and Larry Liederhofer, Tom Rowe and Jim Golz.

Nov. 15 duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Mary Jacobson and John Herder, Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg, Jeanette Glisczynski and Barb Johnson.

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

The Loraine Hoppe Game-Day Fundraiser for the Lincoln Center was

held on Nov. 13. Winner for sheephead – Karen Martzhal. Winners for social bridge were Joan North and Katie Rettler, Sylvia Redding and Elsie Glodowski, Rita Leary and Gladys Glodowski. Winners for duplicate bridge were John Herder and Rick Jansing, Polly Garbe and Mary Beth Anday, Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg. Katie Rettler won the 50/50 raffle ticket.

## ADRC senior support programs

The mission of the Aging and Disability Resource Center is to support seniors, adults with disabilities, and their families and caregivers by offering easy access to services and by fostering a caring community that values lifelong contributions, maximum independence, and individual dignity.

### Christmas dinner

Join the ADRC for Christmas dinner at the Lincoln Center on Friday, Dec. 13. A traditional Christmas meal of glazed ham, carrots, mashed potatoes, roll, holiday mixed fruit and dessert. Registration required by calling 715-346-1421 by Dec. 6.

### 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 Program 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 Building, 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.

## Art exhibit seeks entries

STEVENS POINT–The Riverfront Arts Center (RAC) invites artists to submit up to three works for its annual juried exhibition, Winter's Garden.

The open-media exhibit is a botanically themed show, open to all artists age 18 and older.

Submissions are due Jan.

9 and 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with forms available at the gallery or on the RAC website.

This juried exhibit seeks diverse interpretations, but not all submissions may be selected to ensure a cohesive showcase.

The exhibition opens with a reception on from

4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, and runs through Sunday, February 23.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends.

For details, visit [stevenspoint.com/RAC](http://stevenspoint.com/RAC), call 715-343-6251, or email [sgardner@stevenspoint.com](mailto:sgardner@stevenspoint.com).



### Donation to YMCA

Prevail Bank donated \$3,000 to the Stevens Point Area YMCA in support of their behavioral health and support services. Submitted Photo

## USDA invests in rural communities

STEVENS POINT – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Wisconsin State Director Julie Lassa announced that the department is investing more than \$24 million in rural communities through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

Funds will go toward projects that help lower energy costs and create jobs in Wisconsin.

Twelve grants and one

loan will allow 13 rural Wisconsin businesses to install renewable energy systems or become more energy efficient.

"The Rural Energy for America Program helps farmers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements," Lassa said. "Through the USDA, the Biden-Harris Administration is partnering with small business

owners and ag producers to help them save money on their bottom line, expand their businesses and become more energy independent."

In Portage County, a \$99,212 grant will be used to help Andrew Gruna, an agricultural producer, purchase and install a more energy-efficient grain dryer in Rosholt. The system is expected to save the company \$8,722 per year in energy costs.

## Gambrell exhibit at UWSP

STEVENS POINT – Contemporary works by a University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point faculty member are now being featured at the UWsp Edna Carlsten Art Gallery.

Works by Andy Gambrell, assistant professor of art, are currently on display through Thursday, Dec. 5.

Gambrell's art has been featured in more than 90 exhibitions in the U.S. and

abroad. The artist's works are in private collections in the US, Canada, Colombia, Switzerland, Germany, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

His painting practice was shaped by formative years spent in Miami within a community of abstract painters that included late modern masters such as Jules Olitski and Darby Bannard.

Gambrell's contempo-

rary work renews and extends American abstract painting through his use of an eye-tracking viewfinder he developed to create digital drawings of the path his eyes follow while taking in the Wisconsin landscape. From the wilderness of Arizona to the fields of Wisconsin, this process of abstract painting results in a fresh, beautiful celebration of the American landscape.



### CITY BUDGET

FROM PAGE 1

The city's assessed value also decreased by \$6.9 million.

"We will be going through a revaluation next year, so that should help stabilize it," Muske said.

Regarding the salary increases, Ald. Brandon Braden, who is the chair of the Finance Committee, told the council that some city employees will receive a "sizeable increase" in salary.

"We hired a professional company that evaluated all of our expected positions within the city," Braden said. "Certainly, there are individuals that are potentially going to see a large increase, and part of the reason for that is the study found out that these indi-

viduals are being paid way under what other individuals doing the same exact job in other nearby communities of similar size are doing."

### Unassigned fund balance

Muske told the council that the city's unassigned fund balance has a balance of \$2,167,491. These funds are not earmarked for any projects. She reminded the council that city policy states the unassigned fund balance needs to be 30% or more of general fund revenues. The city could spend \$637,015 from the unassigned fund balance and still meet the 30% city policy threshold.

The end-of-year numbers for the 2024 city budget is

estimating that the unassigned fund balance will have a balance of nearly \$2.12 million.

"We're able to utilize some of this fund balance to keep the debt service levy at bay, knowing that we just went through a borrowing cycle, so we see a spike in our debt service levy," Muske said.

Muske cautioned the council that unassigned fund balance should not be used for operating expenses. Instead, it should be used only for items that are one-time expenses.

The city used \$328,000 of unassigned fund balance in 2023 and \$439,000 in 2024. The 2025 city budget estimates that \$420,698 of unassigned fund balance funds will be used.

### NURSING HOME

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carefully to understand any financial obligations or liabilities you may incur.

### Know resident rights

Familiarize yourself with your loved one's rights as a nursing home resident. The Board on Aging and Long Term Care Ombudsman outlines consumer rights at [longtermcare.wi.gov](http://longtermcare.wi.gov). For care concerns, start by speaking with their direct aides, nurses, or the director of nursing. Open communication can often resolve issues collaboratively. If your concerns are not being addressed, you have options to report your grievances to the Division of Quality Assurance within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

When deciding on nurs-

ing home placement for your loved one, consider their physical care, emotional well-being, location, environment, and legal factors. In my view, the most important consideration is balancing your parent's autonomy and freedom with their safety and care. For personalized legal guidance, consult an elder law and special needs attorney. You don't have to face this difficult time alone.

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### MILL POND

FROM PAGE 1

The money will still need to be found in order to complete the project.

Mayor Mike Frazier said at the Oct. 21 city council meeting that if they cannot find the funding they will not be able to rebuild the dam.

Josh Smith, the head of the Department of Public Works, said Cedar Corporation, Manawa's city engineer, told them that the dam would have to be replaced in its entirety.

Frazier said there are six dams in Wisconsin that have failed including Manawa, which are still

needing to be rebuilt.

"The reality is we may have to go with a plan B," Frazier said. "We don't want to bankrupt the city."

Hlaban said having a City Council representative on the working committee will help to give them legitimacy when they approach the DNR and other organizations.

"Our intention would be to also solicit additional help," Hlaban said. "With the hope that the city would provide a liaison."

Heise and Hlaban both agreed that setting up a plan B, so if the funding for the dam is not found, at the very least the city would have a jumpstart on

an alternative to restore the river and the land around it.

Mary Eck, the City Council president, suggested Heise and Hlaban present to the Little Wolf Town Board, and if they are not able to that Eck and Ann Bonikowske, a city council member, could bring it up at the following meeting they have with the township.

Bonikowske said she would have to canvas the committee members and see who would be willing to assist.

No decision was made by the city regarding a council representative joining Heise and Hlaban.

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**FIRE**

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Murphy and her husband Josh left Colorado for the open road. As nomads, they visited 44 states and at the end of the journey, Murphy was pregnant with their first child. It was time to plant some roots.

Murphy's grandmother, mother and sister were born in Waupaca and her husband has family in Lodi. They settled outside of Waupaca on Cobbtown Road.

After the baby was born, Stoltze and her husband, Gabe, came to visit. They drove back to Colorado and returned again soon after for a camping trip. They enjoyed their time in Wisconsin and they decided to relocate to Waupaca.

Months before, Stoltze and Murphy were kicking around the idea of starting the Cloud Nine Fire Show.

"I was in this career spot and I needed to figure out what was next. I looked at my

wall with all of my hula hoops and why not that? I've been working on that for years and years," said Murphy.

When Stoltze and her husband settled in Waupaca in June 2023 they started their business. They immediately started practicing with fire.

**Light my fire**

"If you get lucky enough when you're passing by you might see us doing some fire show practice in the yard. If the neighbors hear our music playing they come out on the porch and watch. It's the neighborhood circus people doing their thing again," said Murphy, laughing.

"I think all of the neighbors are thoroughly entertained," said Stoltze.

Adding fire to their flow art was intimidating at first. They use white gas and kerosene on Kevlar wicks. The metal props heat up fast. There is the intense sound of moving flame.

Stoltze likens it to the rush of a jet engine. They test their



Besides the fire show, Logan Stoltze (left) and Madeline Murphy also teach a hula hoop fitness and dance program at the Waupaca Recreation Center.

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costumes for flammability. Natural fabrics like cotton and hemp are safer than synthetic fabrics which could burn and melt onto the skin.

In between sets they spray their faces and hair with water. They must keep their hair ar-

ranged in a way so it will not get entangled and torched.

They also contact local fire departments before their shows and submit a NFPA 160-10 form that concerns flame-effect systems in public places. The document breaks

down the safety details of their performance.

"They are like, 'Cool, see you there!'" said Stoltze.

**Making the rounds**

Cloud Nine Fire Show has performed at the Light the Night Market in Appleton, multiple parades, a 1950s-styled event, homecomings, block parties and gala-themed birthday parties. This has resulted in them creating themed performances. They have Christmas themes, Halloween themes and even a Beetlejuice costume. Their plan is to expand this more to give clients more options. They also do indoor performances with LED lights. They also network with other performers and sometimes join forces to add more talent to a theatrical production.

They practice flow art which is loosely defined as using a prop to express one's energy and motion. Often this is through dance but it could be with a hula hoop or

even a pair of nunchucks. The goal is to enter a state of present-moment awareness. The online flow-arts community arranges festivals and retreats where people can practice this discipline.

"It's an inspiring community to be part of and that is what we aim to bring to Waupaca and central Wisconsin—is that flow art spark, especially with kids and the younger generation," said Murphy. "In this rural area, kids and adults need an outlet, these magical things. There's creativity happening. There's still a way to for us all to come together. Our shows aren't, 'Look what I can do!' but, 'Look what I can do but you can do it, too, if you put in the work. You can do anything you want if you put in the time.'"

At the Waupaca Recreation Center every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. they teach a class called, "Hoop! There it is!" It's a hula hoop fitness and dance program for both children and adults of all skill levels.

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