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The chef at the Salvation Army Hope Center in Stevens Point prepares free hot meals to go.

Submitted Photo

Hope Center offers warm meals

BY ROBERT CLOUD SENIOR EDITOR

STEVENS POINT – The Salvation Army Hope Center helps provide the basic needs to families and single men and women living in Portage County.

The basic needs include shelter, food and information about how to access community resource.

Located at 1600 Briggs St., Stevens Point, the facility offers short-term emer-

gency housing with a capacity of 30 people.

It serves three hot, nutritious meals per day to its residents.

A professional chef prepares the meals.

Hope Center also serves three free meals daily to nonresidents.

“During Covid we handed bag lunches to anyone who came in,” said Leigh Ann Trzinski, Hope Center director s.

Hope Center recently purchased a HotLogic mini portable heating oven so now the to-go meals are warmed to 165 degrees.

Since introducing the hot meals, Trzinski said the number of people coming for the meals has nearly doubled.

Between 25 and 30 people receive meals from the Hope Center. “We’re making a positive impact for people who are struggling,”

Trzinski said.

Nearly 2,000 to-go meals per month are distributed monthly at the Hope Center in Stevens Point.

The Salvation Army’s programs to help those in need in the community are mad possible by charitable donations.

To find out more about the Hope Center, go to centralusa.salvationarmy.org/stevenspoint/programs-and-services/

Waupaca highlights

Remembering 2024

BY JAMES CARD STAFF REPORTER

The biggest stories

Brooks Farms and Vanguard Renewables planned to install a co-digester on land owned by Brooks in the town of Lind.

In February, they held a public forum at Par 4 Resort to help educate people about how digesters work.

In early March, the Lind Town Board held a meeting in the Waupaca High School performing arts center to address the issue. An earlier meeting was postponed because so many people showed up at the Lind Town Hall and the small building could not accommodate the crowd.

After lengthy testimony from people for and against the co-digester, the board voted against making amendments to the towns zoning code and comprehensive plan that



The Waupaca School District responded to a cyber-attack in 2024.

would be needed to green light the digester project.

The town of Farmington passed an ordinance prohibiting wake boating on Rainbow and Round Lakes in mid-January. This spurred the a group of wakeboarding enthusiasts to sue the Waupaca Chain O’ Lakes District, individual citizens and possibly the town of Farmington if the ordinance was not repealed.

On March 18, a public hearing held in the Farmington Town Hall was packed. People for

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The recent warm weather has deteriorated the ice conditions of the pond at the Clintonville Aqua Park. But when conditions are right for ice skating, the Aqua Park may not be open for ice skating because the city didn’t budget any funds for hired staff to supervise the ice skating.

Bert Lehman Photo

Ice skating on pond in doubt

Clintonville failed to budget for staff

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – One of the selling points of the Aqua Park in Clintonville was that it could also be used for ice skating in the winter.

But that may not happen this winter because the city didn’t include funds in its budget to have hired staff on hand at the facility.

Public Works Director Justin Mc Auly briefed the Clintonville Public Works Committee at its Dec. 19 meeting about the situation.

He said the city does not have any funds budgeted to hire staff to open Aqua Park open for ice skating He said the city had planned to have a non-profit organization operate the warming house and a concession stand, as well as supervise the facility during ice skating. The city later found out the non-profit organization wanted to do that only one weekend a month.

The other option would be to have the outside of the facility open and allow people to ice skate unsupervised, Mc Auly said, adding he would need to ask the city’s attorney and insurance company if that would be allowable.

“The thing is, on the week-

ends, we don’t have people (city employees) coming in at night to close up the facility,” Mc Auly said. “So, we’re kind of put in a tough spot here. Maybe I shouldn’t have relied so much on past promises, or whatever you want to call it.”

It was pointed out that with the city’s past ice skating area, there was no deep water, and no risk of someone falling through the ice. With the Aqua Park, there is the risk of someone falling through the ice and drowning, since it is a pond, and the deepest area is 13 feet deep. Because of that, Mc Auly said he wasn’t sure if the city could allow people to skate at their own risk.

Ald. Greg Rose said hav-

ing people skate at their own risk could not happen unless the ice was thick enough to ensure no one would fall through.

Mc Auly said the pond at the Aqua Park was close to having ice thick enough to allow ice skating. That was before the recent warm weather moved into the area.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Bonikowski said the city should have ice skating at the Aqua Park if it gets the approval from the city attorney and the city’s insurance company.

“People are going to ask about it, so we should have it open if we can,” Bonikowski said.



A rendering of beer garden that the New London Common Council approved for a developer’s agreement. Courtesy city of New London

NL council OKs beer garden plan

Approved by 8-2 vote

BY BERT LEHMAN STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – A proposed beer garden to be constructed at the intersection of Wolf River Avenue and Smith Street received approval from the New London Common Council when it met Dec. 17.

The council approved a developer’s agreement with Der Wolf Garden LLC for the purchase of city property to develop a beer garden. The council voted 8-2 in favor of the agreement, with Ald. Tim Roberts and Ald. Bernie Ritchie Jr. voting against it.

Prior to the vote, Roberts said he was originally in favor of the beer garden because the property would be back on the city’s tax roll. The parcel is currently vacant.

“But since then, I’m having some reservations about it,” Roberts said.

He said the property in question was identified by the New London Economic Development Committee as a placemaking site. He added that the city is working with a student from UW-Madison to develop potential place-

making plans for that area of the city.

“I think we’re just kind of going a little too fast for this,” Roberts said. “I was really kind of hoping we could have his idea.”

Roberts said a community survey indicated residents wanted a “splash pad or something else.”

“Nobody in this town has ever said, ‘I think we need another bar, another drinking establishment.’ That’s the last thing this town really needs,” Roberts said.

Roberts acknowledged the work that went into the plan to bring the proposed beer garden to the council for approval, but he said he feels that the city is rushing into a decision.

“Also, the parking issue is going to be an issue,” Roberts said. “We want to support our businesses in town. Before we add more businesses, there is going to be a parking issue. There is already a parking issue with that lot where the library was going to go.”

Businesses in that area will lose parking, which will hurt their business, Roberts said.

“I just wish we could hold this off until after we had a little bit more discussion,” Roberts said.



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and against the wake boating ordinance shared their opinions on the matter. On April 4, the Farmington Town Board voted to repeal the wake ban.

This process shifted to Dayton since both towns shared some of the same water bodies. They formed a joint committee.

At the Dayton annual meeting on April 19, citizens presented the board members with a petition against wake boating on the Chain O' Lakes. On May 7, both townships hashed out a joint ordinance with the same language.

On June 19, Dayton's town hall was packed for a joint public hearing. On July 23, both townships voted for an ordinance that bans wake boating on the Chain O' Lakes.

The computer systems of the Waupaca School District were hacked. The school board held a closed meeting on May 13 to discuss the situation.

On June 13, the school district sent out a memo to parents confirming "that an unauthorized actor did gain access to our network causing the service disruption." The district provided them an option to enroll in an identity theft and credit card fraud monitoring program.

ThedaCare announced the closing of its birthing unit in 2025. Concerned residents signed a petition and held a public forum discussing the implications of a being pregnant in a community without childbirth services.

Business

- Sacred Buffalo tattoo parlor opens on Churchill Street.
Whiskey Junctions opens after an interior makeover. It was the former Courtside Sports Bar.
The Indian Crossing

Casino was sold to Jim and Lisa Pekar, Thad and Amy Marcom, and Michael Soberg. They made many new additions and features to historic building and had it reopened for a strong warm-weather start.

Koinonia, a market for local people that make cool things, opened on Main Street in April.

Shore Thing in King opened for the summer. The business was founded on the observation that there weren't any good places in Waupaca to buy swimwear. The retail shop has hundreds of swimsuits plus everything needed for a day on the lakes.

Doc Kelly's Public House opens as an Irish restaurant. It was formerly known as T-Dubs.

John Sturm of Red Sky Cider and Wine hosted a field day for the Wisconsin Apple Growers Association at his orchard outside of Waupaca. As his trees have matured, Sturm is closer to opening his ciderworks business.

Popsy, a pop-up retail space, opens on Fulton Street. The space can be rented for a week by small-scale entrepreneurs to sell and showcase their good and creations.

My First Adventure Childcare in Waupaca closes. This left 60 families to make alternative arrangements for child care. Gov. Tony Evers visited the business as part of a statewide campaign to highlight child care problems in rural areas.

Gusmer Enterprises celebrated their 100-year anniversary. In 1924 Aage Gusmer founded the company.

Rolling Tacos, a Mexican eatery, opens inside of the BP gas station on Fulton Street.

ThedaCare opened a new behavioral health clinic in July at 710 Park Ave.

The Paint Store closed. Former owner Rick Graves said during the Covid pandemic, people stayed inside



Waupaca County Sheriff Tim Wilz presents a life-saving medal to Deputy Steven Long in January 2024.



Gov. Tony Evers visited with Susan Elandt, owner of My First Adventure Child Care. The business closed in July 2024.

and did a lot of painting and that was tremendous for business. After that, the demand for paint and painting supplies dried up.

Beer brewer H.H. Hinder opens The Eight 10 during Hinderfest in September. Known to some as the former Zwicker building, The Eight 10 is now a venue for various events after a large remodeling undertaking.

Stange's of Waupaca closes after 72 years in business as the owners head into retirement.

People

Deputy Steven Long is awarded a life-saving medal from Waupaca County Sheriff Timothy Wilz. He dragged an elderly man away from a burning house.

Waupaca High School drama students performed "These Shining Lives," a play based on a true story about woman exposed to toxic levels of radium. This was performed in a "thrust stage" where the audience encircles the stage with U-

shaped seating.

Jeff Anderson was named the new CEO and president of the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce. He succeeded Terri Schulz.

The Hellfire Club, a local rock/metal band, starts touring around Wisconsin, including local performances in the Waupaca area.

Local author Richard Sweitzer's fantasy novel, "Ode: the Scion of Nerikin," was awarded a star rating by Kirkus Reviews. Less than 10 percent of books receive this recognition.

The Waupaca Rotary honored Greg Biba as a Paul Harris Fellow. He is an author, educator and musician. A special meeting was held in his honor and numerous people spoke about the many lives he touched.

Bob Adams and Lori Verhalen were elected to the Waupaca Board of Education and Betty Manion and Steve Klismet were reelected.

Sheriff Tim Wilz gave a life-saving award to communicator Kirk Merrill, Deputy Eric Kamholz and Deputy Mitch Butterbrodt for saving the life of a woman who came very close to suicide.

Tara Pionkowski published a children's book, titled, "What Do You Want to Be?" The story takes the form of a conversation between a father and his daughter.

District Administrator Ron Saari announced his retirement. The Waupaca School Board hired Craig Gerlach as an interim administrator for one year.

James D. Gilles, a WWII veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday.

Jacob Waller becomes Waupaca's new fire chief.

Brian Hoelzel announced that will retire as Waupaca's chief of police. He served the city for 31 years.

Milestones

The Waupaca Middle School Dance Team took first in pom and jazz at the state competition in Port Washington.

The Waupaca High School Dance Team won the state championship in pom and jazz in La Crosse.

It was the dance team's 15th state title.

The Waupaca Middle School Destination Imagination team scored big at sectional and state finals to qualify for the global finals.

Waupaca's Catch-A-Ride program reached a milestone of providing 10,000 rides for those who need to get to someplace.

Projects

Brinnard's Bridge Park was closed for part of the year as a DNR fisheries work crew rescued the island in the Waupaca River. It was slowly eroding away. The crew reinforced its banks, re-directed the river's flow and added some beneficial habitat structure for trout.

Greater Waupaca Area parks and trails finished their Masakaew Trail and also their Waupa-Wega Trail.

The Middleton House opened a transitional lodging place for women in need. It was created and operated by Foundations for Living.

New lights were installed in April at Community First Lakemen Field in April, and later in the year, the infield was refurbished. It's part of a long-term plan to give the historic field a needed makeover.

Friends of Cahoots is formed and raising funds for an outdoor pavilion at the Waupaca location. The nonprofit was created to help with capital projects for the adult daycare service.

Chaplains Peter and Wilma Akright founded Hub Waupaca, a nonprofit that serves inmates at the Waupaca County jail.

The Waupaca Police Department acquired a new drone and three officers took an FAA test to get their drone operator licenses. They used it to find runaway children, find a man with dementia and to monitor a suicidal situation where a man was armed with a handgun.

Friends of Hartman Creek State Park helped rescue and repair the Dike Trail, a path pockmarked with sinkholes caused by burrowing muskrats.

The Waupaca Area Public Library launched "Table of Contents," a podcast produced by local librarians.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

A Shower A Day

Dear Reader,

Today I took a shower, as I do almost every day. It's something so routine, we rarely give it a second thought. But there's a certain comfort in that simple act—feeling clean, refreshed, and ready to face whatever the day or night may bring. Yet, we often take these small, everyday luxuries for granted.



There are millions around the world who don't have this privilege. The people of Ukraine, for instance, have been robbed of such normalcy as they endure brutal and unjust attacks—simply for not being Russian. This tragedy, is a nightmare that has destroyed lives and shattered peace.

A daily shower won't solve this crisis, but it reminds us of the life we hope the people of Ukraine—and all oppressed people—might one day return to. A life where peace prevails, and where, after all the chaos, they can enjoy something as simple as...a quiet shower in the morning.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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# Waupaca NEWS

## Felony cases prosecuted in 2024

### Crime in local communities

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – A son was committed for killing his mother, a drunk driver sentenced to prison for killing four siblings, and an assistant district attorney was charged with threatening a judge. These were among the more than 470 criminal cases filed in Waupaca County in 2024.

### Dankert

Russell J. Dankert, 32, Clintonville, was charged Jan. 8, 2024, with possession of narcotics with intent to deliver, first-degree reckless endangerment, obstructing an officer and felony bail jumping.

On Dec. 30, 2023, Clintonville police responded to a 911 hangup call on North Park Street.

Officers found a woman who said she needed Narcan and was going to die.

She told the ambulance crew that she had smoked fentanyl.

Dankert is scheduled for a plea/sentencing hearing on Jan. 17, 2025.

### Dismuke, Tody

Clintonville police responded to a report of gunfire shortly after 5 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2024,

A witness reported seeing a man dressed in black standing at the entrance to Christus Lutheran Church on Anne Street. He was arguing with two men who were standing at the corner of Anne and 15th streets.

She said the man in the church driveway pulled out a gun and started firing. One of the other men fired back, according to the criminal complaint. All three men fled the scene.

Austin S. Dismuke, 20, Menasha, was charged with three counts of first-degree reckless endangerment and one count each of carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct.

He entered pleas of no contest to misdemeanor charges of discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a building, intentionally pointing a firearm at a person and endangering safety. Dismuke was placed on two years of probation.

Ashton R. Tody, 21, Clintonville, was charged with first-degree reckless endangerment as party to a crime and disorderly conduct.

His case remains open

### Janovetz

Roberta I. Janovetz, 50, Waupaca, was charged with first-degree reckless endangerment, administering dangerous and stupefying drugs, placing foreign objects in edibles and delivery of prescription drugs on April 25, 2024.

She was accused of giving Lorezapam to a patient for whom it was not prescribed at a Manawa assisted living facility.

The alleged victim was described as annoying at times because she would follow staff around.

The charges were later amended to delivery of a prescription drug, which was dismissed but read into the court record, and intentionally subjecting an individual to risk of abuse without causing harm, to which Janovetz entered a plea of no contest as part of a deferred prosecution agreement on Nov. 19, 2024.



Szilagyi

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A former Waupaca County assistant district attorney was accused of threatening a judge and a prosecutor.

Benjamin R. Szilagyi, 42, Oshkosh, was charged on July 15, 2024, with two felonies and four misdemeanors related to the incidents.

The judge dismissed one of the two felony counts and the complaint was amended.

According to the criminal complaint, Szilagyi sent a text to a judge that said, "I feel it's fair to let you know that you are on my [expletive] list. If I hear you name again you're gonna be sorry. Have a nice life."

A prosecutor with the Waupaca County District Attorney's Office reported receiving a phone call from Szilagyi, "The moment they answered, Benjamin 'began shouting in a very loud and forceful voice at me. He stated that I should keep his name out of my mouth or things are going to get a hell of a lot worse for me.'"

He had been an assistant district attorney in Waupaca County since January 2023.

The case remains open. Szilagyi is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 3, 2025.

### Miller

Area law enforcement was involved in a 24-hour armed standoff at a home in Amherst on July 25, 2024.

They were attempting to arrest Jeffery E. Miller, 32, in connection with an attempted homicide of a law enforcement officer on July 23.

Miller was accused of shooting Sauk County deputies after crashing his vehicle in Baraboo following a police pursuit on July 23.

On July 25, Sauk County contacted the Portage

County Sheriff's Office and requested assistance in apprehending Miller.

When deputies attempted to serve an arrest warrant in Amherst, Miller began firing at them from the attic of a home.

The following afternoon, deputies entered the home and found Miller dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.



Farmer

### Farmer

Scott C. Farmer, 47, Neenah, was sentenced to a total of 37 1/2 years in prison on Nov. 22, 2024, after he was convicted in Waupaca County Circuit Court of four counts of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and a fifth OWI.

Farmer was driving a westbound pickup truck in the eastbound lane of U.S. Highway 10 when he collided with an oncoming sports utility vehicle on Dec. 16, 2023.

The crash resulted in the deaths of four siblings.

The driver of the SUV, Daniel Gonzalez, 25, was critically injured and succumbed to his injuries after he was transported to a hospital for medical treatment.

His siblings – 9-year-old Daniella, 14-year-old Lillian and 23-year-old Fabian – died at the scene.

The Gonzalezes were originally from Ecuador. Daniel and Fabian were working on a dairy farm in Waushara County.

They were the stepchildren of Rev. Kurt Schilling, pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Waupaca, and his wife Paulina.

### Barnick

Evan Barnick, 21, Oshkosh, was sentenced in Waupaca County to five years in prison on Nov. 4, 2024.

He was convicted of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle, first-degree reckless endangerment, and failure to install a court-ordered ignition interlock device.

Around midnight on Oct. 29, 77-year-old Gerald Pagel, of New London, was helping a woman whose vehicle had just struck a deer.

They were standing on the side of County Trunk W at Brehmer Road in the town of Caledonia.

According to the criminal complaint, a dark-colored Ford truck was travelling southbound on County W.

The woman told investigators that the truck was

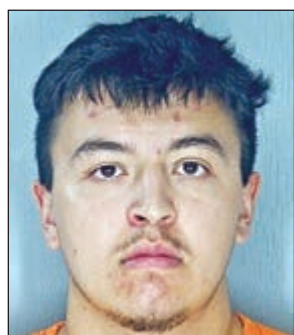
moving fast as it headed toward them.

Pagel waved his flashlight in an effort to alert the truck driver to slow down. The woman dived into a ditch to avoid being hit.

She said she heard Pagel yell, "They are going to kill us," just before the truck fatally struck him.

The driver failed to stop and continued southbound toward State Highway 96.

A records check indicated that Barnick has two prior drunken driving convictions, his license was revoked, he was restricted to a 0.02 blood-alcohol content and required to operate vehicles with an ignition interlock device installed.



Peters

### Peters

The Clintonville man who stabbed his mother to death will spend the rest of his life in a secure mental health facility.

After a three-day trial, a Waupaca County jury convicted Jordan D. Peters, 20, of first-degree intentional homicide on Oct. 11, 2024.

Because Peters had entered a plea of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, the jury reconvened on Oct. 14 to hear from witnesses and mental health experts about Peters' state of mind.

They returned a verdict of not guilty by reason of mental disease.

Peters was committed for life to a Wisconsin Department of Health Services facility. He will spend the rest of his life in a secure mental health facility.

Peters' mother, Angela S. Zahn, 39, Neenah, was driving them in Clintonville on Sept. 4, 2023.

Clintonville police found Peters standing beside a car with its driver's side door open on Memorial Circle.

They also found a woman lying in a fetal position down the street from Peters. She had sustained a 1-inch stab wound below her sternum.

She told police her son had stabbed her and said, "He hates me."

Zahn was airlifted to ThedaCare Medical Center in Neenah, where she was later pronounced dead that evening.

## Waupaca Community Choir starts rehearsal

WAUPACA – Now in their 62nd season, the Waupaca Community Choir (WCC) is recruiting singers of all ages and skill levels to come together and make music.

For decades, the WCC has delighted audiences with a wide range of choral music, often performing masterworks in languages like Latin or German. These complex pieces can be daunting for singers with limited experience.

However, this year's concert promises a fresh program.

"This year, we'll showcase Broadway hits, powerful spirituals, and dynamic stand-alone pieces – mostly sung in English, with one small exception," says Director Dan Wolfgram. "We'll also feature an orchestra in a musical theater selection. With such a diverse mix of music, I'm calling it a 'collage' performance. If you haven't sung with us recently, this is the year to return."

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the choir room at Waupaca High School. Music scores will be available for purchase

in the Commons/Lobby Hallway from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by the rehearsal from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost for music and participation is \$45.

The concert weekend is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, for dress rehearsal, and performance at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Waupaca High School.

The WCC is a non-auditioned choir, welcoming all singers, whether they are seasoned performers or newcomers. The choir typically includes 80-100 members, and no prior experience is necessary – just a willingness to join in.

Director Wolfgram emphasizes,

"While regular attendance at rehearsals is important, don't let the occasional missed rehearsal due to weather or travel keep you from joining us," said Wolfgram. "This is a community experience, and everyone is welcome."

For more information or to get in touch with Wolfgram, visit the Waupaca Community Choir's webpage at [www.finearts-festival.org](http://www.finearts-festival.org).

## Local trailblazers wanted

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – The Waupaca area has a vast network of trails that range from the Ice Age National Scenic Trail to a county-wide network of snowmobile clubs that maintains hundreds of miles of trails every winter.

Among these pathways is a small group of people blazing new trails over the last eight years but they are struggling and could use some help.

The Greater Waupaca Area Parks and Trails is a group of volunteers who have been successful in establishing the Masākāw Trail (biking) and are to finishing the Waupa-Wega Trail (hiking and biking), a 17-mile round trip trail between Waupaca and Weyauwega. They have a trail between Hartman Creek State Park and Waupaca in the planning stage.

Currently there are four people keeping the goals and projects of GWAPT alive: Scott Rusch (Chair), Mark Saunders (Secretary), Brian Feest (Route Coordinator) and Jane Haasch (Treasurer).

GWAPT is looking for volunteers with various skills and people just supportive of bicycling as a family sport or for individual riding.

"We're trying to look ahead. It's not the money. It's the people we need for the group. If you have enough



people where each person can take a specific job, it can work pretty smoothly," said Jane Haasch.

Here's how volunteers can help based on their skills and experience:

- Updating their website with Word Press
- Coordinating trail locations with township and city staff
- Designing brochures
- Grant writing
- Waupaca Farmer's Market: staffing the booth; setting up and taking down the tent
- Acknowledging donations and philanthropists
- Assemble and install signs

GWAPT is a non-governmental entity with a 501(3)(c) with the Waupaca County Natural Resources Foundation as a fiscal sponsor. This makes them eligible to accept tax deductible donations and apply for grants.

They meet once a month on the second or third Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Waupaca Public Library. Those interested can reach out via website at [www.gwapt.org](http://www.gwapt.org) or by calling 715-258-5664.

## Bridge played at Holly Center

WAUPACA – The next duplicate bridge game at the Holly Center is scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday, Jan. 10.

All area bridge players

are invited to attend.

Winners of the Dec. 13 game were Kristi Massman and Betty Stauffer in first place. Second place went to Maggie Woodside

and Sandy Testin. Patricia Hoehn and Roger Collins were awarded third place.

All players were from the Waupaca area.

## ThedaCare volunteers offer scholarships

WAUPACA – Volunteers of ThedaCare-Waupaca are offering \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing careers in a health-related program.

Qualifying seniors must live in the hospital's service area of the Waupaca, Amherst, Manawa, Iola-Scandinavia and Weyauwega-Fremont school districts.

Applications for these scholarships are available from the high school guidance counselor.

The scholarship is renewable for three years to recipients of the initial award.

The deadline for completing the application is April 15, 2025.

Renewal and employee applicants can obtain an application in the ThedaCare

Waupaca Gift shop. Student renewal applications are also available on the community board at the Waupaca Library.

In 2024, Volunteers of ThedaCare-Waupaca awarded \$19,000 in scholarships.

Money for the scholarships is raised through the hospital gift shop, the Triathlon, handmade sale and geranium sale.

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## Plover Winter Celebration!

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# Stevens Point NEWS

## Students help DNR repopulate forests

STEVENS POINT – The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's LEAF (Wisconsin's K-12 Forestry Education Program) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have been collaborating to get Wisconsin's School Forests more involved in tree seed collection.

LEAF and the DNR saw an opportunity to encourage tree seed collection in school forests as a way to create a fun and meaningful educational opportunity as well as a way to ramp up for the school forest program's centennial in 2027-2028.

Tree seeds collected now will become the seedling stock planted in school forests in 2-3 years' time.

The project was piloted with three school forests in the fall of 2024 – Almond-Bancroft School Forest (Phillips-Unit), Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Classroom (CAVOC) in Rhinelander, and Laona School Forest. The school forest coordinators worked with LEAF and DNR staff to plan a seed collection trip.

In Almond-Bancroft, science teacher Brenda Sherman brought her seventh-grade students out to harvest red pinecones. Twenty-six students learned about red pine reproduction and assisted in harvesting a half bushel of cones.



Students around Wisconsin have taken part in a seed collection project as part of a collaboration between UW-Stevens Point and the state DNR.

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In Rhinelander, school forest manager Mike Cheslock had various groups of elementary students to learn about seeds, seedlings, and different types of trees. Overall, students collected 66 pounds of red oak acorns.

In Laona, science teachers Karen Biedermann and Amy Vaclav brought out their respective middle school and high school students to learn about seed collection. Unfortunately, though the forest was rich with a variety of tree species, none of them were viable for seed collection on the day. Students were able to collect a few hemlock cones to investigate.

LEAF and the DNR are currently working to develop additional seed collection resources to share with

school forests in the spring in hopes to get additional school forests involved in seed collection.

Each year, the Reforestation Program purchases quality seed from locally adapted native trees and shrubs to meet reforestation goals in Wisconsin. A large portion of this seed is purchased from local collectors.

LEAF, which is a partnership between the DNR and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, coordinates the Wisconsin School Forest Program. School forests are land registered through the state and owned or controlled by a public or private school for environmental education and natural resource management.

## Human health, plant health connected

BY JAMES MCKNIGHT

Researchers have known for years that plants emit ultrasonic clicks and chemical "volatiles" when under stress from harmful conditions like drought and insect infestation.

This has been observed in German oak forests, Douglas Fir stands in British Columbia, and corn and soybean plantings in the Midwest. In each case, individual plants have been shown to alter their biological priorities in response to those community "stress messages" and cooperate to preserve available resources. (Cell Journal, 2021)

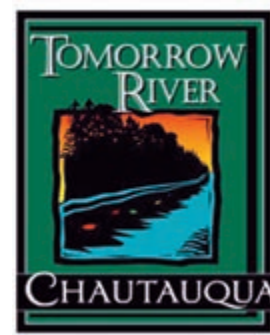
Now in a remarkable further study of that phenomena, insects appear to be able to identify the information contained in those "messages" and alter their behavior in response. (bioRxiv; Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, 2024)

That revelation set me to contemplating the complexity of the natural world, and the extent to which we have chosen to underestimate and disregard its diversity rather than embrace it. That single-mindedness has driven our global success as a species, but there is growing evidence that the extent to which we ignore the connectedness of healthy natural systems while trying to control narrow outcomes has serious consequences for all species, including humans.

No where is that process more evident than in the expansion of a relatively new class of insecticides, neonicotinoids, and the unforeseen consequences of their use. In October 2024, a clear summary was presented at the first Wisconsin "NeoNic Forum" by a wide range of researchers examining decades of data. Those reports are summarized for this column.

Neonics were developed originally in the late 1980s for home use and in agriculture as an insecticide targeting the nervous system of insects. They are extremely lethal on contact, but more importantly, they disrupt the behavior of insects at even very low levels of exposure. Insects lose the ability to navigate to food sources and communicate their location or act as pollinators.

Neonics are systemic and extremely water soluble, spreading rapidly into all plant parts, and rapidly dispersing into soil, water and surrounding vegeta-



tion. Their toxicity is long lasting, up to two years in soils, and extremely toxic even in small doses to insects. Agricultural use of neonics exploded beginning in 2004, going from 800,000 lbs. annually in the upper Midwest to over 8 million lbs. by 2021. Most of that increase was as an agricultural seed coating and today nearly 100% of field corn seed, 99% of potatoes and 65% of soybeans are treated before planting. Unfortunately, research soon confirmed that over 94% of the toxic material washes off the seed and is not taken up by targeted crops. Instead, it enters surface and groundwater supplies, soils and surrounding vegetation.

Soon after this expansion, entomologists began noting a decline in all insects, including beneficial pollinators like bees and butterflies, in neonic application areas. A 45% reduction in total insect populations was verified in the Midwest from 2004-2012. Neonic treated fields were found to contain 106 insect species on average, while tallgrass prairies and woodlands harbored 1100, highlighting the toxicity and indiscriminate nature of the material. That was matched by a sharp drop in populations of bird species and fish that depended on an insects-based food chain. Whole ecosystems were radically changing in a very short time.

Research into the negative effects on other species by low-level exposure to neonics was even more concerning. Disruptions in the nervous system functions of birds, rodents, amphibians and white-tail deer began showing up. Common symptoms found across species were increases in birth defects, brain and endocrine developmental problems, and motor skill impairment. There was growing concern that neonicotinoids might be impacting too humans because they bind to nicotinic acetylcholine receptors, which are also present in the nervous systems of mammals affected.

Since 2012, DATCAP studies in the Central Sands had shown the neonic levels had been rising in well and surface waters there, so there was a high likelihood that neonics would be found in human nervous systems too. That fact was soon confirmed by many separate studies in the next decade, including a 2022 survey of pregnant women that found 95% had neonic traces in blood samples.

That was especially concerning given evidence that human exposure to neonics could also be linked to birth defects, early childhood developmental problems, and autism-like symptoms in early childhood, and decreased testosterone, altered insulin regulation, and changes in fat metabolism in adults. In August 2024, independent testing of a popular brand baby food revealed 100% of the samples contained neonic residues.

Although conclusions at the NeoNic Forum were certainly sobering, there was valuable guidance on where to go from here. First, our health as a species is directly connected to the way we attempt to manipulate other species, in this case insects, and we must have a better approach. Secondly, we should be wary of a food system that promotes the use of a massive, carpet bomb approach to pest management before seed planting even begins.

I'll leave it to others smarter than me to decide who profits the most from this industrial ag system approach, but it is striking that a 2009-2018 study of soybean yields in ten states found that high input systems (fungicides, insecticides, seed treatment, and fertilizer) had 60 bushels per acre yields vs. 57.5 bushels per acre for low input systems. (UW-Madison-coolbean.info) Certain harmful insects like slugs thrived under high input systems because natural predators were gone and soil health poorer.

Eleven states, Canada, and many other nations have banned the use of neonics. Some common home insecticide manufacturers, like Ortho, stopped including them in their products by 2018. Given the urgent need to restore beneficial pollinator groups and eliminate a proven health risk, maybe it's time to do the same here.

## Standing Rocks open for skiing

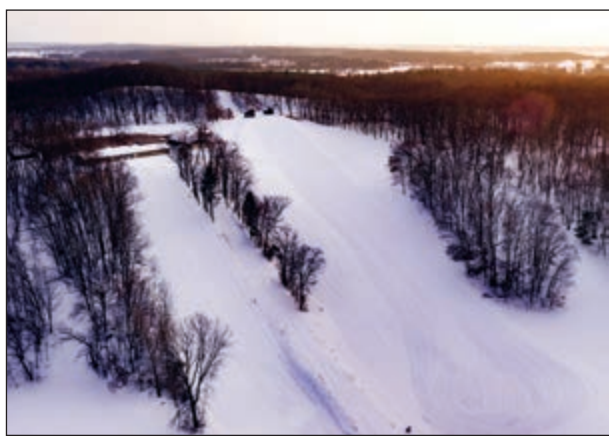
COUNTY – Downhill skiing is now open and available every weekend throughout the snow season at Portage County's Standing Rocks Park.

Located approximately seven miles east of Stevens Point, the 524-acre park is open year-round for a variety of outdoor activities.

Tow ropes operate from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the downhill ski season. The lodge and ski shop are also open on weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are two beginner hills, one intermediate hill, and two expert hills at the park. The longest run is approximately 1,200 feet and the steepest vertical drop is 125 feet. Hot concessions are sold in the ski lodge.

Daily passes for downhill skiing are available for \$16 for adults, \$13 for youth ages 9-18, and free for chil-



Downhill skiing slope at Standing Rocks County Park.

Submitted Photo

dren 8 and younger.

Cross-country ski trails are open on a daily basis throughout the snow season.

There are approximately 10 miles of trails. About 75% of the trails are rated as intermediate or expert trails because of the many hills and distances. Trails are groomed for both diagonal stride and skate skiing.

Daily passes for cross-

country skiing are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 9-18, and free for children 8 and younger.

Standing Rocks park also has snowshoe trails available.

For more information on prices and updates, contact the main office at 715-346-1433 or visit [www.co.portage.wi.gov/329/ Standing-Rocks-Park](http://www.co.portage.wi.gov/329/Standing-Rocks-Park).

## 'Winter's Garden' seeks art entries



Painting by Carol Stewart

STEVENS POINT – The Riverfront Arts Center (RAC) invites artists 18 and older to submit up to three works for its annual juried exhibit "Winter's Garden," a botanical-themed, open-media show.

Submissions are due from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 9-10, with forms available at the gallery or on the RAC website.

This exhibition, juried by local artist Rob Stolzer, invites diverse interpretations of the theme. However, not all submissions may be selected to ensure a cohesive showcase.

The exhibition opens with a reception from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, and will be on display through Sunday, Feb. 23. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekends. The gallery is closed on holidays and between exhibitions.

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

## Bridge winners at Lincoln Center

STEVENS POINT – Social bridge winners Dec. 23 at the Lincoln Center were Erik Lacey and Jeanette Gliszynski.

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

ners Dec. 26 at the Lincoln Center were Jean Singh and Dan Stoil, Tom Rowe and Art Flashinski, and Gene Clark and Bob Alexejun.

Duplicate Bridge winners Dec. 27 at the Lincoln Center were: Barb John-

son and Joan Platt, John Herder and Rick Jansing, Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg.

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

## UWSP hosts Wedding Expo

STEVENS POINT – Brides and grooms-to-be will find local wedding vendors, budget planning advice and the latest in bridal fashion as the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in January.

The Stevens Point Wedding Expo will be held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center, 1015 Reserve St., Stevens Point from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 5.

The expo will showcase local vendors from the Stevens Point area, featuring food and cake samples,

event planning, flowers and décor and designs. Local bridal boutiques will also be model the latest in bridal gowns and tuxedos.

Admission is \$10 per person and tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

Wedding workshops will be offered throughout the day:

Wedding Day Timeline: 9-10 a.m. - Hosted by Marsha VanArk, owner of Distinctly Yours Weddings and Events in Stevens Point, this course will teach participants how to keep their wedding day running smoothly and

avoid unnecessary stress.

Flowers, Details, Design: 11 a.m.-noon - Hosted by Faye Kubisiak of Blooming Envy LLC, this workshop will inspire participants to create a well thought out design, including all the details from colors, flowers, decor, and more to create a picturesque day.

Parking is free in Lot R adjacent to the Dreyfus University Center.

Learn more and see a list of local vendors at [www.uwsp.edu/conference-and-events/stevens-point-wedding-expo/](http://www.uwsp.edu/conference-and-events/stevens-point-wedding-expo/).

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS

## New London 2024 news highlights

### Year in review Part I

BY JOHN FAUCHER  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – 2024 was a year of growth and reconstruction for the New London area. Here is a review of the year's notable news events and projects.

#### January

Ald. Tim Roberts filed candidacy papers for mayor of New London challenging incumbent Mayor Mark Herter, who was also seeking re-election. Five incumbent council members also filed candidacy papers but ran unopposed for their council seats in the April 2 municipal election.

New London School Board member Terry Wegner announced he would not seek re-election to the board of education in the April election. Incumbents Katie Batten and Mark Grossman sought re-election and newcomer Nate Grundy ran unopposed.

The New London Public Library began holding open houses to share the vision for transforming the former First State Bank into the New London Public

Library.

New London alumni Jake Gorges assumed leadership of Wisconsin Literacy Inc. as its new director on Jan. 15.

New London School Board approved spending \$305,500 from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund. Fixing a failed elevator at the high school was top on the list of projects to fund.

#### February

The New London Economic Development Committee continued an ongoing discussion seeking placemaking ideas. Committee chair Tim Roberts introduced the topic in the fall of 2023. Placemaking designs public spaces in a community to encourage economic and population growth.

The city's Public Works Committee approved an ordinance for enforcing its downtown parking policies and added a new focus requiring those who use the city's public parking lots to obtain permits for overnight parking.

The earliest Wolf River ice out at New London is

set at 1:54 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2024. This is the earliest in 173 years of record.

The New London Capital Projects Committee of the Whole approved spending more than \$560,000 in capital projects, including \$427,000 for a boat launch overflow parking area and a pier at the old city garage site near Riverside Park. The funding is contingent on 50% DNR funding for the project, which includes replacing a transient path between the parking area and landing. Monies collected from the launch fee will also be used to fund the project.

#### March

The growing New London Community Fund received a boost with a \$10,000 donation from Fox Communities Credit Union. The fund operates within the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, which manages and invests assets on behalf of this charitable fund.

The Shamrock Club of New Dublin named Dave and Deb Sarna Irish Man and Irish Rose for the 40th Anniversary New Dublin's Grand Parade and Irish Fest in New London. Dave

Sarna has been a member of the Shamrock Club from its start in 1984.

Two new businesses opened in a newly constructed strip mall at 1186 N. Shawano Street near Subway on the city's north side. The new businesses are Drop and Go full service laundry and Creative Elements Studio. Existing businesses relocated into the new building included T-Mobile, Security Finance and the Independent Employees Union of Hillshire.

#### April

State Highway 15 closed beginning April 1 between U.S. Highway 45 and County Trunk T in the town of Hortonville, Outagamie County. The closure was for reconstructing the segment to a four-lane divided highway. It is part of the larger State 15 project from New London to Greenville, which started in 2021.

The Waupaca County Board of supervisors elected David Morack Waupaca County Chair by a vote of 20-7. Morack had been a county supervisor representing New London since 2018. Morack replaced

former longtime chair Dick Koeppen who served on the county board from 1998 to 2024 and as chair for 20 years. Koeppen passed away on March 27, 2024.

New London City Council approved raising its pay scale for new hires by 1.5%. The scale for new hires had not been adjusted for approximately five years and became "substantially behind" the market according to City Administrator Chad Hoerth.

New London High School Student Jonah Stone received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT Assessment. Of the nearly 1.39 million high school students who took the ACT test in 2023, approximately 2,600 earned a perfect score.

The New London School Board approved a contract with its food service vendor Chartwells after some questioning by board member John Heideman, who questioned the firm's quality. The district had utilized Chartwells for the previous five years, and it was argued that their pricing and quality points received the highest scores on the district's evaluation matrix. The board approved the contract.

#### May

The New London Public Works Committee began developing a survey for residents to gauge their interest in the city, possibly moving to a citywide garbage collection service. Research on cost comparisons and recycling contract obligations would need review as well.

The Washington Center Community Cupboard issued an appeal to local businesses, civic clubs and citizens requesting support to combat inflationary pressures and increased demand. The center currently serves more than 350 people monthly.

After a delayed vote in April, due to a member's absence, New London School Board members re-elected Chris Martinson as president at their May 13 meeting. John Heideman was re-elected vice-president, Katie Batten, clerk and Nate Grundy was elected treasurer.

New London's Hatten Park was officially listed on the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places. The State Historic Preservation Office announced its decision at their Board of Review meeting on Friday, May 24.

## Payment approved to First Responders

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Common Council approved unbudgeted payment of \$5,625 to First Responder Group to help it cover its operational costs.

The payment, which will come from the city's unassigned fund balance, was approved by the council when it met Dec. 17. The New London Finance and Personnel Committee had recommended the council approve the payment. The city of New London is one of the municipalities that First Responder Group provides services.

### Finance Committee

Jeff Handschke, from First Responder Group, addressed the Finance and Personnel Committee at its Dec. 10 meeting. He said the group does its own fundraising.

About two years ago he started the process of visiting local municipalities to come up with a plan to ask for a small contribution per citizen per municipality.

He said the budget for First Responder Group is about \$20,000-\$25,000 per year. He added that if the group received grants or has enough money, the request from municipalities would be less.

"We don't want this to be an always, every year burden on any of the communities," Handschke said.

He acknowledged that he missed the deadline when the city of New London began working on its 2025 budget.

The First Responder Group would be asking the city for a contribution equal to 75 cents per citizen of the city's population to help the group pay for its expenses for the year. This would equate to roughly \$5,625.

Handschke said the group consists of all volunteers.

He added that the group does receive donations from different groups and organizations.

"The community has been good to us, we just need a little bit more help to take some pressure off from us of having to do some of this extra fundraising that we're asking for," Handschke said.

Since Handschke missed the deadline for city's 2025 budget, he said he would understand if the city couldn't contribute funds in 2025.

Ald. Robert Besaw asked New London Finance Director Judy Radke where the funds would come from if approved.

Because the city's 2025 budget had already been approved, Radke said the funds would have to come

from the city's unassigned fund balance.

Radke was asked how much money is in unassigned fund balance.

Radke said the balance is around \$3 million.

"I totally believe in First Responders, I agree that they do a great job, and that they're an asset to any community," Radke said. "The only part I don't like is that we're doing this outside of a budget process. It just is a bad habit to have those kinds of things flow into a city budget. Now, this dollar amount is minimal to us, so it's really not going to affect us, but you set a precedent moving forward."

Radke told the committee she wasn't saying it should not approve the monetary contribution to First Responders Group.

"If you choose to do it, that's entirely up to you, but I feel as a finance director, that I prefer not to do things outside of that budget process," Radke said.



### Key Awards

Sandy Knoll 4-H Club members Kylie Heise and Grant Knoespel, in center with certificates, received the Key Award sponsored by the Waupaca County Farm Bureau. Members of the Waupaca County Farm Bureau, shown from left, are Arnie Heise, Alan Tank and Tom Riley.

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# Clintonville NEWS

## Board disagrees on fee hikes

Most fees remain same

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE — When the Clintonville School Board discussed possible fee increases for the Rec Center and Dellwood Child Care Center for 2025, there was disagreement amongst board members, leading to a tense discussion.

The discussion took place at the board's Dec. 9 meeting. At the meeting, Superintendent Troy Kuhn said he was recommending that the board only increase the rates for private swimming lessons. The board had increased other rates at the Rec Center in July because rates at the Rec Center hadn't been increased for many years.

In the future, Kuhn said he preferred that the board change the rates for the Rec Center, Dellwood Child Care Center and other district facilities, annually in January, and not every six months. He said the board should start to review the rates in November of each year.

"So, if you make a change, people are ready for it (in January)," Kuhn said.

Members of the board agreed that would be a proper way to review the rates in the future.

### Tense discussion

Prior to the vote on increasing only the private swim lessons fee in 2025, which did pass, board member Mark Zachow addressed the board.

"One thing we need to remember as a board, the referendum passed for the high school, the biggest reason that passed is because of the Rec Center," Zachow said. "I know some of you guys don't like that, but that's a fact. We can not continue to

raise this, and raise this, and raise this, because you are going to price people right out of using it. We're not in the business to sit there and make money. That's not what this Rec Center is for, Jason (Moder, school board member)."

Moder responded, "Nobody's talking about making money, Mark."

"Here's what we're talking about, not losing \$1.7 million," Moder said.

Zachow asked how increases to the rates will "go over with the people."

"It's reality of the times, with everything else that has went up, Mark. Think of that," Moder said.

"The point is, dollars and cents aren't everything, and you think they are," Zachow said.

Board President Ben Huber interceded, "We obviously have some disagreements between individual board members on the direction (of fees), and I think when the referendum numbers are removed from the Rec Center budget, it does look not quite (successful)."

Kuhn acknowledged to the board that the loss ratio for the Rec Center has been high the last few years. He added that the district has properly levied taxes for Fund 80, which covers the Rec Center, to help cover the required maintenance costs associated with the Rec Center.

"Or we would really be in a dire position right now," Kuhn said.

Huber said residents like the Rec Center, and they understand that tax money helps pay for the Rec Center.

"I agree with you that this is not a revenue neutral thing, but it is also something that the citizens in the district have repeatedly signed up for," Huber said.

Board member Glen Drew Lundt said it's important for the board to discuss

items that cost the district a lot of money to operate.

"We went through some hard times. It looks like it's getting better," Lundt said. "That's great. But I think we still need to pay attention and make it even better, because to spend \$1 million and say that's no big deal because that's what the people want, I don't know if I agree with that blanket statement."

Huber added that the rates for the Rec Center have been looked at closer now than they have in the past, which is a good thing.

Dellwood Child Care When discussing the rates charged by Dellwood Child Care Center, Kuhn said Patti Krause, director of Dellwood Child Care, recommended not increasing the rates.

Moder asked when the district last raised the rates for Dellwood Child Care.

Kuhn said the rates were raised one year ago.

"I would think they should be raised again, then, a cost-of-living increase," Moder said.

Board members Laurie Vollrath and Kris Strauman disagreed.

"We opened this day care to provide a community service, and I think if we keep raising the rates, with the high poverty level that we have in Clintonville, a lot of people aren't going to be able to afford it," Vollrath said.

Strauman added that the last time the district raised the rates for Dellwood Child Care, some parents who live in the district, pulled their children out of Dellwood Child Care because of the increased expense.

The board ultimately left the Dellwood Child Care rates unchanged, except for going from three hours maximum to a four-hour maximum per hour charge of \$5.

## Rotary Student of the Week

Kai Krueger is the Clintonville Rotary Student of the Week.

The son of Meghan and Jason Krueger, he is a senior at Clintonville High School.

Krueger participated in jazz band for two years, pep band for four years, and served as an SCA for the past six years



Krueger

He has received a Solo and Ensemble Award in 2022, 2023 and 2024. He received the First Band Insignia in 2024, Second Band Insignia in 2024 and an Academic letter.

Krueger plans to become an electrical engineer while creating his own musical instruments in his free time.

## Wega-Fremont NEWS

# Weyauwega-Fremont 2024 highlights

BY JAMES CARD  
STAFF REPORTER

### Projects

- The W-F school district was awarded a USDA \$30,000 grant to update all of their distance learning platforms.

- Impact Wisconsin opened the Lotus House, a temporary home for men recovering from substance abuse disorder.

- Weyauwega-Fremont Youth Baseball-Softball renovated their website as a one-stop shop with information for youth of all ages to play ball at local parks.

- The swim lake at Maasch Community Park got an upgrade with an Aqua Park, a set of floating structures that resembles a playground on water. At a city council meeting at the end of the summer, it was noted that the Aqua Park was a hit and use of the swim lake had increased.

- The new wing of the Weyauwega Public Library opened in June.

- The Weyauwega Area Historical Society installed an interpretive sign next to the mural silo that explains the symbolic nature of the images in the mural.

- The Weyauwega Lake Restoration group reformed after a hiatus from the Covid pandemic. The group elected new officers and added numerous projects to their agenda.

- The Gerold Opera House hosted the film premiere of "Back on Track: Rebuilding the Waupaca Train Depot." It followed the story of Mike Kirk and his work to rebuild the historic depot. It was directed by Max Hauser.

- "A Talent for Murder," a dinner theater murder mystery, was held in mid-August at the Gerold Opera House. The plot: In 1959, there is a talent show in Weyauwega but someone is murdering people performing in the show. Who did it? Behind-the-scenes: everything about this production was made-

in-Weyauwega. People auditioned to sing opera, play the blues, slam poetry, tap dance and more to create an authentic and creative performance with a cast of local and diverse talent.

- A \$4.24 million grant was awarded to Neuschafer Community Library from the Wisconsin Department of Administration Flexible Facility Program. It will be used to build a hybrid library/multi-use facility.

- Construction of Stepping Stones Early Learning Center finished at the end of the year and the child care center is ready to have its first day in early January of 2025.

### People

- Jacob and Jennifer Hoewisch were selected 2024 Outstanding Young Farmers, an award program developed by the U.S. Jaycees.

- The W-F school district hired Alexander Muir as the new business manager. He's a UW-Whitewater graduate and previously worked for the Oshkosh Area School District.

- Jason Looker and Nancy Gorchuls gained seats as new members on the W-F school board.

- Ian Teal and Kathy Fehl are named king and queen of the 2024 Horse & Buggy Days.

- Sandy Dykes, a long-time W-F high school teacher was awarded the Agriculture Education Teacher Award from the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators.

### Business

- Weyauwega Star Dairy expanded into New London with a retail location on North Shawano Street.

- Market 920, a gift shop, opens in the historic (and huge) Lewin Furniture Store.

- Premier Bank reopens its lobby after a remodeling project, along with new office space for Hutchison Insurance. The remodeling project included two wall-

sized images of Weyauwega life in Premier and a hand-painted mural of Weyauwega images in Hutchinson.

- Animal Haven, the privately owned zoo outside of Weyauwega, downsized their collection of exotic animals and found them new homes. Gone are lions and tigers and other large critters. They did keep some domestic farm animals and some other lower maintenance species.

- Dollar General opens DG Market in the former IGA grocery store.

- Little River Meats reopens just before the opening of Wisconsin's firearm deer hunting season. The meat processing facility is owned and operated by Andy Radtke and his family.

### Milestones

- The Weyauwega-Fremont band celebrated their 100-year anniversary by hosting a concert and former alumni and band directors joined in the fun.

- The W-F High School Quiz Bowl team won the Central Wisconsin Quiz Bowl Championship for third year in a row.

- Fremont's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to dissolve the village's 142-year old police department.

- Hope United Church of Christ (nicknamed "Church in the Pines") celebrated their 150th anniversary in May.

- The Taylor Kennedy Folk Foundation celebrated its fifth year hosting a 5K run/walk. The foundation awards two scholarships every year to W-F graduates.

- The 2024 Warhawk football team made school history. They are the first Academic All-State Team in W-F High School. Also the seniors recorded the winningest cumulative record in 20 years. The team has also accumulated the most community-service hours in the history of the football program.

# Grandstand project hits another snag

City to do soil borings

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE — The city of Clintonville did not receive any bids for a project to install a continuous wall footing to secure the I-beams of the grandstand located at Don Jirschele Stadium at W.A. Olen Park, so it will have soil borings done in the area to test the soil.

The city has spent the past year trying to find a remedy to make the grandstand safe for spectator seating.

Public Works Director Justin Mc Auly told the Public Works Committee at its Dec. 19 meeting that the city has hired PSI, a soil sampling company, to conduct two 25-foot borings at the site.

He said the cost would be just under \$4,000, which is under the city's procurement policy that would require the city to bid out the work, as well as council approval.

The soil boring will be done behind the bleachers.

Mc Auly said the soil

samples are needed because companies have expressed interest in submitting a bid to install a continuous wall footing to secure the I-beams of the grandstand, but they want to know the make-up of the soil first. Mc Auly said the engineer the city is working with recommended the soil samples.

The hope is that the soil samples will help determine which option the city pursues regarding the grandstand, Mc Auly said.

He said the first option would be to demo the grandstand roof by removing it, adding that a lot of people are not in favor of that option.

"If the soil samples come back, and the soil is unstable, we can't build, that (demo) might be our only option," Mc Auly said.

The second option would be to install a continuous wall footing to secure the I-beams, Mc Auly said.

Mc Auly said the third option would be to install a helical pier. This would involve securing metal rods into the ground until they hit stable soil.

"Then you put your solid

tube and concrete on top of them, so you have strength and a stable anchor," Mc Auly said.

The information gathered by the soil borings could also be useful if anything else needs to be constructed at the stadium site, Mc Auly said.

"To move forward, these contractors are not going to stamp their name on this project, unless they know what's underground," Mc Auly said.

Mc Auly said the hope is to have the soil borings completed in early to mid-January. The lab results should be available 2-3 weeks after the borings are completed.

Mc Auly acknowledged to the committee that the Clintonville School District, which uses the stadium for boys baseball games in the spring, has been looking at other options as to where to play games because the grandstand currently can't be used for seating.

"I'd like to get this done before then (high school baseball season), but there's a lot of factors involved," Mc Auly said.

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# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

## Girl Scout makes gift bags for shelter

BY EMILY DOUD  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – A local Girl Scout completed a service project where she collected items to donate to Foundations for Living, a warming shelter in Waupaca.

Lydia Hass has been a Girl Scout for four years, two years as a Daisy and two years as a Brownie, and this year she decided in honor of Julia Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts, she would take on a service project.

Julia said that a child in Girl Scouts will often choose to complete a service project around Oct. 31, which is Low's birthday.

Julia Hass, her mother, gave her three options as a service project to complete in Low's honor, and Lydia chose to collect items for gift bags to give to residents of Foundations for Living's warming shelter in Waupaca.

Foundations for Living has a warming shelter, Julia said, and houses men 18 and over, sometimes getting 40 to 50 residents in a season.

"We were focused on

Foundations for Living because they have a nice mission," Julia said.

The gift bags contained items like socks, hats, gloves and candy bars, which she assembled with her cousins and delivered Nov. 18 to the shelter.

The items were collected through the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iola, which was the former place of employment for Julia.

They also posted on Facebook and had donations from family members as well.

"Community members that were interested [in donating] saw that she was a Girl Scout and had ties in that when they were younger so they wanted to help her out," Julia said.

Due to the family's schedule Lydia is not in a troop and instead earns badges on their own, however she can still participate in Girl Scout events, including camping at High Cliff State Park.

The next badge Lydia intends to earn is the "Family Tree" badge, which she has been working on with her grandmother. She is also looking to earn the "dance" badge as well.



Lydia Hass dropped off her gift bags to Foundations for Living in Waupaca, along with her father as part of a service project for Girl Scouts.

Submitted Photo

## Sponsorships program for I-S musical

IOLA – The Iola-Scandinavia School District has chosen this year's musical and it is "Guys and Dolls."

Along with raising money for the show itself, they are looking for sponsors to help renovate the high school's theater.

The musical program in the Iola-Scandinavia school district has continued to be popular, with more than 60 students participating again this year between the cast and crew.

In an email, Dale Bestul, head of set design, said the four shows from last year's "Foodloose" production were sold out. With the success of the program, the cast and crew are hoping to also raise funds to update some of the outdated fixtures, including curtains, lights and sound.

"We are offering a sponsorship program to local businesses and individuals willing to support this production and help with building a fund for future upgrades of the high school auditorium," Bestul said.

Currently, they have \$50,000 saved through the previous year's shows and will be using that money as a starting point for improvements.

One of the main items brought up at a Nov. 11 meeting was that the musical

borrowed sound equipment from the Jensen Center in Amherst. With recent upgrades in Amherst, they may no longer be able to borrow the sound equipment.

At the Nov. 11 meeting Shannon Huettner said she did some digging to find when the curtains were last updated or if the curtains, sound equipment or lights have ever been updated which she said she could not find information for.

"Some of it may be original to 1979," Huettner said. "But what we found was after talking to people who came in and did some quotes for us was that our lighting really is what we should look at."

The total amount needed in order to update everything is \$500,000.

Iola-Scandinavia School Board approved a Capital Campaign to raise funds for the improvements, Bestul said.

Bestul said the Krause Foundation has kicked off the fund raising with a \$75,000 pledge over three years.

There are varying levels of sponsorship for businesses or individuals.

For more information, call Bestul at 715-459-9831 or email him at dale@community-insurance.com.

# Manawa NEWS

## Manawa enters agreement on dam

BY EMILY DOUD  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Mayor Mike Frazier ended the Dec. 16 Manawa City Council meeting with words of encouragement and hope as the city heads into 2025.

Frazier said they will have a lot of big decisions to make heading into the New Year.

"After July 5 a lot changed, I don't think any of us really signed up for something like that but it has been an absolute pleasure to work with all of you this past year," Frazier said. "This council is very loyal and dedicated and thank you sometimes is not enough, but I guess under the circumstances thank

you is enough at this time ... of course next year we're going to have some difficult decisions to make and probably be looking for an awful, awful lot of money, hopefully all things work out."

Frazier was referring to the Manawa dam, which was breached July 5 after a torrential downpour led to water pouring over the dam causing the shoreline on the north side of the dam to pull away and the dam to breach.

Logan Hass, the city clerk of Manawa, said that dams are not insured and the dam in Manawa was never insured.

"We can't have insurance on a dam just like we can't insure a bridge or road," Hass said. "Large infra-



The shore on the Sturm Memorial Public Library is continuing to erode and will need to be stabilized before any potential spring run-off. Emily Conroy Photo

structure insurance won't cover."

This inability to insure large structures has led to questions as to how the city will be able to pay to replace the dam, as the entire dam will need to be replaced.

Earlier this fall Frazier and council representatives met with state representatives Kevin Peterson and Rachael Cabral-Guevara in a closed door meeting Oct. 30 to discuss the possible monetary addition to a fu-

ture state budget.

A press release said Cabral-Guevara and Peterson are looking for cost estimates of the demolition of the current dam and the subsequent rebuilding said dam in order to submit it to the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee.

The press release stated that Cedar Corp, the city's designated engineering firm, will not only draw up the plans for the shore stabilization, but also three to four plans for the dam reconstruction to turn in to the Joint Finance Committee for future budgetary purposes.

The shoreline restoration project is being required per the Department of Natural Resources.

After the dam pulled

away from the shoreline and breached, the shoreline has continued to degrade, by stabilizing the shore they should be able to reduce continued erosion.

The press release also stated that the shore stabilization project is being funded by the Emergency Watershed Protection Program through the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The shore stabilization project is set to be completed in winter or spring of 2025.

During the same city council meeting Dec. 16, the council also agreed to enter into a new joint dam agreement between the town of Little Wolf and the city of Manawa.

# Waupaca County sheriff's report Dec. 16-26

- Dec. 16 – The Waupaca High School reported a Snapchat message threatening harm was sent to multiple people in the school.

- Dec. 16 – A Scandinavian woman on Main Street reported she sent a \$350 money order that never arrived.

- Dec. 16 – A Waupaca man on Nichols Creek Road reported a civil dispute involving a skid steer.

- Dec. 16 – A male caller requested a welfare check for a woman spotted in a ditch and wrapped in a blanket. No vehicle was nearby.

- Dec. 16 – A Fremont woman on State Highway 49 reported her son was making suicidal comments.

- Dec. 16 – A New London woman on Oscar Way reported a suspicious vehicle in front of her house taking photos of her neighbors' homes. It was a blue-gray Pontiac and a female driver.

- Dec. 17 – A Waupaca woman on Oak Street reported her alcoholic son was making suicidal comments and was planning on choking himself with a large zip tie.

- Dec. 17 – A Clintonville woman on Grand Avenue reported evidence of drug activity after the renters moved out.

- Dec. 17 – A Waupaca woman on Draeger Road reported her mailbox was destroyed.

- Dec. 17 – Schueller's Great Exspectionations reported a 50-year-old male was having a seizure and was possibly intoxicated.

- Dec. 17 – A New London woman on Bear Lake Road reported a man was at Kwik Trip and looked like he was under the influence of something. He threatened to drive to the hospital to kill doctors.

- Dec. 17 – A Waupaca man on Spencer Lake Road reported his father-in-law pointed a gun at him.

- Dec. 17 – A Clintonville man on Main Street reported a juvenile was out of control and yelling, screaming and hitting him.

- Dec. 17 – A Monroe woman requested a welfare check on a local man who messaged her and stated he wanted to harm himself. The caller video chatted with him while he held a knife to his throat.

- Dec. 18 – A Weyauwega woman on Harlon Street reported a male keeps opening the car door while she was driving and was threatening her.

- Dec. 18 – A Clintonville woman on Nature

Road reported fraudulent charges on her credit card totaling \$8,000.

- Dec. 18 – A New London woman on Stage Road reported trespassers were shooting and placing things in her house, including putting "cyber" into her house.

- Dec. 18 – Goodwill in Waupaca reported a missing employee.

- Dec. 18 – A Clintonville caller on County Trunk Y reported her daughter was receiving threatening messages from an Appleton female. "You're not safe. Don't go outside" read one message. The person also threatened to pepper spray the daughter.

- Dec. 18 – A Waupaca woman on Division Street reported an ATV accident. The person was unconscious but breathing.

- Dec. 18 – The Land Management office in the Waupaca County Courthouse reported a man came in and said he was suicidal and homicidal.

- Dec. 18 – A New London man on State Highway 54 reported a well-drilling company threatened to come to his house and dig up the well they just put in.

- Dec. 18 – A Fremont man on Loon Drive reported he used a card to buy gas

at BP. He paid inside and when he walked out, he received a \$500 fraud alert.

- Dec. 18 – A Fremont man on Wisconsin Street reported a fatal accident. A vehicle struck a telephone pole.

- Dec. 18 – A Marion woman on Garfield Street reported her husband was hitting her.

- Dec. 18 – A Manawa woman on Factory Street reported a juvenile runaway and believed the youth was picked up by someone.

- Dec. 19 – A Waupaca man on Melody Lane reported a missing Amazon package.

- Dec. 19 – A Waupaca woman on Stoltenberg Road requested an officer accompany her to her husband's address. He has dementia and owns firearms. She had to retrieve some property and she was concerned the husband might become confused and try to harm her.

- Dec. 19 – The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported a resident missing \$150.

- Dec. 19 – A Waupaca man on East Road reported a suspicious maroon car parked at the end of his driveway for over an hour.

- Dec. 19 – The Manawa School District reported a

message sent from one student to another about killing another juvenile and clawing that person with fingernails to cause harm.

- Dec. 20 – An Ogdensburg woman on Darth Road reported her son turned off the gas to her stove. She requested an officer to turn it back on. She did not know how to do it.

- Dec. 20 – A New London woman on Stage Road reported her ex-boyfriend was harassing her and offering people a reward to find her.

- Dec. 20 – A Waupaca woman on Lamplighter Lane reported her outdoor solar lights were tampered with.

- Dec. 20 – The New London Police Dept. reported a situation where a juvenile was sleeping on the floor in a residence with no heat.

- Dec. 20 – A Fremont man on Wolf River Drive reported he was communicating with a woman on Tinder. She was now sending messages threatening to kill the caller and beat him up.

- Dec. 20 – A Weyauwega man on Galilee Road reported the sound of suspicious gunfire.

- Dec. 21 – A New Lon-

don woman on Broadway Street reported she received a phone call from a man that offered to help her with her utility bills. She gave him her credit card number and now thinks this might be a fraudulent set-up.

- Dec. 21 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

- Dec. 21 – A Big Falls woman on Main Street reported she was in a vehicle with her husband and they were being chased. She said a person pulled a knife on her husband.

- Dec. 22 – Weyauwega Police Dept. reported there was a person on the railroad tracks and two trains nearly hit the person.

- Dec. 22 – A Weyauwega woman on White Lake Road reported her son that has struggled with mental health problems, homelessness and probation was saying troubling things about dying.

- Dec. 22 – The dispatcher followed up on a hang-up call. A Green Bay woman in Waupaca County was watching TV and a voice on the TV said, "Call 911," and her phone called the number without her knowledge. There was no emergency.

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# Obituary Notices

## Ellingsworth, Helen

Helen L. Ellingsworth, age 85, of Waupaca, passed into everlasting life, on Monday, December 2, 2024. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Califern and Harry Walker. Helen was a proud graduate of Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On December 29, 1962, Helen married the love of her life, William A. "Bill" Ellingsworth Sr. Together, they built a life filled with love and laughter, where they raised three boys William Jr. (Bill), Michael, and Francis III and enjoyed 39 years of devotion to one another.

Family was the most important part of Helen's life, and she was a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all. She had one granddaughter named Abigail who is daughter to Francis and his wife Jessica Ellingsworth. Helen loved swimming, traveling, hanging out with friends on the Chain O' Lakes, working with her family at The Grandview Beach Club and at The Library Lounge Park Motel, and writing children's books. A woman of incredible work ethic, Helen was a mother, friend, grandma, business owner, real estate broker, swimmer, and author. Helen's unconditional love extended beyond her family to so many others across the community.

Helen's legacy lives on in her sons, grandchild, and all those whose lives she touched with her love, generosity, strength, and devotion to her faith. She will be deeply missed but always remembered for the warmth, kindness, and joy she brought to everyone around her.

Survived by her loving family; children: William Jr. "Bill", Michael (Brenda) Ellingsworth, Francis III (Jessica) and their daughter: Abby Ellingsworth, many neighbors, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Ellingsworth Sr., and her parents. We cherish the memories spent with Helen and will continue to carry on her legacy every day.

The celebration of Helen's life will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, located at N2845 Shadow Rd, Waupaca. This will start at 2pm for close friends and family. A reception will follow to celebrate her life. This will be located at Foxfire Golf Club at Par4 Resort, 201 Foxfire Dr, Waupaca, WI 54981 at 4pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ellingsworth Memorial Fund at Maple Crest Funeral Home in Helen's name.

Maple Crest Funeral Home in Waupaca is honored to assist the family with arrangements.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Helen L. Ellingsworth, please visit Maple Crest Funeral Homes website <https://www.maplecrestfh.com/send-flowers>

## Ziebell, Lillian



Lillian Ella (Johnson) Ziebell, 102, of Waupaca passed away Friday, December 27, 2024 peacefully at Bethany Home, Waupaca.

She was born in the Township of St. Lawrence, Ogdensburg to Nels Peter and Olga (Christensen) Johnson.

At the age of 5 her family moved to the Crystal Lake area, Dayton Township, Waupaca County and from there she lived her entire life within 4 miles. As a farm wife she moved back and forth on the farms 5 times within a mile. She had walked 1-1/4 miles to the Crystal Lake Elementary 1-room country school and graduated after 8 grades. She married a former school-mate Edward W. Ziebell on January 12, 1943 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church that she remained a dedicated member of until her passing. She and Edward enjoyed together farming, gardening, canning produce and their floral gardens. They roller rink skated with family and friends for 30 years (1960-1990s) and enjoyed traveling. She and Edward got to many states, to Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Denmark and Norway. In 2002 Lillian became interested in writing and shared her memories and cherished current events through her poetry. She kept daily calendar diaries that the family often referred to, loved nature and feeding her birds and enjoyed reading. She doctored for Rheumatoid Arthritis since 2001, but never let it get in her way.

When she became a resident at Bethany Home assisted living January 4, 2023 at 100 years of age she loved putting puzzles together, chatting with residents and visitors, phone calls, Tv, and watching nature views out of her windows.

Survivors are her daughter, Linda (Jerry) Cummings, Wautoma; son, Wayne (Chris) Ziebell, Rothschild; grandson, Alan (Kate) Ziebell, Waupaca; and 3 great-grandsons, Preston, Forrest, and Sawyer; granddaughter, Ann (David) Kramer, Mosinee; and 3 great-granddaughters, Magdalen, Katelyn and Jacqueline; other dear family, friends, neighbors and her dear Bethany Home Family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Ziebell; her parents and her father and mother-in-law, Rhynie and Emma Ziebell; an infant son, William Ziebell; daughter-in-law, Carol Ziebell; grandson, Andy Ziebell and a great-grandson, Brendan Kramer; paternal step-siblings and a maternal step-brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Ethel Christensen, brother and sister-in-law Harry and Velma Johnson; sister and brother-in-law, Rose and Gordon Hansen and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Phillip and Violet Ziebell.

A Funeral Service for Lillian was held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waupaca. A Visitation was held from 9:30 until the time of Service at church. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to Lillian's Memorial, that would benefit various organizations that were important to her. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Nellis, Raymond



Raymond H. Nellis, age 82, passed away due to complications from medical issues on Friday, December 6, 2024, at Banner Baywood Medical Center in Mesa, AZ. Ray was born on August 8, 1942, in Madison, WI to the late Nicholas and Verna (Newman) Nellis.

Ray was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin, co-worker and friend. Ray married the love of his life Karen (Doersch) Nellis on March 14, 1964, and celebrated 60 years with family and friends this past summer. Ray loved spending time with family and friends whenever he could, playing cards, board games, laughing and watching the Green Bay Packers.

Ray worked for many years at the Bank in Weyauwega, dedicated to helping as many people as possible. Ray and Karen "retired" into an RV and spent 15 years traveling, spending time sightseeing in many states, including Alaska. Ray and Karen learned so much helping others through the Habitat For Humanity program. As they settled in Apache Junction, Ray and Karen became involved in many volunteer programs and were always talking with the people around them to get to know them better.

Ray is survived by his wife, Karen; children: Mike (Sonja) Nellis, Barb (Troy) Umland, Kris (Ron) Drath, Pam Banat (special friend Brian), Kathy (Kyle) Behm. Brothers and sisters: Gary (Betty) Nellis, Karen "Sue" (James) Martin, Terry (Barb) Nellis; Brother and sisters in law Carl (Sue) Doersch, Jeanne Doersch, and Joan Downs; Grandchildren: Nick (Emily) Nellis, Ali (Joel) Johnson, Zach (Abby) Nellis, Julio Umland, Faith Umland, Grace Umland, Hope Umland, Danielle Drath (special friend Nathan), Olivia Fox (special friend Dylan), Elise Kasserman (special friend Hayden), Jackson Kasserman, Jacob (Brittanie) Behm, and Jordan Behm (special friend Gabby). Great-grandchildren: Mya, Nathan, James, Aspen, Ava, Calvin, Gwen, Sam; many nieces and nephews, other family members and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Verna (Newman) Nellis, his parents in law, Robert and Viola (Reetz) Doersch, sister and brother-in-law Marlene and James Tews, sisters in law Diane Doersch and Colleen Sutherland, son in law George Banat Jr., Granddaughter Audrey Beth Hintzke.

Ray's Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 11:00 am at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Weyauwega with Fr. Kris Mekala officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the church on Friday from 9:30 am until the time of the service. In place of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Banner Baywood Medical Center, the specialists who have cared for Ray throughout the years and Dr. Khalil for his selfless care for Ray.

Friends may visit [www.dahlkefh.com](http://www.dahlkefh.com) to share memories and condolences with Ray's family.

## Moe, Joyce



Joyce Elaine (Zemple) Moe, 97, Scandinavia, died Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. She was born September 12, 1927 in the town of Manawa, the daughter of the late Walter and Blanche Zemple. She married Maynard Moe on March 15, 1947 at Scandinavia Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death in 2005. Joyce was employed at the 4 Wheel Drive in Manawa prior to her marriage. She and Maynard farmed in the Town of St. Lawrence for over 20 years. Joyce liked to sew, crochet, knit and embroider as hobbies. She enjoyed being a mother.

Survivors include two daughters: Diana (Brendan dec.) Kohlbeck and Linda (William dec.) Vanden Elzen, Appleton; eight grandchildren: Kristine Kohlbeck, Karrie (Rick) Abendroth, Katie (Jeff) Schumacher, KayLynn Kohlbeck, Kelly (Melissa) Kohlbeck, Sarah (Doug) Dettmers, Joe (Darcy) Vanden Elzen, Adam (Angela) Vanden Elzen; 21 great-grandchildren; 13 great, great grandchildren, 1 Sister-in-law, Marian Breier, Waupaca. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Wesley Zemple.

We wish to thank the staff of the King Veterans Home and Heartland Hospice Care Staff for their kindness and support.

The Funeral Service for Joyce will be held on Friday December 27, 2024 11:00 AM Scandinavia Lutheran Church with Rev. Kent Wallace officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Interment will be at the Scandinavia Lutheran Cemetery.

Voie Funeral Home of Iola is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Bork, Laverne



Laverne "Vern" Gene Bork of Waupaca, passed away on December 19, 2024 at age 83. Born on March 22, 1941 to Harry and Eva Bork in Neenah, Vern married Karen Lee Koenig on September 29, 1963, and was blessed with a son, Sam, in 1969. Vern worked as a car salesman for most of his career. He loved to hunt, fish, and be at the cabin with Karen and any friends who happened to stop by.

Vern was preceded in death by Karen (2023) and is survived by his sister: Donna; and his son: Sam (Danielle). In accordance with Vern's wishes, there will be no funeral or celebration of life. He and Karen's ashes will be spread at the cabin in Waupaca that they built together and loved together for over 40 years. Dahlke Funeral & Cremation Care of Weyauwega is serving the family.

## Telfer, Tom



Tom Telfer passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, after a courageous seven-year battle with brain tumors. Tom was born on August 16, 1953, to Jerome and Marjorie (Rasmussen) Telfer.

Tom dedicated 41 years of his life to the Waupaca County Highway Department. He loved his work, taking pride in learning to operate all types of machinery and always challenging himself to do his best. The county employees that Tom worked with were not just co-workers but longtime friends. Tom never complained, serving his community with diligence and care.

A true family man, Tom treasured time with his loved ones. On May 5, 1973, he married his best friend, Linda (Winkler), and together they shared a beautiful life, raising their two daughters and later cherishing moments with their four grandsons.

Tom loved the outdoors, finding joy in camping, fishing, and hunting. He had a kind and gentle nature, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Known for his warm spirit, Tom also loved to sing, bringing smiles to those around him.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Linda Telfer; his daughters, Jennifer (Patrick) Chapel and Laura (Lucas) Ludeman; and his beloved grandsons, Landon, Lawson, and Layton Ludeman, and Jaxon Chapel. He is further survived by his brother, Robert (Dawn) Telfer; sister, Karen (Jerry) Lyons; in-laws Rick (Kaye) Winkler and Mark Winkler; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Tom was a loyal friend, always ready with a helping hand and a kind word and his friendship was deeply valued by many of his closest friends.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 21, at 10:00 AM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca. Visitation began at 9:00 AM until the time of service. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tom will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his work, and his community, as well as his kindness, love for the outdoors, and gentle spirit. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, compassion, and love that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

## Mallasch, Theodore



Theodore "Ted" Irwin Mallasch, 6/23/34-12/19/24, passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He kept a positive attitude, even though he faced several serious health challenges over the last year. When asked how he was doing, he would reply in one of two ways, "I'm doing the best I can every day" or "I've got my family, what else could a guy ask for?" He absolutely loved his job, working as a union carpenter for Peter A. Johnsen and Son of Park Ridge, IL for 38 years. He would say, "You'll never work a day in your life if you love your job." After retirement is when he got seriously into wood-carving. During this time, he created thousands of wood carvings, and oftentimes he would give away his pieces. The smiles on the recipient's faces were his reward. People would ask "what's your favorite piece?," to which he would reply, "the piece I'm working on right now." Even though he was born in Chicago and lived almost his entire life on Whipple Street, he enjoyed coming up to the family cottage on Miner Lake in Waupaca. One of his favorite things to do was to take his dog for a walk.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ted & Amanda and sister Joyce. He is survived by Gloria, his wife of 69 years, their sons: Tedd and Todd (Lisa), grandchildren: Man (their partner Quinn) and Braden; many nieces and nephews, along with numerous cousins in Germany. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Shriners Children's Hospitals. A celebration of life will be held in the spring/summer of 2025.

The Maple Crest Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## Kasprzak, Karlakay



Karlakay "Karla" L. Kasprzak, age 68 of Clintonville passed away at The Cottages in Shawano Thursday morning December 26, 2024.

Karla was born on December 30, 1955 in Madison as the daughter of the late John and Mary Ann (Martig) Kelley. She graduated from Madison East High School, was married and had 3 children prior to her divorce. In 1988 she moved to Shawano with her children and was

united in marriage to Paul Kasprzak on September 6, 1991 in Shawano. Karla began working with Frontier Communications in 1990 and the couple moved to Clintonville in 1997. Karla did it all at Frontier; from answering phones, to updating software, to climbing poles and burying lines, she was very flexible for the company. In 2014 she retired due to her onset of Alzheimer's Disease and spent the past 11 years battling the disease. In 2020 she moved to The Cottages where she was blessed to have great caregivers. Karla will be remembered for her baking and cooking skills. She was always in the kitchen and not afraid to send Paul on ingredient runs to the grocery store whenever they needed something. Her faith led her to become a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville.

Survivors include: Her Husband Paul. Children: Jim (Becky) Cross, Heather Cross, and Jeff Cross.

Grandchildren: Athena, Coleton, and Abbie Cross. 2 Great-Grandchildren.

Also siblings: Chris (Louanne) Kelley and Marcia (Steve) Demars.

Karla was preceded in death by her parents John & Mary Ann Kelley, and by siblings John, Paul, Tim, Jeff, and Marianne Kelley.

Karla's Memorial Mass will be held at 10am Saturday January 11, 2025 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville with Fr. Timothy Shillcox O. Praem officiating and inurnment will follow at St. Rose Cemetery in Clintonville. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday January 11, 2025 from 9am until the time of the service. Karla's family would like to thank the staff at The Cottages and also recognize Candice, Monica, & Elijah from Moments Hospice for going above and beyond in their care of Karla. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established by Karla's family. The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory of Clintonville is assisting her family. [www.eberhardstevenson.com](http://www.eberhardstevenson.com)

## Preuss, Kathy



Kathy Jane Preuss, age 67, went to her heavenly home on Saturday, December 21, 2024. She was born in Clintonville on March 9, 1957, daughter of the late Gene and Donna Loken. She was married to Larry Preuss and they shared 50 wonderful years together.

Kathy attended school in Antigo and Manawa. She worked diligently with Larry on their dairy farm along with their children and her in-laws. She enjoyed owning and operating Kathy's Ceramics. She loved teaching the trade of ceramics to others, as well as participating in craft shows with her family. Kathy retired from ceramics to assist Larry with his appraisal business. They enjoyed working side by side. She also enjoyed teaching Sunday School while her children were young.

Every year, Kathy looked forward to vacationing and would spend endless hours researching. Larry and Kathy traveled in their RV throughout the United States often with family on the adventure. Later in life, Kathy enjoyed spending her summers in Elcho at the cabin with her family and close friend. She always looked forward to their annual fishing trip to Cass Lake, MN.

Kathy will be sadly missed by her husband, Larry, and their children: Ann (Tony) Jagoditsh, Jason (Sara) Preuss, Tina (Pete) Bowen; grandchildren: Britton (Jake), Willy, Hannah, Katie, Mckenzie, Cheyanne, Austyn, Ashton, Aiden, and Leaf; great grandson, Kayden.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jim Loken.

There will be a private family ceremony held. Dahlke Funeral & Cremation Care of Manawa is serving the family. Friends may visit [www.dahlkefh.com](http://www.dahlkefh.com) to share memories and condolences with Kathy's family. Mom, it's never Good Bye - but rather, Too-Da-Lo!

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Preuss, William



William "Bill" M. Preuss, 72, of Weyauwega, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2024.

Bill was born in Weyauwega on May 5, 1952, son and oldest child of Merlin and Nancy Preuss. He was raised on the Waupaca County farm where he worked alongside his dad for many years.

He was most proud of his family and loved talking to them daily. He will be missed every day by his daughters, Carly (Josh) Schroeder and Erin Wait (Matt Kortendick), and his grandkids, Kyra, Kennedy and Dimitri Schroeder and Charlie and Zeke Wait.

Bill's Celebration of Life was held on Friday, December 27, 2024 at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Weyauwega from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Bill is further survived by his two sisters, Sheridah (Kenneth) Bartol and Dot Preuss. He was preceded in death by his parents Merlin and Nancy, and many close friends including Lenny and Jim who he missed and talked about often over the years.

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Abandoned Property of Bill Zempel Weyauwega Hillside Properties LLC Unit 48 N1615 US Hwy 10 Weyauwega WI 54983

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: December 5, 2024 Electronically signed by Judge Troy L. Nielsen

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE D. WEGNER DECEASED

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration) Case No. 2024PR99

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed. THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth 08/25/1960 and date of death 10/03/2024 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1140 Nassau Street, New London WI 54961.

THE COURT ORDERS: 1. The Petition be heard at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Troy Nielsen, on January 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 6, 2025. 3. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate Office.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment. 5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6429 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Form completed by: Attorney Sara Micheletti 2401 East Enterprise Avenue Appleton, WI 54913 Telephone Number 920-882-4070 Bar Number 1075922 Publish Dec. 12, 19, 2024 & Jan. 2, 2025

CLAIMS DEADLINE NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF SCHNEIDER FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2017 Pursuant to Section 701.0508, Wisconsin Statutes, Gwenn M. Radtke, as successor trustee of Schneider Family Irrevocable Trust dated February 6, 2017, with power to pay the debts of Jill C. Schneider, D.O.D. 9/11/2024, hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing claims for payment of debts of Jill C. Schneider with Gwenn M. Radtke, as Trustee of the Schneider Family Irrevocable Trust dated February 6, 2017, is April 12, 2025, being the date four (4) months after the date of the first insertion of the Notice.

By: /s/ Jaimesue M. Knowlton Legacy Law Group, LLC, 5740 Grande Market Drive, Ste D, Appleton WI 54913 Publication Dates Dec. 12, 19, 2024 & Jan. 2, 2025

Public Notice Town of Waupaca Notice of Application for Retail Liquor License 2025.

The following application for dealing in Fermented Malt Beverages has been filed in the Town Clerk's office at N3514 City E, Waupaca for January 7, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

Class "B" Retailers Fermented Malt Beverage License: BURGERS & BREWS, LLC Pump 8 E3372 Royalton Street, Suite 1, Waupaca

Martin Doctor, Agent The Town Board will consider this application at the regular Town Board meeting, January 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Mary Colten, Clerk Town of Waupaca Publish Jan. 2, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 1568 (2024) A RESOLUTION UPDATING SPECIAL CHARGE FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025

WHEREAS the City of Waupaca has recognized the need to properly manage garbage and waste removal and promote recycling of materials, and WHEREAS the proper handling of garbage and recyclables promotes the health and welfare of our citizens and the environment, and

WHEREAS the City of Waupaca will provide garbage and recycling services to eligible residential units through a contracted agreement, and WHEREAS Common Council has entered into an agreement with GFL Environmental to provide garbage and recycling services for the calendar years 2022 through 2026, and

WHEREAS the Common Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-2021, Chapter 11.08 GARBAGE AND REFUSE which became effective on January 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS the Common Council shall establish the fee for garbage and recycling pick up each year per Chapter 11.08 and the special charge shall be deposited in a non-lapsing fund entitled "Garbage/Recycling Collection", and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a special charge is hereby established for refuse and recyclable collection as described in Chapter 11.08, the special charge shall be payable in monthly installments as follows: \$15.87 for refuse and recycling services, and \$11.21 monthly for each additional refuse tote

\$4.66 monthly for each additional recycling tote, and Fuel surcharge when the cost of ultra-low sulfur No. 2 Diesel Fuel, raises above \$4.00 per gallon. For every \$0.25 rise in fuel, the cost of services will increase by 1%.

The fees become effective upon adoption and publication according to law but no earlier than January 1, 2025. Approved: December 17, 2024 Adopted: December 17, 2024 Published: January 2, 2025

/s/ Brian Smith Brian Smith, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Barb Nowak Barb Nowak, City Clerk Publish Jan. 2, 2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY MidFirst Bank c/o Midland Mortgage, a division of MidFirst Bank 999 N.W. Grand Boulevard, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, OK 73118-6116 Plaintiff,

vs. Jason J. Baseman N6485 Buelow Rd New London, WI 54961-8508 Jane Doe Baseman N6485 Buelow Rd New London, WI 54961-8508 The United States of America acting and through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development c/o US Attorney 517 West Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202 c/o US Attorney General 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Rm B-103 Washington, DC 20530-0001 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 24-CV-000301 The Honorable Vicki L. Clussman 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.

Legals 7700

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after January 2, 2025 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 by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 18th day of December, 2024.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Robert M. Piette State Bar No. 1018058 Case No. 24-CV-000301 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. Publish Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2025

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 ADJOURNED 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: ORIGINAL TIME: December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. ADJOURNED TIME: January 21, 2025 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 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: December 9, 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.

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. Publish Jan 2 & 9, 2024

VILLAGE OF FREMONT NOTICE OF EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA

To: All interested agencies, groups and individuals The Village of Fremont is committing Community Flexible Facilities Program (FFP) funding, under the U.S. Department of Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF) program, to undertake a project known as the Library Improvement Project. The specific element of this proposed project is to construct one public library/community center which will enable remote access to work, education and health monitoring.

The proposed project's location is: 208 Waupaca Street, Fremont, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. The proposed action, if implemented, would impact 0.620 acres of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA); reference FEMA flood insurance rate map panel 55135C0513D (effective 1/20/2010). The purposes of this notice are to: (1) Inform the public of this potential consequence; and, (2) Request comments concerning: (a) Potential adverse impacts of the proposed project on the SFHA; and, (b) Alternative sites or courses of action that might avoid or reduce these impacts.

This notice is required by Section 604 of the Social Security Act for Floodplain Management, and is implemented by the agency guidance documents regarding Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. The 8-Step Decision Making Process includes public notices and the examination of practicable alternatives to disturbing a floodplain. This notice of request was mailed to the regional office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State office of Environmental Protection (EPA).

Details concerning the proposed project are available for examination/copying at the Neuschaefer Community Library (Fremont Public Library) at 317 Wolf River Drive, Fremont, WI 54940 between the following hours: M-F 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Sat-Sun - CLOSED). Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed project to the Neuschaefer Community Library (Fremont Public Library) office at 317 Wolf River Drive, PO Box 498, Fremont, WI 54940. All comments must be received no later than 1/17/2025. Published: 1/2/2025

Election Notices 7715

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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning committee will hold a Public Hearing at the Wolf River Town Hall on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm to consider the following case: DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT SITE: Property Owner: Bartel Family Land LLP, 8723 Wolf River Road, Fremont, WI 54940

Applicant: TowerNorth Development, LLC 15660 Midwest Road, Ste. 308, Terrace, IL 60181 Location of Property: Adjacent parcel of 8723 Wolf River Road, Fremont, WI Legal Description: Government Lot 3 of Sec 16 T20N R14E

Parcel Number: 032-0350-04 Zoning: A2 (10.05 Acres) Explanation: Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 165 foot Mobile Support Structure as governed by the Town of Wolf River Zoning Ordinance, Section 1.05-A Land Uses or Activities - Agriculture Districts, #36 in Land Use or Activity Table.

All interested persons wishing to be heard at the Public Hearing are invited to be present. Please direct all comments to Lee Robbert, Zoning Administrator at 920-836-3681 or by email to mlrobbert@centurytel.net

NOTICE OF ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning Committee will meet on Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Wolf River Town Hall as soon as the above noticed hearing is concluded and may act upon the matter which is the subject of said meeting. Publish Jan. 2 & 9, 2025

NOTICE OF ZONING REQUEST CHANGE CITY OF WEYAUWEGA Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission for the City of Weyauwega will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the Weyauwega Municipal Building, 109 E. Main Street, to consider a request for a zoning change for 200 S Mill Street.

The zoning change is being requested for the parcel located at 200 S Mill Street, Parcel #35-04-70-126, Parcel #35-04-70-126 is being described as LTS 1-3 & W36FT LT4 & COM 36FT E OF NW/COR LT4 S60FT E10FT N60FT W10FT-POB BLK10 ORIG PLAT [V393P311&314 FUNERAL HOME Deed of Record:315779

The property is currently zoned B-1 General Business District. Jon Dahlke is requesting a change in zoning from General Business District B-1 to Single & Two Family Residential R-1 for the sale of the property as a residential property. Interested parties or property owners are invited to comment on the request at the scheduled meeting or may leave written comments at the City Clerk's office up until the time of the schedule meeting.

Rebecca Loehrke City Clerk Publish Jan. 2, & 9, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING January 14th, 2025, at 5:30 PM immediately following the Caucus in the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main St, Iola WI. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Iola Planning & Zoning Committee has reviewed the official Zoning Map of the Village of Iola and are recommending the following changes to the zoning of the following properties: 210 McKinley St. (26 02 71 18) R-4 to R-1; 540 S Jackson St. (26 35 71331) R-1 to G-1; 540 S Jackson St. (26 35 71 330) R-1 to G-1; 540 S Jackson St. (26 35 71261) R-1 to G-1; 325 Adams St. (26 01 22 2) C-2 to R-1; 145 Meadow Rd. (26 01 22 18) C-2 to R-1; 125 Meadow Rd. (26 01 22 18) C-2 to R-1; 190 Pierre St. (26 01 22 1) R-1 & C-4 to R-1; 415 E State St. (26 35 71139) R-4 to R-1; 425 E. State St. (26 35 71514) R-4 & C-1 to R-1 & C-1; 435 E. State St. (26 35 71511) R-4 to R-1; 435 E. State St. (26 35 71512) R-4 to R-1; 485 E. State St. (26 35 71164) R-4 to R-1; 420 Water St. (26 35 71156) R-4 to R-1; 330 Water St. (26 35 71158) R-4 to R-1; 340 Water St. (26 35 71159) R-4 to R-1; 350 Water St. (26 35 71160) R-4 to R-1; 370 Water St. (26 35 71162) R-4 to R-1; 380 Water St. (26 37 71161) R-4 to R-1; 390 Water St. (26 35 71163) R-4 to R-1; 185 Sunset Dr. (2-Islands) (26 35 79 13) Not zoned to C-1; 165 Sunset Dr. (Island) (26 35 79 12) Not zoned to C-1; Parcel number 26 35 14 1 not zoned to C-1; 245 Birch Dr. (Island) (26 35 79 7) No current zoning to C-1; CDA (Golf Course) (26 36 24 13) R-1 to C-1; CDA (Golf Course) (26 36 24 13) R-1 to C-1; 165 Chet Krause Dr. (26 35 71 79) C-2 & R-4 to R-4; 290 Water St. (26 35 71 49) C-2 to R-1; 140 North St. (26 35 13 9) R-1 & R-4 to R-4; 430 W. State St. (26 35 71249) I-1 & G-1 to G-1; 195 W. State St. (26 35 71 59) C-2 to R-1; 155 S. Grove St. (26 35 71 57) C-2 to R-1; 250 W Iola St. (26 35 71115) C-2 to R-1; 210 W. Iola St. (26 35 71116) C-2 to R-1; 330 W. Iola St. (26 35 72 11) C-2 & I-1 to I-1; 330 W. Iola St. (26 35 71117) C-2 to I-1; 280 W Iola St. (26 35 72 10) C-2 & I-1 to I-1; River area-West side of Village (26 34 44 5) no current zoning to C-1 and 600 River Road (26 34 44 6) no current zoning to R-1. Zoning District Legend: A-1: Agriculture/Holding, I-1: Light Industrial, R-1: One-and-Two Family Residential, I-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning committee will hold a Public Hearing at the Wolf River Town Hall on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm to consider the following case: DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT SITE: Property Owner: Bartel Family Land LLP, 8723 Wolf River Road, Fremont, WI 54940

Applicant: TowerNorth Development, LLC 15660 Midwest Road, Ste. 308, Terrace, IL 60181 Location of Property: Adjacent parcel of 8723 Wolf River Road, Fremont, WI Legal Description: Government Lot 3 of Sec 16 T20N R14E

Parcel Number: 032-0350-04 Zoning: A2 (10.05 Acres) Explanation: Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 165 foot Mobile Support Structure as governed by the Town of Wolf River Zoning Ordinance, Section 1.05-A Land Uses or Activities - Agriculture Districts, #36 in Land Use or Activity Table.

All interested persons wishing to be heard at the Public Hearing are invited to be present. Please direct all comments to Lee Robbert, Zoning Administrator at 920-836-3681 or by email to mlrobbert@centurytel.net

NOTICE OF ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning Committee will meet on Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Wolf River Town Hall as soon as the above noticed hearing is concluded and may act upon the matter which is the subject of said meeting. Publish Jan. 2 & 9, 2025

NOTICE OF ZONING REQUEST CHANGE CITY OF WEYAUWEGA Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission for the City of Weyauwega will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the Weyauwega Municipal Building, 109 E. Main Street, to consider a request for a zoning change for 200 S Mill Street.

The zoning change is being requested for the parcel located at 200 S Mill Street, Parcel #35-04-70-126, Parcel #35-04-70-126 is being described as LTS 1-3 & W36FT LT4 & COM 36FT E OF NW/COR LT4 S60FT E10FT N60FT W10FT-POB BLK10 ORIG PLAT [V393P311&314 FUNERAL HOME Deed of Record:315779

The property is currently zoned B-1 General Business District. Jon Dahlke is requesting a change in zoning from General Business District B-1 to Single & Two Family Residential R-1 for the sale of the property







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## Senior Spotlight

### Baraka Makalin

Coming off a season in which they went 23-4 and made the trip to the sectionals, the Stevens Point Panthers returned several seniors in the 2024-2025 campaign. Baraka Makalin is one of the seniors expected to take the lead, as he was a Wisconsin Valley Conference Honorable Mention a season ago.

Baraka, who is on the top senior defensive player watch list, has averaged 10.9 points per game through the first eight games of the season.

Beginning the sport of basketball at the age of five, Baraka was introduced to the sport by his grandfather.

Barakas' favorite part of basketball is his team: "My teammates. They make it easy for me, and they are great friends."

Barakas favorite moment in basketball is his first playoff win, and believes his strength is the biggest asset to his game.

The career Baraka has had so far he is grateful for, "It's awesome, I just thank God. I am so blessed."

Continuing his athletic career in college is what Baraka looks to do, along with completing his degree as he hopes to double major in Marketing and Criminology.




Weyauwega-Fremont score an invitational record 509.0 points on Dec.21

## Warhawks win invitational

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

BEAVER DAM-In the Wickersham Memorial Christmas Classic on Dec. 21, the Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks showed why they are the top-ranked team in the state. They set

a new record for the invitational, scoring 509.0 points as a team.

Wrestlers competing for the Warhawks won at least two matches and placed in their bracket.

Sophomore Carter Birdshaw won the 144-pound

weight class, defeating Kenosha Tremper's Nathan Hines 11-2 in the first-place match.

Freshman Collin Hamm won the 150-pound division, defeating Lincoln Keller of Evansville by a 14-2 fall to win the bracket.



Warhawks Connor Johnson with a takedown in the 157-pound weight class, as he finished second at the Wickersham Memorial Christmas Classic.

Nick Griesbach Photo



Hortonville's Riley Mueller drives to the hoop against Fond Du Lac.

Nick Griesbach Photo

## Hortonville Boys Basketball lose home opener

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE - The Polar Bears' win in the home opener wasn't meant to be, as they dropped their first game against Fond Du Lac on Dec.17.

Not having First-Team All-Conference member junior Ethan Joling on the

floor was a loss for Hortonville as they missed his 18.2 points per game.

Fond Du Lac took an early ten-point lead and kept up the scoring throughout the game, eventually leading 31-18 at one point in the first half.

The Polar Bears were down 36-26 as they headed

into the locker room at halftime.

Zavion Davis spearheaded an offensive attack that gave Fond Du Lac a 44-28 lead after a driving layup.

Hortonville continued to fall behind as they were down 56-36 with nine minutes left and would lose by a final score of 76-46.

## Bechard gives Comets a spark

BY GREG SEUBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WAUPACA - Two girls' basketball teams with two conference wins between them met on Dec. 20 for the first time this season.

Instead of watching a pair of struggling teams, fans saw a competitive game with Waupaca picking up a 51-44 North Eastern Conference win over Oconto Falls.

While Oconto Falls came back from a 20-point deficit in the second half, the Panthers didn't have an answer for Hailey Bechard, who scored more than half of the Comets' points and led all players with 26.

Oconto Falls scored the game's first eight points, but the Comets chipped away at the deficit and took the lead for good with Josie Nickel's free throw that snapped a 10-10 tie.

Waupaca outscored the Panthers 20-4 after falling behind 8-0 and led 20-12 at halftime.

The Comets used a 17-0 run to turn a 25-22 lead into a 42-22 advantage. The Panthers weren't about to throw in the towel, however, as Maddy Maloney's three three-pointers helped the



Oconto Falls' Rylie Shallow fouls Waupaca's Hailey Bechard during the second half of a North Eastern Conference game in Waupaca. Bechard scored a game-high 26 points in the Comets' 51-44 win over the Panthers.

Greg Seubert Photo

visitors cut the lead to 45-36 with 2 1/2 minutes to go in the game.

The Panthers later cut the lead to seven points twice in the final minute but didn't get any closer.

Rossi Wehmeyer finished

with 14 points to go with Bechard's 26, as the two players accounted for 40 of the Comets' 51 points.

Maloney led Oconto Falls with 18 points and Rylie Shallow added 12.





Rainey Welson finishes with a team-high 23 points for the Polar Bears.

Nick Griesbach Photo

## Hortonville Girls basketball wins in a blowout

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE-The Hortonville Lady Polar Bears got a dominant win over Fond Du Lac on Dec. 17, winning their home opener by a score of 90-37 to get their third win

this season.

By halftime, the game was determined as Hortonville was up 46-15, with the outcome well in hand.

Rainey Welson was the Polar Bears leading scorer with 23 points, Callie Pomrening scored 19, and Mor-

gan Mocadlo chipped in 13.

In the second half the Polar Bears continued the onslaught, outscoring Fond Du Lac 44-22.

The win was the Polar Bears' third win of the early season and a win in the Fox Valley Association conference.

## Boys Basketball results Dec. 17-26

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

### Tuesday, Dec. 17 Shiocton 66,

Amherst 60

AMHERST-The Falcons could not hold on to the 35-31 halftime lead over Shiocton as they were outscored 35-25 in the second half. Sully Perkins scored a game-high 21 points.

### Wittenberg-Birnamwood 77, Weyauwega-Fremont 46

WEYAUWEGA-The Warhawks could not mount a comeback after going into the locker room at halftime down 77-46. Ethan Koplien scored 26 points for the Warhawks and added seven rebounds.

### Wrightstown 80, Clintonville 62

WRIGHTSTOWN-The Truckers could not overcome the 45-31 first-half deficit. Sam Wegener led Clintonville in scoring with 24 points.

### Eau Claire Memorial 53, Stevens Point 45

EAU CLAIRE-In a low-scoring contest, the Panthers had issues getting going offensively, scoring only 19 points in the first half. Grant Chandonais finished as the leading scorer for Stevens Point with 18 points.

### Waupaca 64, Marinette 58

MARINETTE-Waupaca responded after being down 38-30 in the first half to outscore Marinette 34-20 in the second half. Aaron Wolff scored a team-high 16 points for the Comets.

### Friday, Dec. 20 Freedom 99, Clintonville 42

CLINTONVILLE-Truckers lost in a landslide against Freedom, who came into the game as the second-ranked team in division three. Max Young was Clintonville's leading scorer with 13 points.

### Weyauwega-Fremont 50, Manawa 42

MANAWA-The Warhawks got the road win over the Wolves to give themselves their second win of the 2024-2025 season.

### New London 74, Green Bay East 52

NEW LONDON-The Bulldogs, led by Joseph Daly, won against Green Bay East. Daly dominated with 38 points and 13 rebounds, and Bulldogs Ryan Dalhoe chipped in 13 in the blowout victory.

### Stevens Point 62, D.C. Everest 51

STEVENS POINT-Panthers won at home, as Grant Chandonais led Stevens Point with 21 points.

### Wittenberg-Birnamwood 72, Amherst 48

WITTENBERG-The Falcons went down by 22 points on the road in the first half as they lost 72-48.



New London's Joseph Daly scores 38 points at home against Green Bay East on Dec. 20.

Nick Griesbach photo

### Kaukauna 81, Hortonville 73

KAUKAUNA-Hortonville took a 35-29 lead into halftime but could not sustain it, dropping their second straight game without Division 1 recruit Ethan Joling. Riley Mueller was the Polar Bears' leading scorer with 18 points.

### Iola-Scandinavia 64, Menominee Indian 54

MENOMINEE-The Thunderbirds took care of business on the road as they got the 10-point win behind 18 points by Alex Robbins.

### Waupaca 54, Oconto Falls 49

WAUPACA-Aaron Wolff and Ethan Harms each scored 18 points as the Comets defeated Oconto Falls on the road.

### Saturday, Dec. 21 Fort Atkinson 55, Stevens Point 46

FORT ATKINSON-The Panthers traveled to Fort Atkinson, falling to 4-4 on the season. Baraka Makalin scored a team-high 16 points for Stevens Point.

### Monday, Dec. 23 Ashwaubenon 81, New London 56

ASHWAUBENON-The Bulldogs fell in Ashwaubenon. Ashwaubenon boasts one of the top players in the state, Amari Allen, who had 28 points and seven assists. Ryan Dalhoe scored 21 points for the Bulldogs.

### Thursday, Dec. 26 Amherst 59, Assumption 46

STEVENS POINT-The Falcons won over Assumption in the Sentry Classic. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Sully Perkins scored a team-high 23 points.

# Thunderbirds take care of business at home

GREG SEUBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A fast start led to the win for the Iola-Scandinavia boys' basketball team and a loss for the Manawa Wolves.

The Thunderbirds scored the first 13 points and went on to post a 73-45 Central Wisconsin Conference-East win on Dec. 17.

Manawa got back into the game with a 10-2 run to cut the lead to 15-10, but that was as close as the Wolves would get.

An 11-2 run late in the first half helped the Thunderbirds take a 35-18 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Wolves opened the second half with a 7-1 run to cut the lead to 11 points



Iola-Scandinavia's RJ Opperman keeps the ball from going out of bounds during the Thunderbirds' win over Manawa.

Greg Seubert Photo

and later trailed 44-34, but a 13-3 run from the Thunderbirds pushed the lead back to 20 points.

Alex Robbins led three Iola-Scandinavia in double

figures with a game-high 21 points. RJ Opperman and Ryan Thulien added 11 and 10, respectively. Logan Zirbel led Manawa with 10 points.

## Girls Basketball Results

BY NICK GRIESBACH  
SPORTS REPORTER

### Tuesday, Dec. 17 Wrightstown 59, Clintonville 23

CLINTONVILLE-Wrightstown took the early 33-13 lead over the Truckers into halftime. Wrightstown outscored Clintonville 26-10 in the second half.

### Menasha 45, New London 41

NEW LONDON-New London and Menasha went back and forth before Menasha secured an overtime victory. Sarah Daly scored a team-high 11 points.

### Marinette 55, Waupaca 44

WAUPACA-The Comets fell at home to Marinette. Rossalyn Wehmeyer recorded a double-double for Waupaca with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

### Pacelli 69, Iola-Scandinavia 27

STEVENS POINT-Pacelli jumped on the Thunderbirds early, going up 33-20 in the second half. Pacelli did not let up as they outscored the Thunderbirds 36-7.

### Stevens Point 85, Chippewa Falls 32

CHIPPEWA FALLS-Jada Seubert scored 27 points for the Panthers in the win. Lindsey Weiler notched a 19-point and 10-rebound double-double.

### Friday, Dec. 20 Freedom 49, Clintonville 24

CLINTONVILLE-The Truckers lost big at home as Freedom outscored them 28-11 in the second half. Zoey Ferg scored a team-high eight points for Clintonville and contributed 10 rebounds.

### Hortonville 98, Kaukauna 64

HORTONVILLE-The Polar Bears won a Fox Valley Association game at home over Kaukauna as Rainey Welson scored a team-high 32 points.

### New London 65, Green Bay East 25

GREEN BAY-New London went on the road and got the 40-point win over Green Bay East. Morgan Jones led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13.

### Stevens Point 56, D.C. Everest 22

WESTON-The Panthers move to 6-2 on the season after a blowout victory on the road against D.C. Everest. Lindsey Weiler had her second double-double of the week, scoring 13 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

### Monday, Dec. 23 Marinette 66, New London 45

MARINETTE-The Bulldogs could not overcome an early deficit as they fell on the road. Sarah Daly led New London with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

### Pacelli 65, Amherst 21

STEVENS POINT-Pacelli defeated the Amherst Falcons in the Sentry Classic at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

## Hat tricks lead to hockey wins

BY GREG SEUBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While other area high school teams took a break between Christmas and New Year's Day, the Waupaca boys' hockey team hosted its annual tournament at the Waupaca Ice & Expo Center.

The Comets posted a 2-1 record at the tournament, which featured seven varsity and junior varsity teams on Dec. 27-29.

Although Waupaca wrapped up tournament play with a 7-1 loss to Black River Falls, the Comets picked up wins over Green Bay United and East/Merrill United.

### BR Falls 7, Waupaca 1

The Tigers took a 3-0 lead in the first period and never trailed Dec. 29.

Cael Prey scored for Waupaca in the first period to cut the lead to 3-1. Black River Falls came up with another goal in the second period and three more in the third while outshooting the home team 47-31.

### Waupaca 10, GB United 2

Prey and Nate Hines combined for seven of the Comets' 10 goals on Dec. 28 and each player had a hat trick before the third



Brogan Hirte and the Waupaca boys' hockey team played three games over the holiday weekend at the Waupaca Ice &amp; Expo Center.

Greg Seubert Photo

period started.

Prey scored three of Waupaca's five goals in the first period, while Nate Hines added a goal in the first period and found the net three times in the second period.

Thor Kallestad, Benji Becker, and Thomas Thiel scored for Waupaca as the Comets outshot the Gryphons 54-20.

### Waupaca 6, E/M United 4

Waupaca trailed 2-1 heading into the second period on Dec. 27 before outscoring the Bluejacks 5-2 the rest of the way.

Five players scored for Waupaca, as Blake Schoenecker led the way with a pair of goals. Prey, Thiel, Hines and Gavin Grant also scored for Waupaca.

The Comets will play at Altoona Friday, Jan. 3, for a nonconference game before resuming Great Northern Conference play Monday, Jan. 6, at Medford.