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LOCAL



Waupaca residents kicked off 2025 with a polar plunge hosted by the Indian Crossing Casino. It was a balmy 15 degrees and the event raised funds for the Waupaca County Sheriff Dive Team. Emily Doud Photo



Habitat for the endangered snuffbox mussel was buried under sediment when the dam breached. Emily Doud Photo

Endangered mussels at risk

Dam breach buries habitat

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA — After the dam breach July 5 in Manawa, a federally listed endangered species has a questionable future in the Little Wolf River.

The snuffbox mussel is mostly found in the Midwestern United States, and they are found generally in pristine habitats which create a diverse population of mussels, said Nick Utrup, an ecologist with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

“The best mussel bed for snuffbox was right downstream of the dam, it sounds like [the habitat] was all buried up to two feet of sediment,” said Utrup. “It’s a complete loss there unfortunately.”

Utrup said the snuffbox mussel was previously found throughout the Wolf River, upstream to Shawano and Waupaca; however the populations have significantly decreased.

This could be due to human caused degradation of the environment or changes in flow or temperature said Utrup.

Mussels

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Master of disaster steps down

Carlin set to retire

BY JAMES CARD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA — Andy Carlin, the county’s safeguard against chaos and catastrophe, is retiring. He has served as the Waupaca County Emergency Management Director for 23 years. During this time, he’s dealt with blackouts, handled toxic chemical spills, searched for crashed military aircraft in the middle of the night (didn’t happen, the caller was confused) and investigated earthquake activity when Clintonville was hammered by a series of mysterious booms.

Over the years, none of these adventures particularly stand out. He has a hard time explaining the work he does. To Carlin, it’s not what happens; it’s how you react to it and he responds the same way every time: follow the plan. “Every incident is the exact same thing, it’s just got a different title,” said Carlin.



Andy Carlin (right) is retiring after 23 years as Waupaca County’s Emergency Management Director. His replacement is Zac Van Asten (left). James Card Photo

Much of his job is assessing risks and hazards, writing plans for them, testing the plan and updating the plan and sharing it with people who need it. He sees this work as a team effort and is humble of how it is created.

He’s developed emergency plans for all school districts in Waupaca County. Carlin works with administrators to assess risks and they have yearly meetings. Besides schools, he’s also

networked with the county’s seven electrical utilities to navigate long-term power outages.

Once a logger dropped a tree on an energized line and knocked out power in Fremont. In the spring, there is a threat of wildfires and he coordinates with the DNR and local firefighters to face that risk. “Most of our day is spent with first responders whether its police, fire, EMS or public

works,” said Carlin.

Carlin previously worked as a paramedic and one disaster put him on course to take on the emergency management position in Waupaca County in March 2002. It was the Weyauwega train derailment that occurred on March 4, 1996. As a member of a county hazmat team, he was an officer on the incident command team for 21 days. “That’s what pushed me into emergency management—that train derailment,” said Carlin.

Local to federal

“We don’t do to house fires. But if the entire block is on fire, we go to that,” he said. “When the tornado hits, we go out there. How do we get us back to normal? That’s working with elected officials, our state office, FEMA if we have to. If they can’t find the resources, we find the resources. We go right up to the state level to get resources.”

Carlin

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Trash in compost bins

Headaches for city employees

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE — Trash being placed in the city of Clintonville’s brush and compost bins has become a more common occurrence, which creates problems for the city and more work of city employees.

That was the message that Clintonville Public Works Director Justin Mc Auly relayed to the Clintonville Public Works Committee when it met Dec. 19.

The two bins are owned by Clintonville Area Waste Services (CAWS), but are city deposit sites for brush and compost. Mc Auly said people dumping trash in the brush and compost bins has been a problem

for “a long time.”

Committee member Tammy Strey-Hirt said the city should install a camera in the area.

Mc Auly said installing a camera would require the city to obtain a cellular plan. He said that could cost around \$50 per month.

Committee member Aimee Ebert suggested the city install a trail camera in the area.

Mc Auly said a trail camera could be a possibility, but wondered if such a camera would be able to provide images that would allow city officials to read the license plates of vehicles.

“A lot of the people that are dumping here are not city residents, and that’s

Compost

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More New London 2024 highlights

Year in review part II

BY JOHN FAUCHER
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON — The second half of 2024 witnessed an abundance of public and private construction projects in and around the New London area.

June

New London City Council voted 7-1 to consolidate five polling sites at four different locations into three physical addresses. The new consolidated polling sites are the Municipal Center, which is also the central count location, the Washington Center and the American Legion Hall.

It was reported the city’s



The New London Area Chamber of Commerce held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new market rate apartment building downtown Tuesday, June 18. By late fall, S.C. Swiderski construction crews had the four story building nearly enclosed. The building includes 98 apartment units and is set to open in late 2025.

John Faucher photo

public access channel would be going back to operational within six months, after having been out of service since March 2023. Issues with old equipment at the city cable station and reception failures on Charter’s end were re-

solved and council approved \$7,032 for equipment fees and set up.

Park and Recreation Director Ginger Sowle successfully wrote and applied for an 80/20 grant that netted \$105,000 award towards

a new senior transit bus. The city will pay \$37,985 towards the purchase. The new van should be in use by spring 2025.

S.C. Swiderski, the City of New London and New London Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony downtown for a new apartment building Tuesday, June 18, 2024. The 98-unit four-story market rate apartment building will feature unit sizes ranging from 421 to 1,200 square feet. Each unit includes an outdoor balcony, in-unit laundry. The building will also have a fitness center, yoga studio, community room and an outdoor patio overlooking the Wolf River. Completion

Highlights

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CARLIN

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He points out the Wisconsin rarely gets any FEMA funding. The state was approved only once during his tenure and that was for the summer storms of 2019. He applies for FEMA aid on the county level but there is a threshold—an area must incur around \$12 million in damage before the Fed's even consider the emergency.

One instance where Waupaca failed to meet the disaster criteria was the April blizzard of 2018 where around 30 inches of snow came down fast and hard. "We tried to get FEMA declaration on that one. You have to have a snowfall that is ten percent greater than your last record. We blew that out of the water, and we had to meet our county-

dollar threshold. We met all that [criteria]. We sent it to FEMA and FEMA says, 'Ah, you guys live in Wisconsin. You're used to that. We're not going to give you anything.' What frosts me is the way they said it. What about New Orleans? What about their hurricanes and flooding? That happens to them all time," said Carlin.

It was the same for a sub-zero arctic blast that happened around a decade ago that resulted in massive damages in frozen pipes and sewer lines. Same dismissal from the Fed's: It's Wisconsin—what do you expect? Carlin points out that if a disaster happens during an election year, getting a FEMA declaration is easier as it makes the current party on the campaign trail look good in the public eye.

He's on the lookout for

what he calls the "ripple effect," such as something happening in a distant city that makes its way to Waupaca. For example, a school shooting with heavy media coverage could inspire another one on the other side of the country. The ripple effect is following trends such as during the Covid pandemic, many people fled the cities and stayed in their northern cabins during the off-season.

The Waupaca split

Sometimes it looks bad but it's not so bad. A tanker carrying nitrogen once crashed on U.S. Highway 10. A gaseous miasma covered the area. "But it's just nitrogen. Its part of the air we breathe. It's not a big deal. But it looks bad when you're driving by and see

this big cloud around this truck," said Carlin. Waupaca County has a Type 3 hazmat team which means they called upon to help out anywhere in the state.

Waupaca has some low-threat characteristics. Besides the recent breach of the Manawa dam and annual high water on the Wolf River, Waupaca isn't prone to heavy flooding.

There is also an unexpected phenomenon of storms splitting off in Portage County before they reach Waupaca and they edge around the county. "Nobody can explain it to me. Honest to God. I've heard it's the granite in the soil, like a magnetic field. I've heard of atmospheric pressure from Lake Winnebago. I have no idea. I like it. We've avoided a lot of stuff. I've had so many

split and go around us. We get a lot of storms but a lot of them miss us, too," said Carlin.

The Protégé

His last day is Jan. 29. His replacement is Zac Van Asten, a natural fit as he grew up in a family of first responders. He's a Waupaca High School grad and studied fire science and emergency management training at Fox Valley Technical College. He started in mid-December and is shadowing Carlin until his departure. Not that it's necessary as he said he's known Carlin forever and has followed his work his entire life. He's been a firefighter for seven years and a hazmat team member for ten years. He's taken a number of continuing education classes

in emergency management and both men point out that that's a big part of the job. "I've very humbled. Andy has built a legacy here. I don't want to change it—I want to grow from it," said Van Asten. Both got their ham radio licenses and they speak highly of Waupaca's ham radio community, Waupaca County ARES (amateur radio emergency communications) and see them as a huge asset in county-wide emergencies.

Carlin has loose plans for his retirement—some woodworking, some motorcycle riding, maybe a part-time job. "Andy doesn't sit still," said Van Asten. This winter you might bump into him on Nordic Mountain where he is longtime volunteer ski patrol member.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Finding the Perfect Someone

Dear Reader,

Life's treasures aren't measured in material possessions like a sleek car or a spacious mansion. You could have all of these things, but without someone to share them with, what do they really mean? Isn't life truly about finding that perfect someone—a person who turns the ordinary into extraordinary?



We long for someone who is more than just a partner; someone who is witty, who lights up the room with a smile, and who can turn even the dulllest moments into something unforgettable. This is the person who finishes your sentences, who has your back without question, who loves you with a fierce loyalty that never wavers.

Together, you become more than just individuals; you are a team, a unit that others see as one. Friends and family expect to see you together, and even children instinctively ask for the other when only one is present.

But what happens when that magical connection is suddenly severed? How do you navigate life without the person who brought joy to your every day, who was your constant in a world full of change? How do you move forward knowing that no one will ever quite match what they brought to your life?

Finding the perfect person means everything. It's a rare and beautiful gift that, once lost, leaves a void nothing else can fill.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

MUSSELS

FROM PAGE 1

One of the things that helped to create such a strong habitat for the mussels was also the log perch, which is the snuffbox mussels' host fish. Utrup said the population could make a comeback. He believes the sediment that is there will take a while to move, essentially creating an alternate habitat structure that may not be conducive to snuffbox mussels. Removing the dam could help create new habitat capabilities to the mussel that were not there previously which would be creating habitat upstream that may not have been there before.

"Even though that bit of habitat was lost there could be new areas that could be established upstream, so that's a benefit of there not being a dam there," he said.

Rebuilding the dam itself he said will not make a difference on the destroyed habitat, where he believes the habitat will take many years to repair if it is able to repair itself at all. Stabilizing the shoreline will also not increase the snuffbox populations just past the dam; however minimizing sedimentation and reducing disturbance could help them reestablish in the area, as there are a few populations downstream that could eventually create a strong mussel bed again.

"If a dam were to be built there it's going to create a lot of disturbance, disturbance in that area is not going to help anything, so the best thing you could probably do is try and stabilize that and maybe recreate the natural river in that area," said Utrup.

Along with the snuffbox mussel the salamander mussel is also proposed to be put on the endangered species list, Utrup said that area just downstream of the dam is a diverse mussel bed.

Mussels, with the exception of zebra mussels because they are an invasive species, are integral to a strong river habitat as they filter water, are a source of food and they also help to

stabilize the river bottom.

"They do serve a vital purpose and I think most people would sympathize with the fact that we need critters like that to help keep our systems clean," said Utrup.

Utrup is also consulting on the bridge that is set to be replaced in 2026 on County Highway B, where the snuffbox mussel will need to be researched as well to mitigate any harm done to the populations downstream.

"It was pretty disheartening actually, for that population of snuffbox to be basically buried," said Utrup. "Hopefully we can get them back because we don't have many good places like that left."

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Waupaca NEWS

Bowhunters stalk city deer

WAUPACA – The regular state deer hunting season is over but camouflaged hunters skulking along forest edges within the city limits are participating in this year's annual managed deer hunt. The goal of this hunt is to cull the resident deer population to reduce auto collisions and to prevent the over browsing of vegetation. This special season will run

from Jan. 6 to March 31.

Hunters must agree to numerous rules set forth by the city of Waupaca. They will only hunt on selected tracts of large land such as the city airport, the cemetery, the recycling center and the Waupaca Country Club. Only antlerless deer are killed. Hunters can only use bows or crossbows and

must have a bowhunting license.

Roger Hansen is the hunt organizer and 20 deer tags will start the hunt and more could be acquired if hunters are successful. If hunters do not want the deer they harvest, the venison will be donated to a local food pantry. Interested hunters can sign up by filling out and submitting a form on the city's website.

Ascension info compromised

WAUPACA – The healthcare company Ascension sent out a Dec. 19 letter to patients and former patients that their computers were hacked. "On May, 8, 2024, we detected unauthorized activity on certain of Ascension's technology systems resulting from a ransomware attack. Upon discovering the unauthorized activity, we initiated an investigation with the assistance of leading cybersecurity experts.

Through this investigation, we found evidence that on May 7 and 8, a cybercriminal obtained a copy of certain files containing personal information of our patients and associates," wrote Jenna Mihm, Ascension's chief compliance officer.

It was determined that medical information of all kinds, payment information, insurance information, government identification and other personal informa-

tion were in the individual files swiped by the hackers.

In return, Ascension offered patients, at no cost, identify theft protection services from IDX which includes 24 months of credit monitoring.

In 2021, Aspirus Health took ownership from Ascension Wisconsin of seven hospitals, 21 physician clinics, and transport services in north and central Wisconsin.

Superintendent search

Board shaves down contenders

WAUPACA – The search for a district administrator narrows. The Waupaca Board of Education while working with headhunting firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), is whittling down candidates. Through January the board will have numerous closed sessions regarding the hiring process.

On Jan. 2, they reviewed the current candidates. On Jan. 6, the board will inter-

view and identify semi-finalists and on Jan. 7, they will do more of the same. Jan. 14 will be the next regular board meeting but also they will go into a closed session to review district administrator contracts. On Jan. 27 they will conduct interviews for the finalists.

In between these deliberations, the public has a chance to offer some input in the selection process.

In a memo to parents, the school district will have three candidates selected after Jan. 7 and those chosen three will participate in a "Day in the District" on Monday, Jan. 13. The can-

didates will tour the school district properties and at the end of the day, they will be put in the hot seat in three public forums held at the Waupaca Middle School performing arts center. Parents, school staffers and community members are invited. It will be hosted by Mike Ritchie from HYA. The three sessions are from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for candidate 1, 6:35 to 7:05 for candidate 2 and 7:10 to 7:40 for candidate 3. They will be given the exact same questions and the audience has the opportunity to give feedback digitally.

Manawa NEWS



The Tomorrow River Trail will be extended to Depot Street in Manawa. The train bridge will be renovated as part of the trail. Emily Doud Photo

Tracks to trail extension

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – A possible extension of the Tomorrow River Trail to Depot Street in Manawa could be coming in 2026 with the removal of train tracks that are obsolete.

Currently the Tomorrow River Trail head in Manawa is located on Wolf Road and the extension would bring the trail further into the city, coming out near Smith's Manawa Steak House and B & B Automotive on Depot Street.

John Francis, the Parks and Recreation director for Waupaca County, said extending the trail into the city is something he has wanted to do for a while.

Francis said the reason they have been unable to complete the project is because the train tracks and train bridge between Wolf Road and Depot Street were owned by Canadian National and he was never able to contact them despite years of trying.

Canadian National had an easement to the bridge that said as long as there are tracks on the bridge that it could not be used recre-

ationally said Francis.

Canadian National has recently been sold to Watco, a company out of Kansas.

Francis said he contacted Watco who responded and agreed and told Francis to get the easements and paperwork ready and send it to them to get the easement adjusted to allow the bridge to be used as part of the Tomorrow River Trail.

Francis said the next step is to ensure the existing structure is sound, so it will need to be inspected and approved to be used recreationally through the state.

Then if the bridge is deemed safe, then they will gather cost estimates in order to work the cost into the budget. The bridge is set to be inspected next summer.

"If the substructure of the bridge is fine we can apply to have a new deck to be put up on it with railings," said Francis. "Realistically if we get an inspection done this summer the idea is that we would apply for grants going into next fall."

Francis said he wants to know the health of the structure before he begins applying for grants for the project.

The trail can also be used for snowmobiling in the winter; however, in order for it to be approved for snowmobiling the bridge must be rated for 25,000 pounds, being that it was a railroad bridge Francis said he does not foresee that to be a problem. The bridge will be a very unique addition to the trail, being that it is 25 to 30 feet off the ground.

Should everything go according to plan, Mary Craig, a community member on the Little Wolf Trail committee, said they are also hoping to extend the current Little Wolf River Trail to this new addition to the Tomorrow River Trail.

The trail by the river originally started when the Craig family wanted a trail to walk by the river, soon others started using it and they decided to develop and create the recreational trail for all to enjoy.

Craig said they received a donation to extend the trail and intend to do so as soon as they can.

The addition to the trail will include a scissors walkway up to the bridge, so there will not be the need for stairs, as well as a picnic area next to the river.



Indian Crossing Casino held a Polar Plunge in the frigid temperatures Jan. 1 to help raise money for the Waupaca County Dive Team. Emily Doud photos



Waupaca County Sheriff's report

- Dec. 27 – A King man on County Trunk QQ reported his social security number was compromised while online.
- Dec. 27 – An Iola man on County Trunk G reported his neighbor was playing "Apache war music" on a boom box facing his driveway and the caller thought this to be a threat.
- Dec. 27 – A Waupaca man on Apple Tree Lane reported someone hacked his bank account and he was out \$3,300. It was somehow through a PayPal credit card.
- Dec. 27 – A Marion woman on Buss Road reported her daughter's friend was being harassed by some parents.
- Dec. 28 – A Clintonville woman on 1st Street reported her boyfriend hit her six times with a closed fist after she told him, "Go ahead, hit me." She didn't believe he would do it.
- Dec. 28 – A sergeant from the Berlin Police Department reported he recovered a Waupaca County stop sign.
- Dec. 28 – A New London woman on County Trunk W reported her neighbor will look into her garbage can and tip it over. He also put a boulder in her driveway.
- Dec. 28 – A Clintonville man on Old CC reported his child was not listening. The dispatcher advised him he needs to parent his child. The caller wanted to speak to an officer.
- Dec. 28 – A Fremont woman on Wolf River Drive reported her neighbor sent her harassing text messages and nude pictures.
- Dec. 28 – An Embarrass woman on Depot Street reported her neighbors were fighting and it sound like someone got thrown down some steps.
- Dec. 28 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.
- Dec. 28 – A New London woman on Zirbel Road reported a man was standing on County Trunk B waving his hands.
- Dec. 29 – A Fremont woman on Pine Road reported a suspicious vehicle at the end of her driveway that was sitting there for 30 minutes.
- Dec. 30 – An unknown caller reported a 36-year-old woman was planning to crash her car in order to kill herself.
- Dec. 30 – A Clintonville woman on Meadow Lane reported her TV has a national alert system that goes off and locks up her TV. A person from Spectrum said her TV may be "compromised." The caller said her bank card was hacked several weeks ago.
- Dec. 30 – A Waupaca woman on Commercial Drive reported a male was having a manic episode, making suicidal comments and breaking things.
- Dec. 30 – Rawhide Youth Services reported damage to a toilet lid, sink and light fixture. The youth threatened to damage more stuff.
- Dec. 30 – A Marion man on Graetz Road reported a suspicious blue minivan pulled into his driveway and a person was walking around with a flashlight. When the caller turned on his exterior lights, the person drove away with the headlights off.
- Dec. 30 – An Iola woman on Water Street reported male and female were yelling in the parking lot and the woman was yelling for help.
- Dec. 31 – A Waupaca man on Center Street reported a suspicious male and female were walking down the middle of the street. They came to his door and were talking super fast and the female wanted to trade him a bottle of soap for some other item.
- Dec. 31 – A Waupaca woman on McAllister Road reported she has fuel all over her, cannot lift the gas can and wants to go home. She said people were drunk and uncooperative.
- Jan. 1 – An Iola man on Adams Street reported hearing someone yelling for help. He observed a woman crying outside. A male came out of the house and told him to get off his property.
- Jan. 1 – Kwik Trip in Waupaca on Fulton Street reported a suspicious black Chrysler with tinted windows in the employee parking area that had been hanging out there all week.
- Jan. 1 – A New London woman on Kanaman Road reported her daughter recently made suicidal comments.
- Jan. 1 – A Manawa woman on State Highway 22-110 reported a juvenile was add to a Snapchat group and a juvenile in the group threatened that a house would be shot up.
- Jan. 1 – Rawhide Youth

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Stevens Point NEWS

Riverfront Rendezvous announces headliners

STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department announced the headliners for this year's Riverfront Rendezvous running Thursday through Saturday, July 3-5, at at Pfliffer Pioneer Park.

The festival features three stages of musical entertainment and provides free, family fun activities with no tickets or entrance fee required.

July 3

Little Texas will perform Thursday, July 3.

The country band burst

on the scene in the early 1990s, with songs written, recorded, and performed exclusively by the members themselves, quickly becoming one of the top vocal bands of the decade.

During its heyday, Little Texas racked up 12 Top 20 singles (with 7 Top 10s and 3 No. 1s) and received multiple Grammy, CMA and ACM nominations, winning the ACM for Top Vocal Group of 1994. To date, band members have continued to write or co-write, record, and play every note on every single they've released.

"It's amazing that the run we had was 30 years ago,

and here we are, still out there touring and having a blast, if not the most fun we've ever had," said Porter Howell (lead guitar and lead vocalist) on the band's website. "We are very grateful to still be playing these songs for fans and to look out and see people who could not have possibly been alive back then singing every word is so gratifying."

July 4

Friday features two co-headliners – Armchair Boogie and Crown Jewels.

Armchair Boogie is a Wisconsin-based quartet is

known for their harmonies, originals, and choice covers, along with unforgettable live performances.

The bluegrass-funk band features Augie Dougherty on banjo with Ben Majeska acoustic & electric guitars backed by tight, driving rhythms of Eli Frieders on electric bass and Denzel Connor on drums.

Hailing from Minneapolis, Crown Jewels is a tribute to one of the greatest rock bands of all time – Queen.

this live tribute has no backing instrumental or vocal tracks as it performs all the greatest hits, arena anthems, and top 10 singles

that made Queen one of the most legendary rock bands of all time.

The Crown Jewels blend the vocal layering and studio precision Queen was known for with the grand scope of their live shows. Through the use of elaborate lighting effects, costumes, and staging detail, they recreate, both sonically and visually, the live Queen experience that filled stadiums around the world,

July 5

Brass Differential is a Green Bay band with a sound steeped in the New

Orleans tradition and features a spicy gumbo of musical styles, including funk, brass, soul, R&B and blues. What sets Brass Differential apart, however, is its unique horn-centered sound, anchored in the low end by the sousaphone.

Additional performers will be released to the community as the festival dates draw closer.

Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 5 along the Wisconsin River.

Find the latest information and details at www.RiverfrontRendezvous.com

ADRC senior support programs

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

Pop-Up Dining Event

The ADRC will sponsor a pop-up dining event Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Stevens Point Curling Club at the Sentry Curling Center at 1515 Maple Drive, Plover.

Participants can learn about the history of this popular winter sport, watch a demonstration, and maybe venture out onto the ice. Registration is required and space is limited. Call Lisa at 715-347-4856 no later than Jan. 16 to reserve a spot.

Community Connections

Rural Community Connections Task Force of Portage County helps seniors combat social isolation and loneliness by joining in Community winter celebrations:

- Jan. 17 at Food & Farm Exploration Center in Plover from 3-6 p.m.
- Jan. 31 at Amherst Jensen Center from 3-6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 at Rosholt Lions Camp from noon to 4 p.m.
- Feb. 22 at Almond-Bancroft School from noon to 4 p.m.
- March 7 at Village Park in Junction City from 3-6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome for fun activities and free food.

To find out more or to get involved go to www.co.portage.wi.gov/RCCT.

Nutrition program

The nutrition program is open to Portage County seniors age 60 and older. Call the ADRC Nutrition Program for more information or to register as indicated below. Donations of \$5 per meal are appreciated. No eligible participant will be denied a meal based on ability to contribute toward the cost of the meal.

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

- Stevens Point: Lincoln Center. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations are required one or more days in advance by calling 715-346-1421.
- Plover*: Municipal Building, 2400 Post Road. Serving at noon every Tuesday.
- Amherst*: Jensen Center, 487 North Main St. Serving at noon every Wednesday with bingo after.
- Junction City*: Park Lodge, 224 Case Ave. Serving at 11:45 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month.
- Rosholt*: Nelson-Kaminski American Legion Post 509, 290 Grand Ave East. Serving at noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

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

UWSP announces Title IX administrator

STEVENS POINT – An experienced administrator at Gannon University has been named the new assistant to the chancellor for affirmative action and Title IX at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Joseph Primiano will begin his new role at UW-Stevens Point on Jan. 6, 2025. The position ensures compliance with state and federal laws, Universities of Wisconsin policies and campus policies and reports to Chancellor Thomas Gibson.

Primiano served as the Title IX coordinator and director of the Office of Student Accountability and Prevention Education at Gannon University. He also taught criminal justice courses, chaired the Sexual Miscon-

duct Committee and served in several university groups, including the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee, Bias Incident Response Team, Behavior Intervention Team and University Legislative Advisory Committee.

He also is owner and president of Ohio Title IX, LLC, a higher education consulting and advising company.

He holds a juris doctor from Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, as well as a degree in criminal justice administration from Tiffin University.

Primiano has been active in his community, serving the City of Mentor Board of Building and Zoning

Appeals and the Cleveland Community Police Commission.

"Joseph's extensive experience in higher education, law and Title IX administration ensures that UW-Stevens Point will maintain its compliance with institutional policies, laws and regulations, preserving a safe and inclusive learning community for students, faculty and staff," said Chancellor Gibson. "I look forward to having him as part of our team."

Title IX is a federal civil rights law set in place as a part of the Education Amendments of 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any educational setting that receives funding from the government.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Honor Society to induct members

WEYAUWEGA – The Weyauwega-Fremont Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its induction ceremony for new members at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, in the high school auditorium.

Juniors and seniors have been selected on the basis of their scholarship, service, leadership and character. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Mr. Cody Chase, a 2014 graduate of Weyauwega Fremont

High School. He went on to Ripon College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science with an Athletic Training emphasis while playing football all four years for the Red Hawks. After graduating in 2018, Cody obtained his master's degree in Exercise Physiology with a strength and conditioning emphasis from Carroll University in 2019.

Cody is employed at Bellin Health Titledown where

he is a strength coach and Tactical Leader of the Bellin Health Sports Medicine Department. He is married to his wife Morgan Chase; they have one son Dawson. When Cody is not working, he enjoys time with his family, being active outdoors, and hunting.

There will be a short reception following the ceremony in the high school commons. The public is invited.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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Services reported multiple juvenile runaways.

• Jan. 2 – A Manawa woman on Bridge Street reported both of her neighbors told her she was a whore. She wanted to speak to officers about the harassment.

• Jan. 2 – A Waupaca man on Main Street reported his mailbox was smashed and a side mirror was left behind.

• Jan. 2 – A Waupaca woman on McAllister Road reported "they are not letting her leave." There was screaming in the background.

• Jan. 2 – A Weyauwega woman on Reek Road reported her 21-year-old daughter took ten Xanax and locked herself in a car.

• Jan. 2 – A Marion woman on Main Street reported she was kicked out of her parent's home. She had been living there for a couple months.

• Jan. 2 – A Clintonville woman on Dennison Road reported her father used his truck to kick up rocks at her

and her boyfriend.

• Jan. 3 – A Clintonville man on Dennison Road reported a smashed mailbox.

• Jan. 3 – A Waupaca man on Draeger Road reported his Chevy Silverado was stolen while he was in jail.

• Jan. 3 – A male caller provided the address of an Air BnB. A renter had a problem with the thermostat so he said he was going to heat the house with the oven.

• Jan. 3 – JR's Sportsman's Bar reported five to six people were fighting outside in the parking lot. The caller could see blood.

• Jan. 3 – ACR Repo reported they would be repossessing a 2021 Chrysler Voyager.

• Jan. 4 – A female caller reported a juvenile was threatening to kill family members and has been violent in the past.

• Jan. 4 – A Weyauwega woman on High Street reported a situation with a juvenile playing with a dog, screaming, slamming doors and walking home with no shoes on.

• Jan. 4 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile needs evacuation after an attempted suicide by strangulation with a pillowcase.

• Jan. 4 – An unknown caller reported a female was trying to take some pills and trying to kill herself. She has attempted this in the past.

• Jan. 4 – A New London woman on Stage Road reported someone outside was running a "cyber machine" that was messing with her fridge, outlets, furnace and water.

• Jan. 5 – An Ogdensburg woman on County Trunk K reported getting threatening messages from a male who threatened to beat up her stepfather.

• Jan. 5 – A male caller reported he was ice fishing and his tailgate was open when he got home. He lost a sled, two bags of tip-ups, ice fishing rods and a hand auger.

• Jan. 5 – A Marion man on Riverview Drive reported a suspicious vehicle on Garfield Avenue.

• There were 16 deer-related calls during this period. Fourteen controlled burns were called in. A Clintonville woman reported four inches of manure on the road. A cell caller reported two black horses in the roadway. A medium-sized black and white dog was found on Apple Tree Lane. ThedaCare New London reported woman was bitten by a dog. An anonymous caller reported a loose pit bull was roaming on neighboring properties.

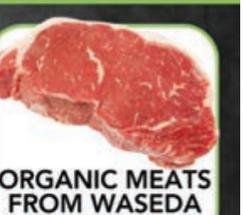


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New London & Hortonville NEWS

Board president seeks goals for football program

Hearing 'concerns' in New London

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – During a report regarding the 2024 fall co-curricular activities for the New London School District, goals for the district's football program were discussed.

At the board's Dec. 11 meeting, Philip Sloma, district activities director, gave the report. At the end of the report,

Board President Chris Martinson told Sloma that the board has received "a lot of concerns from the community, from the parents on the football program of our high school."

Martinson asked Sloma if he has developed goals for the football program for the coming year.

"Are there goals that are measurable that you can tell us about, without going into the personnel aspect, just talking about general goals, things like improvement, parent engagement," Martinson asked.

Sloma said those conversations take place with coaches at the end of each sports season. The district constantly

talks about ways it can improve engagement from athletes and parents, and also ways to build a good climate and culture for the sports programs.

He added that measurable steps have been put in place to make sure the goals are achieved.

Martinson asked Sloma if he could share some of the measurable steps that have been put in place for the district's football program.

Sloma said conversations have been held with eighth-grade students at New London Middle School, who will be freshman players next year. Conversations have also been held with current football players in the district to see what they would like to see improved with the football program.

Current players recruiting other students to participate in football and other sports is also important, Sloma said.

Board member Mark Grossman asked Sloma if there is a perception of a problem with the football team that the district needs to address in order for it to achieve the next level.

Superintendent Scott Bleck said that with any sports program in the district, the goal is to be "successful."

"Successful doesn't always mean the wins, losses within

a co-curricular high school-based, middle school-based program," Bleck said. "So, I think (it's) examining what those elements are that we deem as success. Is it the wins and the losses, or is it looking at all, that whole picture that builds success from within?"

Bleck added, "Mr. Sloma, all our coaches, co-curriculars as a whole are grounded in student-based academic athletic opportunities."

Martinson said the district is doing "very well" with extra-curricular activities and co-curricular activities.

"My questioning with what's happening on the football program, I don't think takes away anything from that," Martinson said. "The football program is a very visible program, and it is cutting edge in a lot of districts."

He added that he's heard many good things about the program, but not specific measurements for the program.

Bleck interjected that Sloma shouldn't be put on the spot to provide specific answers without the opportunity to prepare for such questions.

Martinson said a timetable should be shared as to when those answers can be provided.

HIGHLIGHTS

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is anticipated by December 2025.

The New London Community Fund reached a \$200,000 milestone from 71 donors. The fund, which can be thought of like a community savings account, will be a lasting source of funding dedicated to supporting charitable organizations in the New London area.

July

The New London yard waste collection site became available to Town of Caledonia residents who buy a permit and sticker as of July 1. The township also pays a set fee of \$425 per month for its residents to use the site.

The City of New London changed its room tax policy to bring it up to current state standards and give 70 percent of what it collects for the tax directly to the city's tourism entity, which is the Chamber of Commerce. From there the Tourism commission has the oversight of those funds.

New London School Board members debated increasing the number of foreign exchange students it allows from three to up to five during the next school year.

Brooke R. Sprang was hired as the new senior vice president of human resources at First State Bank. She brings 15 years HR experience and holds a master's degree in management and organizational development and a bachelor's degree in human resources management.

The New London School Board submitted a resolution to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards regarding Title IX in K-12 education. The proposed resolution sought to bar boys from participating on girls' teams. The board voted 5-0 in favor to advance the resolution.

August

Griebenow Eyecare celebrated a major business expansion at their 105 Northridge Drive, New London Clinic. The expansion included construction of a 2,410 square-foot addition and remodel of the existing clinic. The total project included 5,442 square feet.

The New London Economic Development Committee voted to submit a design and planning application to the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture at UW-Madison for a downtown placemaking project.

Authorities retrieved the body of a 22-year old Sheboygan man from the Wolf River on Aug. 22 after a late night incident where the young man fell from the Pearl Street Bridge. It was reported that the sub-



"Miss Judy" Moeller

ject had climbed up on the bridge railing, struck his head and fell to the water.

September

The intersection of U.S. Highway 45 and State 15 in New London closed for five weeks beginning Sept. 16. The closure was due to traffic improvements at the U.S. 45 railroad crossing. The U.S. 45 traffic was temporarily detoured through town causing much congestion at certain intersections, which was magnified by the fact that downtown reconstruction was still ongoing.

Residents of the Twin River Condominium Association asked the city to vacate an easement that could one day be used for a trail along the Wolf River on New London's east side running parallel to the condos located off of East Wolf River Ave. Questions about the history of the easement and shoreline maintenance were brought up. The vacation was later dropped at the request of the association.

New London was designated a Gold Tier Connect Community for 2025 by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The designation is one of only six in the state and will allow New London to take advantage of one or all of three programs including, property design request, an event impact study, or a local market profile until July 2025.

The City finance and personnel committee discussed increasing the terms of Mayor and city council members from two to four years. Several council members felt the longer term would allow newly elected officials more time to get used to their new roles. After a lengthy discussion, the proposal failed.

October

The New London Lions Club Celebrated its 100th anniversary with a special banquet on Oct. 2 The club pledged \$100,000 to local community projects over the next 10 years. Special guest Dick Bennett was the keynote speaker for the evening. Bennett served as New London Bulldog Basketball head coach from 1969-72. Several members of his former teams were on hand to celebrate.

The New London Public Library received a \$3.9 million state grant. Governor Tony Evers announced the grant award on Oct. 7. The

funds will help pay to convert the former First State Bank building into new space for the library. The new space will include six classrooms, a science lab, and three computer labs with 30 desktop computers. The funding will also help the library increase its broadband speed and technology, improve digital access and enhance the library's STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) center.

The newly constructed Aldi grocery store in New London held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 31.

November

The New London School District will utilize services from CESA 6 during the transitioning period for its director of teaching and learning position. The post was left open in October after the district's teaching and learning director Danielle Sievert left her position.

The City of New London approved a \$4.01 million dollar 2025 budget, which broke down to a \$2.99 million for General Fund tax levy and \$1.02 million for the debt service levy.

The New London Public Museum and Friends of the NLPM presented a multi-year collaborative expansion plan. The expansion will be done in phases over the next seven to nine years. New London Public Museum is one of only five multi topic museums in the state of Wisconsin.

December

Downtown business owners, city officials and citizens celebrated the reopening of downtown New London with a ribbon cutting Friday, Dec. 6 to start out the 2024 Winter Wonderland Parade. The event celebrated the completion of a two-year multimillion-dollar downtown reconstruction project.

The New London City Council approved a developer's agreement to sell city owned property to Der Wolf Garden LLC to develop a beer garden at the intersection of Wolf River Avenue and Smith Street. The developer will put up a \$550,000 building.

"Miss Judy" Moeller officially retired from the Day Care Center of New London on December 20, after teaching there for 42½ years. She taught every age group from infants to age 11. Children and staff at the school held a special retirement celebration and Christmas performance in her honor. "She's going to be greatly missed around here," said Sue Schramm, assistant director of the Day Care Center of New London. "She's always been a kid at heart, I think that's why the kids love her so."

Partnership for grants

NEW LONDON – The New London Area Chamber of Commerce has announced a new initiative aimed at fostering community growth, development and collaboration in the New London area. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director April Kopitzke said that the New London Area Foundation would focus on supporting projects and programs benefiting the City of New London, New London School District, and the Chamber.

The foundation will hire a dedicated grant writer to assist all three entities in securing funding for community-based initiatives.

"This partnership is a pivotal step forward in ensuring the long-term success of New London," she said. "The grant writer will work directly with each entity to identify

potential funding opportunities, craft compelling grant proposals, and enhance the community's capacity to secure critical resources."

The initiative would also streamline the application process, increase the chance of receiving grants, and make it easier for the three local organizations to access financial support for future respective projects.

By working in unison through the foundation, the chamber, city, and school district can align their goals and maximize the impact of their programs, the release stated.

Having a dedicated grant writer committed to all three organizations will ensure a more efficient and focused approach to securing funding, which translates to more opportunities for our schools, businesses, and community

projects to flourish.

How you can help

Kopitzke said partnership possibilities are available to help launch the program.

Funding collaborations would be used to cover the initial costs associated with recruiting and hiring the grant writer for the first year, ensuring that this collaborative effort has the resources it needs to thrive.

Sponsors will be recognized for supporting New London's growth and ensuring that future generations benefit from this collective effort. Interested sponsors can contact the New London Area Chamber of Commerce at (920)-982-5822 or email director@newlondonchamber.com for more information on how to contribute.

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Waupaca Area 2090

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

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Clintonville NEWS



The merry-go-round and climb-around currently located at W.A. Olen Park in Clintonville will be moved to Bucholtz Park to make room for all-inclusive playground equipment to be installed this year. Bert Lehman photo

Playground swap

Equipment goes to Bucholtz Park

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The merry-go-round and climb-around located at W.A. Olen Park will be moved to Bucholtz Park to help make room for all-inclusive park equipment to be installed this year.

That was the decision that the Clintonville Public Works Committee made when it met Dec. 19.

The all-inclusive park equipment will be installed with the help of fundraising from Down With Mylstones, Inc., a nonprofit 501c3 organization founded by Lisa Hill and her family.

Clintonville Public Works Director Justin Mc Auly said the city is looking at installing a “fairly large” climbing apparatus that will take up the area where the merry-go-round and climb-

around are currently located at W.A. Olen Park. He added that the city was hoping to keep the playground equipment within the current location of playground equipment so the drain tile and mulch bed would not need to be expanded.

“I feel that the non-profit tried its best to bring in some new pieces that kind of replace them,” Mc Auly said.

He added that a new all-inclusive merry-go-round will be installed. The new climbing apparatus is a lot larger, and is more modern with more things to do on it than the current one.

“They tried to replace those two pieces with newer pieces, hoping that we would either relocate, or possibly surplus and get rid of the older ones,” Mc Auly said.

Options

Five options were presented to the committee by Mc Auly, as to what to do

with the current merry-go-round and climb-around.

The first option involved removing both pieces of equipment from W.A. Olen Park and installing them at Bucholtz Park in the Alex Olmsted Memorial Playground. Mc Auly said that playground currently does not have a climbing apparatus or merry-go-round.

The second option involved moving the merry-go-round and the climb-around to the east side of the playground at Olen Park. Mc Auly said this option would reduce the number of trees that would need to be cut down in Olen Park to accommodate moving the equipment.

The third option would be to move the climb-around to Bucholtz Park, and leave the merry-go-round at Olen Park, but move it to the east side of the playground.

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Rotary Student of the Week

Paige Walske was named the Clintonville Rotary Student of the Week.

A Clintonville High School senior, she is the daughter of Leigh and Paul Walske e.

Walske is on National Honor Society and Link Crew. She has served as a youth soccer coach and is presently a elementary school teacher assistant.

She has been on Honor Roll since 2021.

Walske plans to attend college to study political science.



Walske

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the other issue,” Mc Auly said. “This is supposed to be for city residents only. The city taxpayers are paying for the maintenance of this facility.”

One of the concerns about trash being dumped in the brush bin is the fact the brush is chipped each year by a company contracted by the city.

“If they chip something like that (trash) and damage their chipper, who’s going to be liable for that?” Mc Auly asked.

Mc Auly added, “Our compost and brush is not the cleanest right now, and I have a problem with that.”

Ald. Greg Rose, who is also the chairman of CAWS, told the committee that some area brush and compost drop sites charge their residents to dispose of brush and compost.

“So, if you wanted to

rope this into CAWS and put up a fence and extend the CAWS fence to include it, then it would be left to CAWS to charge,” Rose said. “Or, you guys figure out your own way to charge.”

Mc Auly shared information about how some other area communities handle their brush and compost drop sites. Most have a fenced-in area, with some requiring a security card to enter the facility.

“It’s very common to have a gated yard waste, compost site,” Mc Auly said.

Options

Mc Auly acknowledged that one option for Clintonville’s brush and compost bins would be to install a fence around them, as they are not currently fenced in. Moving the bins inside the CAWS fenced area would also be an option.

He added that the goal would be to have the brush bin near the wood chips pile.

“If this gets fenced in, maybe it’s only open the days that CAWS is open,” Mc Auly said.

More signage could be installed, establishing the rules of the site, Mc Auly said.

“That would probably deter some people from going in,” Mc Auly said.

He added, “A lot of places charge contractors that are doing bulk dumping. We don’t, so that could be possible revenue for us.”

Regarding compost, Mc Auly said some municipalities are selling their unscreened compost. That could be another revenue source for the city.

“We’re probably one of the last municipalities that has an unsecured compost yard waste center,” Mc Auly said. “I would like to potentially look at how we can secure this up.”

the east side of the park.

The fifth option would be for the city to surplus both the merry-go-round and climb-around and sell them.

“I’m looking for a recommendation,” Mc Auly told the committee.

Discussion

The committee was told that the company creating

the plan for the installation of the new all-inclusive playground equipment is basing it off what equipment is currently at the location and where it is located. So, if a piece of equipment is going to get moved, the plan designer needs to know now so the plans can be finalized.

The company wants to finish installing the new

equipment by June.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Bonikowska said she preferred moving the merry-go-round and climb-around to Bucholtz Park.

“Mainly for the fact, with all the baseball and soccer and stuff there, more things for the kids to play with,” Bonikowska said. “I feel like it’s really limited there.”

Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

1,100 children get toys

IOLA – The 2024 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots campaign provided toys to around 1,100 area children.

Toys for the campaign were obtained through toy and monetary donations from area residents, organizations and businesses.

Toy donations were collected at more than 30 area businesses and schools in Birnamwood, Bowler, Clintonville, Iola, Manawa, Marion, Rosholt, Scandinavia, Tigerton, Waupaca, and Wittenberg. The monetary donations that were collected were used to purchase toys for the age groups that didn’t have enough toys to fill requests. With those donations, roughly 3,100 toys, 625 books, and 1,000 stocking stuffers were distributed to area children. Those totals were on par with the numbers from the 2023 CWEC Toys for Tots campaign.

“Christmas is supposed to be a joyous time for families, but the financial situations some families face creates an extra burden for them around Christmas,” said Bert Lehman, Toys for Tots coordinator and member relations specialist for CWEC. “Each year area residents, organizations, and businesses come together to help ease that burden for many families, and we are grateful for that help.”

The toys were collected,



Employees at Bank First in Iola with the many donated toys that their customers donated to the 2024 CWEC Toys for Tots campaign. The toys were distributed to area families prior to Christmas. CWEC photo

sorted, and then distributed to communities and families in the CWEC service area. This area covers parts of western Waupaca County (including Iola-Scandinavia and Manawa school districts), northern Portage County (including Rosholt School District), southern Marathon County (including Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District), and western Shawano County (including

Tigerton and Bowler school districts).

For more than 20 years Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) has partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to organize a Toys for Tots campaign in the CWEC service area each Christmas. Through the campaign, CWEC provides help to area families in need by supplying donated toys to the families, so they can

give their children Christmas presents.

The campaign’s success was also aided by the involvement of the departments at the co-op.

“In a span of only two weeks prior to Christmas, toy donations were collected, toys were purchased, and toy requests were filled, in an effort to make Christmas a little brighter for area children and families,” Lehman said.

Iola library hosts dogs for adoption

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The Village of Iola Library will be once again hosting Our Pack Animal Rescue, Inc. with dogs and puppies that are up for adoption.

Our Pack Animal Rescue, out of New London, is an organization that gives animals who reside in high kill shelters a second chance at life through rehab, fostering and finding them a new home.

Lauren Griggs, the Village of Iola children’s librarian, said Our Pack Animal Rescue has been coming and doing events at the library for almost two years.

The next Our Pack event will be held Feb. 4 and start at 5 p.m.

“We have fun educational programs that Our Pack so graciously volunteers to help out with by bringing puppies and dogs that are available for adoption,” Griggs said.

Griggs said Our Pack has been participating in Halloween and Christmas parties as well as assisting in the summer reading program.

This year they will be hosting Our Pack for a Valentine’s Day party, which will include crafts

and games for kids, along with the puppies and dogs.

The Village of Iola Library also has ongoing programming including Babygarten on Mondays at 10 a.m., preschool story time on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Friendly Friday to round out the week.

Babygarten is for babies and caregivers, during this time they will have music, rhymes and age-appropriate books to share.

Preschool story time is for children from newborn to five years old, along with a caregiver, and is an opportunity for learning and reading.

Friendly Friday is time when people can come together at the library to chat and work on a craft, puzzle or anything that you have been working on lately.

There is also a mystery book club once a month, with December’s book being Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon.

For more information on the Village of Iola Library, 180 South Main Street, events you can call 715-445-4330 or you can head to <https://iolalibrary.org>.

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Obituary Notices

Karen Ann Aldinger



Karen Ann Aldinger died peacefully in her own home, surrounded by her family, on December 13th, 2024 at the age of 80.

Karen was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on January 27th, 1944 to Jack and Helida (Christianson) Esler. She was preceded in death by her husband Karl, her parents, her brother Paul Esler, and her sister-in-law Valerie Esler.

Karen majored in Sociology at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin and earned her master's degree in Counseling from UW-Milwaukee.

In November 1977, she married Karl Dean Aldinger. They have five children, Mitchell Aldinger (Sarah), Andy Aldinger, Ames Aldinger, Paul Aldinger, and Berit Stevens (Noel), and. Karen and Karl have four grandchildren, Porter and Jakob (Ames), Aiden (Mitchell), and Eleanor (Berit). She is survived by her sister Mary Ann Esler, her brother John Esler, one nephew David Esler and two nieces Rebecca Esler and Sarah Esler Pearsall.

After earning her masters, she worked as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Wisconsin Rapids. Throughout her life she held numerous leadership positions: president and longtime volunteer for Operation Bootstrap in Stevens Point and coordinator of Holiday Basket in Portage County. As an elected member of the Stevens Point City Council, she served on the City Planning Commission, she was also active in the Boys and Girls Club and a former board member.

In her earlier years, she enjoyed traveling with her daughter Berit to South America, Mexico, Canada, and other places in the United States. They hitchhiked, camped, and even stayed overnight in the gymnasium of a YWCA. Karen was crafty. She loved to sew and had an annual tradition of making Christmas outfits for her daughter, 2 nieces and nephew every year. She later quilted and did basket making. She also loved to read and enjoyed her book discussion group. Karen was happiest at home in her garden or walking in the woods along the Plover River with her dogs. She would often say that the woods were her church. She also loved skiing, biking, hiking in the hills of Montserrat, kayaking, canoeing and basically any outdoor activity. Her love of travel took her around the world where she experienced and enjoyed a multitude of different cultures. She loved all animals and had a menagerie of critters throughout her life.

From a young age she was constantly moving and talking, never failing to make her friends and family laugh with her quick wit and keen humor. Not only was she funny, she loved to connect with others through deep and heartfelt conversations. Her favorite part of campaigning for the city council was going door to door and talking with people and listening to their thoughts and stories. She was a political junkie and said she wanted "Born a democrat and died a democrat" on her gravestone. She had great concern and compassion for people who were struggling. She wanted to be on the front line, in the trenches, close to people who needed help with the basics. That's the kind of woman she was, a generous philanthropist, whose kindness knew no bounds.

The family requests that those who wish to honor her memory consider making a donation in her name to Operation Bootstrap or Boys and Girls Club.

A Celebration of Life for Karen will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pisarski Funeral Home 703 Second Street Stevens Point on Sunday, January 19, 2025. The family will conclude the gathering time with a sharing of memories of Karen.

Pisarski Funeral Homes are honored to be serving the family. For online condolences please visit www.pisarskifuneralhome.com.

Bohrnstedt, David



David Russell Bohrnstedt, formerly of New London, passed away following a short illness on Friday, December 27, 2024 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 91. He was surrounded by his loving family. David was born to the late Agnes and Russell Bohrnstedt on June 5, 1933 in Winona, Minnesota. He grew up in Acadia, Wisconsin, alongside of his brother and sister, George and Mary Lou. David entered the US Air Force during the Korean War, working as an airplane mechanic. He spent most of his time in the Air Force at Hickam Air Base in Hawaii. Following service with the Air Force, David attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison and graduated from the School of Pharmacy. David was a licensed pharmacist for over 50 years. He took pride in serving his community and was a proud business owner alongside his wife, Esther. David married Esther Slaby on November 30, 1957. They raised three children together. They stressed education, hard work, and personal integrity to their children. David cherished family, friends, and fun. He could make anyone laugh and was an especially gifted storyteller. He looked forward to his morning coffee at The Pantry with the gang. They solved world problems during those "meetings"!

David was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Lou and his wife, Esther.

David is survived by his brother, George (Jennifer); children, Mark (Gisela), Lynn (Jeff) and Mike (April) and grandchildren, David, Lara, Madison Marie, Carly, Alecia and Clyde Ivan.

Per David's request, the family will have a small private ceremony with immediate family to celebrate David's life following the New Year.

The family thanks Dr. Judd Pully and his wonderful staff and their dad's entire health care team at ThedaCare Medical Center - Appleton.

In lieu of gifts, please make a DIRECT donation in David's name to either:
NorthEast Wisconsin Old Glory Honor Flight
Shriner's Children's Hospital

Jorgensen, Shirley



Shirley A. Jorgensen, age 89, of Waupaca, passed away peacefully Friday, January 3, 2025 at Bethany Home. She was born in Neenah on March 4, 1935 to Walter and Erna (Kleinschmidt) Drechsel. She was a 1953 graduate of Menasha High School. She worked for many years as a housekeeper at Bethany Home. Shirley was an avid Brewer and Packers fan. She loved family, doing word searches and crossword puzzles, and also enjoyed scrap-

booking. She will be dearly missed by her daughters: Phyllis (Donald) Gustke of Waupaca, Nancy Berg of Waupaca and Lisa Gustke of New London; son-in-law, Jeff Carlson of Waupaca; sister-in-law, Mary Drechsel of Neenah; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Judy Carlson; brothers: Robert, James, Walter and Gerald; and sister, Lois Andrews.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Waupaca. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will take place at Farmington Lutheran Cemetery.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Bethany Home and ThedaCare Hospice for their care of mom.

Soper, Dick



Richard "Dickie" Soper, of Amherst, age 83, passed away of natural causes, on Friday, December 27, 2024, after a sizable family gathering. He was born in Stevens Point on July 14, 1941 to the late Harry and Eva (Wurtinger) Soper. He married Julia Hotchkiss on July 28, 1962. Dickie was a laborer and union member for his working career. Dickie had many friends, from Hurley to Waupaca. He was a very social person. He loved to share all the goodies from his garden with everyone.

He enjoyed doing sign-ins and trying his luck on Packer pools. His cabin in Hurley was one of his favorite places to go. He and Julia would go there for weeks at a time. They could fish all day. If the weather was bad, they could sit and watch nature out of the big picture window, enjoying the warmth from the wood stove in the cabin. He enjoyed hunting and the search for the "big buck". Even when his mobility became limited, he would continue the hunt from the bathroom window.

After Julia's passing, he assumed the duties of bird and deer watching out the dining room picture window. Always making sure they were well provided for. Dickie's kind and loving spirit will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

He will be missed by his children: Rick (Terri) Soper; Anita (Bill) Thompson and Jeff (Maureen) Soper; grandchildren: Nikki and Julia, Cassie and Cody; eight great grandchildren; other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Julia, granddaughter, Amanda; brothers, Johnny, Jim, Harry Jr. "Buck", Tom and sister, Dorothy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The Maple Crest Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Olson-Smith, Gail



Gail Jean Olson-Smith, age 70 passed away peacefully on Friday, December 20, 2024 in Wild Rose, WI. Gail was born on September 6, 1954; daughter of the late William and Joyce (Knutson) Olson in Waupaca, WI. She graduated from Weyauwega High School and earned a Bachelor of Physical Therapy from the University of Utah. Gail was known for her nature pictures especially sunrises and sunsets with shadow ones. She loved her walks whether it be the beach, "wash" or woods. Mom's job was to care for patients but she cared for everything around her. Gail made friends wherever she went.

Gail is survived by her children, Nicole (Lee) Melton, Maile Smith, sisters, Cindy Anderson, Judy Overton, Diana Olson, brother, Brian (Mary) Olson-Bissing and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until time of service at Holly's.

Richards, Shirley

Shirley Dale Richards, 92, of Leawood, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2024. A private celebration of her life will be held over the summer. To view the full obituary, visit www.PenwellGabelKC.com

Shepherd, Ruth

Ruth M. Shepherd, age 86 of New London, formerly of Clintonville, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2024.

Sprenger, Marlyn

Marlyn J. Sprenger, age 72 of the Town of Matteson, passed away on Sunday morning, January 5, 2025.

Ware, Duane

Duane N. Ware, age 92, of Northfield, IL., formerly from Waupaca, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2024.

Legals 7700

Abandoned Property of Bill Zempel Weyauwega Hillside Properties LLC Unit 48
N1615 US Hwy 10
Weyauwega WI 54983
Property includes various miscellaneous items, sale shall commence at 8:00 am on Friday January 31, 2025
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: December 30, 2024
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Court Commissioner in Probate
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Corwin B. Timm
DOD: 10/21/2024
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 24-PR-118
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth September 4, 1957 and date of death October 21, 2024 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 1060 West Fulton Street, Room 127, Waupaca, WI 54981
2. All interested persons waived notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 1, 2025.
2. A claim must be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate.
Form completed by:
Jill M. Lackore
308 St. John's Place, P.O. Box 305
New London, WI 54961
Telephone Number (920) 982-7200
Bar Number 1122502
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Lark Self Storage 5375 Hwy 10, Stevens Point WI will auction the following storage unit on **Bid13.com**.
Sale ends Friday January 24, 2024.
Tenant: Allan Zeatlow Unit Contents: speakers, fishing poles, holiday decor

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSES
in the Village of Junction City
Notice is hereby given that the following application have been filed in the office of the Village Clerk in the Village of Junction City, Wisconsin for the sale of intoxicating liquor in said Village for such class of license and at the location the premises to be licensed in the Village of Junction City, for the license year ending June 30, 2025. All according to Section 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

"CLASS A" LIQUOR AND CLASS "A" BEER
Dolgencorp, LLC, 100 Mission Ridge; Goodlettsville, TN at Dollar General Store #25974; 1257 Main Street, Junction City, WI 54443 Jason Stankowski, Agent.
Village of Junction City, Betty A. Bruski Malek, Clerk
Publish: January 9, 2025

SCHOOL / DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY
Readfield and Sugar Bush Elementary Schools were identified as "Exceeds Expectations;" the School District of New London, New London Intermediate/Middle School and Parkview Elementary School were identified as "Meets Expectations;" Lincoln Elementary School and New London High School were identified as "Meets Few Expectations." Catalyst Academy has a limited number of students and therefore uses an alternative system for accountability. They are recognized with the Alternate Rating of "Satisfactory Progress." New London is also noted as an invested member of the Rural Virtual Academy which was identified with "Exceeds Expectations" for the School District of Medford Public.

New London also has one choice of schools within its boundaries: Emanuel Lutheran School which reports "NO DATA." Further information including the full school report cards can be found on <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>
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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 by and through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
c/o US Attorney
517 East 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:

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 as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 18th day of December,

Legals 7700

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.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
Seneca Mortgage Servicing LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
Charlee R. Hietpas, Daniel R. Cobb, Jane Doe Cobb, State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development and Wright Weber Management LLC
Defendants.

NOTICE OF 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 (1/2) of the North Two-thirds (2/3) of Lot #18 (B), 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.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, Not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of the Aspen Holdings Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust
5700 W. 112th St, Suite 110
Leawood, KS 66211,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Randall W. Wedde, as Co-Trustee, or their successor(s), U/A dated March 2 1999, Entitled Wedde Revocable Trust 96 Sunset Boulevard Clintonville, WI 54929,
Brenda J. Wedde, as Co-Trustee, or their successor(s), U/A dated March 2 1999, Entitled Wedde Revocable Trust 96 Sunset Boulevard Clintonville, WI 54929,
Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service
c/o U.S. Attorney General
ROOM B-103 (Service of Process)
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530,
Cottonwood Financial Wisconsin LLC
Dba The Cash Store
c/o CT Corporation System
301 S. Bedford ST, Suite 1
Madison, WI 53703,
LVNV Funding LLC
c/o Corporation Service Company
8040 Excelsior Drive, Ste. 400
Madison, WI 53717
Unknown tenants, if any, at
96 Sunset Boulevard
Clintonville, WI 54929,
Defendants.

File No. 2022CV000150
W1220010-1
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled action on November 7, 2022, in the amount of \$99,532.82, I will sell at public auction at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981 (front lobby) on **February 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM**, the following described premises:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF CLINTONVILLE, WAUPACA COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED DOC # 590667, DTR 30-23-81-26, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 26, FAIRWAY LAKE ESTATES, CITY OF CLINTONVILLE, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM RANDALL W. WEDDE AND BRENDA J. WEDDE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS SET FORTH IN DOC # 590667 DATED 03/02/1999 AND RECORDED 03/10/1999, WAUPACA COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WISCONSIN. Local Address: 96 Sunset Boulevard, Clintonville, WI 54929 Parcel ID: 30-23-81-26

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES; INCLUDING ANY FIRST MORTGAGE AND/OR PROPERTY TAXES. Check ALL public records before bidding.

TERMS OF SALE:
Down payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price in cash, certified funds, or cashier check made out to the Waupaca Sheriff due at time of sale. The remaining balance due within ten (10) days after confirmation of sale. Third Party Bidders must have filed a Third Party Bidder's Affidavit with the Court prior to confirmation of sale under section 846.155 of the Wisconsin Statutes. **Property will be sold "AS**

MATHEWSON MONUMENTS
750 INDUSTRIAL LOOP RD.
NEW LONDON, WI 54961
NONCOMMISSIONED SALES STAFF
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Tony Knuppel
(920) 733-2938
Local Area Representative
Appleton Marble & Granite
800-472-5506
APPLETONMARBLE.COM

PORTAGE COUNTY TAX DELINQUENT SALE - WISCONSIN SURPLUS ONLINE AUCTION
The following Portage County tax deeded parcels will be offered for sale through the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction.
Bidding information will be available at www.wisconsin surplus.com once the sale begins. Information on the sale will also be available on the Portage County website: www.co.portage.wi.gov.
Sale begins: Friday, January 17, 2025 Sale ends: Thursday, February 13, 2025

Parcel Number	Property Address	Municipality	Minimum Bid
016250716-02.12	0 COUNTY ROAD E	Town of Eau Pleine	To be determined
018220732-14.03	0 DEER ROAD	Town of Grant	To be determined
022221030-09.05	8995 BOELTER LAKE DRIVE	Town of Lanark	To be determined
02823082	8317 KLONDYKE ST	Town of Pine Grove	To be determined
141240602-07.02	BETWEEN MORGAN AVE AND RAILROAD TRACKS	Village of Junction City	To be determined
141500510	BETWEEN BUSINESS ST AND RAILROAD TRACKS	Village of Junction City	To be determined
281230801440002	0 COUNTY ROAD HH	City of Stevens Point	To be determined
281240833302323	0 WELSBY AVENUE	City of Stevens Point	To be determined

Publish: Thursday, December 26, 2024 Pamela R. Przybelski, Portage County Treasurer

Minutes 7725

Creek Road within Lots 1-60 (Parcel ID 281240826400501-281240826400562) of Forest Creek Subdivision. Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the request. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 10. Ordinance Amendment - A request from the City of Stevens Point to amend Chapter 23, Zoning Ordinance, of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point. Said request amends Section 23.04(2) for the purposes of repealing the 'Household Entity Plus' definition and amending the definition of 'Household Entity'. Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve the request. Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to amend to four unrelated occupants overall. Call for the vote: Ayes: Lang, Nays: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Buse, Morrow. Motion failed. Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to amend by increasing both numbers by one from the present policy. Therefore, owner occupied would increase to four unrelated residents and non-owner occupied would increase to three unrelated residents. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Keymer, Birr, Steinmetz, Lang, Buse. Nays: Guthrie, Broderick, Kneebone, Shuda, Morrow. Motion carried. Ald. Lang withdrew his original motion. Ald. Steinmetz withdrew his second. Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to send back to the Planning Commission to allow consideration for an owner-occupied increase to four unrelated residents and a non-owner increase to three unrelated residents. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 11. A request from the City of Stevens Point to establish a Business Park Business Improvement District and its initial operating plan, consistent with Wis. Stats. 66.1109(2)(c). Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to approve the request. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 12. Discussion and possible action on a Clear Zone and Avigation Easement for an unaddressed parcel bounded by State Highway 66 (Parcel ID 281240823230002) and an unaddressed parcel closest to Wellfield Road North (Parcel ID 281240826210001). Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to approve. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 13. A request to execute a Quit Claim Deed between the City of Stevens Point and the City of Stevens Point Airport for the property located at 4401 State Highway 66 (Parcel ID 281240823230001). Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Buse seconded, to approve the request. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 14. Ordinance Amendment - To approve the changes in Chapter 9, Section 9.05 as they relate to Parking. Ald. Buse moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to approve the ordinance. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 15. Ordinance Amendment - To approve the changes in Chapter 9, Section 9.02 and 9.06 as they relate to Speed Limits and Traffic Signs. Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the ordinance. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 16. Ordinance Amendment - To approve the changes in Chapter 9, Section 9.05 as they relate to Permitted Parking. Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the ordinance. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 17. Setting Alderperson salary terms beginning in 2025 and 2026. Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Shuda seconded, to approve the salary terms. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: Kneebone. Motion Carried. 18. ***Preliminary Resolution for Forest Creek Subdivision Project. Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the preliminary resolution. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 19. Resolution on Ending Housing Insecurity and Homelessness. Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Broderick seconded, to approve the resolution. Call for the vote: Ayes: Buse, Lang, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: Morrow, Shuda. Motion carried. 20. Consideration of Claim-USA A Casualty Insurance Company: Driver Collided with City-Owned Vehicle. Ald. Broderick moved, Ald. Christianson seconded, to deny the claim. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 21. Consideration of Claim-Lauren Lutz: Tripped and fell on curb. Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to deny the claim. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 22. Consideration of Claim-Phyllis Carlson: Sewer backup in basement. Ald. Morrow moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to deny the claim. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 23. Consideration of Claim-Ray Cal and Mary Mortell-Ferrone: Sewer backup in basement. Ald. Broderick moved, Ald. Buse seconded, to deny the claim. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 24. Public Hearing on the City Budget for 2025. Mayor Wiza declared the public hearing open. As no one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing. 25. Resolution Adopting the Budget (Capital and Operating) for the City of Stevens Point for the Year 2025. Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Birr seconded, to adopt the budget. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 26. Resolution Appropriating Necessary Funds for the City of Stevens Point for 2025 and Levying the Tax Rate for the Year 2024. Ald. Lang moved, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the resolution. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 27. Resolution Providing for Writing Special Assessments and Special Charges into the Tax Roll for 2024. Ald. Birr moved, Ald. Morrow seconded,

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to approve the provisions. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 28. Enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, relating to the following: A. Discussion relating to the relocation of City Hall. B. Negotiating a Development Agreement in Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) District 5. Ald. Shuda moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to enter into closed session at 9:17 p.m. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: Lang. Motion carried. Ald. Keymer moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to reconvene into open session. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. 29. Reconvene for possible action on the above-referenced closed session items. Item B: Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Lang seconded, to approve the agreement. Call for the vote: Ayes: Christianson, Guthrie, Keymer, Broderick, Birr, Steinmetz, Kneebone, Shuda, Lang, Buse, Morrow. Nays: None. Motion carried. Item A: Ald. Kneebone moved, Ald. Keymer seconded, to approve up to \$25,000 for a study. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Shuda, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson. Nays: None. Motion carried. 30. Adjournment. Adjourned at 10:25 p.m. WNAXLX

Name Change 7730

BY THE COURT Hon. Raymond S. Buber Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF April Lynn Lackowski-Postel By (Petitioner) April Lynn Lackowski-Postel Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV303 NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] April [Middle] Lynn [Last] Lackowski-Postel To: [First] April [Middle] Lynn [Last] Lackowski Birth Certificate: [First] April [Middle] Lynn [Last] Lackowski IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Hon. Raymond S. Huber Place Branch 3, 811 Harding St. Waupaca, WI 54981 Date 01/16/2025 Time 11:45 AM If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the New London Press Star, a newspaper published in New London, Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish Dec. 19, 2024, Jan. 2 & 9, 2025 WNAXLX

BY THE COURT Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 12/12/24 Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Randall Lee Follman By (Petitioner) Randall Lee Follman Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24CV314 NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Randall [Middle] Lee [last] Follman To: [First] Miranda [Middle] Rosalinde [Last] Kirsche-Follmann Birth Certificate: [First] Randall [Middle] Lee [Last] Follmann IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Hon. Troy L. Nielsen Place: Waupaca Co. Courtroom - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981 Date: 1-14-25 Time: 10:00 am If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6460 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Clintonville Tribune Gazette, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Published Dec. 19, 2024, Jan. 2 & 9, 2025 WNAXLX

Notice To Creditors 7735

DATE SIGNED: December 11, 2024 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE C. JOHNSON Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024PR090 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/04/1940 and date of death 03/04/2024, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of 17 SHADOW WOODS LN, WAUPACA, WI 54981. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 13, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, 811 HARDING ST, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: GARY R. VILLNOW, II PO BOX 187 197 N MAIN STREET AMHERST, WI 54406 Telephone 715-824-3311 Bar Number 1021213 Publish Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: December 20, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jill Kallenbrun Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 116 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth June 13, 1962 and date of death December 8, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 720 Wesley Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 21, 2025.

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5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/ Probate office. Form completed by: Atty. Thomas J. Hart HART LAW OFFICE, LLC 100 S. Main St. Waupaca, WI 54981 Telephone 715-258-7633 Bar Number 1041124 Publish Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: December 20, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver Probate Registrar

Deputy Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS A. ISHAM d.o.d. 06/23/2024

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 113

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth April 25, 1954 and date of death June 23, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1505 Dexter Street, New London, WI 54961. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 21, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: Hans R. Thompson P.O. Box 206 Seymour, WI 54165 Telephone (920) 833-6116 Bar Number 1095931 Publish Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: December 26, 2024 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Eugene D. Olsberg DOD: 11/11/2024

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR117

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/12/1938 and date of death 11/11/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 192 Motor Street, Clintonville, WI 54929. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 31, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office/ Rm. 3054. Form completed by: Michael C. Meyer, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 178, 111 Grant Street Marathon, WI 54929 Telephone 715-754-5000 Bar Number 1018364 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: December 31, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver Probate Registrar

Deputy Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ALLAN SORESENSEN DOD 04/20/2024

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR115

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/06/1935 and date of death 04/20/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 107 E. Beckert Road, New London, WI 54961. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 2, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: Joy N. Sisler P.O. Box 5 New London, WI 54961 Telephone (920)779-4140 Bar Number 1086541 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: December 31, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver Probate Registrar

Deputy Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD FRANCIS TOURVILLE DOD 10/23/2024

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR112

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/10/1958 and date of death 10/23/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of E8109 State Road 22, Bear Creek, WI 54922. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 2, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: Joy N. Sisler P.O. Box 5 New London, WI 54961 Telephone (920)779-4140 Bar Number 1086541 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: December 31, 2024 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver Probate Registrar

Deputy Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN L. ZOELK DOD 08/19/2024

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024PR000089

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/15/1960 and date of death 08/19/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 90 Elm Street, Clintonville, WI 54929. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 2, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: Matthew J Linn P.O. Box 5 New London, WI 54961 Telephone 920-779-4140 Bar Number 1066187 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: January 3, 2025 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM PREUSS Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024PR119

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth MAY 5, 1952 and date of death DECEMBER 21, 2024, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, state of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of 204 E WISCONSIN STREET, WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 7, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA

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County Courthouse, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room 3054. Form completed by: ATTY DAVID L WERTH PO BOX 499 121 E MAIN ST WYAUWEGA, WI 54983 Telephone 920-867-2156 Bar Number 1010610 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: January 3, 2025 Electronically signed by Angela Dahle Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Terry A. Ehler DOD 7-27-2023

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 7-17-1991 and date of death 7-27-2023, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 521 N.E. Main Street, Embarrass, WI 54933. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 7, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. Form complete by: James E. Aschenbrener P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166 Telephone 715-524-6258 Bar Number 1008896 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

DATE SIGNED: January 7, 2025 Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTORIA HELEN MEROW DOD 07/10/2024

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024PR000105

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/06/1952 and date of death 07/10/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 110542 Fly Inn Road, Clintonville, WI 54929. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 9, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room Probate office. Form completed by: Matthew J Linn PO Box 5 New London, WI 54961 Telephone 920-779-4140 Bar Number 1066187 Publish Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2025 WNAXLX

Ordinances 7740

Notice of the Town of Matteson Residents (Publish January 9, 2025)

The Matteson Town Board has amended Ordinance #2010-1 "Ordinance Establishing Special or Seasonal Weight Limits" on December 9, 2024, and made it effective on January 9, 2025. This Ordinance has been amended to add the roads Ashley, Hanson, Nature and Peeters to the list of roads where seasonal or special weight limits are enforced. The Ordinance is further amended to remove Kluth Rd. from Ordinance 2010-1. Full review of the Ordinance can be arranged by making an appointment with the Town Clerk at 715-460-2345. The Ordinance is on file at the Matteson Town Hall, N10891 Jepson Rd., Clintonville, WI 54929 in the Town of Matteson Code of Ordinances book. Mike Mehlgren, Clerk Town of Matteson Publish Jan. 9, 2025 WNAXLX

Announcements 7005



Farm Fresh Food Delivered To Your Door! Place Order By 10 pm Wednesday for Friday Delivery. www.farmfreshxpress.com

Sporting Goods 7260

GUN SHOW: January 10,11,12, 2025 Waukesha Expo, 1000 Northview Rd. Waukesha, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm \$8 (Under 14 FREE) Buy/Sell, 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

Wanted to Buy 7268

WANTED: FENTON GLASS CHARLOTTE 715-366-2574

WANTED TO BUY: ANTIQUES, ANY OLD STUFF, TOOLS, FURNITURE - ESTATE ITEMS, ETC. I'LL DIG THROUGH PILES. CALL JERE 715-366-2574

Dogs 7272

After Christmas Sale: Purebred Jack Russell Terrier puppies. First shots and dewormed. \$275 each. 715-921-2989

AKC GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES! 2.M \$400 Serious inquiries only! DOB 11/13 Very nice pup. Shots DEW 715-304-1097 (12/30)

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AKC REG. CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIAL PUPS. DOB 10/24 Shots, DEW. Vet Ck'd \$800. Call 715-644-5726 (1/6)

AUSSIE DOODLE PUPS Shots/Worm/Vet ck'd, can deliver \$300 715-255-2661 (#269146)1/6)nw

Australian Shepherd Black Tri M \$175 Blue Merle F-\$275 11 Weeks Old. Wanted to buy Manx puppy M/F 920-455-4665 (1/6)

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Sports

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS Senior Spotlight Camden Schurk-Pacelli

Capping off his basketball career with a stellar senior campaign, Camden Schurk leads the way for Pacelli as the top scorer in the Central Wisconsin-South, averaging 24.7 points per game.

Camden has been named to the Central Wisconsin-South First Team the last two seasons, leading Pacelli to a conference title in the 2022-2023 season.

At three years old, Camden, whose father John is the Head Coach at Pacelli, started playing basketball, "My dad, he's been my coach for as long as I can remember. He's coached my youth travel teams, my AAU teams, and my high school team for the past few years. And I can't thank him enough for everything he's done and helped me throughout the years."

The energy of the fans and the atmosphere of the game gives Camden the ability to keep his focus while playing. "Seeing the crowd get involved with the game. Not when they are yelling at the refs and coaches and getting ejected. But when they are standing up and cheering when a big play happens and getting excited about watching. And I'm waiting for when I play in front of a crowd like that because I think it would be an amazing experience."

Camden, who broke the Pacelli scoring record on January 3rd, balances life on and off the court, "My freshman year was a lot of adjusting to the pace of high school learning, so it was a bit overwhelming at first, especially with having practice every day after school. So far during my senior year since I know my routine and schedule pretty well, it's a lot easier to determine when to do my homework around sports and my two internships."

Going into his senior year, Camden has seen his personal growth, "Coming in as a freshman, and as the coach's kid, there was a lot of pressure on me and high expectations early on. And I feel like looking back on it now, I let that get to me a lot. But after the past 3 1/2 years of high school, I can say that I've met the expectations people had put on me from the beginning."

Bulldogs win in a blowout over the Truckers

BY NICK GRIESBACH SPORTS REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The New London Bulldogs girls got a win on the road against the Clintonville Truckers on Dec. 30 as they dominated early.

The Bulldogs went on an early 11-0 run and didn't let up as they went up by a

New London runs away with win against Clintonville

NICK GRIESBACH SPORTS REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – In a game that featured two of the best players in the area between New London's Joseph Daly and Clintonville's Sam Wegener. The Bulldogs dominated the second half to pull away, winning by a score of 73-39.

Both stars put on a show in the first half, as Daly scored with various post

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BOSTON TERRIER PUPPIES Maels/Females Health Guar. Ready Now \$600 715-937-0916 (01/13)

CAVAPOO PUPS \$700 Shots/Worm/Vet ck'd, can deliver 715-255-2661 (#269146)12/30)nw

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Pomeranian Puppies Cute Fun Vet Ck'd \$500 call 715-654-5149 (1/13)

PUGALIERS PUP CAVALIER KING CHARLES Mixed with PUG PUPS. DOB 10/24 Shots, DEW, Vet Ck'd \$600. Call 715-644-5726 (1/6)

REGISTERED CAVALIER KING CHARLES PUPS. Shots, Dew, Vet Ck'd Ready NOW Can deliver \$700 Call 715-470-0458 (#509642) 1/6 am

WHOODLE PUPS Shots/Worm/Vet ck'd, can deliver \$600 715-255-2661 (#269146)1/6)sm

Livestock 7284

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Apartments for Rent 7400

FOR RENT: 1-2 Bdrm. \$625-\$725 per month. Clintonville apartment, Very clean & quiet, includes heat, water, sewer, garbage pickup, laundry available. No pets. No smoking. 920-284-6477.

Motorcycles 7502

BUYING SALVAGE MOTORCYCLES-ATVS-WATERCRAFT 920-850-9299 Local Dealer Pickup

Collector and Antique 7534

1977 Olds Cutlass. 2 dr. hard top. Only 69,000 miles. Owned by grandfather. Not used much. All new sheet metal. 350 cubic inch, dual exhaust, extra wheels & rims, extra fenders. Drive it home for \$6,900 cash. No text messages. No Low Ballers. (will not respond) 920-707-4217.

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Warhawks' Olivia Witkowski breaking records in her senior year

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

The 2024-2025 basketball season has already been one for the record books as Olivia Witkowski earned the All-Time scoring record for the Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks early in her senior campaign.

Olivia has over 1,500 points and counting, leading the Central Wisconsin-East conference in scoring with 22.2 points per game. She has finished each of her first three seasons on varsity as either the conference leader in scoring or rebounding and has been named All-Conference in all three years, including the last two seasons as a First-Team selection.

The daughter of Jerry and Nicole, Olivia began playing basketball in the first grade as her father helped her get involved in the sport and her mother has provided a steady foundation for Olivia outside of athletics, "I'm incredibly thankful for all of my coaches and teammates, but the one who stands out the most to me is my dad. He's not only taught me everything I know about basketball but he's also been my constant source of support and encouragement. From helping me improve my skills to calming my nerves before big games, he's always been there, and his belief in me has made all the difference. My dad's not just a coach—he's my mentor, my motivator and my biggest fan.



Weyauwega-Fremont's Olivia Witkowski sets new school record for scoring.

Nick Griesbach photo

I owe so much of my success to him, and I can't imagine my basketball journey without his guidance. I also want to give a huge shout-out to my mom, who has been a key figure in my life, both as a coach and a constant motivator. My mom, Nicole Witkowski, has been there to teach me the ropes of everything outside of basketball—whether it's handling school, managing stress, or balancing my life outside of sports. She's the one who keeps me grounded, encouraging me to stay focused and reminding me to stay true to myself. Her love and support have been unwavering, and she's always been my biggest cheerleader, even during the tough moments. I'm so grateful for everything she does for me, and I couldn't ask for a better role model to look up to. She has shown me what it means to be strong, resilient,

and loving, and I carry that with me every day, both on and off the court."

A three-sport athlete, Olivia has found what basketball really means to her. "Until my junior year, I always said whichever sport was in season was my favorite, whether it was basketball, volleyball, or softball. It wasn't until then that I realized basketball had become my true passion."

The competitive nature and camaraderie of basketball have kept Olivia motivated to stick with the sport, "My favorite part about basketball is the challenge to get better, as well as the opportunity to lead and spend time with my teammates. I've stuck with it for so long because I'm very competitive and love pushing myself to improve, both through workouts and on the court. It's also become a special opportunity to spend time with my dad, who is the best coach and has always supported me along the way."

Olivia has decided where she will continue her college basketball career: "The early recruiting process has been interesting, as I was being recruited for both softball and basketball. Balancing the pressures and decisions was challenging, but I am extremely thankful for the experience and had a lot of fun throughout. Now that the recruiting process is over, I am excited to have committed to UW-Eau Claire Women's Basketball and look forward to this next chapter in my athletic career."

Top-Ranked Warhawks wrestling have good showing

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The Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks wrestling team delivered another big week beginning on Dec. 27 placing second out of 44 teams at the Mid-States Holiday Classic.

With 13 wrestlers competing, the Warhawks placed 11 in the top ten of their weight classes finishing runner-up behind Hononegah of Illinois.

On January 4, the Warhawks took first place, showing why they are the team to beat in the state, winning the

15-Team D.C. Everest Invitational. The Warhawks won the title over second-place Stratford by 104 points. Two wrestlers won their weight class, as freshman Collin Hamm won the 150-pound division, and senior Cashten Hoffman took the 285-pound title.

Thunderbirds notch home win

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IOLA – Wins continue to add up for the Iola-Scandinavia boys' basketball team.

The Thunderbirds improved to 6-2 on the season on Dec. 30 with a 58-44 nonconference win over Westfield.

Iola-Scandinavia never trailed in the game after

scoring the first nine points of the contest.

Korz Loken's three-point play at the end of the first half gave the Thunderbirds their biggest lead - 37-15 - at the break.

The Pioneers scored the first nine points of the second half to cut the lead to 13 points but never got any closer.

Iola-Scandinavia led by

as many as 23 points in the second half before Westfield ended the game with an 8-1 run.

Loken led three Thunderbirds in double figures with 17 points, while RJ Opperman and Alex Robbins added 15 and 12 points, respectively.

Westfield's Sam Berrucos led all players with 18 points.

Second half helps Comets, hurts Truckers

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One look at the scoring by half, and it's easy to see how the Waupaca girls' basketball team handed Clintonville another North Eastern Conference loss.

The Comets outscored the Truckers 46-19 in the second half of a 74-42 win on Jan. 3.

Neither team led by more than nine points in the first half. Hailey Bechard's four-point play gave the Comets a 28-19

lead with 18 seconds remaining in the half. The Truckers answered with quick baskets from Zoey Ferg and Elektra Fields to trail 28-23.

The Truckers never got any closer, as Waupaca opened the second half with a 16-2 run to take a 44-25 lead. Clintonville never got any closer to 18 points the rest of the way and led by as many as 34 points late in the game.

Bechard scored 20 of her game-high 28 points in the second half and led

four Comets in double figures. Ava Widdel and Taylor Kling added 14 points each and Rossi Wehmeyer chipped in with 12.

Brianna Birling scored all 12 of her team-high points on four three-pointers, and Ferg added eight.

The Comets improved to 4-7 overall and 3-3 in conference play, and the Truckers fell to 1-10 and 1-5. The teams will meet again Friday, Feb. 7, in Clintonville. The boys' teams will also play that night.

New London falls after slow start to Shawano

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NEW LONDON – The New London girls' basketball team did not get off to a good start against Sha-

wano on January 3, falling 56-29 at home.

Shawano began the game on a 16-2 run and into halftime with a 25-7 lead. In the second half, the Bulldogs scored 22

points but were outscored by nine.

Sarah Daly led the Bulldogs in scoring with nine points, and Leah Nordin led Shawano with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Panthers top Appleton West

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STEVENS POINT – Stevens Point's Jada Seubert is making a name for herself as one of the top girls' basketball players in the Wisconsin Valley Conference.

Appleton West found that out the hard way Jan. 4, as Seubert scored 20 of her game-high 25 points

in the first half of the Panthers' 68-26 nonconference win over the Terrors.

It didn't take Seubert long to make her presence felt, as she scored 16 of the Panthers' first 28 points. Her third three-pointer of the opening half gave the Panthers a 39-18 lead and the home team headed to the locker room at halftime with a 42-20 lead.

Stevens Point scored

the first 14 points of the second half and led by as many as 43 points.

Ellie Strong and Lydia Johnson added 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Panthers and Allysen Buss led the Terrors with six points.

The Panthers improved to 8-3 overall and returned to conference play on Jan. 7 against Merrill.

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