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New leadership at Waupaca Foundry

Hawthorne in, Nikolai out

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WAUPACA – On Feb. 10, the Waupaca Foundry announced Michael Hawthorne as their new Chief Executive Officer. Hawthorne takes the helm from Mike Nikolai.

Hawthorne previously was the President of Specialty Manufacturing Group for JB Poindexter & Co., President & CEO of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC, and President & CEO of New York Air Brake, LLC. Hawthorne has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Clarkson University, a master's degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Syracuse University.

"We're excited to welcome Mike Hawthorne to the Waupaca Foundry family," said Helen Ruth,



Michael Hawthorne

representing the Waupaca Foundry Board of Directors. "He brings over 30 years of manufacturing industry experience and understands the roles engineering design, system

integration and operational excellence play in achieving breakthrough goals. He will build on the strong foundation that Mike Nikolai has left here. We wish Mike Nikolai well and thank him



Mike Nikolai

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for his contributions to the business."

"I am honored to join Waupaca Foundry and look forward to working with the talented team to build upon the company's strong foundation," said Hawthorne. "Waupaca Foundry has a long-standing reputation for delivering high-quality products and I am excited to lead the company to its next growth phase."

Nikolai started at Waupaca Foundry in 1993 as a metallurgist and later moved up the ladder as a production manager, an assistant plant manager in Tell City, Ind., a plant manager in Etowah, Tenn., and vice president of operations. He was appointed president and COO on April 1, 2015. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin—Madison and holds a masters degree in metallurgical engineering as well as an M.B.A. from the University of Louisville.

In 2016, Nikolai replaced Gary Gigante as CEO when Gigante retired. In 2018, he received the Sustainable Leadership Award by Wisconsin Sustainable Business Council, an award given for having sustainable, long-term business practices and not short-term market-driven goals. He served as the 49th board chairman of Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce from 2022 to 2024.

Big score for Lind roads

LIND – Out of 220 applications submitted, the Town of Lind and Waupaca County Highway Dept. were awarded just over \$4 million dollars to improve local roads. The Town of Lind will be doing a complete rebuild of Stecks Road and the Waupaca County Highway Dept. will be re-doing County Trunk A. To support agricultural and forestry industries, the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation developed the

Agriculture Road Improvement Program by investing \$100 million dollars for fixing and upgrading aging rural roads and culverts. The award will cover up to 90% of the project costs.

Iola's bar-scene slump

Police questioned about targeting taverns

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – At an Iola Village Board meeting on Jan. 14, local bar owners were present to express their concern over the Iola Police Department.

Laura Marker, owner of the Corner Bar in Iola, was one of those residents who are worried about the police presence around her bar.

"You guys all want everyone to put effort into bringing their businesses up-to-date and having good curb appeal, right? Well it's a little hard, and I'm speaking on behalf of bar owners here," said Marker. "It's hard to do that when your main sales [are] alcohol and your customers are being targeted by your police department."

Marker said at the board meeting that she has lost income over the past three months, which she attributes to the presence of police vehicles.

Mark McCoy, owner of Mark McCoy's Flat Tracker Tap, was also at the meeting and agreed with Marker's assessment of the current situation in Iola.

"In our business, at ten o'clock at night if there's an officer sitting in front of our front door, that

very much affects our business," said McCoy. "It's been affecting business more lately."

Village Board President Jennifer Schustek said her business at the Crystal Café, has also been slower over the past few months, which she attributes to a poor economy and not the police presence in Iola.

"In a tough economy, people have tendencies to point fingers and blame others for issues that are their own," said Schustek. "People make choices every day, some good, some bad, and there are consequences for bad choices."

McCoy rebutted her statement saying that the Crystal Café is not the same as a tavern.

"Our businesses are different than most other businesses, like the café," said McCoy. "At four o'clock in the afternoon if an officer is sitting in front of your front door that's probably not going to affect your business."

A story about one of the Iola police officers pulling over a fire department vehicle, was brought up at the Village Board meeting, it was also circulated on the Iola-Scandinavia Happening Now Facebook page.

The claim is that an Iola officer pulled over a fire department truck because he did not hear a call over the radio.

Chief Zierler said the claim is false, stating that

no officer conducted a traffic stop on a fire department vehicle the weekend of Jan. 10 which is when the story began circulating.

"As several people on social media have continued to spread the misinformation, it has affected not only the department, but village workers, and the village board members negatively," said Chief Zierler. "The officer identified in the Facebook posts did nothing wrong."

Schustek reiterated at the meeting that she wants to only hear facts, also claiming the accusation about the Iola officer was false.

"Social media holds a place for amusement, not facts," Schustek said. "The use of this platform for opinions and complaints can lead down a dark path with ill intentions. The Iola police department has been bombarded with complaints from bar goers on social media."

Chief Zierler said the Iola Police Department has complaint forms that can be filled out; however, knowingly making a false claim against a police officer is illegal.

Chief Zierler said no complaint forms were filled out in 2024 and none have been filled out yet in 2025.

Schustek and the village board police committee met with bar owners to

Bars

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Art show survives the snow

NEW LONDON - Wolf River Art League struggled with fundraising on Saturday, Feb. 8 as the snow storm kept many art lovers home during the 55th annual Mid-Winter Art Show at Crystal Falls. With the roads plowed on Sunday, the community turned out in greater numbers and showed their support of the arts. Proceeds from this event allow the league to award two high school students \$1,000 scholarships in their continued art education.

Art historian Lisa Anderson of Appleton was the 2025 judge, and covered for Samuel Watson, a second judge who could not make the Saturday morning trip from snow-dumped Green Bay.

The league is now in its second year of fundraising for their upcoming sculpture trail project. They sold additional metal fish that will become part of a community sculpture along the trail at Riverside Park. Monies raised in selling the metallic fish will be applied to sculpture footings, landscaping and signage for the trail. During the art show, children worked at an art zone to decorate paper cutouts of fish and added them to a silvery background. The league is looking for financial support and volunteers who want to be a part of this exciting sculpture trail. Find more information on Wolf River Art League's Facebook page, or their new website at wolfriverart.org.

Winners of the 55th annual Mid-Winter Art Show

Professional 2-D

1st place Tom Plamann of Appleton, 2nd place Julie Parker of Hortonville, 3rd place Ann Yaeger of New London, honorable mention Terri Pedersen of Shawano and honorable mention Lance A. Tischer of Custer.

Professional 3-D

1st place Dawn Spartichi-



Scott Krug's acrylic portrait of a warrior took first place in the non-professional 2D category in the Wolf River Art League's Midwinter Art Show.

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no of Waupaca, 2nd place Charles Paschke of Pickett, 3rd place Season Polsin of New London and honorable mention Debbie Lehman of New London.

Professional Photography

1st Michael Vanevenhoven of Hortonville, 2nd place Diane Urban of New London and 3rd place John Faucher of New London

Non-Professional 2-D

1st place Scott Krug of Shiocton, 2nd place Nancy Abel of New London, 3rd place Jay Farina of New London, honorable mention Brenda Hartstern of Denmark and honorable mention Brian Buss of New London.

Non-Professional 3-D

1st place Ashley List of Clintonville, 2nd place David LaCanne of Hortonville, 3rd place Tina Sommer of New London and honorable mention David Urban of New London.

Non-Professional Photography

1stplace Larry Jenssen of Little Chute, 2nd place Brandon Jenssen of Little Chute, 3rd place John Schmitz of Neenah, honorable mention Karl Hooyman of Milwaukee and honorable mention Amy Longshore of New London.

Student 2-D

1st place Amara Collar of New London, 2nd place Moira Selk of New London, 3rd place Rori Marcks Bushey of Hortonville and honorable mention Nora Hoerth of New London.

Student 3-D

1st place Claire Ott of Brillion, 2nd an 3rd place Bryce Janke of Hortonville.

Student Photography

1st place Taylor Ott of Brillion, 2nd place Levi Postel of New London and 3rd place Isaac Bergmann of Greenville.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Fragility of Life

Dear Reader,

The other day, I had a close call that left me reflecting deeply on how fragile life truly is. I was a passenger in a car, riding along on a snowy day. The roads were slick, and we were descending a steep hill when we encountered a stationary car in the middle of the road. To avoid a collision, our driver veered into a snowbank and a rock instead.



Shaken but unharmed, we got out to assess the damage. As I stood there, I saw other vehicles attempting to navigate the hill, at speeds too reckless for the conditions. I waved to warn them to stop and turn back, knowing the danger they faced. Thankfully, our car was still operational, and we managed to drive away carefully. Later that day, I learned that a massive pileup had occurred in that very spot. Numerous vehicles were involved, and I couldn’t help but feel fortunate to have avoided the catastrophe.

This experience got me thinking. Life is unpredictable. You wake up in the morning with plans, but everything can change in an instant, with no warning whatsoever. Those 15 seconds as we swerved away from the stalled vehicle could have been our last moments. But it wasn’t. For others, tragically, it was.

Life is so fragile. There are no guarantees, no flashing signals warning us when our time is up. One moment we’re here, and the next, we’re not. This realization isn’t meant to instill fear but to inspire gratitude. Each day we’re given is a gift—precious, fleeting, and worth cherishing.

Let’s not take it for granted. Let’s love fully, live purposefully, and appreciate the time we have. Because in the blink of an eye, everything can change. We can’t control when or how the end comes, but we can make the moments we still have truly count.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

Casino within a casino

WAUPACA – The Rotary Club of Waupaca is hosting Casino Royale at the Indian Crossing Casino on Friday, Feb. 2. The games kick off at 7 p.m. Patrons can bet on the roulette wheel, enter a 50/50 raffle, roll the bones on the craps table, split aces and eights while playing blackjack and call some bluffs on the poker table. There are many prizes to be had. The band Hijinx will crank out a mix of classic hits. Cocktails and tapas will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$20 per person which includes chips for gambling. Tickets can be purchased from a Rotary member or at the door. All profits benefit the community and humanitarian causes.

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BARS

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further discuss their concerns Feb. 5.

Marker and McCoy were present as well as Sherri Miller, owner of Thirsty Perch, and they continued the conversation started at the village board meeting.

“They see the cops sitting outside of establishments, whether it be 10-LA, whether it be Mark’s, whether it be the golf course,” said Miller. “They’re like ‘we come in, we have one drink and have dinner, [and] you feel targeted to leave.’”

In 2024, Iola Police Chief Paul Zierler said, there were five operating while intoxicated (OWI) tickets written which were

resulted from vehicle accidents, speeding or erratic driving or equipment violations.

He said of the OWI’s given none of the drivers were followed from any of the bars.

Marker said her customers will not come to town out of fear of being pulled over for trivial infractions as well as having feelings of being targeted.

“We feel the loss of business,” Marker said. “The damage has already been done; they are talking about it as far as Marion. I mean people are talking about it everywhere that it’s excessive, they won’t come to this community.”

Miller agreed.

“There are rumor mills but guess what? They kill a village in a heartbeat,”

Miller said. “As much as everybody wants to believe they don’t, when Manawa’s talking, Clintonville is talking, Big Falls is talking, Waupaca is talking, I can’t even imagine what is going to happen this summer.”

The police committee has agreed to look in to the allegations and concerns affecting Iola bar owners

Pamela Parks, a member of the village board and head of the police committee, said that the concerns expressed are important and affect the community and she intends to follow up along with the committee.

Schustek and Zierler were both reached for comment on the concerns held by local bar owners.

“Iola has so much to offer, and the Iola Police Department is here to provide protection of life and property to all village residents and businesses, while giving our community the quality of life and safety they deserve,” said Chief Zierler.

Schustek agreed. “The police are here to serve and protect the entire village, businesses and residents. We are very lucky as a small community to have a police department,” said Schustek. “The Iola police department is a very intricate part of keeping Iola safe.”

The next police committee meeting is March 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 180 S. Main St. The meeting will be open to the public.

Waupaca County Sheriff’s report

• Feb. 3 – Shawano County Sheriff reported a school bus was in the ditch with 15 students in it.

• Feb. 3 –A Fremont man on Kester Road reported he was being harassed by a female.

• Feb. 3 – A Waupaca woman on County Trunk EE reported her husband was being belligerent because she asked her husband for a divorce.

• Feb. 4 – An Iola woman on Aasen Road reported \$2,000 was fraudulently taken out of her bank account.

• Feb. 4 – An Iola man on County Trunk P reported a juvenile was sent home from school and now was acting aggressively towards the caller.

• Feb. 4 –Go Riteway reported a white Dodge Ram blew past a school bus when the bus had its lights flashing and stop-sign arm extended.

• Feb. 4 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway. They also reported

a rock-throwing brawl between some juveniles. One got a black eye.

• Feb. 5 –A female caller reported someone used her Amazon account and credit card to make a purchase.

• Feb. 5 –Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.

• Feb. 5 –An Ogdensburg man on Washington Street reported a package was stolen.

• Feb. 5 – A deputy reported a neighbor told him that at a wayside/park area, cars come and go around 9 to 10 p.m. at night and it appears they “exchange stuff” between cars.

• Feb. 6 – A Weyauwega man on Bear Lake Road reported his topper flew off his truck and it was too icy for him to retrieve it.

• Feb. 6 – An Ogdensburg woman on County Trunk K reported her husband was being threatened over the phone in some kind of scam. The callers wanted money or they would kill him.

• Feb. 6 – A Clintonville woman on Hughes Street requested a welfare check on a male in her home that would not open his bedroom door and would not answer his phone.

• Feb. 6 – Waupaca Highway Dept. reported a tree leaning against a utility pole.

• Feb. 6 – Waupaca Probation/Parole reported a male beat up his mother a few hours ago. They entered a warrant and provided a location where the man might be found.

• Feb. 6 – A Clintonville caller reported there was a dog that was hit by a car. It was at the end of his driveway and still alive.

• Feb. 7 – A Clintonville man on Hemlock Street reported the illegal dumping of a bunch of feed bags in his field.

• Feb. 7 – A New London woman on Larry Road reported a suspicious situation where she came home and her bedroom door (that also leads outside) was open,

along with the entryway to the attic.

• Feb. 7 – A Weyauwega woman on Leek Road requested help with a man that has mental health issue and has not been seen since Monday. She was able to contact him and he said he was in Chicago sleeping in his truck with a dog.

• Feb. 7 – A Waupaca man on Grandview Road reported he believed a man was killing dogs in the area with antifreeze. One of his dogs was poisoned.

• Feb. 7 – A Waupaca man on Pleasant Park Lane reported there was a fishing shack with a Trump-Vance sign that had vulgar language. He wanted a deputy to remove it.

• Feb. 7 – A Weyauwega man on Collum Road reported there was “some type of dead animal in the yard.”

• Feb. 7 – A Waupaca man on Cemetery Road reported is son was punching the walls and out of control.

Sheriff’s Report

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Waupaca NEWS

Talent and sunshine

Student art on display

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WAUPACA – “It’s a ray of sunshine during our winter months. We are honored to display these beautiful, fun, creative pieces at the library,” said exhibit room coordinator Liz Kneer.

The best artwork of the year is now on display at the Waupaca Area Public Library. The lower-level exhibition room is hosting the annual Youth Art Month exhibit that showcases art from kindergarteners to high school seniors.

It’s a partnership between the Waupaca Area Public Library, the Waupaca Library Foundation, and the School District of Waupaca. The exhibit will be on display from February 8-March 29, 2025.

Waupaca art teachers Mackenzie Burns, Art Schulz, Mathew Lawniczak and Tricia Price made the selections for the exhibit. A reception was held on February 10 to announce award winners that were selected by a local artist.

Cevannah Bemowski was awarded Best in Show. The prize goes to a high school student with an outstanding portfolio of work.

Elementary School

1st place for Emma Feldt, 2nd place for Bretta Girard, 3rd place for Harper Mannel, and honorable mention for Chase Kienert, Haven Lunde and Charlotte Burkart.

Middle School

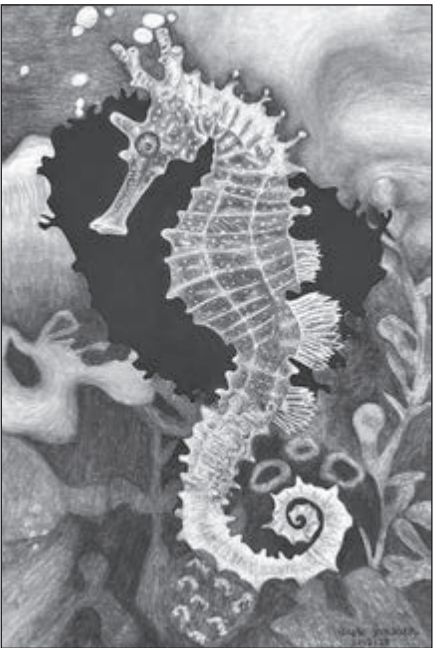
1st place for Nathaniel Verstagen, 2nd place for Danielle Zoeller, 3rd place for Myles Lenzig and honorable mention for Ben Behrendt, Khloe Kuechler and Elsie Thomack.

High School

1st place for Elyse Janssen, 2nd place for Brienne Buckholz, 3rd place for Kendra Hotvedt, and honorable mention for Azlyn Schwerdtfeger, Mikiah Popple, Hailey McClelland and Madelyn Danielson.



Emma Feldt took first place in the elementary school division for this image of a surfacing whale.



Elyse Janssen won first place in the high school division for this drawing of a seahorse.

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All about black bears

WAUPACA – The Winchester Academy will host Hayden Walkush for his lecture, “Wisconsin Black Bears and How We Study Them.” It will be on Monday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Waupaca Area Public Library’s lower-level meeting room. The program is free and open to the public.

The UW-Stevens Point Wisconsin Black Bear Project has studied black bears in the northwoods of Wisconsin since the 1970s. Much of what is known about the biology, ecology and life history of bears in Wisconsin is because of this project.

Walkush is a master’s degree student and the recipient of the 2024 Winchester Academy scholarship. Growing up in Waupaca, Walkush was inspired by his biology teacher to pursue a career in wildlife management and research. While an undergrad student at UW-SP he tracked bears in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Five years later as a graduate student, he is studying bears in Clam Lake.

In addition to his bear



Waupaca and UW-SP graduate Hayden Walkush will talk about studying Wisconsin black bears. His Winchester Academy lecture is on Monday, Feb. 17.

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studies, Walkush has been a part of several other research projects: a white-tailed deer project at Michigan State University, a large carnivore project at Utah State University, a forestry project at UW-Green Bay, and a wild turkey project

at the University of Illinois. This program is sponsored by Patricia Pfeifer and Duane and Leslie Youngsteadt. More information about the Winchester Academy and their speaker lineup is available at <http://winchesterwaupaca.org>.

Homebuilder, a big makeover, cheese and beef

Chamber recognize businesses

WAUPACA – The 2024 Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce held an awards ceremony on Feb. 4 at TheEight10 to recognize the business excellence of their member businesses and their contributions to the community.

Rising Star Award: The Gouda Life

The Gouda Life, led by Sheila and her daughter Sadie, offers a wide selection of cheese, crackers, gifts and wine, fulfilling a much-needed niche in the Waupaca area. The Gouda Life actively participates in community events and this year they took first place with their Mexican street corn chowder for the Souper Waupaca Day Soup Walk.

Grand Facelift Award: TheEight10

The former home of the Zwicker Knitting Mill, The Eight10 was renovated as an elegant contemporary venue for all kinds of gatherings. TheEight10, next to H.H. Hin-



The Waupaca Chamber of Commerce awarded The Gouda Life the Rising Star Award. The new Main Street business is a cross between a delicatessen, a bodega and a Wisconsin cheese shop.

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der Brewing Company, has breathed new life into the Churchill Street commercial corridor.

Small Business of the Year: Whitetail Valley Dairy & Beef

Whitetail Valley Dairy & Beef has become known for its high-quality products and dedication to giving back. Their annual Christmas Market, featuring local vendors and festive activities, is a well-attended event, with proceeds donated to local charities.

Large Business of the Year: Strongwood

Since 2000, Strongwood has been a cornerstone of the Waupaca business community. In the past year, they have increased construction revenue by nearly one million dollars and expanded their workforce. They have implemented new software and training programs to streamline processes and enhance communication. Strongwood’s commitment to community service is evident through their Strongwood Impact Team and support for local schools and philanthropic causes.

Welcome to cranberry country

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Historical Society will present, “Cranberries: How Wisconsin Became Best,” on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Holly History and Genealogy Center. This program kicks off the Waupaca Historical Society’s spring program series.

Heidi Slinkman, a fifth-generation cranberry grower in Wisconsin Rapids, will

present the program, a crash course in how the geography, climate, sociology and farming culture of Wisconsin combine to make the most productive cranberry region in the world. Slinkman’s family farm, the Gaynor Cranberry Company of Wisconsin Rapids, resides in the township of Cranmoor. Established in 1876, 2025 will be their 149th season of cul-

tivating cranberries. Gaynor Cranberry Company is a generational farm with, according to Slinkman, “layers of history, heritage, love, passion, tragedy, tradition, perseverance, community and culture.”

This Waupaca Historical Society program will take place at the Holly Center at 321 S. Main Street. Refreshments will be served.



Heidi Slinkman, a fifth-generation cranberry grower, will speak about how Wisconsin became a leader in cranberry production at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

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Approx. 56 Acres on 3 adjacent parcels just outside of Iola! Inc 3 parcels. Two parcels are zoned Ag Enterprise & the 3rd is zoned Residential. Public hunting borders the west. Par#17-02-41-2: This parcel consists of 30.90 acres w/a 30x60 2x6 framed outbuilding w/cedar siding and electricity &cable. The terrain has rolling hills & easily accessible paths allowing for exceptional hunting. This acreage is mostly wooded (+/- 21 acres) w/+/-8.29 tillable field. Par#17-02-41-2: 24.05 acres is open w/a few trees and is mostly tillable land. Lots of deer trails on both parcels. No improvements or utilities to this parcel. Par#17-02-42-4: 1.66 acres w/ a 36x48 heated garage & 12x18 shed & 6 inch well. Garage w/fiber cement siding & stone facade. MLS#50301326



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Stevens Point NEWS

Art exhibit explores everyday labor

BY OLIVIA COFFIN
INTERN

STEVENS POINT – The exhibition “Swept Over the Rug,” on display from Jan. 23 to March 7 at UW-Stevens Point’s Carlsten Gallery, is an installation by Michelle Grabner and Brad Killam that dives into the concept of labor, domesticity and the unnoticed work that surrounds us every day.

Grabner, a Guggenheim fellow and professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Killam, a professor at Illinois’ College of DuPage, have worked together since the 1990s, creating a body of work that fuses art and the exploration of everyday life.

At the center of this exhibition is Grabner’s transformation of ordinary custodial objects into elevated forms. Grabner, who recently completed an artist residency at Kohler Company, has taken objects such as wash buckets, toilet paper rolls and other janitorial tools and reimagined them in silver-leaf, bronze and porcelain. The result is a commentary on the value of labor, both seen and unseen.

“I’ve been working at Kohler and Kohler makes sinks, and they have an artist residency program. So I’ve been working there, and a handful of years ago, I was commissioned by the John Michael Kohler Art Center in Sheboygan for a new museum, and I made a janitorial cart,” said Grabner.

Killam’s landscapes invite viewers to contemplate the subtleties of the environment and the work that goes into maintaining both our personal and collective spaces.



“Swept Over the Rug” is on display at UW-Stevens Point’s Carlsten Art Gallery. Admission is free.

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“The process of making a painting is inspiring and leads to a new composition,” said Grabner. “I think we’re both interested in the process and what gets discovered in the process of painting.”

Grabner’s residency at Kohler further influenced her artistic vision. Reflecting on her experience, she noted, “I’ve been thinking about honoring the people who view the labor, but also thinking about form, the everyday.” Through this lens, she hoped to bring attention to the unseen work in our daily lives and highlight the importance of reflecting on this labor in her artwork.

“I do everything. Photography, sculpture, film-making, video-making, whatever you want to call it, sometimes printmaking,” said Killam. Despite

his wide range of practices, he doesn’t have a singular favorite medium. “Maybe I paint more than anything else, but that doesn’t mean that’s my top favorite. I love sculpture and I love film-making.”

When asked what drives their creativity, both artists pointed to the process itself as the source of inspiration. “I’m always looking for a reason to make a painting. Anything that we pay attention to that is not enjoyed by news media or something else is important feels relevant in terms of the time we live in,” said Grabner.

“Swept Over the Rug” is held at UW-Stevens Point’s Carlsten Art Gallery located at 1800 Portage St. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday 12-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free.



Rubina Martini at the Process, located at 836 Main St. The general store has a refilling station for personal and home goods where customers can get refills in reusable containers.

Kana Coonce Photo

Another refill, please

General store cuts waste, builds community

BY KANA COONCE
STAFF REPORTER

STEVENS POINT – When speaking to Rubina Martini about her small business, Process, located at 836 Main St. in downtown Stevens Point, the word they came back to the most was “community.”

Described by Martini as a “small town general store,” the store offers a selection ranging from bath and body and cleaning supplies to hobby-related goods to an indigenously produced and supplied food market. Martini has placed an emphasis on sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity as she’s expanded it from its roots on their porch.

“I opened [Process] kind of accidentally,” said Martini. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, while running a rental unit with her partner, Martini began to research ways of reducing waste around the rental.

“It’s a short-term rental that gets people in year round, and cleaning it and maintaining it, we just started to realize how much plastic waste we were creating,” said Martini. So she began to buy products in bulk, selling the leftover stock to neighbors off of her front porch.

“[Prior to 2020,] these shops were popping up all over the country,” said Martini. With this in mind, in the hopes of reaching an audience beyond their neighborhood in Nelsonville, Martini opened up a storefront in Amherst.

“Which didn’t really work,” said Martini.

In June of 2021, Martini opened a storefront at “the old Agora building across from the library” in Stevens

Point, a co-op run alongside Lyn Ciurro of Bound to Happen Books. The two shared labor and experience, pulling in friends and family as needed to volunteer for the shop in exchange for shop discounts.

Now more sure of their footing in running a business, Martini moved Process to its current location across from the Stevens Point Farmers Market in 2023.

“It’s the oldest market in Wisconsin,” said Martini of the farmers’ market, whose ambience is enhanced by the historic Mathias Mitchell Public Square it calls a home. “It’s like an original market.”

It is for this reason, perched on the corner of the block, Process has evolved into a modern-day corner general store, according to Martini – the sort that exists as much to stock up on supplies as it does to catch up on what’s going on around town. Connecting with people is Martini’s favorite part of the job.

“[It’s] a little bit of gossip, a little bit of learning about the community,” said Martini, describing an average day in the shop. “The products come separate, but the products inspire the conversation.”

“I did not anticipate running a downtown retail shop, but I also knew in my heart the need for it,” Martini said. “Post-COVID, I’ve noticed that’s the biggest learning curve for our community, is getting out and existing in public. Process was a response to living rurally. It’s only grown exponentially since.”

Whatever the reason, Process draws people in. Martini said that the shop gets most of its new customers from people passing by.

Part of that communication is stocking the store based on customer request. “Process is a community response,” said Martini. “The things we have in the store are because people have asked for them, so it’s based around

community engagement and community investment.”

Earlier this year, Process was one of 25 small businesses across the United States to be awarded the \$30k Enhancement Grant through the Backing Small Businesses grant program, a collaboration between Main Street America – of which Stevens Point is a part – and American Express designed to give small business owners a boost. This is Process’s second year in a row receiving a grant through the program.

“My push [in the application] was really about, like, how do we secure us as a staple in downtown?” said Martini. “We want to succeed so our downtown succeeds.”

Martini plans to use the grant toward a few projects: investing in a front facade to make the store more inviting to people passing by; bringing in more indigenously produced goods, which Martini said often have higher minimum order quantities than she could afford in the past; planning a party for the shop’s five-year anniversary; and building the shop’s refillery, a station that allows customers to fill reusable containers with personal and home bulk essential goods.

“[The refillery] is where we make the least amount of money, but it’s the most important part of our store,” said Martini. “It’s a way where people can directly reduce waste by filling up.”

The refillery is the reason Process exists in the first place. Which brings us back to the name: Process.

“Anything in life... specifically for living a more sustainable lifestyle, it’s about the process and taking the small steps so you don’t feel overwhelmed, so it’s more habitual,” said Martini. “You forge more healthy habits around it. It’s not like a fad. It’s not like you paint your living room a new color. It’s something that you invest your time in.”

Sheriff hosts firearm classes


STEVENS POINT – The Portage County Sheriff’s Office will be hosting a Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Class on Saturday,

April 26 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Portage County Annex in rooms 1 and 2. This class is taught by sheriff deputies

who are certified Department of Justice (DOJ) firearm instructors. This class is the actual DOJ CCW class developed for the CCW permit application. The cost of the class is \$50 per student.

The sheriff’s office will also be offering a basic handgun course from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portage County Law Enforcement Range located at 3001 Willow Springs Drive. This course is available to those who attend the morning CCW class. Topics for this class include shooting stance, grip, sight picture, loading, unloading, malfunctions, and firing. Students will need to bring a firearm and 50 rounds of ammunition for their firearm. Students taking both the CCW and basic handgun course will be charged a total of \$75 per student for both classes.

Call the sheriff’s office at 715-346-1819 to register. For more information regarding these classes contact Sergeant Dustin Kitzman at 715-346-1400. For more general information on Wisconsin’s CCW law and permit information visit the Portage County Sheriff’s Office website at www.co.portage.wi.gov/sheriff.



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Vets to host hearty breakfast

PLOVER – The Plover VFW Post 10262 Rifle Squad will host a steak and omelet breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The post is located at 2970 Hickory Drive in Plover. The breakfast will feature a choice of steak and omelet combo for \$12.00, or sausage and omelet combo for \$9.50. Prices include hash browns, buttermilk or po-

tato pancakes, toast and a choice of coffee, milk, tomato juice or orange juice. A children’s plate for ages 12 and younger is \$4.75. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase equipment and uniform attire for the Plover VFW rifle squad and color guard. The unit performs military honors for fallen veterans at military funerals, conducts ceremonies

at area cemeteries on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day, presents the colors at sporting events and patriotic community functions, and supports high school and UWSP-ROTC student scholarships. The Plover VFW auxiliary will hold a bake sale fundraiser in conjunction with the breakfast. Proceeds from the bake sale support the Plover VFW auxiliary.



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ClintonvilleNEWS

Spike in school health insurance

34% increase
for next year

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Facing a 34% increase in insurance premiums next school year, the Clintonville Board of Education continues to gather health insurance information as it will need to decide soon on a new contract with a health insurance carrier.

The board held a special meeting on Feb. 3 for a presentation from Ken Zastrow, employee benefits consultant from National Insurance Services (NIS), about the district’s current health insurance status, as well as options for the future.

Prior to the presentation, Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn reminded the board that the district switched its insurance to Robin two years ago. It was a two-year contract that included a maximum increase in premiums of 10% after the first year. The district is currently in the last year of the contract, so the district will need to decide how to move forward regarding health insurance for its employees.

Zastrow addressed the

board at the meeting, and presented it with the proposed insurance renewal from Robin. He said Robin is proposing a 34% increase in insurance premiums next year.

Based on previous calculations that Zastrow and the district had done, Zastrow said he had been predicting a 50% increase.

The proposed 34% increase is due to the district’s previous claim activity.

Over the past 12 months, the district has a 170% loss ratio. For the insurance company, that loss ratio means for every \$1 it receives from the district in premium payments, it is paying out \$1.70 in claims, Zastrow said.

“We want to target that to around 80-85% number, and then we can probably see some favorable renewals,” said Zastrow.

Zastrow said the high loss ratio is due to around nine employees of the district who had medical insurance claims of around \$2.2 million.

“Roughly 5% of the population is spending 95% of the claims,” said Zastrow.

Kuhn asked what the district’s increase in insurance would have been this year if it wasn’t locked in at 10%.

Zastrow said he was in-

formed that the increase would have been around 30%.

Options

Zastrow said the district is currently enrolled in Robin’s broadest network. If the district wants to see some savings, Robin is recommending the district move to Robin’s Focus network, which is its middle tier of insurance. This would result in an 8-12% savings on the renewal.

Making that switch, though, would remove Ascension from the district’s insurance network. Zastrow said eight claims were made last year for an Ascension hospital in Appleton totaling around \$455,000. Also, 16 claims were made for an Ascension clinic in the Fox Valley totaling around \$28,000.

“Those would no longer be in-network benefits if we made the move to that network in order to save some money off the renewal,” said Zastrow.

Other options to save money would be for the district to change the medical benefits it offers, including increasing the out-of-pocket amounts and increasing deductibles.

Kuhn asked what an average health insurance de-

ductible is at other school districts.

Zastrow, who said he works with 32 school districts, said Clintonville’s deductibles are in the average range. He added that other districts are starting to increase their deductibles.

Moving forward, the district will request bids to see if there is a more cost-effective health insurance plan available.

“I’m not optimistic that’s going to return great results,” Zastrow said.

He said before a health insurance company would bid on the district’s health insurance request, it would require the district to provide 24 months of claims data.

“Any bidding carrier is going to see you’re running at a 170% loss ratio,” said Zastrow.

The district would also have to provide its current renewal information from Robin.

Board Treasurer Jason Moder said the district should explore all options.

Zastrow told the board that the district needs to “start looking at alternate funding methods to help with insurance.”

“Try to take control of the plan a little more,” said Zastrow.

New pistols for police

Big donation
from Specialized
Products

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Thanks to a donation of \$19,125 from Specialized Products, Ltd. in Clintonville, the Clintonville Police Department will be getting new pistols.

At its Jan. 14 meeting, the Clintonville Common Council accepted the \$19,125 donation from Specialized Products, and approved the purchase of unbudgeted pistols from Top Rack Defense in the amount of \$19,125.

Prior to the council accepting the donation, Clintonville Mayor Steve Kettenhoven said, “That’s very generous, and I’m so happy that we had somebody step up and help out.”

The donation

Christine Oestreich, owner/president of Specialized Products, outlined the \$19,125 donation in a Dec. 18 letter to Mayor Kettenhoven and members of the council.

“We recognize the importance of ensuring that local enforcement is equipped with the best tools available to protect our citizens and maintain public safety,” Oestreich said in the letter. “The funds from this donation will be directed specifically towards the acquisition of firearms that will further enhance the department’s capabilities in serving the Clintonville community.

“Specialized Products, Ltd. has long dedicated to corporate social responsibility, and we believe that investing in the safety of our community is one of the most impactful



The Clintonville Police Dept. will be getting Shadow System pistols. This Shadow Systems DR920 Combat 9mm is a favored sidearm among law enforcement officers.

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ways we can contribute. It is our hope that his donation will support the department’s mission and help ensure the continued safety of Clintonville residents.”

New firearms

In a memo from Clintonville Police Chief Craig Freitag to members of the Clintonville Finance Committee and City Council, Freitag said the firearms the department are currently using were purchased in 2012. Those firearms were purchased with donated funds from Specialized Products.

“This donation was quite a surprise, and we can’t thank the Oestreich family enough for their continued support of the police department over the years,” Freitag said in the memo.

Freitag added that new pistols for the department are in the city’s 2029 capital budget. But with this donation, the new pistols can be removed from the 2029 capital budget.

It was stated in the memo that with the donation, the department plans to purchase 17 Shadow System pistols from Top Pack Defense in Sun Prairie. Top Pack Defense is one of three authorized dealers of Shadow System guns able to sell to law enforcement departments.

Wega-FremontNEWS

Zielke heading to Winona State

Taking on a
new football
challenge

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WEYAUWEGA – Kam Zielke had plenty of success in his four seasons with Weyauwega-Fremont High School’s football program. He’ll now have an opportunity for more success at the college level as the senior is committed to Winona State University.

Zielke signed his letter of intent on Feb. 7 to play for the Warriors, a Division 2 program in Winona, Minnesota. He accounted for over 2,000 yards of offense and helped lead the Warhawks to the WIAA state playoffs last year as a senior. He finished with 1,343 passing yards and another 912 on the ground.

He’s also a big reason for the Warhawks’ success the past few years, according to coach Colton Zimmerman.

“Weyauwega-Fremont Football has a deliberate focus on the development of young men,” he said. “We measure our success as a team on the character we have, the commitment to our team, school, and community; and our performance in the classroom and field of competition. Kam has shown high character



Weyauwega-Fremont High School senior Kam Zielke (center) will take his football skills to Winona State University. He signed his National Letter of Intent at the school Feb. 7. Also pictured are Mike Hansen (left) and Colton Zimmerman, the football program’s offensive coordinator and coach.

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in all his ventures, never missed an opportunity to help our community, is an academic all-state student, and was just selected for the all-state team.

“The opportunity to play at the next level is well deserved,” he said. “As a team and family, we are proud of him,”

Zielke claimed an opportunity to stay relatively close to home played a role in his decision. “Winona is close to home, and I won’t be traveling across the country just to come home over breaks,” he said. “They also have a bright future with a lot of promising athletes at every position, and I believe we will have a chance to make a run in the coming years.”

Winona State assistant coach Spencer Erickson, son of Iola-Scandinavia coach Scott Erickson, recruited Zielke. “This opportunity is everything I’ve been training my whole life for,” he said. “To finally be able to say my hard work paid off is a great feeling. My family is proud of me, and I’m happy I get a chance to prove myself at the next level.”

“Kam is only the second player to play at Division 2 in school history, and there is only one other person to ever do that,” Zimmerman said. “Kam did all this after tearing his ACL his junior year.”

“I am most excited to be around 100 like-minded guys who are all about getting better and pushing

themselves to be the best version of themselves every single day,” said Zielke.

Although he is looking forward to the next challenge, Zielke said he will also miss playing football in Weyauwega.

“I’ve been playing with these guys for the last 12 years, so not playing with them is going to take some time to get used to,” he said. “I will also have to adjust to only playing one side of the ball, and I will not have the ball in my hands every single play like I used to.”

Zielke said he would head to Winona with personal goals.

“I want to earn my way onto the field as soon as humanly possible,” he said. “I want to be better than anyone believes I can be.”

He said his support system of coaches, teammates, and family helped get him to this point.

“I would not be here without my coaches or family,” Zielke said. “Their support is what has gotten me through the hardest times, and their love is what allowed me to shine.”

Zielke, offered some advice to younger athletes who want to follow in his footsteps.

“Life is hard,” he said. “You will get knocked down. Instead of running from challenges, take them on.”

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New London & Hortonville NEWS

Committee to scrutinize student achievement

Board takes no action on idea

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Board of Education took no action on creating a special committee on student achievement and growth after board members disagreed as to whether the committee is needed.

Even though there was no action on creating the special committee at the board’s Jan. 20 meeting, the board agreed to continue to discuss the matter at a future meeting.

At the board’s Jan. 20 meeting, Board President Chris Martinson started the discussion about forming a special committee by stating, “I think its advisable that we may want to take a more data driven, strategic approach to improving academic outcomes across all grade levels. Given this, I would like to propose that the board consider the formation of an ad hoc committee, tasked with analyzing the district’s current strategic performance, researching evidence-based practices for improving and developing smart goals. Smart, meaning, specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound goals aimed at better student outcomes. The committee would set its sight on trying to ensure that our district is not only meeting, but exceeding the educational needs of all students. The proposed committee would serve as a dedicated team to analyze current academic performance, review data related to students’ achievement, including standardized tests, classroom assessments, attendance rates, and other key indicators in order to identify strengths and areas of improvement, research best practices, investigate evidence based teaching and learning strategies that have been proven effective in other districts, and improving

student performance. This will include exploring innovative methods, integrating technology, and supporting professional development for teachers.”

Martinson told the board that if it agreed to create the special committee, he and New London Superintendent Scott Bleck would prepare a draft for the proposed structure of the committee, along with a timeline. This would then be presented at the board’s Feb. 12 meeting.

Board member Mandy Wilz said she understands what Martinson is trying to achieve, but questioned the need for a special committee. “It’s not our job,” Wilz said. “This is Scott’s (Bleck) job, this is their job. If we want answers to any of this, or if we want to know something, we should be going to them, and they should be telling us. I don’t think we need a committee for it.”

Board member Mark Grossman asked if there is “some hard evidence of where this is not happening in our district right now within our professional administration?”

Martinson said the special committee would not be formed to solve all the district’s problems, but to take a look at the district from outside the district.

Grossman asked if the committee would be composed of educational professionals from other districts who volunteer for the committee. He added that if the committee was composed of residents from the community, he would be looking for a different job if he was an employee in the district.

“I would almost be insulted,” Wilz added.

Board Vice President John Heideman said test scores for the district are not improving.

“I’m willing to take a different look at it because we’re having troubles moving the needle,” Heideman said. “Some of the issues that we’re dealing with, I think we may

struggle with for a very long time. The tale of COVID shutdown is going to be with us for a very long time.”

Heideman said he didn’t have a problem with a special committee taking a different look at things.

Grossman said he didn’t want the board to create a special committee.

“We already get more than enough scores from our staff and our administration, and this is going to be a slap in their face,” Grossman said.

Grossman said he wouldn’t have a problem with the board meeting with the district’s administrators and staff members who have done research and analyzed data on student achievement.

“If you are really concerned about these things, you go to the people who are charged with doing those things, our employees first, before you go outside,” Grossman said.

Bleck acknowledged that what Martinson was proposing required looking at a lot of information. Bleck suggested narrowing it down to one or two items.

“I think there is opportunity here if we can identify that root cause item we want them to look into,” Bleck said.

Grossman agreed that if the board were to move forward, the focus should be on one or two areas.

“The goal has got to be to get down to the root cause,” Grossman said.

Later in the discussion, Grossman told the board that using state test scores is a terrible way to look at how a student is performing.

Martinson told the board that he has seen companies in the private sector have success when they create a special committee like the one he was proposing for the district.

“And the management team was very glad for it because they couldn’t see it,” Martinson said.

Wilz to speak at forum

NEW LONDON – Waupaca County Sheriff Tim Wilz will be a guest speaker in a forum hosted by the Wolf River Area Patriots. It will be held at the Washington Center (500 W. Washington St.) in New London on Tuesday, Feb.

25 at 6:30 p.m. Wilz will discuss what is happening in regards to law enforcement in the county. He will also talk about what legislation is needed to improve the department’s ability to protect citizens from crime, as well as what legislation is

counter-productive. Guests are asked to come in from the south side entrance off Dickinson Street. The forum will be held in the Activities Room. The public is invited. Call Seth Cowan at 920-968-5335 for more information.

Contractor Tony Hernandez repositions while applying a fresh coat of paint to a building façade at 309 S. Pearl Street in New London last August. Downtown property owners are again eligible for up to \$4,000 in matching grant funds for façade improvements if they apply prior to doing the work.



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Manawa NEWS

Local author shares her (and her mother’s) story

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Local author Tammy Borden spoke at the Sturm Memorial Library on Feb. 1 about her new book Waltraud: A True Story of Growing Up in Nazi Germany, a story of her mother and what she endured during World War II.

Borden released her self-published book in 2023, she said she did the formatting and editing in lieu of working with an agent where the book may not have gotten published in a timely matter.

“I did some research and that and basically found out that it could take years,” said Borden. “That’s one of the reasons that I self-published, another reason is I’m a control freak, and I wanted to control the narrative. Because once you give it to an agent or a publisher they may want to change things in it.”

Borden marketed the book on social media platforms, not expecting more than a couple hundred people to buy the book, but word spread and more and more people were reading her mother’s story.

“It was a personal project to preserve my mother’s memories, for my family, for my friends and I thought once I publish it, I’m going to post about it on Facebook and see what happens,” Borden said.

Borden said after she released the book she was going to donate a copy to her local library in New London.



Tammy Borden visited the Sturm Memorial Library in Manawa Feb. 1 to talk about Waltraud, a book about her mother's time in Germany during World War II. Emily Doud Photo

She said she was nervous asking if the library takes local authors. The librarian said that not only had they just ordered the book, there were already ten holds on it.

“I started crying right there in front of the librarian,” Borden said. “Since releasing the book I have just been on this whirlwind.”

Borden said that as of today the book can be found on six continents and has spoke at book clubs, historical societies and libraries.

Waltraud is a story about Borden’s mother and her time growing up in a Germany during the second World War as well as her dangerous journey out of the country with her husband, who was a political refugee and needed to be snuck out of the country.

The book also explores a little known program in Germany that sent German girls into an organization, a female branch of the Hitler Youth,

where girls were sent into forced labor for one mandatory year in order to continue schooling.

Borden said her mother was 14 years old when she was sent to a farm to start her mandatory year of servitude.

“She told me that it was the worst year of her life, for those of you who’ve read the book you know there were a lot of horrible, horrible, awful things that happened to my mom during the war,” Borden said. “She really hated it.”

Borden said her parents came to America in 1951 through Ellis Island. At the time Germans were not allowed in the United States. Due to the Displaced Persons Act, they were considered to be fleeing communism and they qualified for entrance into America.

Waltraud can be found at the Sturm Memorial Library and other local libraries and can be purchased at www.tammyborden.com.

Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Students perform Guys and Dolls

Onstage Valentine weekend

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA-SCANDINAVIA – The Iola-Scandinavia school district is gearing up for their yearly musical and this year it is “Guys and Dolls.” It will be performed from Feb. 14 to 16 at the Iola-Scandinavia High School Theater.

Shannon Huettner, one of the directors, said they decided to deviate from the normal Disney-type productions and try something a little more classic.

“We wanted to bring a classic in and we thought that we had the kids that would make a good cast for it,” said Huettner. “With the kids we have and the numbers we had, we thought they would run with the characters.”

The cast rounds out at 48 on-stage participants—high for a small school district.

“Guys and Dolls” was first produced in 1955 with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. It focuses on the story of a gambler whose betting leads to love, going from the streets of New York to the beauty of Havana.

Students took to the stage with their best New York-style accents to perform the long-time popular musical comedy.

Ella Thompson plays Sarah Brown, a character she thought would work best because they have a lot



Students take to the stage for a Guys and Dolls dress rehearsal to work on lines and timing for the upcoming opening weekend at the Iola-Scandinavia High School. Emily Doud Photo

in common.

“We are both religious and want to help as many people around us as possible,” said Thompson.

Thompson has participated in musicals since eighth grade and is currently a senior.

“The change is a good way to not only introduce the students to a new era and style but also connect with the parents of the students,” said Thompson. “I am excited to show everyone the powerful feelings of my character and the story we have all come to love.”

Huettner and her crew of directors, along with the students, have embarked on a journey to raise funds to renovate and update the Iola-Scandinavia theater.

There is a list of things that need to be updated with a goal of raising \$450,000 over the next couple of years in order to pay for the renovations.

Huettner said she believes they have enough money cur-

rently raised to purchase a new sound board and new lights prior to next year’s show.

The list will also include things like new curtains as well as a booth devoted to sound and lights.

Huettner said at a school board meeting earlier in the school year that upon doing some research she cannot find any information on when things were updated, leading her to believe much of the theater is original to the school from when it was first built.

The ticket sales and sponsorship programs will continue to help raise funds for this endeavor.

Opening night is Friday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., with additional shows on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 and 7 p.m. and the final show on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the high school office during school hours or email a ticket request to ishsmusicals@gmail.com.

Sno-fest through the years

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Before there was the Snodeo there was Sno-fest, an event to celebrate the newest sport in the late 1960s: snowmobile racing.

A snowmobile derby first took place here in late February 1967 with a winning purse of \$300. “Speeds up to 70 mph will be reached during the city’s first annual snowmobile rally,” wrote a reporter in the Feb. 23, 1967 issue of the Manawa Advocate. Over 70 snowmobiles were in attendance.

Throughout the years the rally grew, expanding to two days, a torchlight parade went through downtown on snowmobiles, there were scavenger hunts, dances at Bear Lake Resort and Sno-fest Queens were elected.

The Manawa Jay-cee’s took over planning and according to the Feb. 10, 1972 issue of the Manawa Advocate, the prize-money purse grew to \$4,000.

The Sno-fest lasted from 1967 until 1973. The event took a brief hiatus, until snowmobile enthusiasts and racers decided it was time to bring it back to Manawa. With the City of Manawa having the Manawa Rodeo, it seemed fitting to call the new racing event the Manawa Snodeo.

Deb Sarna, one of the original planners of the Snodeo, said the first Snodeo in 2007 had 37 racers and about 100 spectators to watch the one and a half mile lake-cross event.

From there the event continued to grow. In 2010, the Manawa Lions came on board to add the radar-run track, and the oval track came to the Snodeo in 2011, which brought not only more snowmobile racers but ice bike racers as well.

Kitty-Kat racing (children’s snowmobile racing), arrived in 2012 which brought four events that ran simultaneously.

By 2020, it was decided that the event should be two days by adding pro-vintage racing, lawnmower racing and mini-bikes, along with many events like parades and flyovers.

Also in 2020, was the appearance of the Arctic Arrow, a rocket-fueled racing machine designed to beat the land speed record. It crashed but came close to the record.

The last two years of Snodeo, were cancelled due to warm temperatures and the complete lack of ice.

The Snodeo is undoubtedly coming back this year, said Sarna, and it will be the biggest one in the history of the event.

The event will be held Feb. 15 and 16 on Bear Lake, with Bear Lake Resort open with food and drinks for purchase. The cost will be \$20 per day of \$30 for the weekend.

For more information check out www.manawas-nodeo.org or the Manawa Snodeo Facebook page.

Obituary Notices

Preder, Roger



Roger J. Preder, 65, of Waupaca, WI, passed away peacefully under hospice care at Cherry Meadows in Appleton on Friday, February 7, 2025 after a short illness. Roger was born on August 9, 1959, in Plymouth, WI, to Edwin and Bernice (Rumpff) Preder. He grew up on the family farm, where he developed a deep love for the land that would stay with him for life. After graduating from New Holstein High School in 1977, he dedicated himself to

farming, finding joy and purpose in working the fields and caring for the land.

On July 3, 1982, Roger married Debra C. Casper at St. John United Church of Christ in New Holstein. Together, they raised two sons and built a life centered around family and farming. In 1989, they moved to Fremont, WI, where Roger continued his passion for farming and started his grain hauling business, which he took great pride in. He was always willing to lend a hand to a fellow farmer or trucker in need.

Roger had a heart as big as the fields he plowed. A natural storyteller and jokester, he could strike up a conversation with anyone and leave them with a smile. He spent nearly 20 years as a dedicated 4-H dairy leader, sharing his knowledge and passion for farming with the next generation. In his quiet moments, he enjoyed watching John Wayne westerns, but nothing brought him more joy than his two grandsons. Owen and Finley "Finn" were the apples of his eye, and he never missed a chance to spoil them with John Deere tractor toys and other treasures.

Roger was taken too soon and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Debra Preder of Waupaca; his sons, Brian Preder of Weyauwega and Daniel (Katie) Preder of Dry Ridge, KY; and his beloved grandsons, Owen and Finn Preder. He also leaves behind his siblings, Garry (Kim) Preder of Glenbeulah, Nancy Krahn (special friend Bruce "Froggy" Froh) of Glenbeulah, and Donald Preder of Watertown; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Yvonne Preder of Plymouth, Mary Lou (Paul) Abler of Mt. Calvary, Kenneth Casper of Marytown, Janet Casper of Mt. Calvary, Laura (Bill) Engel of Mt. Calvary, James (Bonnie) Casper of Chilton, and Larry (Barb) Casper of Chilton; along with many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Bernice Preder; his parents-in-law, Gilbert and Marie Casper; his brother, David Preder; three nephews, Jeremy Krahn, Adam Preder, and Mark Abler; three sisters-in-law, Rose Ann Stephany, Mary Casper, and Kathleen Casper; and a brother-in-law, Chuck Sasing.

A Funeral Service for Roger will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 8:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home, 526 S. Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981. The Reverend Dr. David Kohls of St. John United Church of Christ in New Holstein will officiate. Visitation will take place the same day from 1:00 - 8:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home. Roger will be laid to rest on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6706 Superior Avenue, Kohler, WI 53044. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Roger's name may be made to the Waupaca County Dairy Youth Committee. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Fenske, Herbert



Herbert Richard Fenske, age 86 of New Berlin, passed away on February 5, 2025 surrounded by his family at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee after a courageous battle with cancer.

Herb was born on May 3, 1938 in Iola, WI to Emil and Emma Fenske. After graduating in 1956 from Little Wolf HS in Manawa, he started work at Connie's Service Station in Manawa. From there he worked as an auto mechanic at Kriesse's Ford, New London Co-op and Freiburger's Garage in New London. In 1968 he started working at OMC/Trade Winds in Manawa as a maintenance mechanic. He continued his career there and worked his way up to being a Mechanical Engineer. After 30 yrs of service with OMC, with the last 6 of those years working at the OMC facility in Andrews, NC, he retired. He then finished his career as the Customer Service Manager at Therma-Tron-X in Sturgeon Bay, WI.

In 1955, Herb met the love of his life, Maxine Starcheske, and married her on June 11, 1960. He was blessed to spend almost 65 years with her and to have 3 children. Throughout their marriage, they enjoyed going up to the cottage on Post Lake, snowmobiling in the winter with the Winter Wolves snowmobile club and traveling. They also spent many hours landscaping their various homes.

Herb is survived by his wife, Maxine; his children: Steve (Deb) Fenske of Waupaca, WI, Sandi Fenske (fiancé Jay Blackwell) of Knoxville, TN and Jason (Samantha) Fenske of New Berlin, WI. He was the blessed "Papa" of 6 grandchildren: Jon (Lisa) Spick, Jennifer (Jake) Quinter, Cole, Zane, Dax and Quinn Fenske; step-grandchildren: Jason (April) Spick and Connie (Dalton) Schroeder, and 6 step-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Harvey Fenske and brother-in-law, John (Mary) Starcheske along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Herman, Martin, Ervin and Edward Fenske; sisters: Irma Handrich, Freida Mirza and Margaret Ross along with their spouses; also his grand-daughter, Meghan Spick.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Manawa WI where he was baptized and confirmed. Visitation will be from 9:00 - 11:15 am with the funeral service to follow at 11:30 am.

Herb will be remembered as a quiet man who loved to build and fix things. He enjoyed gardening and fishing. He loved his family very much and enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids. His legacy will live on in those who knew and loved him.

Friends may visit www.dahlkefh.com to share memories and condolences with Herb's family.

Harvey, Roy

Roy J. Harvey, age 83, of Ogdensburg, WI, passed away peacefully at home under hospice care on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Roy was born on December 3, 1941, in Milwaukee, WI, to William and Leona (James) Harvey. On November 14, 1975, he married Audrey J. Krofta in Milwaukee, and together they built a life filled with love, hard work, and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of country living.

For many years, Roy and Audrey lived and worked in the Milwaukee area, but his heart was always with the farm in Ogdensburg. Every weekend, he would make the trip to tend to the horses he raised, ensuring they were well cared for. In 1997, he and Audrey made the farm their permanent home, where he spent his retirement doing what he loved — training horses, hunting, and fishing. He found peace in the quiet of the land and joy in the companionship of the animals he cared for.

Roy will be dearly missed by his devoted wife, Audrey Harvey of Ogdensburg, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who cherished his steady presence and kind heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Leona Harvey; his sisters, Darlene Graway and Marjene Medeiros; and his brothers, Richard Harvey and Russell Harvey.

A Memorial Service for Roy will be on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, with visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Pastor Carlos Ancheta with Seventh Day Adventist Church in New London will officiate. Burial will take place this spring at Park Cemetery in Ogdensburg. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Though Roy has left this world, his legacy lives on in the fields he walked, the animals he cared for, and the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Nett, Paul



Paul M. Nett, age 84, passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2025.

Paul was born on September 19, 1940 in Calumet County, son to the late Sylvester and Josephine (Franzen) Nett. Paul was born along with his twin, Peter Nett, whom he often referred to as his "wombmate". He resided in Weyauwega, WI.

Paul retired from the United States Navy in 1979 as a

Master Chief Petty Officer and worked at the United States Post Office until retiring. He enjoyed watching deer in his backyard and had a collection of old vehicles. Paul always had a joke ready to tell.

Paul is survived by his long-term partner, Yvonne Tenke, now residing in Waukeshia; three sons: Derek (Kerry) Nett of Weyauwega, Scott Nett of New London, and Kevin Nett of Green Bay; grandchildren: Colton (Caitlyn) Nett, Caleb Nett, Autumn (Isaac) Olson, Adam Nett, Kalee Nett, Whitney Nett, Lacey Nett (John Wedzicha) and Kera (Matthew) Kennedy; his brothers and sisters: Sylvester Nett, Ralph (Annette) Nett, Eugene (Connie) Nett, Linda (Tom) Duesterhoft, and Judy (Joseph) Lille.

He is further survived by 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Eugene Nett.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Josephine, his step-mother, Zelda, and his brothers James and Peter.

Artz, Rosemary

Rosemary A. Artz, age 85 of Clintonville, passed away early Friday morning, February 7, 2025.

Dieterich, Barbara

Barbara A. Dieterich, age 75 of the Town of Dupont, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Eckardt, David

David A. Eckardt, age 55 of the Town of Morris, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Janke, Richard



Richard "Dick" Janke, of Deerbrook, formerly of Clintonville, passed away on January 13, 2025 at Wisconsin Veterans Home - King, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Dick was born on April 11, 1948 in Clintonville to the late Marvin and Dorothy (Wege) Janke. He married Carol Fraedrich on September 5, 1970 in Clintonville.

She preceded him in death in 2001.

Dick graduated from Clintonville High School, class of 1966. Dick proudly served in the United States Army. He served as part of the infantry during the Vietnam War from 1968-1969. For his bravery and dedication, he was honored with the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and Purple Heart. He worked as a leadman for Nordberg in Clintonville from 1968 to 2002. In 2010, Dick moved from Clintonville to permanently reside at the vacation property in Deerbrook.

Dick enjoyed hunting, fishing, and projects around his property up North.

Dick is survived by sons Steve (Denise) Janke of Elton and Mark Janke of Green Bay, granddaughters Rachel and Erica Janke both of Elton.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held. A private burial will take place at a later date at Union Cemetery in Symco.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Home is assisting the family. Friends may visit online at strasserrollerfuneralhome.com.

Roberts, Susan



Susan Ann Roberts, age 69, of Manawa, passed away suddenly on February 1, 2025. Born in New London to the late Henry and Shirley (Jepson) Lorge, she married Leo Roberts on October 26, 1974.

Susan is survived by her husband, Leo; daughters: Jessica (Randy) Beckendorf and April Meyer (Will Bork); siblings: Harry (Kathy) Lorge, Sandi (Ken) Bernard, Roger Lorge, and Nancy Kamke; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Jim (Leticia) Roberts, Don (Sandi) Roberts, and Tim (Brittney) Roberts; and her Naval family: Debbie (Jerry) Smith, Brandy and Amanda. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews, including great and great-great-nieces and nephews, as well as special friends of the family, Miranda and Josh Smith and family, Misty Meyer, and Chad & Mackenzie Gruenwald.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, JoAnn (Earl) Shepard; brother, Morris Lorge; son-in-law, Shawn Meyer; sister-in-law, Cathy (Robert) Burns; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Esther Lenore Foy and Kenneth Cecil Roberts; and brother-in-law, Rickie Kamke Sr.

A Memorial Service for Susan will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Manawa, with Rev. Jill Meyer officiating. Visitation will be from noon until 1:45 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to assist with expenses. Friends may visit www.dahlkefh.com to view Susan's full obituary and to share memories and condolences with her family.

Gunderson, Jack



Jack R. Gunderson, age 88, of Waupaca, passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025. He was born on April 25, 1936 to Thomas P. Gunderson and Marjorie (Pope) Gunderson. He was raised on a farm located on the Crystal River in Wisconsin.

He was always a hard worker. In his early years, at the age of 14, he delivered ice for the family ice business. His father died in 1955 and he took over the business until the early 1960's when

railroad cars became refrigerated.

In January 1956, Jack was united in marriage to Marietta Hannah in Chicago, IL. They were married for over 15 years.

Jack worked in construction for many years, working away from home for over 30 years at Dulles Airport in Washington DC. He retired in September of 2019 at the age of 84, when he had cancer surgery. He was a unique individual with a big heart and a twinkle in his eye. Everyone that knew him had a story about the fun times they had together.

He is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Lee Lind, Waupaca; grandsons, Zachariah Lind, Menasha and Lucas Lind, Fremont; sister-in-law, Lori Gunderson, Waupaca; niece, Kara (RJ) Gross, Neenah; nephew, Tom Gunderson, Waupaca; and special friend, Margaret Travicke.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Larry Gunderson; and nephew, Jay Ross.

A memorial gathering will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. A time to share a story about Jack will begin at 7 p.m.

Thompson, Tim

Timothy (Tim) M. Thompson, 74, of Branson, Missouri graduated to Heaven on January 30, 2025. He is survived by his wife Lauri (nee Lemke) and his brothers Randy, Bryan (Jan), Roger (Connie) and Alan, and his sister Lori (Jeff) Kenney.

Spencer Lake and Waupaca were always dear to him as his family owned a cottage on the lake and he supported and served Spencer Lake Christian Center. Tim taught computer classes and owned/managed rental properties in the Carolinas, then retired with Lauri to Branson.

A sensitive, generous heart aptly described him. Since he was a jokester, it's not a stretch to believe that he is now adding laughter to an already joyous place.

Nor is it a stretch to imagine him in Heaven singing "If you could see me now, I'm walking streets of gold. If you could see me now, I'm standing tall and whole. If you could see me now, You'd know I've seen His face . . . You wouldn't want me to ever leave this place." (Song by Kim Noblitt.) Memorial gifts are suggested to the Billy Graham Library, Charlotte, North Carolina, where he and Lauri volunteered.



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NOTICE
LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for a Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor Retailer's License has been filed by the following:
Dolgencorp, LLC doing business as Dollar General located at 108 E Ann Street, Weyauwega, WI; and
LET IT BE FURTHER NOTED that the above license application will be reviewed and acted upon by the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega at the regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Weyauwega City Hall located at 109 E. Main Street, Weyauwega, WI.
Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk
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Our File #W145677
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MASTER STUDENT LOAN TRUST I Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHELLE L OLSON
AKA MICHELLE L WENDT ANDREW JOLSON
Defendants.
Case No. 24SC000617
SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS
TO: MICHELLE L OLSON
AKA MICHELLE L WENDT N10231
ASHLEY RD SHIOCTON WI 54170-9404
You are being sued by: NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MASTER STUDENT LOAN TRUST I in the Small Claims Court of SHAWANO County, located at 311 N MAIN ST SHAWANO WI 54166.
A hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 11, 2025. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this February 10, 2025.
KOHNS LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
IS/JOHN H. DANNER IV
JOHN H. DANNER IV
Plaintiff's Attorney State Bar No. 1125953
735 N. Water St., Suite 1300 Milwaukee, WI53202
(414) 276-0435
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION WAUPACA COUNTY
MEB LOAN TRUST VIII Plaintiff,
vs.
Jamie L. Krueger
1212 S. 37th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Unknown Spouse of Jamie L. Krueger
1212 S. 37th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Unknown Tenants in Possession of the Property
E8857 Manske Road
Mukwa, WI 54961
Defendants.
SUMMONS
Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure
Case No: 2025CV000004
Raymond Huber
Case Code No. 30404
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To the following party named as defendants herein: Jamie L. Krueger and Unknown Spouse of Jamie L. Krueger.
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within forty (40) days after February 13, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is:
Waupaca County Circuit Clerk
811 Harding Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
and to Sara Schmeling/Marinowski Law Group, P.C., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is:
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.
16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333
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Our File #W145676
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MASTER STUDENT LOAN TRUST I Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHELLE L OLSON
AKA MICHELLE L WENDT ANDREW JOLSON
Defendants.
Case No. 24SC000619
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St Manawa WI 54949, 17C773, \$17.94; Daniel O. Stuebs, 211 E Main St Weyauwega WI 54983, 19CF133, \$4.03; Michael J. Suprise, 317 N Pearl St New London WI 54961, 08CT335, \$52.42; Paula Sanchez Tehuacatl, N211 Pine Hill Rd Pine River WI 54965, non prosecution case, \$150.00; Paula Sanchez Tehuacatl, N211 Pine Hill Rd Pine River WI 54965, non prosecution case, \$150.00; Barbara J. Tschurwald, 200 E Morning Glory Dr #203 Clintonville WI 54929, 16C1171, \$16.55; Samantha Shyanne Utech, E3606 Lind Center Rd Waupaca WI 54981, 15TR3135, \$137.50; Samantha Utech, E3606 Lind Center Rd Waupaca WI 54981, no case number, \$664.50; Ashley Vestal, 300 S Western Ave #5 Waupaca WI 54981; Daniel Walrath, non prosecution case, \$150.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruce Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM203, \$15.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruce Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM205, \$15.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruce Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM204, \$15.00; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$19.91; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$26.89; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$28.99; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$43.34; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$20.08; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$11.80; Bailey M. Wiedemann, 231 Walnut Street Clintonville WI 54929, 16PA7PJ, \$500.00; Taylor J. Wiegert, N2549 Cambria Ln Waupaca WI 54981, 16FO16, \$16.20; Gerald A. Wienke, 402 N Main St #11 PO Box 71 Marion WI 54950, 20CT181, \$18.00; Joshua Mark Wilson, unknown address, no case number, \$175.30; Abigail Mackenzie Wilz, 1801 W Grant St Appleton WI 54914-2416, 16FO685, \$4.24; Eric F. Xiong, N66W24791 Stonegate Ct Sussex WI 53081, 23TR852, \$25.20; Randy J. Yeska, N2069 Cleghorn Rd Waupaca WI 54981, 18CM301, \$318.62; Dillan J. Young, 601 ½ Main St Weyauwega WI 54983, 16TR144, \$103.16; Zuag's Vending and Food Service, 4100 W Wisconsin Ave PO Box 2335 Appleton WI 54913, 10CF99, \$142.71; and Zuag's Vending and Food Service, 4100 W Wisconsin Ave PO Box 2335 Appleton WI 54913. Publish Jan, 30, Feb. 6 & 13, 2025

Bids and Request for Proposals

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Advertisement for Electronic Bids
For Construction at Waupaca Municipal Airport
Waupaca, Wisconsin
Project no. AIP-15/PCZ1007
THIS PROJECT WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY BID. Paper bids will NOT be accepted or allowed.
Sealed ELECTRONIC proposals for the work described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, March 6, 2025, by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, on behalf of the Secretary, authorized agent for City of Waupaca, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.32(3). Bids will be unsealed (electronically opened) as provided above and will be publicly read. The bid opening will be broadcast live via Teams. The correct meeting and call-in information for the bid opening is:
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
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Passcode: tLjwfv
Or Dial in by phone (audio only)
+1 608-571-2209 United States, Madison
Phone Conference ID: 186 780 348#
Bid results will be posted as soon as practicable after the close of bids.
The bid results will be posted to the Bureau of Aeronautics' website and BidExpress.com here: <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/arpt-bidinfo.aspx>
<https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>
Electronic Bid submittal: Bids must be submitted via the bidexpress.com bidding service. **No paper bids will be accepted.** Bids will not be accepted past the established deadline for the close of bids.
Description of work:
Base bid: Provide and install 7-unit T-Hangar building including foundations, civil, metal building, and associated electrical.
Alternate #1: Provide and install standing-seam metal roof in lieu of screw-down roofing for base bid 7-unit building.
Alternate #2: Provide and install one additional bay including additional foundations, civil, metal building, and electrical to be an 8-unit building.
Alternate #3: Provide and install standing-seam metal roof in lieu of screw-down roofing for one additional bay. This alternate will be awarded with Alternate #2
Alternate #4: Provide and install one additional bay including additional foundations, civil, metal building, and electrical to be a 9-unit building. This alternate will be awarded with Alternate #2
Alternate #5: Provide and install standing-seam metal roof in lieu of screw-down roofing for one additional bay. This alternate will be awarded with Alternates #1, #2, #3 & #4
Estimate of major quantities:
T-hangar building – 1 LS
DBE Goal: N/A Contract Completion Time: 120 Working Days
Proposals: Proposal forms are included with the plans and specifications, and are subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat.§66.0901(7).
Plans and specifications: Plans and specifications can be obtained free of charge and at the following site: <https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>
Proposal ELECTRONIC Submittal: This contract is **being electronically bid**. The bid template within BidExpress.com platform established for the project includes all elements required to be submitted with the contract. Required fields are established within the template. Automatic checking of the bid proposal will identify if any required fields are missing and alert the bidder to complete the missing information prior to final submission. Submission of an incomplete bid will result in the bid not being opened, and/or rejected as non-responsive.
Plan holder registration required: Plans and specifications are available to anyone after completing a simple registration. **There is NO cost to obtain a registration.** Registration is required to be recorded as plan holder. Registered plan holders will be notified of important project information such as issuance of addendums or other critical information. Only the prime or general contractor selecting to submit a bid is required to obtain additional Digital ID credentials. Please contact BidExpress support for registration assistance at, Phone: (888)-352-2439 / Email: support@bidexpress.com
Bidder Digital ID Required: Firms who select to submit a bid MUST also obtain a free digital ID in addition to registering. Obtaining a digital ID is relatively quick, however it may take a couple of days to complete the process. Please request and obtain registration and digital ID's as early as possible to not jeopardize your ability to submit a bid. **There is NO cost to obtain a digital ID.** Please contact BidExpress support for Digital ID assistance at, Phone: (888)-352-2439 / Email: support@bidexpress.com
Proposal guaranty: A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total amount of the bid is required for the contract. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, certificate of annual bid bond, a certified check, bank's draft, bank's check, or postal money order made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary for 5% of the total amount bid.
The electronic template will allow the following options for meeting the proposal guaranty. E-Verify bid bond (Surety/2000 &SurePact), uploading a copy of the bid bond or certificate of annual bid bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order.
Any bid security, other than a E-verified bond or certificate of annual bid bond is provided, the department will require that the applicant two lowest bidders to mail or hand-deliver the original bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order to the Bureau of Aeronautics by close of business two business days following the close of bids and must be received by the Bureau of Aeronautics no later than 5 days from the posting of the bid results.
Qualification of bidders: IMPORTANT: **A paper hard copy prequalification is required to be submitted PRIOR to the bid opening.** The proper prequalification form must be sent to the DOT to establish prequalification and remain valid prior to the deadline for prequalification indicated below. Prequalification's submitted after the deadline will not be processed but a bid from that firm will not be opened for any project where the deadline has been exceeded. The following prequalification is required for this contract:
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Federal Requirements: This project is federally funded and federal provisions and requirements apply. Federal provisions made part of, but not limited to this contractinclude: Buy American Preference, Federal Tax Certification, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace.
Hours of labor and minimum wage rates: Pursuant to regulations provided by applicable federal and/or state laws, the hours of labor and minimum wage rates are set forth in the proposal.
Affirmative action: The department hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
Affidavit of non-collusion: A required affidavit of non-collusion will be incorporated as part of the proposal for each prospective bidder. Failure to complete and sign the sworn statement makes the bid non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration. By completing the electronic signature and submitting the proposal,each bidder by or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifies that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. This sworn statement shall be executed and sworn to by the bidder before a person who is authorized by the laws of the state to administer oaths.
Pre-bid conference: A pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the Waupaca Municipal Airport Terminal Building and via Microsoft Teams using the following details.
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
Meeting ID: 281 259 250 262
Passcode: QIZT7745
Or Dial in by phone (audio only)
+1 612-268-4437 United States, Minneapolis
Phone Conference ID: 291 465 509#
A physical visit of the site may be authorized by the airport on a case-by-case basis and must be scheduled and coordinated with airport management. Questions arising from site visits shall be submitted by email to the contact person below. Answers will be provided to all plan holders via a subsequent addendum. The purpose of the meeting and site visit will be to familiarize all concerned persons with the project and conditions at the airport.
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Advertisement for Electronic Bids

For Construction at Waupaca Municipal Airport

Waupaca, Wisconsin

Project no. AIP 3-55-0091-13 / PCZ1004

THIS PROJECT WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY BID. Paper bids will NOT be accepted or allowed.

Sealed ELECTRONIC proposals for the work described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, March 6, 2025, by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, on behalf of the Secretary, authorized agent for City of Waupaca, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.32(3). Bids will be unsealed (electronically opened) as provided above and will be publicly read. The bid opening will be broadcast live via Teams. The correct meeting and call-in information for the bid opening is:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Meeting ID: 273 385 39796

Passcode: tLjwfv

Or Dial in by phone (audio only)

+1 608-571-2209 United States, Madison

Phone Conference ID: 186 780 348#

Bid results will be posted as soon as practicable after the close of bids.

The bid results will be posted to the Bureau of Aeronautics' website and BidExpress.com here: <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/arpt-bidinfo.aspx>

<https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>

Electronic Bid submittal: Bids must be submitted via the bidexpress.com bidding service. **No paper bids will be accepted.** Bids will not be accepted past the established deadline for the close of bids.

Description of work:

Grading, Storm Sewer, Base Course, Asphalt Pavement, Erosion Control, Landscaping, Pavement Marking, Gate and Electrical Work.

Estimate of major quantities:

Common Excavation 2,000 CY;

Aggregate Base Course 2,325 Ton;

Storm Sewer Reinforced Concrete 216 LF;

Storm Water Inlet 2 Each; HMA

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Pavement 375 Tons; Landscaping 4,850 SY; Traffic Control 1 LS; Electrically Operated Sliding Gate 1 LS
DBE Goal: 3.9% Contract Completion Time: 35 Working Days (See Special Provisions)
Proposals: Proposal forms are included with the plans and specifications, and are subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat.§66.0901(7).
Plans and specifications: Plans and specifications can be obtained free of charge and at the following site: <https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>
Proposal ELECTRONIC Submittal: This contract is **being electronically bid**. The bid template within BidExpress.com platform established for the project includes all elements required to be submitted with the contract. Required fields are established within the template. Automatic checking of the bid proposal will identify if any required fields are missing and alert the bidder to complete the missing information prior to final submission. Submission of an incomplete bid will result in the bid not being opened, and/or rejected as non-responsive.
Plan holder registration required: Plans and specifications are available to anyone after completing a simple registration. **There is NO cost to obtain a registration.** Registration is required to be recorded as plan holder. Registered plan holders will be notified of important project information such as issuance of addendums or other critical information. Only the prime or general contractor selecting to submit a bid is required to obtain additional Digital ID credentials. Please contact BidExpress support for registration assistance at, Phone: (888)-352-2439 / Email: support@bidexpress.com
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For further information, contact Kaitlyn Schlosser at 920-830-6183, email Kaitlyn.Schlosser@westwoodsps.com.

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INVITATION TO BID

Radio Site Development Bid

RFB-25-001-23

Waupaca County invites bid proposals for the above listed items. Bid information is available at: https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/businesses/bids_and_proposals.php
Bid proposals, in conformity to the notice to bidders must be submitted to the Waupaca County Clerks Office by 2:00pm, on March 5, 2025. And must be plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope with the specific item being bid on and the RFB number that correlates.
Bid will be opened and publicly read at 2:15 pm, on March 5, 2025. Waupaca County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive irregularities or informalities in the bids received and accept any bid most favorable to the County.
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ADVERTISESEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF CALEDONIA

Waupaca County, Wisconsin

OWNER - The Town of Caledonia acting through its Town Board, hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received in the Town Hall for the following described project.
PROJECT The work shall consist of furnishing and installing trees and shrubs in Gruetzmacher Park on Bean City Road in the Town of Caledonia. The project is being funded by a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for development of the park.
Bids will be received on the following Contract:
Contract No. C0069-09-24-00534.02
GRUEZMACHER PARK TREE PLANTING
TIME Sealed Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, February 27, 2025, in the Town of Caledonia Town Hall E9181 State Road 96, Readfield, WI 54969, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
BIDS All Bids shall be addressed to Natalie Snyder, Clerk, Town of Caledonia Town Hall, E9181 State Road 96, Readfield, WI 54969. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.
EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1445 McMahon Drive, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.
PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a "Plan Holder" or "Bidder", each firm or organization shall either download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTMor by obtaining a hard copy as designated in this Advertisement For Bids.
Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$40.00 by inputting **Quest Project No. 9539266** on the website's Project Search page. On-line bid submission is available for this project for a non-refundable \$55.00. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.
An optional 'paper' set of Bidding Documents is also available for a non-refundable \$60.00 (approximate cost) plus applicable sales tax and shipping.
Contact Blue Print Service Company for more information on paper Bidding Documents and payment options available. Full-size Drawings are available upon request at an additional cost. Neither the Owner nor McMahon Associates, Inc. shall be held responsible for the scale of downloaded Drawings. Printed Drawings obtained from Blue Print Service Company shall be considered to be scalable.
Blue Print Service Company
2350 West Pershing Street, Suite A
Appleton, WI 54914
920-733-4539 - Telephone
920-733-1438 - Fax
bps@blueprintservic.com - Email
Blue Print Service Company
2201 South Oneida Street, Suite 8
Green Bay, WI 54304
920-494-4539 - Telephone
920-494-4531 - Fax
bps@blueprintservic.com - Email
BID SECURITY No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Town of Caledonia in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 15-days after the Notice of Award.
BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Town of Caledonia.
WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.
GOVERNING LAWS & REGULATIONS The Contract letting shall be subject to the provisions of Sections66.0901, 66.0903 and 779.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
Published by the authority of the Town of Caledonia acting through its Town Board.
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Natalie Snyder, Clerk
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Election Notices

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City of Weyauwega
Public Test Date
For February Spring Primary Election Notice is hereby given that the City of Weyauwega, Waupaca County, WI, will conduct a public test of electronic voting equipment to be used at the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., at the Weyauwega Municipal Building, 109 E. Main Street. It is open to the general public.
Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk
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NOTICE to the Residents of the Town of Matteson

The Town of Matteson will be holding its Public Test of the Electronic Voting equipment on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 3:00 PM at the Matteson Town Hall for the upcoming February 18, 2025 Election.

Posted February 10, 2025.

Published February 13, 2025.

Mike Mehligber, Clerk WNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Electronic Ballot Tabulation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of a public test of the electronic ballot tabulation system will be held on Friday, February 14, 2023 at 11:00 p.m. to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the February 18, 2025 PrimaryElection votes cast for all offices and on all measures. All tests open to the public.

8800 County Road II, Fremont

Susan Gilbert, Clerk

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Meetings and Public Hearings

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Farmington Town Board Meeting Agenda Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:30pm
E913 Prairie View Ln
www.farmingtonwaup.gov
Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Open Meeting Statement: This meeting and all of the meetings of this Town Board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, so the citizens may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting.
Roll Call
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes of January 20, 2025
Approve Minutes of February 12, 2025, Special Board Meeting Approve Financial Report
Committee Reports
Public Input
Old Business:
New Business:
1. Three (3) Year Employment Agreement with Town Treasurer
2. Dayton Landfill 2025 professional monitoring service agreement with MI-TECH - Farmington share is 64%
3. Chain Skiers request for practice schedule for 2025
4. Plan Commission Recommendation from their February 5, 2025, meeting
a. Zone Map Amendment for parcels #05 33-25 and #05 35 32-2 at N2692 City Rd QO and E1749 King Rd
b. Conditional Use Permit for property owned by ICC Holdings, LLC, parcel #05-33-77-2 at E1171 County Rd Q for food truck
c. Additional meeting and fee - Resolution 21/17(25) Update Town Fee Schedule
5. Ordinance 02/17(25)2025 Regarding the Need for Sidewalk Repair in King, Wisconsin
6. Liquor license application(s) received in Clerk's Office
7. Land Use Permit application(s) received from Zoning – informational
8. Intent to Cut Wood Products – informational
9. Culvert/Driveway/Fire Number Application(s) – informational
10. Roads – informational
11. Issues/Projects Discussion (30 minute maximum) - No Action Required
12. Communications and Recommendations of the Chair
13. Bills
Adjournment
Posted February 13, 2025, at Farmington Town Hall & Website
www.farmingtonwaup.gov
The Town Board may conduct a roll call vote, a voice vote or otherwise decide to approve, reject, table or modify any item on this agenda.
If special accommodation is necessary, please contact the Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 to make arrangements 24 hours prior to meeting.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plan Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on March 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at 933 Michigan Avenue (Community Room – Room 122), Stevens Point, Wisconsin and via Zoom Teleconferencing to hear the following:

1. Public Hearing and action on a request from Adam Sandstrom, representing FFH Holdings, LLC, for a preliminary subdivision plan review of a proposed subdivision on an unaddressed parcel bounded by Hoover Road and Jeffron Street (Parcel ID 281230803140102), consistent with Ch. 20.05(1).

To participate via telephone:

1) Dial on your phone: (312) 626-6799

2) When prompted dial the Meeting ID: 861 0519 6416

3) Passcode: 221390

4) Press # again to be a participant in the meeting.

5) Hold until the meeting starts.

To participate via online zoom platform:

1) Go to www.zoom.us

2) Click "Join a Meeting" in the upper right-hand corner.

3) Enter Meeting ID: 861 0519 6416

4) Passcode: 221390

5) If you haven't downloaded the Zoom program, do so now.

Additional information on the above requests may be obtained from the City of Stevens Point Department of Community Development at 1515 Strong's Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, or by calling (715) 346-1567 during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend, but are strongly encouraged to submit their comments to Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator (akuhn@stevenspoint.com), prior to the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

Kari Yenter, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning committee will hold a Public Hearing at the Wolf River Town Hall on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm to consider the following case:

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT SITE: Property Owner: Dana L. and Lorie J. Foth, 7645 County Road I I, Fremont, WI 54940

Applicant: Boom Bay Volunteer Fire Company, LTD, 8982 South Road, Fremont, WI 54940

Location of Property: Adjacent to 8982 South Road, Fremont, WI 54940

Legal Description: SW ¼, SW ¼ of Section 12, T20N, R14E DESC as Lot 2 of CSM-6717

Parcel Number: 032-0270-03

Total Area: 35.43 Acres

Zoning: R2

Explanation: Property owner is donating 1 acre of land from parcel 032-0270-03 to Boom Bay Volunteer Fire Company to be added to parcel 032-0270-02, creating a parcel of 3 acres.

Applicant is requesting a zoning change for this additional land to Business, Chapter C, Sec. 1.08 of the Town of Wolf River Zoning Ordinance which is the current zoning of parcel 032-0270-02.

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

NOTICE OF ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning Committee will meet on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the Wolf River Town Hall as soon as the above noticed hearing is concluded and may act upon the matter which is the subject of said meeting.

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VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

FOR THE FINAL ASSESSMENT OF NORTH MILL STREET

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Please take notice that the Village Board hereby declares its intention to exercise its Special Assessment power under Sec. 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, to levy Special Assessment upon property adjacent to the following described area for special benefits conferred upon such property by the improvement of the street adjacent to parcels along North Mill Street

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Senior Spotlight

Jaydon Awe-SPASH

In a team of standouts, Panthers Jaydon Awe has made his imprint on the SPASH basketball team. Standing at 6 feet 9 inches, Jaydon can stuff the stat sheet, averaging 13.7 points, 8.8 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.3 steals, and 1.4 blocks.

Already turning heads his direction based on his height from his early playing days, Jaydon's all-around game is extraordinary for someone his size, as he demonstrated in his sophomore season against Rosholt with a rare quintuple-double: 18 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists, 11 steals, and 10 blocks.

Beginning basketball at four years old, Gbenga and Jessica introduced Jaydon to the sport and considered his teammates and opponents as his favorite part of the sport, "My favorite part is the teammates I've got to meet both playing with me and against me." Jaydon's time spent with his team are memories he will look back on fondly after he graduates, "my most memorable experiences are hotel trips for tournaments and having fun with my friends."

Some of the teammates he met along the way are some of the best players in the state of Wisconsin, including Camden Schurk, Jerrin Suehs, Cole Miller, and Xzavion Mitchell.

As Jaydon reflects on his high school career and considers any adversity as part of his journey, "I find it amazing to see all that I've done throughout high school, and despite injury and other things happening along the way, I wouldn't have gone through it any other way."



Boys Basketball Results Feb. 4-Feb.8

NICK GRIESBACH

SPORTS REPORTER

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Wrightstown 64, Clintonville 48

CLINTONVILLE- Wrightstown got up early on Clintonville, taking a 30-23 lead, and kept up the scoring in the second half, outscoring the Truckers 34-25 to close the game. Sam Wegener led the Truckers in scoring with 22 points.

Kaukauna 76, Hortonville 65

HORTONVILLE-The Polar Bears lost their fourth consecutive game as Kaukaunas Keegan Van Kauwenburg scored 25 points. The Polar Bears Riley Mueller scored a game-high 29 points.

Waupaca 50, Marinette 36

WAUPACA-The Comets got a decisive win over Marinette as they had a 22-17 point lead at half-time. Aaron Wolff scored 16 points for the Comets.

Shiocton 75, Amherst 55

SHIOCTON- Shiocton dominated the game as the Amherst Falcons could not slow them down. Sully Perkins led the Falcons in scoring with 19 points.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 69, Weyauwega-Fremont 68

WITTENBERG- The Warhawks overcame a 28-16 halftime deficit as they outscored their opponent 52-41. It was not enough to get the win as Wittenberg-Birnamwoods Jett Rogowski scored 38 points.

Friday, Feb. 7

Wittenburg-Birnamwood 60, Amherst 51

AMHERST- The Falcons lost at home as Wittenberg-Birnamwoods' Rogowski scored 29 points in the victory.

Iola-Scandinavia 67, Menominee Nation 49

IOLA-Alex Robbins scored 19, and Korz Loken contributed 18 as the Thunderbirds got an emphatic win at home.

SPASH 77, Merrill 27

STEVENS POINT- The Panthers won in a blowout at home as they had four players score in double figures.

Weyauwega-Fremont 49, Manawa 43

WEYAUWEGA- The Warhawks pulled out a close victory over a feisty Manawa squad.

New London 68, Green Bay East 61

GREEN BAY-The Bulldogs got a conference win on the road against Green Bay East as Joseph Daly scored 27 points and secured 16 rebounds.

Saturday, Feb. 10

Deer District Classic

Hortonville 74, Oconomowoc 60

MILWAUKEE- The Hortonville Polar Bears were one of two local teams to compete at the Deer District Classic at Fiserv Forum. The Polar Bears got the victory as Riley Mueller had a team-high in scoring with 17 points.

SPASH 79, Sun Prairie East 73

MILWAUKEE- The Panthers played in Fiserv Forum as well, defeating Sun Prairie East as Grant Chandonais scored a team-high 26 points.

Polar Bears stop losing streak against Patriots

BY NICK GRIESBACH

SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – A four-game losing skid by the Polar Bears was broken as they dominated the Appleton East Patriots at home in a Fox Valley Association showdown.

The Polar Bears got off to an early lead as they went up 12-5 in the opening minutes of the game. The Polar Bears went into the locker room at half-time with a 35-23 lead.

Hortonville would continue to push the pace as they finished the game off with a final score of 71-52. Senior Riley Mueller finished the game with 22 points, and Ethan Joling contributed 15.



Riley Mueller drives to the hoop as he leads the Polar Bears in scoring against Appleton East.

Nick Griesbach Photo

Hortonville girls stumble against Appleton East


BY NICK GRIESBACH

SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – In the first defeat for the Hortonville girls after losing the team's leading scorer, Rainey Welson, due to a knee injury. The Polar Bears could not muster enough points to compete with Appleton East at home on Feb 7.

The Polar Bears were outscored 33-11 in the first half and could not put together consistent offense in the second half as well as the Appleton East defense continued to swarm Hortonville.

The final score was 63-22, and the Polar Bears' high scorer was Taylor Lillie with eight points.



Hortonville falls in FVA matchup against the Appleton East Patriots.

Nick Griesbach Photo

Shawano boys basketball takes down New London

BY NICK GRIESBACH

SPORTS REPORTER


NEW LONDON – A tightly contested game went in the favor of Shawano as they defeated the New London Bulldogs on Feb 4 at New London.

The Bulldogs went up early in the first half as they took the 12-6 lead behind the scoring of Joseph Daly, who scored New Londons' first seven points.

Shawano took the lead from New London as they went up by a score of 19-12 as they went on a 13-0 run before going into halftime up 23-21.

In the second half, Shawano outscored the Bulldogs 45-40 and finished the game with a final score of 68-61, as they finished the game with three players scoring in double figures.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by Brett Marquardt, who scored 21, and Daly, who finished with 17 points.



Bulldogs Joseph Daly posts up against Shawano on Feb 4. at home.

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Truckers drop home game to Comets

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CLINTONVILLE – Time is running out for the Clintonville boys’ basketball team if the Truckers want to pick up a second win of the season.

Waupaca handed the Truckers a 47-34 loss on Feb. 7. The win, the Comets’ third North Eastern Conference victory in a row following wins over Denmark and Marinette, gives Waupaca a 9-9 overall mark and an 8-6 conference mark. Clintonville fell to 1-12 in the conference and 1-17 overall.

Sam Wegener scored nine of Clintonville’s first 12 points, helping the Truckers take a 14-10 lead early in the first half.

Austin Adamczak’s basket gave Waupaca a 17-16 lead minutes later and started a 9-0 run. The Comets never trailed again.

Waupaca led 24-18 at halftime. Maxwell Young’s three-pointer cut the Comets’ lead to 28-25 early in the second half, but Waupaca scored nine consecutive points to push the lead back to 12. The Truckers never got any closer than 10 points.

Only two players finished the game in double figures. Wegener led all players with 15 points, and Aaron Wolff led Waupaca



Clintonville’s Maxwell Young fouls Waupaca’s Austin Adamczak in the second half of a North Eastern Conference game Feb. 7 in Clintonville. Both players scored nine points in Waupaca’s 47-34 win.

Greg Seubert Photo

with 14.

Ethan Harms, Kanye Bessman, and Adamczak added nine each for Waupaca, and Young scored nine for the Truckers.

Warhawks complete sweep of Wolves

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MANAWA – Weyauwega-Fremont handed Manawa a 59-42 loss last month in a matchup of Central Wisconsin Conference-East girls’ basketball teams in Oshkosh.

The rematch had almost the same result, as the Warhawks completed a sweep of the Wolves on Feb. 6 with a 49-31 win at Little Wolf High School.

A slow start hurt Manawa, as Weyauwega-Fremont built a 27-5 lead with just



Manawa’s Olivia Tomko-Santos and Weyauwega-Fremont’s Avery Sans battle for a rebound after a free throw. Sans scored all 11 of her points in the first half to help lead the Warhawks to a 49-31 win over the Wolves.

Greg Seubert Photo

under 3 1/2 minutes to go in the first half. Manawa was able to cut into the lead

but still headed to the locker room down 29-12.

The Wolves used a 7-0

run to cut the Warhawks’ lead to nine points with just under 12 minutes to play but never got closer.

Avery Samz scored all 11 points in the first half for the Warhawks and was the only player to finish in double figures.

Olivia Tomko-Santos and Lilian Klatt led the Wolves with six points each. Weyauwega-Fremont improved to 7-5 in conference play and 9-10 overall, while Manawa fell to 2-10 and 7-13, respectively.

Robbins helps lead Thunderbirds over Wolves

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MANAWA – Solid seasons from Bonduel and Wittenberg-Birnamwood keep the Iola-Scandinavia boys’ basketball team from competing for a Central Wisconsin Conference-East championship this season.

All three of the team’s

losses in league play have come to the Bears and Chargers, but the Thunderbirds kept pace in the conference standings Feb. 4 with a 65-46 road win over Manawa.

The Thunderbirds built an eight-point lead over the Wolves late in the first half before taking a 33-27 lead at the break.

Iola-Scandinavia quickly

pushed the lead to 11 points after opening the second half with a 7-2 run. The Wolves cut the deficit to 47-39 with six straight points, but the Thunderbirds responded with a 12-2 run and closed the game by outscoring the home team 18-7.

Alex Robbins scored 16 of 23 game-high points in the first half to lead the

Thunderbirds, while Ryan Thulien and Landan Fuhs chipped in with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Brayden Zielke led Manawa with 19 points.

The Thunderbirds improved to 7-3 in conference play and 12-5 overall, while the Wolves fell to 1-9 in the CWC-East and 6-11 overall.

Waupaca girls cruise in Clintonville

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CLINTONVILLE – Cold shooting and turnovers became a double whammy for the Clintonville girls’ basketball team in its North Eastern Conference rematch with Waupaca.

The Truckers also didn’t have an answer for Hailley Bechard, who scored a game-high 27 points and helped lead the Comets to a 71-34 win Feb. 7 at Clintonville High School.

The Comets scored 23 of the game’s first 25 points

before the Truckers closed the first half with an 8-2 run and trailed 25-10 at the break.

Waupaca kept its double-digit lead in the second half, and the Truckers never got any closer than 14 points. The Comets also scored the

game’s final 15 points.

Amelia Koran came off the bench to score 12 points for Waupaca. Ava Wid- del also finished in double figures with 11 to go with Bechard’s 27.

Zoey Ferg led the Truckers with 14 points.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

FROM PAGE 2

- Feb. 7 – A Bear Creek woman on State Highway 22 reported a suspicious van parked in her yard all day.
- Feb. 8 – An Embarrass man on Bellevue Street reported suspicious footprints

at the front door. The door was open, the lights were on and his father was not home. I thought someone was inside the house.

- Feb. 8 – A Weyauwega man on Anne Street reported a female was going to take some pills and made comments about “suicide by cop.”

- Feb. 8 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.
- Feb. 9 – A Fremont woman on State Highway 96 reported a husband at a park had a gun.
- Feb. 9 – A female caller reported the death of elderly man. He was choking.
- Feb. 9 – A female caller

was cross-country skiing and became lost on the trails. She called 911 for directions.

- Feb. 9 – Rawhide Youth Services reported at least ten juveniles were in a fight with a lot of screaming.
- Feb. 9 – A Spanish-speaking Clintonville woman on 12th Street reported

he was afraid her ex-boyfriend was going to come to her apartment and hurt her. She believes he was highly intoxicated.

- There were 13 deer-related calls during this period, including one dead coyote in the roadway. Thirty three controlled burns were called in. Dep-

uties stopped one snowmobile. A Clintonville caller reported two German shepherds running loose. A Fremont woman reported a black lab was on her porch and would not leave. There were an above-average number of motor vehicles crashes during this period.



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