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The 18th Manawa Snodeo had fresh snowfall, thick ice and a high number of spectators for the two-day event.
Emily Doud Photo

School-board bullies

Accusations, free speech, Title IX
BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Accusations of bullying and board members not following board policies were topics of discussion at the Feb. 10 Clintonville Board of Education meeting. The accusations were made by board member Glen Drew Lundt, who said some board members have been posting messages on Facebook regarding the Title IX policy the board approved in August 2024. He said the posts imply the board members are speak-

ing on behalf of the entire board, which is against board policy. Bob Burns, an attorney from Renning, Lewis & Lacy was in attendance to address questions and concerns. Lundt told the board that he thinks “things have gotten out of control.” “Our board is at risk of a lawsuit,” Lundt said. “Reading the policies that were out before us, every part of every policy has been broken or bent to appease certain people.” Further details about a potential lawsuit were not shared by Lundt. Lundt said he had copies of Facebook posts that were posted by board members,

but have since been deleted. “I don’t know where you want to start, but it has to stop,” said Lundt. “I’m not messing around. I’m not going to be bullied anymore. And the nonsense in the community, and everywhere, has to stop.” Lundt called out board member Mark Zachowby name, for a post he allegedly posted on Facebook about the Title IX policy, in which Lundt claimed Zachow posted that he [Zachow] didn’t vote to allow boys in girls bathrooms. Zachow stated he did not vote to allow boys in girls bathrooms.

School Board
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Jeff Maiman, owner of the Wheelhouse restaurant, hands off a check with money raised from the Wheelhouse Fisheree to the Waupaca Fire Department. This year marked one of the largest ever turn outs for the event. Submitted Photo

Ice anglers help firefighters

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER
WAUPACA – The annual fisheree hosted by the Wheelhouse raised a record amount of money for the Waupaca Fire Department. Jeff Maiman, owner of the Wheelhouse in Waupaca, dropped off a check for over \$14,000 to the department on Feb. 11. Fire Chief Jake Waller of the Waupaca Fire Department said he was very impressed at the numbers in which the community came out to support the fire department. “It’s a community event and without the community involvement in purchasing the raffle tickets and the fish tickets and doing the fisheree none of this is possible,” said Waller. Each angler had to buy a ticket for \$20 in order to register their fish, tickets

would no longer be sold after 9 a.m. on the day of the contest and a fish could not be registered without a ticket. This led to almost 500 tickets being sold for the contest. The anglers hit the Chain for the ice fishing contest, with winners being decided in each category of largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pike, walleye, trout or any kind of panfish. The notable catch of the day came from Malachi Selsing with a pike weighing in at 9.101 pounds. Along with the fishing tickets, there were also raffles for big ticket items and 50/50 raffles. All of which added up to \$14,349.00. Waller said the funds raised at the fisheree will be used to buy battery powered equipment, including some

saws and drills. He said a fire can double every minute, so having battery powered equipment instead of gas powered can save valuable minutes when it comes to an emergency. Also, there is less maintenance for battery-powered equipment. “We can’t thank the Wheelhouse and Jeff Maiman enough for the support he gives us in the events that he’s a part of and having a business that puts this type of effort in for us,” said Waller. “All that money goes back into the members of the department, getting them the best equipment, the best gear, the best of everything.” Along with the Wheelhouse, sponsors for the event include RH Liquidators, Noffke Lumber, Whitetail Valley Beef, The Minnow Bucket, Chain One Stop and Neville Motors.

Iola gets gobbling goats

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER
IOLA – The Village of Iola approved the hiring of a goat-grazing operation to get rid of the buckthorn problem on the River Walk. The measure was approved unanimously Feb. 11 to allow for the rental of goats to eradicate the invasive species that has overtaken the area. Jennifer Schustek, the president of the village board, said the idea was originally mentioned by Charlie Wasrud at a Community Development Association (CDA) meeting as an idea to get rid of the invasive shrub in a natural and cost efficient way. The goats would number at or around 50 total and will come from Sustainable Stewards Farmstead and Goat Grazing out of Auburndale. Schustek said that when goats eat buckthorn their body completely processes it, which means there would be no trace of it left in their excrement to possibly reseed the area. Before this project can move forward two things

will need to take place. First, Schustek said that they will need permission from property owners who reside on the other side of the River Walk. They will also need to approve a temporary ordinance that would allow for the large number of goats to be allowed within the village. “We need to eradicate our buckthorn,” said Schustek. “So, we’re just going to set up a resolution to allow the goats for this amount of time in the village.” The plan is for the goats to be fenced in and slowly move down the River Walk to eat the buckthorn. This will happen in May and September, as well as the following spring and fall. Schustek said this should help decrease the buckthorn down to a more manageable upkeep for the village moving forward. Jim Rasmussen said the area that they are looking to clear is about four acres which will take about a week to ten days. “They’re a garbage disposal, I mean with that number of goats ... it

would take them maybe a week tops to devour the whole thing,” said Rasmussen. “The issue is you have to move the fencing along.” Rasmussen said that without fencing the goats are curious and will travel, so to ensure their safety they will be fenced in while they consume the buckthorn overgrowth. The goats will also be transported daily. They will not stay on the property overnight. Schustek said there will be some maintenance that will need to be done during this process to help knock back the buckthorn entirely. This includes cutting down buckthorn where the goats can’t reach, as well as cutting the buckthorn before winter. “We’ll have a little bit of maintenance, but I mean we’re kind of at our wit’s end with what to do here,” said Schustek. The entire cost of the project rounds out at just over \$10,000 and will be paid for out of the CDA budget, said Dave Harper, a village trustee.

School bus smash-up

ROYALTON – On Tuesday, Feb. 12 just before 4 p.m., a pickup truck pulling a trailer rear-ended a school bus. The crash took place on Highway 54 and Pine Street in Royalton. The bus was stopped and dropping off three sisters: one got off the bus and the other two did not make it off the bus before the crash. According to a media release from the Waupaca County Sheriff

Office, no serious injuries were reported. Shane Kruescher, the father of the three girls, said his daughters were scraped and bruised up. The youngest 5-year-old daughter was getting off the bus when the truck smashed and she was propelled to the ground. The two older 13-year-old twin sisters were knocked around inside the bus upon impact. The truck smashed into

the bus so violently that the bus was pushed forward. The driver made no effort to brake. The front of the truck went under the rear of the bus all the way to the cab area. Metal on the back lower side of the bus was sheared off and the front of the truck was completely totaled. Manawa Ambulance, Manawa Fire Dept. and Gold Cross Ambulance assisted sheriff deputies at the scene.

SCHOOL BOARD

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Because the posts included “we,” Lundt was claiming the statements were implying that the board member who made posts on Facebook were speaking on behalf of the entire board.

Board President Ben Huber told board members that an argument could be made that when a board member posts something on Facebook, they should preface the statement with, “I am an individual board member, I am talking not for the board, but for myself.”

Board censure

“There was a closed session meeting for me, where I was bullied, you were there,” Lundt said to Huber.

Lundt added, “You want to talk about the gloves being off, now the exact same thing I was accused of in closed session, Mr. Mark Zachow has done. What I mean is, micromanaging admin.”

Lundt also claimed Zachow did campaigning in the schools.

In response, Zachow acknowledged that Lundt has been warned about being censured, which took place in closed session. Zachow also told Lundt that his claim that he was campaigning in schools was false. Zachow said a former teacher he has known since 1996 was substitute teaching in Clintonville, and he went to the school to hello. This former teacher lives in the Hortonville school district.

“I didn’t call any teacher

out into the hall and campaign, that’s a downright lie,” said Zachow.

Title IX

Regarding Title IX, Burns told the board that a board member who voted in August for the district to update its Title IX policy was not voting for boys to go into girls locker rooms.

“The law in the Seventh Circuit, which includes Wisconsin, protects gender identity within the definition of sex in Title IX,” said Burns. “That’s just the way the law is.”

Burns added, “The policy doesn’t say, ‘Boys can just go into girls bathrooms.’ And vice versa. The policy is just consistent with regulations that were in effect at that time. All you were doing when

you were voting in August is to comply with the law as it stood on that date.”

The Department of Education is now removing those regulations, said Burns.

“So, we now move back to the 2020 policy,” said Burns. “But the law hasn’t changed. The law in the state of Wisconsin has been the same, and this is what makes all of the fighting about [it], somewhat strange. The law in Wisconsin hasn’t changed since 2017.”

The policy itself doesn’t change the courts interpretation of Title IX for Wisconsin, noted Burns.

Lundt asked what the differences were for the Title IX policy in 2020 and what the board approved for Title IX in August 2024.

Burns said that for

some parts of the country the 2024 Title IX policy included more details regarding gender identity, sex stereotyping, and other terminology.

“But, that didn’t change the state of the law in the circuits like the Seventh, where gender identity was protected,” said Burns.

Free speech

Regarding freedom of speech, Burns said a school board member does not lose their freedom of speech once they are elected to the school board.

“What gets restricted by way of the policies we’re talking about, is the need to delineate when they’re speaking as a board member versus when they’re speaking as an individual,” said Burns.

He added that board members should use the disclaimer, “I’m speaking personally and not on behalf of the board.”

After some discussion, Lundt again asked how to get board members to follow board policies.

Huber recommended that when board members are in public, they should state that their opinions are their personal opinions, and don’t represent the opinion of the entire board.

“But beyond that, as an individual member, we absolutely should try to do any of those things [follow board policy],” said Huber. “I don’t know, if we as a board, should try to micromanage the free speech and differences of opinion on the truth.”

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Grave Thoughts From The Graveyard

Dear Reader,

Today, I visited a graveyard to pay respects to a recently departed family member. The cemetery was vast, and we found ourselves lost amidst rows of unfamiliar headstones. After wandering both on foot and by car, weaving past names unknown to us, we finally reached the gravesite.



Standing there, I couldn’t help but think about this place—where those who were once so visible and vibrant in life are laid to rest, becoming part of the quiet, unremembered landscape. The sun beat down with hardly any shade, and the graves seemed tightly packed, which made me wonder about the business side of burial plots—how every inch is planned, sold, and filled.

But more than that, my mind wandered to the fate of the souls. After death, where do they go? Surely, they don’t linger here. While the dead no longer have a care or say in their resting place, there’s an undeniable finality to it. They are gone from the world we know; and at an immediate or lingered point in time, their bodies become the forgotten invisible. After all of their toils, they are buried away somewhere out of sight, and out of mind.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

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

Waupaca County Sheriff’s report

- Feb. 10 – A New London woman on State Highway 54 reported her mailbox was smashed, along with three others near her address.
- Feb. 10 –An Appleton woman requested to meet with an officers to discuss her father being scammed out of \$10,000.
- Feb. 11 – An Ogdensburg man on County Trunk K reported an intoxicated man was refusing to leave and he threatened to “bring people from Mexico to shoot them.”
- Feb. 11 – A 911 caller reported a truck pulling a trailer rear-ended a school bus.
- Feb. 12 – The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported two residents were kicked back in recliners and one of them became aggressive and started a physical altercation with the other.
- Feb. 12 – A Marion woman on Bowers Road reported a person called her pretending to be a Marion police officer, saying her son

- was in jail. She was scammed out of \$11,000.
- Feb. 12 – A Scandinavia woman on Silver Lake Road reported a male was having a schizophrenic break, referring to himself as “the prophet.” He had not slept for several days and was very paranoid.
- Feb. 12 –An anonymous caller requested a welfare check on an infant. The parents constantly scream and yell at the child and the child cries nonstop.
- Feb. 12 – There was an anonymous tip on the school safety hotline about a juvenile that cut his or her self and lives with a person that puts soap in their mouth and pulls their hair.
- Feb. 12 – A New London man on County Trunk W reported he was breaking up with his girlfriend and now she refused to leave his residence.
- Feb. 13 –Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.
- Feb. 13 – A New Lon-

- don man on Division Street reported he was going to slit his throat.
- Feb. 13 –A Weyauwega man on Count Trunk F reported the theft of some items. He followed the tracks in the snow to a nearby address.
- Feb. 13 – Recovery Industry reported they would be repossessing a 2019 black Chevy Traverse.
- Feb. 13 – A Scandinavia man on Main Street reported he wasn’t in a good mental state. He said he was going through a lot.
- Feb. 14 –A Weyauwega woman on County Trunk X reported there was screaming and yelling coming from an address on Larson Road.
- Feb. 14 – A 911 caller reported he struck a tree with his vehicle. He did not think he was injured and wasn’t sure if he was trapped and stated, “It would not be a bad idea to get an ambulance.”
- Feb. 14 –A Clintonville man on 7th Street reported

- hearing a loud boom, cause unknown.
- Feb. 14 – A Clintonville woman on Morning Glory Drive reported an intoxicated Hispanic male that would not leave.
- Feb. 15 – An Ogdensburg man on State Highway 161 reported snowmobiles were driving over the posted trail speed limit. As a land-owner he threatened to shut down the trail.
- Feb. 16 – The crisis hotline in Stevens Point reported a juvenile attempted suicide 20-30 minutes ago and had injuries to the hands and neck.
- There were ten deer-related calls during this period. Twenty nine controlled burns were called in. Deputies stopped 19 snowmobiles. Deputies served numerous court orders for DNA collection. There were a large number of calls about vehicles in the ditch and disabled along the road.



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Waupaca NEWS



Ruta Sepetys will visit and speak in Waupaca to high school students during the school day and will have a public presentation at 6.30 p.m. on March 6.

Submitted Photo

Author to speak on past, present

WAUPACA – Bestselling author Ruta Sepetys will visit Waupaca and present *Hiding in History: Uncovering the Past to Find Context to the Present*. She is best known for her books, *Salt to the Sea*, *Between Shades of Gray*, and her newest book, *The Bletchley Riddle*, co-written with Steven Sheinkin.

The Waupaca Area Public Library, the Waupaca Library Foundation and the School District of Waupaca are hosting this event. Sepetys will speak to Waupaca high school students during the school day, with a public presentation at 6.30 p.m. on March 6, in the Waupaca High School Auditorium. She will take questions after her presentation, as well as a book signing in the Waupaca High School Commons. Books will be available for purchase at the event, and are available at the Bookcellar on Main Street Waupaca anytime before her presentation. Ms. Sepetys’ evening presentation is free with no registration required, and it is open to the public and for all ages.

“Ruta Sepetys is an amazing author, well-read with our library patrons and upper grade students,” said Liz Kneer, Waupaca Area Public Library Exhibit Room Coordinator. “We received a grant from the Waupaca Area Community Foundation for an author visit during the Americans and the Holocaust exhibit in the fall. Although the timing didn’t work then, we are so excited to have Ms. Sepetys visit Waupaca now to share her stories and experiences with our students and community and reinforce the important messages from that exhibit.”

Sepetys is the daughter of a Lithuanian refugee. Born in Michigan, she was raised in a family of artists, readers and music lovers. Ruta is passionate about the power of history and story to foster global dialogue and connectivity. She has been invited to present at NATO, European Parliament, the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, and Embassies worldwide. She was awarded The Rockefeller Foundation’s prestigious Bellagio Fellowship for her studies on human resilience. Her books have won or been short-listed for over forty book prizes, are included on over thirty state reading lists, and are currently in development for film and television.

Peterson protects grid, ratepayers

WAUPACA – State Rep. Kevin Petersen (R-Waupaca) and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) have partnered to bring back right-of-first-refusal legislation. It was debated the year before but died in the Senate. The legislation allows Wisconsin companies to get first crack at bidding on electrical grid projects before out-of-state companies can bid for a piece of the action.

This is backed by a group of Wisconsin utilities, power-generating companies, electrical cooperatives, municipal utilities and related groups. They call themselves Wisconsin for ROFR [right of first refusal].

“All of Wisconsin’s neighboring states have either adopted ROFR laws or are trying to implement them, and they are shifting more of their costs to Wisconsin ratepayers. Adopting ROFR in Wisconsin helps protect ratepayers from getting hit with a \$1 billion bite at the same time other states shift more cost to us,” said Ellen Nowak, a vice president of American Transmission Company, a local grid builder and operator and member of the Wisconsin for ROFR coalition.

“Adopting ROFR allows Wisconsin to retain control over the safety and reliability of the grid instead of abdicating that to federal bureaucrats and opportunistic developers,” said the Wisconsin Economic Development Association in a statement of support. “Failure to act will burden residential and industrial ratepayers with more than \$1 billion in avoidable energy costs.”

Local bridge action

WAUPACA – All area teams are invited to the next duplicate bridge games on Friday, Feb. 28. Games will begin at 9 a.m. with an educational session at 8:45. The games are held at the Holly Center in Waupaca. Winners of the Valentine Gold event were Dan and Mary Schommer in first place. Tied for second and third place were Terry and Janet Liska of Wautoma and Roger Collins and Patricia Hoehn of Waupaca.

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Learn about Waupaca Foundry

WAUPACA – Sara Timm, Director of Marketing at Waupaca Foundry, will present “Waupaca Foundry: A Global Leader in Metal Casting” on February 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Waupaca Area Public Library in the lower-level meeting room. The program is free and open to the public and hosted by Winchester Academy.

Timm’s program will offer a dynamic overview of the Waupaca Foundry, North America’s leading supplier of iron castings to the automotive, commercial vehicle, agriculture, construction and industrial markets. The presentation will highlight the iron casting giant’s cutting-edge technologies, commitment to sustainability, community engagement and workforce development.

In 2021 Timm was recognized in the Women in Metal Casting Division by the American Foundry Society for her outstanding contribution and service to the industry. She is a graduate from the



The next speaker in the Winchester Academy series is Sara Timm of the Waupaca Foundry.

Submitted Photo

University of Wisconsin-Madison. Brenda and Dave Wenberg are the sponsors for this program. For more information about future programs, visit <http://winchesterwaupaca.org>.

Homebuilders on track

Extreme cold forces pause

WAUPACA – All infrastructure work for the River North Ridge residential subdivision has been completed said Kim Micoley, a business development representative working with Tycore. Due to the current cold weather, construction workers are temporarily pausing work on curbs, gutters and sidewalk installations. These elements will resume in the spring when temperatures allow for optimal conditions.

The apartment infrastructure phase is underway. The cold weather will also play a role in how much progress can be made. Any portions that are unable to be completed during the colder temperatures will resume as soon as the weather conditions permit. In the meantime, project managers are working on finalizing the floor plans for the lots.

Parfreyville UMC offers grants

WAUPACA – Parfreyville United Methodist Church (PUMC) has announced an eighth round of its Children and Youth Grant Program. Based on a memorial donation dedicated for children and youth programs within PUMC, the grant program was created to make funds available within the local community. Qualifying projects are typically awarded grants ranging from a few hundred dollars up to \$1000.

PUMC will accept applications from religious or non-religious based, public or private organizations that focus on the needs of children and youth. Project and program examples may include, but are not limited to, addressing health and nutritional needs, poverty and homelessness, education and youth mentoring.

Grant applications are to be submitted by April 30. Recipients will be notified by May 15 with funds available by May 30, 2025. To obtain grant guidelines and application forms, contact the church office at (715) 258-8615 or email office@warmumc.com. Parfreyville United Methodist Church, part of the Waupaca Area Regional Ministry (WARM), is located at N1979 County Road K in Waupaca and on Facebook at Waupaca Area Regional Ministry of the UMC.

Winter hike, campfire included

WAUPACA – A self-guided winter hike has been organized by the Waupaca Historical Society, the Waupaca Area Public Library and Waupaca Parks and Recreation. The hike uses the Shambeau Hill and Shambeau Park trails with two options: Shambeau Hill toward the Depot and the Shambeau Park Loop and trail leading to the Depot. On Sunday, March 2 from 3-5 p.m., the historic train depot at 525 Oak Street will be open for warming, hot drinks, activities and a campfire outside to warm up. All ages are welcome at this free event. Parking for the hike is available at Shambeau Hill under the water tower, at the depot and at Shambeau Park.

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Stevens Point NEWS

Massive solar farm next to wildlife area

Endangered prairie chickens threatened

PORTAGE COUNTY – The Buena Vista Wildlife Area, the vast grassland south of Stevens Point and west of Waupaca, is the home to the state’s last remaining prairie chickens—a gamebird that was once plentiful in vast numbers. Its habitat is threatened by a gigantic solar farm.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is appealing a recent Public Service Commission decision approving the Vista Sands solar project in Portage County. The WWF’s appeal is based on the solar project will endanger the prairie chicken population and will reduce the value of this state-owned grassland.

The 7,109.8 acre, 1,315.6 megawatt project will be the second largest solar project in the nation and will be four times larger than any previously approved solar facility in the state of Wisconsin. Several portions of the project’s solar array fields directly abuts the Buena Vista Wildlife Area grasslands that are used by the Greater Prairie-chickens for nesting and brooding and their leks, areas used by the species for reproduction.

Research show that when manmade structures are located next to their grasslands and leks, greater prairie-chickens avoid and abandon the habitat which will lead to population decline. The statewide population of this species has decreased dramatically over the last fifty years. Their population is measured by the number of males ob-



A massive solar farm is planned to be constructed next to the Buena Vista Wildlife Area. Experts contend this will disrupt the breeding habits of the greater prairie-chicken, a bird that is now rare in Wisconsin.

DNR Photo

served on leks during the spring mating season. The population of male greater prairie-chickens in the state in 2023 was 264 with the Buena Vista Wildlife Area.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is a strong supporter of renewable energy in Wisconsin including solar energy. We do not oppose the Vista Sands project but are greatly concerned that the existing proposed configuration of solar arrays immediately adjacent to grasslands and leks will lead to the endangerment and extirpation of the greater prairie-chicken species in Wisconsin. It is extremely disappointing that the Public Service Commission did not exercise its statutory authority to require Vista Sands to relocate its solar arrays directly bordering the Buena Vista Wildlife

Area to other alternative sites proposed by the company and recommended by the Wildlife Federation, the DNR, the Commission’s staff, as well as the project’s final Environmental Impact Statement,” said WWF Executive Director Cody Kamrowski.

The WWF’s position on the solar farm’s affects on prairie chicken habit is backed by multiple conservation groups: the North American Grouse Partnership, the Aldo Leopold Foundation, American Bird Conservancy, American Woodcock Society, Dane County Conservation League, Ducks Unlimited, Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, Northeastern Wisconsin Bird Alliance, Northern Bobwhite and Grassland

Initiative, Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, Prairie Chicken Project, Ruffed Grouse Society, Sutton Avian Research Center, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Wisconsin Bird Fund, Wisconsin Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, International Crane Foundation, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance, Mondovi Conservation Club, Buffalo County Con-

servation Alliance, Audubon of Kansas and Wisconsin Green Fire.

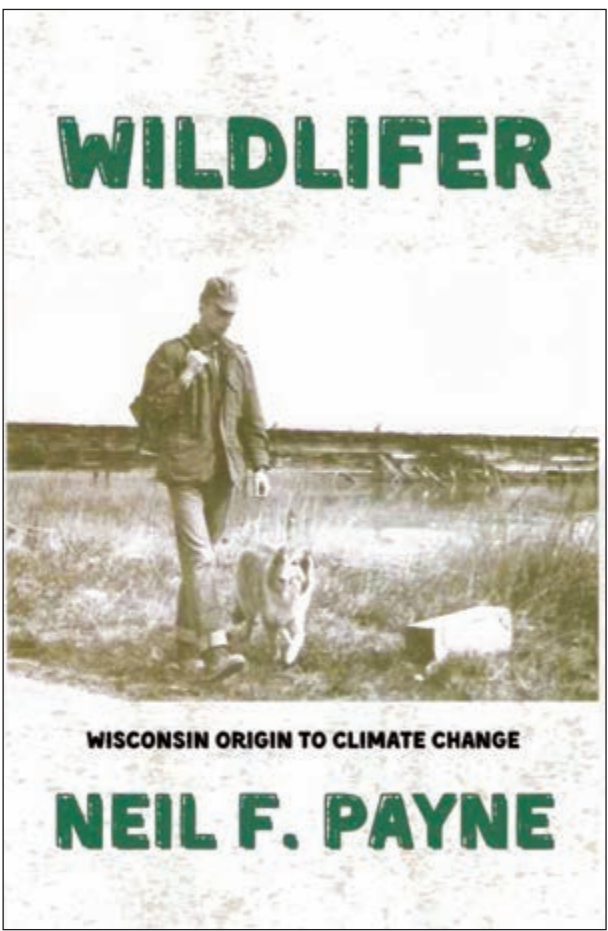
“The Buena Vista Wildlife Area DNR managers over the last forty years (myself and the current manager) are the most experienced GRPC biologists with knowledge of the behavior of the Buena Vista Wildlife Area population of Greater Prairie-chickens. We both agree that the Vista Sands placement of solar arrays immediately adjacent to the grasslands and associated leks can lead to the endangerment and extirpation

of the critically important Buena Vista Wildlife Area Greater Prairie-chicken population and possibly lead to state-wide extirpation of the species. In my professional opinion, the current Greater Prairie-chicken population is alarmingly low, and any significant negative impact to the birds and their habitat may be the tipping point that leads to endangerment and extirpation from Wisconsin,” said Jim Keir, a former twenty-year Buena Vista Wildlife manager and DNR prairie chicken expert.

Author explores wildlife in new book

STEVENS POINT – Neil F. Payne, local author and emeritus professor of wildlife ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has written a new book, “Wildlifer: Wisconsin Origin to Climate Change.” The book was published by UW-Stevens Point’s Cornerstone Press and it explores the beginning of Wisconsin’s wildlife professions, habitat diversity and the vast importance wildlife ecosystem management relative to climate change.

Payne has spent nearly his entire adult life working as a “wildlifer” throughout North America. With several books, articles and research studies to his credit, Payne closes his career by writing an analysis of wildlife management as a profession. From the influence of Aldo Leopold and John Muir to wildlife education, habitat diversity and the value of conservation, Payne provides a comprehensive study of not only a profession, but also a way of life and how it must be preserved. It is a blend of personal memoir with Wisconsin history



Neil F. Payne’s new book is part memoir, Wisconsin history and a study of wildlife management.

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and the technical experience of a seasoned wildlife expert. Payne served as a US Marine in the Vietnam

War, raised a family and has worked as a wildlife biologist, teacher, researcher and writer.

Big donation for breast biopsies

STEVENS POINT – The Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital-Breast Care Center received a new breast biopsy system from Joe and Cindy Kinsella of Almond. The new system replaces technology installed when the Breast Care Center was constructed in 2018 and will dramatically shorten what can be uncomfortable exam times for patients.

“This opportunity and breast biopsy technology hit home for us,” said Cindy Kinsella. “When we met and talked about it, we just knew that this is something we wanted to do and are fortunate to be able to provide the funding necessary to help ensure quality, close-to-home health care.”

The Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital - Breast Care Center

offers all-encompassing breast care, including mammograms, ultrasound, biopsy, pathology, surgery, reconstruction, radiation oncology and medical oncology all from one caring, collaborative team of experts.

“With this new technology, Radiologists can obtain real-time sample imaging and point-of-care biopsy verification,” said Tracy Rekowski, Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital Imaging Services Manager. “It provides exceptional image quality and integrated pain management can reduce patient discomfort, anxiety, stress and potential complications without radiologists and technicians ever needing to leave the patient’s side.”

“On behalf of our 1,000

regional employees and the almost 80,000 patients we serve annually in Stevens Point, Plover and the surrounding communities, our heartfelt thank you to the Kinsellas,” said Aspirus Southeast WI Regional President Carrie Penovich. “The impact that donor dollars make here is truly incredible.”

The Kinsellas and many other community members also generously supported the Angel Fund that was started in 2018 to provide free breast cancer screenings and diagnostics, including breast biopsies, to patients in the Portage County community who meet financial need requirements.

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ClintonvilleNEWS



The Clintonville Common Council approved a new plan that will save the roof of the grandstand at Don Jirschele Field at W.A. Olen Park. The city hopes the project is completed by early May. Once it is completed, the city will have spent around \$116,000 to make the grandstand safe for spectators.

Bert Lehman photo

Grandstand plan approved

Helical anchors for support

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The roof on the grandstand at Don Jirschele Stadium at W.A. Olen Park will stay, as the Clintonville City Council approved a new plan to save the grandstand and roof.

The council approved the new plan at its Feb. 11 meeting by a vote of 6-2. Ald. Brandon Braden and Ald. Branden Schirpke voted no. Ald. Kody Zempel and Ald. Aimee Ebert were absent from the meeting.

The new plan involves using a helical pier foundation to secure the I-beams for the grandstand roof. A helical pier looks like a long ice auger that is drilled into the earth. At the top of the auger (pier) is a bracket that mounts onto the base of the structure it is to support. They are also known as anchors or screwpiers. The council approved a bid from RJM Construction LLC of Black Creek for \$71,464, with the cost of the new plan not to exceed \$72,000 for the project. Of that amount, \$20,774 will come from capital contingency funds.

Finance Committee

At the Feb. 10 Clintonville Finance Committee meeting, Clintonville City Administrator Caz Muske recapped the current situation with the grandstand. She said that at the end of 2024, the city was waiting for soil borings to be completed in order to examine the soil conditions at the site. This was necessary because contractors indicated to the city that they would not bid on the project until soil samples were analyzed. This was after the original contractor abandoned the project because of a high water table in the area.

Justin Mc Auly, Public Works Director for the city of Clintonville, told the

committee that only one contractor submitted a bid to the city when it rebid the project out after the soil testing took place. That bid was submitted by RJM Construction in the amount of \$71,464. RJM Construction is a different contractor than the one the city had originally hired to complete the project.

The bid submitted by RJM Construction involved using a helical pier foundation. One alternate bid was also submitted by RJM Construction. This alternate bid was for \$101,085, and would have involved a footing and column replacement.

Mc Auly said the alternate bid would have included a continuous concrete footing, which the council had discussed in the past. The I-beams would have been secured in the concrete footing.

Based on the two bids submitted by RJM Construction, Mc Auly said it was the recommendation to go with the helical pier option.

They feel it's going to be more stable because you're actually anchoring into good, solid ground underneath," said Mc Auly.

Mc Auly added that the continuous concrete footing option would have been around five feet deep in the ground, and it could shift over time and cause cracking in the concrete.

The I-beams that the city had originally purchased for the project will be used with the helical pier option.

Committee Chairman Brandon Braden asked if the bid amount was within the project's budget.

Mc Auly said the project would be overbudget.

Muske said she recently met with officials from the Clintonville School District, which uses the field for its boys' baseball games in the spring.

"There is openness, interest in potentially partnering," said Muske.

Muske added that city of-

ficials have not spoken with the Clintonville Athletic Club, which uses the field in the summer for BABA games.

"There could be a scenario where we partner together, we just don't know what that looks like yet," Muske said.

Committee member Greg Rose said the project needs to be completed. "Expensive, yes, but necessary," he said.

After the committee recommended the city council approve the bid for \$71,464, Braden asked that Muske research to see if any upcoming city projects could be cut or postponed so the funds for the grandstand project would not have to come from emergency funds.

"Can we try to identify some areas where we might be able to cut as well, so we're not spending emergency funds for something that is very much interested, it doesn't feel like a true emergency," said Braden.

Council discussion

At the Feb. 11 council meeting, Muske said that she feels the city will have some contingency funds that will be available through the city's capital borrowing, so the city wouldn't need to use emergency funds for the project.

"We had moved some projects around and we feel that we have some savings that we can put towards this project," said Muske.

McAuly said the contractor feels the project could be completed by May 4.

"It all depends on how much frost is down there," he said. "So, they're really not going to know until they start going down there and digging."

Muske said baseball games can be played on the diamond prior to the project being completed, but seating will be limited.

Grandstand
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Water-sewer increases approved

Higher rates effective March 1

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Water and sewer rates in the city of Clintonville will be increasing on March 1.

At its Feb. 11 meeting, the Clintonville Common Council approved a 4.1% increase for water rates and a 7.5% increase for sewer rates, with the increases starting on March 1. Ald. Kody Zempel and Ald. Aimee Ebert were absent from the meeting.

Stacy Sonnenberg, utility finance director for the city of Clintonville, told the council that customers would not see the increase reflected on their bills until April because the March bill will cover roughly Feb. 27 thru March 27.

Finance committee At the Feb. 10 Clintonville Finance Committee meeting, Sonnenberg told the committee that the city worked with Ehlers, the city's financial advisor, regarding the rate increases. For the water rate, the city had applied to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, which allowed the city to do a simplified rate case of 4.1%.

"They did a study of our financials and found that we're not meeting the rate of return benchmark, so they approved us for that [increase]," said Sonnenberg.

The increase will amount to around a dollar increase per month for residential



Water and sewer rates with Clintonville Utilities will be increasing March 1. Bert Lehman photo

customers on their water bill, Sonnenberg said. She added that residents last saw an increase to their water rate in 2023.

For sewer, a rate increase of 7.5% was recommended. As with the water rate, the last time the sewer rate was increased was in 2023, when it was increased by 5%.

The sewer rate increase will amount to around \$3 per month for residential customers on their bill.

"Sewer is doing worse profit-wise the last few years," said Sonnenberg.

The sewer utility had a \$236,000 loss in 2022, a loss of \$223,000 in 2023, and is expecting around a \$258,000 loss in 2024.

"With this [increase], this should hopefully help operations at the treatment plant," said Sonnenberg. "Inflation and things have gone up quite a bit, and it's been pretty costly to maintain."

Clintonville City Administrator Caz Muske told the committee that when the city increased the water and sewer

rates in 2023, it decided to do smaller rate increases instead of one large rate increase.

"That is why we recently did one [rate increase] in 2023, but we're still having to do one in 2025," Muske said.

Clintonville Utilities Manager Dave Tichinel told the committee that part of the reason for the need to increase rates is due to the street projects the city has been and will continue to do. The capital expense to redo the water and sewer lines for those street projects have to be funded by the water and sewer rates. This is compounded by the fact the city hasn't been receiving as much grant funds for those projects as it did in the past.

"At least right now, we're starting to lose the grant money we used to get from the state or federal government," said Tichinel. "And that's more or less us taking on 100% of the cost."

Tichinel said the city is still applying for grant funds, but is getting denied more often now.

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ClintonvilleNEWS

Street rebuild in motion

Harriet and 16th Streets included

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Common Council approved a bid of \$1,502,664 from Robert Immel Excavating, Inc. of Greenville for the 2025 street and utility reconstruction project to include a portion of Harriet Street and 16th Street.

The bid was approved at the council's Feb. 11 meeting.

For the Harriet Street portion of the project, it will run from Greentree Road to 20th Street. For the 16th Street portion of the project, it will run from North Main Street to Garfield Avenue.

Finance committee

At the Feb. 10 Clintonville Finance Committee meeting, Clintonville City

Administrator Caz Muske said the city applied for grants to help cover the costs of the street reconstruction, as well as the utility costs. The city did receive a CDBG (Community Development Block) grant to cover some of the costs of the street reconstruction, but the city was denied a grant for the utilities portion of the project.

“The competition has seemed to be more stringent, and it's more difficult to get grants,” said Muske. “I foresee CDBG to have that same affect the next couple of years. As you know, they used to allow municipalities to apply every two years. Now they've bumped it out every three years. So, I think it's going to become more competitive and difficult for infrastructure funding.”

Muske added that the city applied for more grant funding than it was awarded.



This stretch of Harriet Street from 20th Street to Greentree Road will be one of the street reconstruction and utility projects for the city of Clintonville in 2025.

Bert Lehman photo

“We only got grant funds for 16th Street engineering and design, but nothing for construction,” said Muske.

At the end of the discussion Muske told the committee, “The city continues to research and apply for grants. Unfortunately,

it's just becoming more difficult, but we're not going to stop searching for alternate revenue sources because we know it affects the tax levy, it affects our user rates, and we are trying to be as fiscally responsible as possible.”

Bids

The bids were outlined in a Jan. 30 letter from Kunkel Engineering Group to Muske.

In the letter, it was stated that the city received seven bids for the street and util-

ity reconstruction project. The bids included a base bid, and four alternate bid items. The bids ranged from \$1,439,694 to \$1,766,504, with the low bid submitted by Immel Excavating. Of the seven bids, five of the bids came in below the engineer's estimate for the project, which was \$1,658,707.

Kunkel Engineering Group, who is working with the city on the project, recommended that the city accept the bid from Immel Excavating.

Clintonville Utilities Manager Dave Tichinel said at the committee meeting that Immel Excavating is familiar with the city because it is the city's main contractor for excavating for water project. They are easy to work with and their familiarity with the city will be beneficial during the reconstruction project.

“I'm glad to see them as the lowest bid,” said Tichinel.

New London & HortonvilleNEWS

District recognizes Tigerton Lumber Co.

Named Business of the Year

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Board of Education has recognized Tigerton Lumber Co. as the recipient of a newly created Business of the Year award given by the district.

The board approved the recognition at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Board President Chris Martinson said Tigerton Lumber Co. has been donating lumber to the district's woods program ever since 2016. Each year it donates \$1,200-\$1,500 worth of lumber.

“I thought of them before, in prior years when the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) award process came up, but there was always another one (business) that seemed to edge them out,” Martinson said. “...I think the fact that they stuck to it. They're not in our district, but you know, they're close to it. They appreciate our woods program because they are in the forest products industry.”

He added, “I think it's

important to recognize cumulative steady supporters in this, and hopefully keep them interested in the future.”

New London Superintendent Scott Bleck said the district will continue to highlight the donations it receives on a monthly basis.

Each January the district plans to recognize a business of the year.

Jan. 8 meeting

The creation of a business of the year award was first broached at the board's Jan. 8 meeting, when Martinson told the board that for a number of years the board had recognized a business each year that has benefited the district. The recognition was prompted each year by WASB having a recognition based on the district nominating a business.

“We missed the deadline for that this year,” Martinson said. “I'm not sure exactly how we missed it, but we missed it, so we can not use the WASB model to do it until next year, going into the next convention in January 2026.”

Despite not being able to recognize a business this year through the WASB, Martinson asked the board whether it would like to consider

having a New London School District Business of the Year.

“I don't really feel that the business that gets these awards is concerned about the WASB,” Martinson said. “The honoring of it, is that the district has chosen it. I'd hate to miss a year because there's a lot of potential businesses that we would possibly want to recognize.”

Board Vice President John Heideman said sometimes the district acknowledges the same business over and over.

“Granted, they are the most generous, and it is always good to acknowledge those that are close to home,” Heideman said. “But I know one that has done very well for us, over a number of years, is Tigerton Lumber (Company). It's one of those we really don't think about. They donate a lot of wood to our woodshop program.”

Board member Mark Grossman said that was a good example of a business to recognize.

“If we're going to do something like this, I think we should set up criteria that recognizes businesses based upon, also, the size of their business,” Grossman said.



Randy Mayes is a world-renowned bow hunter and award-winning taxidermist. He is the keynote speaker for the seventh annual Outdoorsmen's Breakfast on March 1.

Photo courtesy Men of the Outdoors

Sportsmen's breakfast March 1

Multiple workshops, speakers

NEW LONDON – The Men of the Outdoors is hosting its seventh annual Sportsmen's Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, in the Emanuel Lutheran School gymnasium at 200 E. Quincy Street, New London.

The breakfast event features: breakfast, a keynote speaker, workshops, vendors, kids' activities and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Kids' activities will run throughout the program.

The event has over a dozen hunting and fishing vendors to visit and share ideas with. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. with multiple work-

shops to choose from running at 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with a break for breakfast at 9 a.m. Breakfast includes biscuits and gravy, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee, milk and bottled water.

Workshop topics

Five different workshops will be offered during break-out sessions. Tom Zaddock will share his years of experience on maintenance and sharpening knives.

Lauren Voss, Wisconsin Turkey Commander, will discuss putting together a deer or turkey camp. Voss has appeared on numerous outdoor shows and he has been published in various articles from his 50 plus years experience.

Terry Dorschner, the 2023 National Wild Turkey

Federation Mentor of the Year will discuss the DNR Youth Turkey Program and his local experiences.

Dave and Melissa Gilbertson will talk about conservation measures Africa uses to protect all their wildlife. Roger Krueger, local gunsmith, will share his knowledge on hunting rifles.

Randy Mayes is keynote speaker. He is a taxidermist and world-renowned bow hunter. He will share his adventures and his strategies that hunters will want to learn about for their future hunts.

He has taken Cape buffalo, brown bear, bison and musk ox. Mayes will share some bow hunting experiences and discuss using heavier than normal arrow weights with extreme forward of center configuration.

Mayes has also owned and operated his taxidermy studio for over 40 years. He and his staff often design and create large museum-type, mountain and African savanna dioramas to accommodate the life-size mounts. The program ends with numerous door prizes for both adults and kids. Tickets are available at www.emanuelnl.org/moto or in person at Johnny's Little Shop of Bait or Emanuel Lutheran Church office.

Sprang promoted at First State

NEW LONDON – Brooke R. Sprang has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer at First State Bank. Sprang will continue to be responsible for all aspects of human resources, including recruitment, retention, succession planning, and executing key strategic initiatives.

Sprang joined First State Bank in 2024 as Senior Vice President, Human Resources and has more than 18 years of human resources management experience.

“In her time here, Brooke has shown exceptional leadership, vision, and a deep commitment to strengthening our team and culture,” said First State Bank Presi-

dent and CEO, Matt Lemke. “I'm confident that Brooke's approach to HR strategy will continue to support the bank's ongoing success.”

First State Bank is a \$549 million community bank with offices in New London, Auburndale, Clintonville, Manawa, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Waupaca, and Wisconsin Rapids.

Meet school board candidates

NEW LONDON – Residents in the School District of New London will have a chance to meet candidates running for the 2025 school board election on Monday, March 3 at 6 p.m. in the New London High School auditorium.

This public event offers an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates as they respond to both scripted and open questions from attendees.

Their responses will provide valuable insight into their perspectives and qual-

ifications as potential representatives for the School District of New London.

The candidate forum will be moderated by Hans R. Thompson, Senior Associate Attorney at Sweetney Law Office S.C.

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Wega-Fremont NEWS



Jacob and Jennifer Hoewisch, with their youngest and newest child, were honored by Outstanding Farmers of America in Des Moines, Iowa. Their family farm is outside of Fremont. Submitted Photo

An outstanding farmer

Hoewisch honored as finalist

FREMONT – Jacob Hoewisch and his wife Jennifer have been selected as one of ten finalists for the prestigious National Outstanding Young Farmer (NOYF) Award, an honor presented annually by the Outstanding Farmers of America (OFA). This award recognizes exceptional achievement in agriculture, dedication to conservation practices, and significant contributions to community development.

The selection process for the NOYF Award was highly competitive, with more than 30 nominations received from across the United States. Following an extensive review, semi-finalists were chosen and evaluated by OFA officers and an independent panel of judges. The top ten finalists were then invited to attend an all-expense-paid trip to the 70th annual OFA Convention, held in Des Moines, Iowa, from February 5-8, 2025.

Upon arrival, finalists participated in the NOYF Finalist Dinner, where they had the opportunity to meet fellow honorees. At the convention, they engaged in interviews conducted by

an independent panel of judges. The announcement of winners took place on February 8, 2025, during the convention's closing banquet.

To be eligible for nomination, candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 40 and be active farm operators, earning at least two-thirds of their income from farming. Nominees are evaluated based on three key criteria: progress in their agricultural careers, implementation of soil and water conservation practices, and contributions to their community, state, and nation.

Jacob Hoewisch was raised on a farm and from a young age has immersed himself in family farm operations. A pivotal moment for him was in fourth grade, when his father and uncle merged herds and created Hoewisch Homestead Dairy, LLC. Purchasing 30 acres of land as a junior in high school, this marked the beginning of a very successful farming career.

Earning multiple technical diplomas from Fox Valley Tech and working as an artificial insemination technician after graduation, the skills Jacob learned eventually led him to making all operational decisions on the farm.

Focusing on sustainability and innovation, Jacob has transitioned to no-till

farming, implemented cover crops and invested in new technologies such as genomic testing, feed software, manure dragline equipment. Along with his wife Jennifer, who oversees calf care, Jacob aims to vertically integrate the dairy and process their own milk in the future.

With Jennifer and their children, Jacob is a committed community leader, remaining active in various agricultural organizations, including the Waupaca County Farm Bureau and Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin.

Jacob and Jennifer were honored to be named NOYF finalists alongside outstanding young farmers from Arkansas, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The Outstanding Farmers of America organization recognizes and uplifts young professionals in agriculture, providing them with opportunities to grow through leadership programs, educational initiatives, and networking events.

The OFA is committed to fostering innovation and sustainability in agriculture, connecting young farmers across the nation to exchange ideas, and championing efforts to advance the industry.

W-F tech students get upgrades

Community provides tools, materials

BY RYAN LEMKE

WEYAUWEGA – Over the past two years, the W-F Tech Ed Department has undergone remarkable transformations, thanks to strategic grants and the steadfast support of the local community. With the help of a Wisconsin Economic Development Council (WEDC) grant, the department has made significant upgrades to its equipment, enhancing the learning experience for students and preparing them for future careers in technical fields.

Among the upgrades are a new laser engraver and a Roland Print and Cut machine, which allows for large-format printing. These tools not only provide students with hands-on experience in cutting-edge technologies but also open doors to creative and practical applications that were previously unattainable. Additionally, several aging welders, which had been a staple of the department for decades, were replaced to ensure students

have access to safe and efficient equipment.

Revitalization of the Tech Ed Department would not have been possible without the unwavering generosity of the Weyauwega-Fremont community. Local businesses and individuals have stepped up in extraordinary ways to support students. Quantum Dairy sponsored the purchase of a new planer, while Breeze Dairy Group contributed a new jointer—both critical tools in woodworking and manufacturing courses. These contributions replaced equipment that was over 40 years old and had long outlived its effectiveness.

Community support does not end there. Numerous other sponsors, including Schroeder Contracting, Agropur, Faulks Brothers, and Jim Busse Dairyland Chopping, made generous cash donations to cover additional equipment purchases and installation costs. Contributions of materials also played a vital role, with R&H Liquidators, Fastenal Waupaca, and TLC Sign providing essential supplies to keep the department running smoothly.

The impact of these upgrades and donations extends far beyond the classroom. They provide students with the tools and resources necessary to gain valuable skills in technology and trades, preparing them for post-secondary education or immediate entry into the workforce.

Weyauwega-Fremont Tech Ed Department's modernization is a testament to the power of collaboration between educational institutions, local businesses, and community members. Together, they have created an environment where students can thrive and explore their potential in ways that were previously unimaginable. This partnership exemplifies what can be achieved when a community comes together to invest in its future.

The department's recent progress highlights the profound impact of modernized resources and community engagement in education. With continued support, the Weyauwega-Fremont Tech Ed Department is poised to achieve even greater opportunities for its students in the years to come.

Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Rib Fest returns

Epic dinner marks 20 years

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

SCANDINAVIA – The Iola-Scandinavia girl's softball team will be hosting their very popular Rib Fest dinner March 2 at Silver Lake Lanes in Scandinavia.

Dinners will be served from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This will be the softball teams 20th Rib Fest dinner.

This year they will be offering a full-rack rib dinner for \$30. They will be using the same ribs as last year, which is a pre-cooked smoked St. Louis-style pork spare rib.

Coach Tom Ansonson said the response they got from last year's ribs were excellent which is why they wanted to bring it back.

They will be offering both dine-in and carry-out dinners. All dinners will be served in to-go containers.

Besides the full rack of ribs, the menu will include a baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh bread and a chocolate brownie dessert.

Anderson said that he highly recommends purchasing your tickets in advance.

They served just over 400 dinners each of the past few years which is very

close to selling out. Tickets may be purchased from any softball player, softball coach or at Silver Lake Lanes.

Tickets may also be purchased by calling 715-445-2411, Ext. 5000 and leaving a message or by emailing Anderson at andersont@iola.k12.wi.us

Money raised will help fund future spring training trips and needed softball equipment.

"We greatly appreciate the support the communities of Iola and Scandinavia and the surrounding areas have shown to our Rib Fest dinner and to our softball program," said Anderson.

Manawa NEWS

Snow melts, pour cement, play ball!

District approves softball sidewalk

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa School Board approved a quote from two local contractors to complete some concrete work on the new softball field at Little Wolf High School on Jan. 27. The concrete work includes a four-foot wide sidewalk from Beech Street to the field, as well as a concrete pad beneath both the bleachers and dugouts.

Due to the uncertainty of whether or not the city would be able to fix the fields at Lindsay Park in time for the softball season to begin, the Manawa School Board approved a measure to build their own on school property Oct. 10.

"We were told by multiple contractors through the city that those fields would not be ready for play, which then mobilized the Board of Education to say, 'Hey we're going to make sure we have playing fields for our kids,'" said Manawa District Administrator Ryan Peterson.

"Baseball and softball are incredibly important to our community and the school system. We've got to figure out a way that we're

going to help support that in the community."

Peterson said the infield was rebuilt with a new backstop and fencing, which was completed along with the over-seeding and aeration of the outfield in early November.

The remaining work will need to be completed this spring, which has Peterson and the school district hoping for a quick snow melt and warm temperatures well before the start of the season at the end of March.

Peterson said, if the field is not done by the time the softball season starts that the district will come up with some creative solutions to ensure the team is able to still play on fields that are safe and accessible.

"Basically we've tried very hard to ensure that our first, roughly, two weeks or so of the season are all going to be away games," Peterson said. "Just with the intent of buying a bit more time so that once our field is ready then the girls will be able to play on it and have a really great experience without it being interrupted because of any field maintenance issues."

The measure approved at the Jan. 27 board meeting that Spiegelberg Inc. and S&S excavating to do the work on the concrete work for the softball field, with S&S Excavating completing the preparation and

finish work for the project.

The sidewalk will run parallel to the third base line, about 30 to 40 feet away.

"It'll help us with some of our accessibility issues that we're going to have, just trying to make sure that we can get everyone out there, whether they're highly mobile or have challenges with mobility, that they can still use the sidewalk to get there," said Peterson.

Peterson said at the board meeting that they are looking at some potential donors for the scoreboard, but he said the main focus is getting accessibility to the field, making it Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

The addition of a baseball field may be a future endeavor for the district; however, the plot of land that would be used for the field would need to be flattened out in order to create an even playing surface.

"We will continue to explore for years to come, and depending on where we are and if it makes sense then that might be something that the board has to make decisions on," said Peterson.

The vote was unanimous, with board member Scott Emmert abstaining due to his son previously being employed by Spiegelberg Inc.

Community rallies for trail rebuild

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – After the historic flooding in 2024, the Manawa Mid-Western Rodeo and Stampede were cancelled for the season, which left a hole in fundraising for the Little Wolf Trail Organization, as its only fundraiser was rained out.

However, the Stampede will return this year and it will mark the 15th year of the event.

This year's Stampede 5k/10k walk or run set to take place July 5.

The Little Wolf Trail Organization is anticipating the Stampede to resume as it has with the start and end of the race at Lindsay Park in Manawa.

After the dam breached on July 5, 2024 and flooded Manawa, the downriver surge caused major to the river portion of trails. It damaged the boardwalks and bridges

and left silt deposits everywhere.

Ann Wade, a Little Wolf River Trail Organization committee member, originally thought the trail would not be able to be fixed until closer to spring; however they had volunteers step up that were able to start working on the damage last fall.

Wade said there was an outpouring of messages from the community and volunteers who wanted to see the trail beck up and running, so the volunteers started cleaning the useable boardwalks.

They continued to get more volunteers to work during the winter months and were able to pound new posts and continue to rebuild the damaged trail.

Wade and the trail committee said they are thankful that so many people stepped up to assist in the repair of the beloved city trail.

Trail surfaces need to be built back, which they are

in the process of completing, while making sure to give volunteers a public "thank you" on Facebook at the What's Happening in Manawa page.

"The cancellation of last year's Stampede the day before the event was heartbreaking but also for the city and residents," said Wade. "But for the Little Wolf River Trail Committee, who hosts this event, it is our only fundraiser, it funds our continued maintenance and upgrades on these trails."

The maintenance needed includes asphalt surface repairs, sealing cracks, loads of rocks for washouts, mulching parts of the trail, lawn mowing and tree trimming. Wade said the maintenance is endless. For volunteering, contact annwade@charter.net. Donations can be sent to Little Wolf River Trail Organization, P.O. Box 121, Manawa, Wisconsin, 54949.

Obituary Notices

Scewczuga, Alice



Alice M. Scewczuga, age 94, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2025. She was born in Big Falls, WI on June 8, 1930 to Arnold and Elsie (Strehlow) Price. She was raised in the Iola area along with her five siblings.

On May 7, 1949 she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Edwin Osterling. They relocated to Milwaukee and that was where their daughter Barbara was born. She began working at Pabst Brewing Company in the cleaning department and retired after 30 plus years of service. Edwin passed away February 24, 1982. She then married the second love of her life, Ervin Scewczuga, on November 3, 1984. They moved part-time to Winter Haven, FL where she was able to genuinely enjoy her retirement. She and Ervin would participate in dance contests, attend parties in the park, and take cruises. Ervin preceded her in death on December 24, 2019.

Alice will be dearly missed by her daughter, Barbara (Mike) Gutho of Waupaca; granddaughter, Penny (Kevin) Harper of Waupaca; grandson, Michael Gutho, Jr. (fiancé, Tina Moen) of Fond du Lac; and great grandson, Lee Gutho. She will also be missed by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Edwin Osterling; second husband, Ervin Scewczuga; and siblings and spouses: Elmer (Lucille) Timm, Helen (Herb) Cassiner, Isabel (Harvey) Krueger, Sadie (Harvey) Diem, and Doris (Herbert) Krueger.

The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Please join the family for a luncheon following the service. She will be laid to rest beside Edwin at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Park Vista - The Legacy, where Alice was a resident for the past five years, for the loving care given to her. Thank you also to ThedaCare at Home Hospice for making her comfortable the past couple of weeks.

Grant, Patricia



Patricia G. (Pat) Grant, age 81, of Waupaca, WI, passed away on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at ThedaCare Medical Center in Waupaca. She was born in Warwick, RI on March 27, 1943, daughter of the late Vincenzo and Martha (Hornig) Perri.

She married Gary C Grant on November 3, 1962 in San Pedro, CA. He preceded her in death on November 23, 2016.

Pat met Gary on a blind date arranged by friends, while

Gary was stationed at Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego, CA. They were married and raised their 3 children in San Pedro, CA until they moved to Waupaca, WI. Prior to relocating, Pat co-owned San Pedro Pet Shop with her mother where she could care for the animals and she worked as a dog groomer. She loved animals of all kinds and made sure our home was always filled with pets. She held various positions throughout her years living in Waupaca but the one that meant the most to her was giving guitar lessons to many local children & adults and performing with The Parfreyville Weavers of Song. Music was a huge part of her life and it brought her joy to share it. She loved her family & her lifelong friends, enjoyed bowling, golfing, serving on the Belmont Town Board and working as the Church Secretary at Parfreyville United Methodist Church for many years.

Pat resided at Park Vista - The Legacy for the past 2+ years, where the staff took loving care of her. We'd like to thank all of them for their efforts to make her comfortable. We'd also like to thank the team at ThedaCare At Home for Hospice Services, as well as everyone who visited her in the hospital and supported our family throughout her journey.

Survivors include her Children: Angela (Gary) Rowland, Waupaca, WI; Susan (Douglas) Jirik, Waupaca, WI; Michael (Jennifer) Grant, Waupaca, WI; Grandchildren: Joshua (Carolyn) Rowland, Brookfield, WI; Jason Rowland, Appleton, WI; Amanda (Andrew) Froelich, Green Bay, WI; Emily Jirik (fiancé Tyler Smith), Mountain Home, ID; Aavery Grant, Waupaca, WI; Alyssa Grant (fiancé Blake Orr), Waupaca, WI; Great Grandchildren: Mara and Nelly Rowland; Mia and Daisy Froelich; Juniper and Luella Orr; Brother: Vincent S. Perazzola, San Pedro, CA. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Pat was preceded in death by her parents Vincenzo and Martha Perri and her husband, Gary Grant.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca at 11:30 AM on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, with Brenda Hewitt, officiating. Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in the name of Patricia Grant.

Patricia's cremains will be scattered over her beloved Pacific Ocean during a family burial at sea service this summer.

Nielson, Doug



Douglas Karl "Doug" Nielson passed away on February 13, 2025, in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Born in Waupaca, Wisconsin, to the late Gordon and Marion (Steiger) Nielson, Doug grew up on Clarke Street alongside his parents and his brother, Gary (d. 2020). Waupaca remained a cornerstone of his heart throughout his life. He graduated from Waupaca High School in 1967.

Doug's life took a profound turn on Christmas Day 1973 when he proposed to Sandy Schultz. They married on September 14, 1974, in Marion and built a life together in Waupaca filled with love and devotion. Together, they raised two children: Amy, who now resides in Suffolk, Virginia, with her husband Jim Womick, and Todd, who lives in Miami, Florida. Doug took immense pride in their accomplishments and cherished every moment spent together.

For 41 years, Doug worked at Filter Materials in Waupaca while also serving as a volunteer firefighter and fire inspector for 26 years. His dedication to the fire department was more than service—it was a brotherhood that he deeply cherished. Among those bonds was an unbreakable friendship with Gregg Wehmeyer—whom Doug never stopped missing after Gregg's passing in 1992.

Doug embraced life's simple joys with enthusiasm and gratitude. He was an avid bowler and relished a good round of cards among friends, where the camaraderie was just as important as the game itself and where Doug found an opportunity to share a favorite joke he always had at the ready. Fishing on Mirror Lake with Sandy and the kids was a favorite pastime—memories that Amy and Todd will hold dear forever. Doug and Sandy also found joy in biking together, sharing quiet rides that strengthened their bond. Woodworking became a passion that allowed him to craft meaningful pieces for those around him. A devoted sports fan, he cheered wholeheartedly for the Green Bay Packers and the Wisconsin Badgers. One of his most treasured memories was attending the legendary Ice Bowl in 1967—a story he loved to recount with pride.

In 2019, Doug and Sandy moved to Port St. Lucie, Florida, where they lived next to his sister-in-law Sherry Johnson and her husband Tim Sturges, as well as his mother-in-law Millie Schultz. Together, they became "The Gang of Five," an inseparable group who shared countless adventures—whether watching football, exploring new places, or enjoying meals filled with laughter and love. Doug's famous sweet tooth ensured that no gathering was complete without dessert. He and Tim seldom missed a day of "running errands" together—an outing that often included indulging in ice cream or doughnuts.

Doug's generosity and steadfast kindness will live on in the hearts of those who knew him, including Ashley Sturges; Anne and Brad Hungerford; Abigail Serrano; friend Marlyce Wehmeyer Jueds; sister-in-law Marian Nielson; and nephews Tim Nielson and his wife Wendy and Scott Nielson and his wife Lilly.

Honoring Doug's wishes, no formal service will be held. Instead, those who knew him are invited to carry forward his memory—a cherished keepsake illuminating their lives with warmth and love. His spirit endures through the moments he shared with others—a testament to a life well-lived, marked by devotion to family and an unyielding dedication to those he held dear. He will be at peace joining his beloved Sandy, who passed on November 30, 2024.

Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation. — Rumi

Memorial donations will be made to the Waupaca Fire Department—where Doug was a proud lifetime member—and Treasure Coast Hospice, which provided both Doug and Sandy and their loved ones with physical, emotional, and spiritual support during their final days. Donations in Doug's memory can be sent to Sherry Johnson at 518 NW Blue Lake Drive, Port St Lucie, FL 34986 or contributed online at <https://gofund.me/98c38568>.

Penn, Anthony



Anthony "Tony" Benjamin Penn Jr., age 73, of Weyauwega was called to his Heavenly home on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. He was born on May 14, 1951, to Anthony and Bernice Penn. He graduated from Baraboo High School and earned his bachelor's degree in business from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. After graduating, he worked at several banks throughout Wisconsin & Minnesota. He started his own company,

Penn Appraisals in 1995 & continued to dedicate his time to his business to this day. On April 06, 1996, he married Lorraine (Fuhs) Luedke at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and together they shared 28 years of marriage.

Tony was an avid bass fisherman and was coined the nickname "Big Fish". He made the State Bass fishing team in 1996 and was greatly involved in the Waupaca Bass Club. He was a member of the Waupaca Conservation League and recently regained his passion of being an accomplished trap shooter and joined the Manawa Fish & Game Club. He was an environmentalist and craftsman; brewing beer and fresh apple cider, raising worms, and was very proud of his pollinator field. Perhaps his most memorable pastime was his skilled cribbage hand where he taught generations of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren how to play. He enjoyed many summer camping trips and had a special bond with his dog, Rubie. He cherished the time spent with his son, Nathan, and grandson, Cole, with whom he shared his knowledge and passion of fishing and hunting. Tony harvested the biggest buck of his life this past fall when he shot an 8-pointer on his property!

Tony is survived by his wife, Lorraine; son, Nathan (Jen) Penn of New London, WI; grandson, Cole Penn; brother, Steve Penn; step-children: Jodi (Tracy) Luedke, Kelli (Stan) Luedke, Shane Luedke, Nicole Luedke, Tony Luedke, & Jared (Jessica) Luedke; grandchildren: Amanda (Luke) Mitchell, Alecia (Reid) Raschke, Andrea Koschak, Kyllie (John) Campbell, Dakota (Becca) Dotson, & Aysia Schroeder, Jaylee, Jayton, & Jozey Luedke; great-grandchildren: Kaidance Nicholson, Benson & Jackson Campbell, Ihla Mitchell, & Hazel Raschke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony & Bernice Penn; stepfather, Armin Ohnesorge, and in-laws Everett & Verlaine Fuhs.

The Christian Funeral Service for Tony were held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Weyauwega with Pastor Kristopeit officiating. A visitation was held prior to the service at the church from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM. Following the service, the family extended invitation for a luncheon at Hidden Waters Golf Course in Waupaca to continue the celebration of Tony's life. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or Weymont Run Tree Fund as these were near and dear to Tony's heart.

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

St. Peter will be live streaming the service on their Facebook page, which you can find here: <https://www.facebook.com/StPeterWega>.

Conroy, Mary



Mary Kathryn (Loughrin) Conroy, age 93, passed away at her residence, The Washington Center in New London, surrounded by family on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Mary was born on August 3, 1931 in the township of Lebanon, daughter of the late Frank and Marie (Rebman) Loughrin. She attended Maple Hill School, then Little Wolf High in Manawa.

Mary met the love of her life at a dance at Bear Lake and on October 27, 1956 was united in marriage to Robert Conroy at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in the township of Lebanon. He preceded her in death on December 16, 2021.

Mary helped her husband run the family business - Bear Lake Resort and Campground. You could always find her serving 10 cent ice cream cones at the stand down by the lake, or preparing wedding dinners, and helping at the resort.

Mary was employed by Manawa Farm Office and Remington Rand in Milwaukee. She worked on the election board for 35 years, delivered Meals on Wheels, and was very active in Sacred Heart Alter Society, where she held many offices and chaired funeral dinners.

She participated in bowling and golf leagues, rode bicycle, played Bridge and traveled with Uncle Bob. Mary would say "I loved to bowl, but stopped when I caught my age, then golfed until I did not hit my age!"

Mary is survived by nieces and nephews: Pat (Rose) Loughrin, Steve (Sue) Loughrin, Janet Loughrin, Teresa Larson, Jean (Tom) Peeters, Kathy (Chris) Williams, Michelle (Jeff) Kamps, Tim (Sharon) White, Jeff (Fiona) White, Tom (Cori) White, Connie (Keith) School, Colleen (Bruce) Roemer, Molly (Steve) Joosten, Bridget (Joe) Bailey, and Ryan Conroy. She is further survived by many great and great great nieces and nephews, as well as many wonderful friends. She will always be remembered as "Aunt Mary" to everyone.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Elaine Loughrin; sister and brother-in-law, Robert and Teresa White; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Patrick and Joan Conroy; and nephew-in-law, Vern Larson.

The Funeral Mass for Mary was held on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manawa with Fr. Kris Mekala officiating. A visitation was held on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Manawa from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM and also on Monday prior to the service AT THE CHURCH from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Washington Center and Heartland Hospice for their wonderful care.

Mary always said: "Bob and I were blessed with the best nieces and nephews who were so supportive; may God bless them all."

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

Thayer, Rose



Rose (Gutoski) Thayer, age 86 of New London, passed away on Friday, February 14, 2025 at St. Joseph Residence. Rose was born on May 3, 1938 in New London to the late Chet and Mae (Kent) Gutoski. She married Robert Thayer on February 15, 1958 at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in New London. He preceded her in death in 2011. Rose loved going to the casino, golfing and cooking. She was an extraordinary homemaker, who ran a tight ship! In her younger years, she worked at Schmidt's Grocery and spent some time working as a rural mail carrier. As a homemaker, nothing meant more to Rose than time spent with her family. She always made the most of everything she did.....whether it was celebrating Christmas or a trip to the lake.

Rose is survived by her kids, Rob (Robin), Barbara, Theresa (Al), Greg (Theresa), Jean, Deb (Barry) and Jim (Alice); numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is further survived by her siblings, Shirley (Marty), Sally and Bob and brother-in-law, Steve.

In addition to her parents and husband, Bob, Rose was preceded in death by her sister, Sue; great-granddaughter, Abigail Hoier; brother, Don and brother-in-law, Ray.

The Memorial Mass for Rose will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in New London with Fr. David Hoffman officiating. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the mass. Burial will be in the parish cemetery at a later date.

The family wished to thank the staff at Kindred Hearts and St. Joseph Residence for the loving care given to Rose. www.clinehansonfunerlhome.com

Witt, Tony



Tony L. Witt, age 55 of Clintonville, passed away on Friday evening, January 31, 2025 at his home.

Tony Lee Witt was born June 30, 1969 in Beaver Dam, WI; son to Robert "Bob" R. Witt and the late Chloe L. (Hughes) Witt. He graduated from Horicon High School and took classes at local community colleges in Illinois and Wisconsin. He then started working with his step brother in residential electrician work in IL. His talents took him to working on fire engines at Pierce and Seagrave. He also did his specialty work at the shipyard in Sturgeon Bay. Tony was a handyman, but his specialty was in electrical and plumbing work. Tony also had an eye for photography, he could take amazing pictures. Some of his hobbies included building models and remote control cars.

Tony was definitely an outdoor guy and appreciated nature. He enjoyed fishing and golfing with his friends. He loved his dog Pudge and the highlight of his day was taking her for walks. Tony also felt a lot of pride in caring for his mother later in her life.

He is survived by his father: Robert "Bob" (Deb) Witt, Marengo, IL

Brother: Robb (Diana) Witt, Rockford, IL

Many nieces, nephews, and other relatives

Tony was preceded in death by his mother, Chloe L. Witt. Memorial services will be held 2 PM on Friday, February 21, 2025 at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home, South Location, 299 S. Main St. Clintonville, WI 54929; with the Rev. Diana Ziegler officiating. Inurnment will take place following the service at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville.

Visitation will be held on that Friday at the funeral home from 12 noon until the time of service.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

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Van Grinsven, Robert



Our loving dad, Robert “Bob” John Van Grinsven passed away unexpectedly on February 13, 2025, with us by his side. We believe he was ready to join our mom, his valentine and the love of his life for the past 57 years.

Dad was born on January 16, 1940, at home on the farm in Grand Chute, WI. He attended Holy Name Catholic School and graduated in 1958

from Kimberly High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army, serving for two years. Upon discharge, he got a job at the Kimberly Clark papermill where he worked for several years.

On May 2, 1968, he married our mom, Ann Marie Schwanke Kons. The lived in Kimberly until 1977 when they took a leap of faith, packed up their three young children, and moved to “God’s Country.” After a brief stay in Bonduel, they found a beautiful farmhouse with a barn and several other buildings in rural Clintonville, WI on three acres and began their adventure as antique shop owners and dealers.

For 41 years, Dad and Mom raised us, welcomed grandchildren, celebrated holidays, entertained friends, and built their lives in their Victorian dream home. Ever the entrepreneur, when public interest in antique and furniture refinishing declined in the 80’s, Dad got his realtor and broker license and made a new career for himself. When he got a little older, he started working as a custodian for Clintonville Schools and after a time, he was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor until he retired. Never being one to sit idle, Dad became a part-time Medi Van driver and enjoyed the time spent with the regular riders, getting to know them and learn about their past. Dad was a very caring, compassionate person and he often befriended elderly people, especially those that didn’t have families nearby or at all and would bring them to our home for holidays because “no one should be alone on a holiday.”

Dad was very proud of his Dutch heritage and was fortunate be able to take several trips to the Netherlands to visit family. He loved history and he and Mom had many trips with their close friends to our country’s historic monuments and they especially enjoyed visiting the Victorian mansions in the south and the country music of Nashville.

Dad was a master storyteller and was able to articulate detail and humor in a way that captured the attention of his audience. He didn’t just “tell” a joke or story; he painted a picture in your mind with his choice of words. He was an avid and loyal Jeopardy viewer and he left no Sunday crossword puzzle undone.

He is survived by his three children, Michelle (Dwayne Nash) Pedretti, David (Nikol) Van Grinsven, Deanna (Chris) Holder, grandchildren, Ethan, Allison, Tara, and Peyton, brothers in law Jim Ahrens, John Schwanke, and Keith Bowers, sisters in law Mary Schwanke and Nancy Bowers, and many nephews and nieces.

Dad is preceded in death by our beloved mom, his parents, parents in law, his sister Alice and brother, Lloyd.

He was a man of faith, an Army vet, a husband, a grandpa, a friend, an historian, a woodworker, and a hard worker who did whatever he needed to do to make sure his family was taken care of, but to us, he was just our dad, our everyday hero. He taught us respect, discipline, to treat others with kindness, and how to love with your whole heart. He will be missed beyond words, but we are comforted in knowing he and Mom are together again, forever valentines.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday February 22, 2025, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Leopolis with Fr. John Girotti and Fr. Vincent officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30 am until the time of service. Military honors will be conducted by Caroline American Legion Post #456 at the church. Inurnment will be held at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

Kaphingst, Donald



Donald A. Kaphingst, age 89, of Clintonville, passed away on Saturday evening, February 15, 2025, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Appleton.

Donald "Don" Arthur Kaphingst was born on July 1, 1935, in Clintonville, WI, to the late Arthur and Edith (Anderson) Kaphingst. While in high school, he worked at a movie theater and later graduated from Clintonville

High School. Don served in the U.S. Navy as a boiler technician and was deployed from 1955 to 1957. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Clintonville and worked at Nelson’s Garage and the F.W.D. Corporation for several years. In 1963, he joined the Clintonville Police Department, where he served the community for over 37 years. He married Mary E. Rickard on November 24, 1971, and both were lifelong members of Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville. After retiring from full-time service in 1991, he continued to work part-time with the police department for another nine years. Once fully retired, Don worked at Klein’s Dealership in Clintonville, delivering vehicles interstate. He took great pride in maintaining his home and yard with meticulous attention to detail. In his younger years, Don enjoyed traveling with Mary and their friends on motorcycle rides across the state. He loved staying connected with his friends, socializing with his fellow police officers, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children: Scott Kaphingst of Port Charlotte, FL; Thomas (Yuki) Kaphingst of McKinney, TX; and Sandra (Jeff Schaut) Hanson of Peshtigo; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Stewart of Topeka, KS.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary, in 1990; his daughter, Cindy (Tim) Krueger; his grandson, Terry Krueger; his brothers, John “Jack” (Jean) Kaphingst and Jim (Mary) Kaphingst; and his brother-in-law, Bill Stewart.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville, with the Rev. Brian Crocker officiating. Military honors will be conducted by VFW Post #664, American Legion Post #63, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63, all of Clintonville. Interment will take place at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville.

Visitation will be held on Thursday at the church from 9 AM until the time of the service.

The Kaphingst family would like to thank the staff of ARC Angels, along with Mark Zachow, Jim & Lynn Beggs, Andy Hopfensperger, and Laurie Vollrath for all of their care and support over the years.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory in Clintonville is assisting with the arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

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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 E9857 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/Marinosci Law Group, P.C., plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is:
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16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333
Brookfield, WI 53005
Tel: (414) 831-9723
Fax: (920) 221-7719
E-mail: MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlg-defaultlaw.com

You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 7th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Sara Schmeling
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY
In RE the Marriage of:
KATIE NICOLE WYDRA 4365 Eagle Ridge Lane #2 Windsor, WI 53598, Petitioner,
-and- BENJAMIN ROBERT WYDRA N3451 State Road 110 Weyauwega, WI 54983 Respondent.
Case No.: Case Code No. 40101
SUMMONS FOR DIVORCE
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To: Benjamin Robert Wydra, the person named above as respondent:
You are hereby notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written response, as that term is used in chapter 802, of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Petition. The court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The response must be sent or delivered to the following offices:
Clerk of Courts 215 S Hamilton St. Madison, WI 53703
and to: Annabelle Vang, the Petitioner’s attorney, whose address is: Kowalski, Wilson and Vang, LLC 725 Heartland Trail, Suite 100 Madison, WI 53717 (608) 709-5000
annabelle@kwfamilylaw.com
It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you, and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You are notified of the availability of information set forth in sec. 767.105, of the Wisconsin Statutes, from the Family Court Commissioner, which provides as follows:
767.105 Information from Family Court Commissioner.
(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Family Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:
1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying and enforcing child support awards or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.
(b) The Family Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

‘You are notified that if the parties to the action have minor children, violation of the following criminal statute is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment as set forth in sec. 948.31, Wis. Stats.
948.31 Interference with custody by parent or others.
(1)(a) In this subsection, “legal guardian of a child” means:
1. A parent or other person having legal custody of the child under an order or judgment in an action for divorce, legal separation, annulment, child custody, paternity, guardianship, or habeas corpus.
2. The department of health and social services or the department of corrections or any person, county department under sec. 46.215, 46.22 or 46.23 or licensed child welfare agency, if custody of the child has been transferred under ch. 48 or 138 to that department, person, or agency.
(b) Except as provided under s. 48 and 938, whoever intentionally causes a child to leave, takes a child away or withholds a child for more than 12 hours beyond the court-approved period of physical placement or visitation period from a legal guardian with intent to deprive the guardian of his or her custody rights without the consent of the guardian is guilty of Class F felony. This paragraph is not applicable if the court has entered an order authorizing the person to so take or withhold the child. The fact that joint legal custody has been awarded to both parents by a court does not preclude a court from finding that one parent has committed a violation of this paragraph.
(2) Whoever causes a child to leave, takes a child away or withholds a child

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for more than 12 hours from the child’s parents or, in the case of non-marital child whose parents do not subsequently intermarry under sec. 767.803, from the child’s mother or, if he has been granted legal custody, the child’s father, without the consent of the parents, the mother or the father with legal custody, is guilty of Class I felony. This subsection is not applicable if legal custody has been granted by court order to the person taking or withholding the child.
(3) Any parent, or any person acting pursuant to directions from the parent, who does any of the following is guilty of a Class F felony:
(a) Intentionally conceals a child from the child’s other parent.
(b) After being served with process in an action affecting the family but prior to the issuance of a temporary or final order determining child custody rights, takes the child or causes the child to leave with intent to deprive the other parent of physical custody as defined in s. 822.02(9).
(c) After issuance of a temporary or final order specifying joint legal custody rights and periods of physical placement, takes a child from or causes a child to leave the other parent in violation of the order or withholds a child for more than 12 hours beyond the court-approved period of physical placement or visitation period.
(4) (a) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for violation of this section if the action:
1. Is taken by a parent or by a person authorized by a parent to protect his or her child in a situation in which the parent or authorized by a parent to protect his or her child in a situation in which the parent or authorized person reasonably believes that there is a threat of physical harm or sexual assault to the child;
2. Is taken by a parent fleeing in a situation in which the parent reasonably believes that there is a threat of physical harm or sexual assault to himself or herself;
3. Is consented to by the other parent or any other person or agency having legal custody of the child; or
4. Is otherwise authorized by law.
(b) A defendant who raises an affirmative defense has the burden of proving the defense by a preponderance of the evidence.
(5) The venue of an action under this section is prescribed in s. 971.19(8).
(6) In addition to any other penalties provided for violation of this section, a court may order a violator to pay restitution, regardless of whether the violator is placed on probation under s. 973.09, to provide reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred by any person or any governmental entity in locating and returning the child. Any such amounts paid by the violator shall be paid to the person or governmental entity which incurred the expense on a prorated basis. Upon the application of any interested party, the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing to determine the amount of reasonable expenses.
Dated: January 8, 2025
KOWALSKI, WILSON & VANG, LLC Attorneys for Katie Nicole Wydra
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, Not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of the Aspen Holdings Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust 5700 W. 112th St, Suite 110 Leawood, KS 66211, Plaintiff, vs.
Randall W. Wedde, as Co-Trustee, or their successor(s), U/A dated March 2 1999, Entitled Wedde Revocable Trust 96 Sunset Boulevard Clintonville, WI 54929, Plaintiff, vs.
Brenda J. Wedde, as Co-Trustee, or their successor(s), U/A dated March 2 1999, Entitled Wedde Revocable Trust 96 Sunset Boulevard Clintonville, WI 54929, Defendant.
File No. 2022CV000150 W/2203-0-1
ADJOURNED NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled action on November 7, 2022, in the amount of \$99,532.82, I will sell at public auction at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981 (front lobby) on **March 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM**, previously scheduled on February 4, 2025 @ 10:00 AM, the following described premises:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF CLINTONVILLE, WAUPACA COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED DOC # 590667, ID# 30-23-81-26, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 26, FAIRWAY LAKE ESTATES, CITY OF CLINTONVILLE, WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM RANDALL W. WEDDE AND BRENDA J. WEDDE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS SET FORTH IN DOC # 590667 DATED 03/02/1999 AND RECORDED 03/10/1999, WAUPACA COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WISCONSIN. Local Address: 96 Sunset Boulevard, Clintonville, WI 54929 Parcel ID: 30-23-81-26
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES; INCLUDING ANY FIRST MORTGAGE AND/OR PROPERTY TAXES. Check ALL public records before bidding.
TERMS OF SALE:
Down payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price in cash, certified funds, or cashier check made out to the Waupaca Sheriff due at time of sale. The remaining balance due within ten (10) days after confirmation of sale. Third Party Bidders must have filed a Third Party Bidder’s Affidavit with the Court prior to confirmation of sale under section 846.155 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Property will be sold “AS IS”, is subject to real estate taxes, all liens and encumbrances, and a third party purchaser is responsible for payment of the Transfer Fee.

/s/ Timothy R. Wilz
Sheriff of Waupaca County, Wisconsin
Document drafted by: Janelle G. Ewing, Esq. Wisconsin State Bar No.: 1120973 C. Anthony Cmic, Esq. Wisconsin State Bar No.: 1090507 The Sayer Law Group, P.C. c/o 925 E 4th St. Waterloo, IA 50703 Phone: 319-234-2530 Fax: 319-232-6334 E-Mail: generalupdates@sayerlaw.com
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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:

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Meeting ID: 273 385 39796
Passcode: tLwfv
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/airp-bidinfo.aspx>
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-Hanger 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-hanger 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 asa 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 (Surety2000 & SurePath), 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 apparent 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 submitted below. Prequalification’s submitted after the deadline will 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:
TWO prequalification methods are acceptable for this project. EITHER Bureau of Aeronautics “Statement of Bidder’s Qualifications and Experience” (AKA: “Short form”) will apply. OR the Bureau of Project Development “Prequalification Statement” (AKA: “Highways”) **if your firm does not already hold a valid WisDOT highways prequalification and you do not expect to bid WisDOT highways projects in the future, please complete the simplified Bureau of Aeronautics “short form**
Bid proposals will be opened only from those firms that have established their qualifications for the work being bid upon. If a prospective bidder has previously submitted hold a current and valid (not expired or revoked), proper statement and received prior approval from the department, a re-submittal for this project is not required.
Any prospective bidder who has not previously established their qualifications must file a pre-qualification statement on the proper forms and be received by the department no later than 12:00 noon, local time, Friday, February 21, 2025. Only prime or general contractors submitting the bid need to be prequalified; subcontractors do not need to be prequalified.
The qualification statement is a sworn statement and consist of information relating to financial ability, equipment, and experience in the work prescribed in this proposal. The statement shall be in writing on the proper standard form furnished by the department. The department will evaluate the statement and determine acceptability prior to bid acceptance. Failure to establish prequalification as stipulated will result in the bid not being opened and/or rejected.

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

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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 contract 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: Ql2T7745
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.
For further information, contact Cari Bodo at 920-830-6130, email cari.bodo@westwoods.com
City of Waupaca, Wisconsin
Represented by Kristina Boardman, Secretary
Department of Transportation
Sponsor’s Authorized Agent
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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:
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Passcode: tLwfv
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/airp-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 Tons; Storm Sewer Reinforced Concrete 216 LF; Storm Water Inlet 2 Each; HMA 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.
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Any prospective bidder who has not previously established their qualifications must file a pre-qualification statement on the proper forms and be received by the department no later than 12:00 noon, local time, Friday, February 21, 2025. Only prime or general contractors submitting the bid need to be prequalified; subcontractors do not need to be prequalified.
The qualification statement is a sworn statement and consist of information relating to financial ability, equipment, and experience in the work prescribed in this proposal. The statement shall be in writing on the proper standard form furnished by the department. The department will evaluate the statement and determine acceptability prior to bid acceptance. Failure to establish prequalification as stipulated will result in the bid not being opened and/or rejected.

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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 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:
The Bureau of Project Development "Prequalification Statement" (AKA: "Highways") will apply. The proper forms can be found at: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/contractors/hcci/requal.aspx>
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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

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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 1:00 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: QIZTT745
Or Dial in by phone (audio only)
+1 612-268-4437United 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.
For further information, contact Kaitlyn

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Schlosser at 920-830-6183, email Kaitlyn.Schlosser@westwoodps.com. City of Waupaca, Wisconsin Represented by Kristina Boardman, Secretary Department of Transportation Sponsor's Authorized Agent kms 518Edeve.dotr.10/18/2024 Publish Feb. 13 & 20, 2025 WNAXLP

Advertisement for Electronic Bids
For equipment at Clintonville Municipal Airport
Clintonville, Wisconsin
Project no. CL11005
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 of Transportation, the authorized agent for City of Clintonville, 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:
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Meeting ID: 273 385 397 96
Passcode: tLjwfv
Or Dial in by phone (audio only)
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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 here as well as BidExpress.com: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/airp-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 equipment: Industrial Loader and associated snow removal attachments
Contract Completion Time: 360 Calendar Days
Proposals/specifications: Proposal forms are included with the 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 a 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

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credentials. Please see the BOA website notice 2 for information on how to register. <https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/aerobidme.m2.pdf>
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 see the BOA website Notice 2 for information on how to obtain a digital ID. <https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/aerobidme.m2.pdf>
Cost to bid: There are two options for bidders to submit bids: A cost of \$35 per project, or a monthly subscription wherein the bidder is able to submit bids for all projects in bidexpress.com system for \$50 per month. Subscriptions can be turned on and off at any time by the registered user. Only the prime or general contractor submitting a bid are responsible for payment.
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 (Surety2000 & SurePath), 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 apparent 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.
Affidavit of non-collusion: The required affidavit of non-collusion will be incorporated as part of the proposal cover provided to each prospective bidder. Failure to complete the sworn statement will make the bid non-responsive and not eligible for award consideration. By signing the proposal cover 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 will 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 February 20 at 9:00am will be conducted by teleconference in accordance with best practices for COVID19 social distancing recommendations. (+1 608-571-2209, 640944362#). 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

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the bid specifications. For further information, contact Matthew Brynick, (608) 266-2079, matthew.brynick@dot.wi.gov at the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics. Clintonville, Wisconsin Represented by Kristina Boardman, Secretary Department of Transportation Sponsor's Authorized Agent MTB 70Qadev.dotr.10/18/2024 Publish Feb. 20 & 27, 2025 WNAXLP

SECTION 00 11 13.00 ADVERTISEMENT 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 GRUETZMACHER 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.mcmgpp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTMor by obtaining a hard copy as designated in this Advertisement For Bids.
Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgpp.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@blueprintservice.com - Email Blue Print Service Company 2201 South Oneida Street, Suite 8 Green Bay, WI 54304 920-494-4539 - Telephone 920-494-4551 - Fax bps@blueprintservice.com - Email

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS
WASHINGTON STREET PAVING
FOR THE VILLAGE OF AMHERST, WISCONSIN

OWNER: The Village of Amherst, Wisconsin, hereby gives notice that sealed unit price bids will be received for the pulverizing, relaying and compacting of approximately .29 miles of roadway of the street in the Village of Amherst, including preparation of foundation, asphaltic pavement and shouldering. This is an LRIP Project.

TIME AND PLACE OF BID OPENING: Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Local Time on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the office of the Village Clerk 160 Mill Street, Amherst. After the official Bid closing time, the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: The bidding documents are on file for inspection at the office the Village Clerk, Village of Amherst, 160 Mill Street, Amherst, Wisconsin. Copies may be obtained by applying to the Village of Amherst, 160 Mill Street, Amherst, WI 54406 or by email at clerk@villageofamherst.wi.gov. Requests shall include street address for delivery of documents.

LEGAL PROVISIONS: The Contract letting shall be subject to provisions of Sections 61.55, 66.29, 66.293 and 779.15 of Wisconsin Statutes

WAGE RATES: Each CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor performing work on this project shall comply with all respects with all laws governing the employment of labor, Social Security, and Unemployment Insurance of both the state and federal government.

BID SECURITY: Bid Security in the amount of not less than 5% nor more than 10% of the BID shall accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The Bidder to whom a Contract is awarded shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in an amount equal to the Contract Price.

BID REJECTION/ACCEPTANCE: OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive informalities in bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids, which best serve the interests of the OWNER.

BID WITHDRAWAL: No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after the opening of the Bids without the consent of the OWNER.

Published by the authority of the Village of Amherst, Wisconsin

By: Dave Crubaugh, Village President

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF STEVENS POINT
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN
HOOVER ROAD SIGNALIZATION

General Notice
City of Stevens Point (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Hoover Road Signalization
Project 25-105

Electronic bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the City of Stevens Point until **Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 at 11:00 AM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be **publicly** read. Bid results will be posted to the designated website following bid closing and acceptance.

The Project includes the following Work:
The signalization of the Hoover Road & Industrial Park and Hoover Road & Coye Drive intersections, curb ramp reconstructions, and all appurtenant work.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Hoover Road Signalization Project 25-105**

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
For this Project, Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the online Bidding button at the top of the Advertisement. Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.stevenspoint.com/dpw> or <http://www.questcdn.com>. You may download the digital Bidding Documents by inputting QuestCDN ebidDoc Number **9531339** on the website's project Search page. Please 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.

Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **City of Stevens Point**
By: **Scott Beduhn**
Title: **Director of Public Works**
Date: **February 13th, 2025**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Town of Sharon
Accepting Sealed Bids for 2025 Woodland Road Recondition Project
TRIS Project No. 18655

The Town of Sharon, Portage County, Wisconsin, is accepting sealed Bids for a roadway recondition construction project as follows:

• Woodland Road STH 66 to County Line Drive (4.3 mi)

The Work shall be completed by October 17, 2025. Items of work include traffic control, common excavation, breaker run, geogrid, base aggregate dense 1 ¼-inch, culvert replacements, signing, HMA pavement, base aggregate dense ¾-inch for shouldering, and landscape restoration. Following is a list of approximate quantities for some of the main items:

18,000	CY	Excavation Common
2,200	Tons	Base Aggregate Dense ¾-Inch
21,700	Tons	Base Aggregate Dense 1-1/4-Inch
5,500	Tons	Breaker Run
8,250	Tons	HMA Pavement
8,200	SY	Geogrid SR

Sealed bids will be received by Gremmer & Associates, Stevens Point Office, 120 Wilshire Boulevard North, Stevens Point, WI 54481 for 2025 Woodland Road Recondition Project until 3:00 p.m., March 10, 2025. Bids will be received and accepted via QuestCDN vBid online bidding. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at Gremmer & Associates, Inc., immediately after the specified closing time. All parties are invited to attend.

Bids may be awarded at the March 11, 2025, Town of Sharon Town Board meeting depending on the Town's needs, budgets, and schedules. For bidding questions, or for additional information, contact the Town's engineer at (715) 341-4363.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained **ONLY** from www.questcdn.com. No paper plan sets will be provided. Access the QuestCDN website to view and download Bid information and documents on or after February 20, 2025, for a non-refundable fee of \$22.00 for downloading and \$42.00 for submitting bid through QuestCDN. Input QuestCDN eBidDoc No. **9551441** on the QuestCDN Project Search page. No password is required. Contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in downloading and working with the digital documents.

No bid shall be considered which is not completed on the QuestCDN website and no late bids shall be accepted. No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by a bid bond equal to 5 percent (5%) of the total bid price payable to said Town of Sharon as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file a contract within ten (10) days after award.

All applicable charter and statutory provisions and ordinances are incorporated into the contract. The successful bidder shall be required to conform to all federal, state, and local safety requirements.

The Town of Sharon reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or to accept the bid or bids that best serves the interests of the Town of Sharon. Bids may be held by the Town of Sharon for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the contract. Prequalification of bidders will not be required, but a statement of qualifications shall be provided with the bid.

TOWN OF SHARON, WISCONSIN
Dated: February 20, 2025
For: Town of Sharon - Board of Public Works
Publish: Class II Notice (Display Ad) – February 20, 2025 and February 27, 2025

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NOTICE – TOWN OF MUKWA RESIDENTS

The Town of Mukwa Plan Commission is accepting applications for a Town Resident to fill a vacancy due to member retiring until the term end – December, 2027. Duties include working with our 7-person Commission, dealing with zoning issues, comprehensive planning for our town, smart growth, subdivisions, Conditional Use Permits, etc. Paid meetings are held as needed, usually on Wednesday evenings. Interested residents please contact Plan Commission Chair Lee Shaw by March 1, 2025 – email elsie@charter.net or 920.982.9800. Clerk Jeannette Zielinski – clerk@mukwa.gov or 920.982.9890.

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Publish: Press – Legal Notice on January 30, 2025 & February 20, 2025

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF CLINTONVILLE
WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
2025 Concrete Rehab Program

Sealed proposals will be received until 11:00 a.m., local time, on February 28, 2025, by the CITY OF CLINTONVILLE at the office of the ADMINISTRATOR, 50 10th Street, Clintonville, WI 54929. All proposals received will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place.

The principal items for which proposals are invited are:

2,500	SF	Remove & Replace Conc. Pave., 8"
40	LF	Remove & Replace Curb & Gutter, 30"
1	EA	Adjust Exist. Storm Inlet
3	EA	Adjust Existing Manhole
8	EA	Inlet Protection – Type D-M

All proposals shall be submitted on bidding forms included in the Project Manual furnished by Kunkel Engineering Group, LLC, and per the provisions of the Project Manual. Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at Kunkel Engineering Group, 107 Parallel Street, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. **Bidders MUST purchase Bid Documents from Engineer or QuestCDN to submit a bid. Reproduction of Bid Documents will not be accepted from Bidders.**

Prequalification of Bidders will not be required.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for **\$30.00 each** by inputting **Quest Project #9533537** into the website's Project Search field. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with free membership, downloading documents, and working with this digital project information.

Contract documents and specifications are also available for **pickup** from Kunkel Engineering Group, LLC, 107 Parallel Street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, 53916, 920-356-9447, upon payment of \$60.00 each. Contract documents and specifications may be picked up Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Checks for bidding documents should be made payable to Kunkel Engineering Group.

Each Contract Bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the CITY OF CLINTONVILLE in an amount equal to 5% of the Bid, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, the Contract Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s), as required by the Contract Documents, within 15 days after the Notice of Award of the Contract by the CITY OF CLINTONVILLE. Failure on the part of the Bidder to do so will result in forfeiture of the Bidder's Certified Check or Bid Bond to the CITY OF CLINTONVILLE as liquidated damages.

The CITY OF CLINTONVILLE reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled time for opening bids. The Contractor must comply with Sections 66.0901 of the Wisconsin State Statutes concerning bidding.

Letting of the contract is subject to Section 62.15 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as applicable.

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KUNKEL ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC
107 Parallel Street
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916
920-356-9447
CITY OF CLINTONVILLE
Steve Kettenhoven, Mayor
Caz R. Muske, City Administrator

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
AGENDA
February 25, 2025 | 6:00 PM | WF High School Community Forum Room**
1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and establish quorum
4. Report of meeting notification
5. Communication and Visitors
a. Visitors
b. Administration
• District Administrator
• Middle/High School Principal
• Director of Pupil Services
• Business Manager
• Others - Matthew Mulroy - Director of Building & Grounds
c. Board of Education
d. Recognition and Special Guests
e. Student School Board Representative - Lauren Wisner
6. Consideration and approval of vouchers
a. January monthly vendor payments
b. January monthly cash receipts
7. Old Business
a. Charter School Update
8. Consent Agenda
a. Committee of the Whole Meeting - 2-10-25
b. Regular Board of Education Meeting - 1-27-24
9. New Business
a. 2024 Erickson & Associates Audit Review (Discussion)
b. Student Board Request (Action)
c. Out of State Field Trips (Action)
d. Start College Now Applications (Action)
e. High School Charter School Contract (Action)
f. 2025-2026 Insurance Renewal (Discussion)
g. Social School 4 Edu (Action)
10. Calendar & Future Agenda Items
11. Adjourn Meeting
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plan Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on 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 plat review of a proposed subdivision on an unaddressed parcel bounded by Hoover Road and Heffron 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:

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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 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, or by calling (715) 346-1567 during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend, but are strongly encouraged to submit their comments to Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator (akuhn@stevenspoint.com), prior to the meeting. BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN Kari Yenter, City Clerk Publish February 13 & 20, 2025 WNAXLP	
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Public hearings will be held by the Planning and Zoning Committee of Waupaca County on Thursday, March 6, 2025 , starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Fox Valley Technical College—Waupaca Regional Center, 1979 Godfrey Drive, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear the following: S R F Inc: Located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 16, lying along Ridgeview Lane, Fire Number N8806, Town of Union, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (p1 parcel 19-16-42-9) for a petition for a Zone Map Amendment on part of the parcel from the Agriculture Retention (AR) District to the Rural Residential-Overlay (RR-O) District, within the Farmland Preservation Overlay, on approximately four (4) acres, and for a petition for a Zone Map Amendment on part of the parcel from Agriculture Retention (AR) District to the Rural Residential (RR) District on approximately one and one half (1.5) acres to accommodate the proposed sales of the parts of the parcel. S R F Inc: Located in the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16, lying along Ridgeview Lane and State Road 110, Town of Union, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (parcel 19-16-13-3) for a petition for a Zone Map Amendment from the Agriculture Enterprise (AE) District to the Agriculture Retention (AR) District, within the Farmland Preservation Overlay, on approximately thirty (29.50) acres to accommodate proposed boundary line adjustments. Iola Old Car Show Inc: Located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ and the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1, and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 12, lying along Johanson Road, Town of Scandinavia, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (parcels 17-01-34-1 and 17-12-21-1) for a Conditional Use Permit (Campgrounds and Camping Resorts) in the Private Recreation and Forestry (PVRF) District, within the Farmland Preservation Area, on approximately seventy-seven (77.4) acres. ON-SITE INSPECTIONS: Committee members will make individual on-site visits to the properties that are subject to the public hearings, unless otherwise noted, within 95 hours of the hearings. Any public wishing to visit the properties should make arrangements through the Planning and Zoning Office. There will be no testimony taken during the on-site inspections , and the public hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to be present. All interested persons are also invited to participate by providing written email comments to Jason.Snyder@co.waupaca.wi.us by March 5, 2025 or by attending the hearing at the scheduled time via the Zoom website at the following: • URL: • https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89604075422?pwd=ajVCakQwABFLXZPUaZl5XhI5dndD1a00= Meeting ID: 896 0407 5422 Meeting Passcode: 290683 Participation may also be by telephone only access into the video platform. For the telephone access information, please call 1-312-626-6799. The meeting can also be viewed through the following link to watch a live stream on YouTube for any Waupaca County remote access meeting: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTWDBy7UAKVfU07vcs08zQ/ For further information, please contact the Planning and Zoning Office, Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981-2087. Phone: (715) 258-6255. JAMES NYGAARD CHAIRMAN WAUPACA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE Publish Feb. 20 & 27, 2025 WNAXLP	
Town of Wolf River Board Meeting Will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025 7:00 p.m. Wolf River Town Hall 8800 County Road II, Fremont Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED Notices are mailed or e-mailed by the clerk for posting at the following locations: Union Star, Hahn-a-Lula Resort and are posted at the Wolf River Town Hall, and Fremont Post Office. Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	
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. Parcels include: 240009800, 240010000, 240009600, 240009601, 240009200, 240009300, 240008700, 240008900, 240009000, 240006300, 240007000, 240006900, 240007100, 240007600, 240007500, 240008000, 240007800, 240007800 The reporting of the Village Engineer showing proposed plans and specifications, boundary of assessment district, cost estimates and proposed assessments is on file at the Village Administration Office, 531 N Nash Street, and may be inspected there on any business day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. All interested persons, their agents or attorneys will be heard concerning the proposed assessments and all matters contained in the Final Resolution R-06-25, at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter February 20, 2025 at the Community Hall, 531 N Nash Street, Hortonville, Wisconsin. All comments and objections will be considered at this hearing and thereafter, the amount of the assessments will be finally determined. Although the Engineering Report shows the amount that was presented to affected residents in April, the Village Board reserves the right to review/alter the given amount, along with years of payback and interest, which will be discussed at the meeting. Jane Booth, WCMC Village Clerk-Treasurer Publish: February 13th, February 20th WNAXLP	
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION February 3, 2025 A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on February 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by Vice President Kris Strauman. Members present: Kris Strauman, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Mark Zachow, and Glen Drew Lundt Klint Barkow arrived at 6:12 p.m. Members Excused: Ben Huber Admin present: Troy Kuhn Others present: Kathryn Murphy, Jessica Holtz, and Ken Zastrow MEETING STATEMENT: This February 3, 2025 special meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath seconded by Jason Moder to approve the agenda as printed. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by those in attendance. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None OTHER: District Health Insurance Benefits: Ken Zastrow from NIS presented information regarding the district's health insurance benefits renewal options. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Laurie Vollrath, Clerk Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION January 27, 2025 A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on January 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber Members Present: Ben Huber, Kris Strauman, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Mark Zachow, Glen Drew Lundt, and Klint Barkow Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, Madelyn Simons, James Blashe, Eily Brzezinski, and Stephen Reinke Press represented: Bert Lehman of the Tribune Gazette Also present: Michael Engel, Ann Klemp, Christopher Hoffmann, Stacy Havlik, Bella Havlik, Danielle Ellerbrock, Mark Havlik, Alan Wichmann, Ericka Shelton, David Battenberg, Paul Kirchner, Marie Vandenberg, and Cienna Kuhn. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This January 27, 2025, meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting. APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder, to approve the agenda as printed. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS: Christopher Hoffmann addressed the Board of Education regarding name ballot spelling. FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath that authorization be granted to approve vouchers as attached for December, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Student Council/High School Report: Cienna Kuhn, Student Council President, gave a report on High School events. FFA Presentation: Danielle Ellerbrock, FFA Advisor and students presented information and updates regarding the FFA program, and Ann Klemp, FFA Alumni member gave an update on the FFA Alumni finances. Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board of Education. Support Staff Resignation – Child Care Center a. Nancy LeCloux – Lead Teacher, effective January 17, 2025 Support Staff Hire – Child Care Center a. Hailey Mackowiak – Lead Teacher, effective February 3, 2025 Recognition Donation: The administration informed the Board of Education regarding an anonymous donation of \$1,500 that was received, to be used as follows: \$500 – Technology Education \$500 – FFA Program \$500 – Athletic Department Other 2025-2026 School District Calendar: Moved by Mark Zachow, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve calendar draft #2 with 175 contact days as the 2025-2026 Clintonville School District calendar. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. Explanation of District Future Needs: The administration and the Board of Education discussed future needs for the district land/athletic field assessment, staff retention/pay, and future operational needs. Title IX and Other Policies: The administration and the Board of Education discussed how current state and federal decisions may affect local school district policies. School District Vehicle Purchase: Moved by Jason Moder, seconded by Glen Drew Lundt to grant authority to the Superintendent to decide which vehicle would be the best fit for the district, not to exceed \$50,000. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. POLICY First Reading for Adoption of 34.1 Technical Corrections: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Laurie Vollrath to approve a first reading of revisions to the following Policies: A. Policy #3440 – Job-Related Expenses B. Policy #4440 – Job-Related Expenses C. Policy #6110 – Grant Funds D. Policy #6111 – Internal Controls E. Policy #6112 – Cash Management of Grants F. Policy #6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds G. Policy #6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds H. Policy #7310 – Disposition of Personal Property I. Policy #7450 – Property Inventory Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried. ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC	

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DISCUSSION A. Nutrition Mission – Board Activity – Wednesday, March 19th at 4:00 p.m. B. Possible Censure of Board Members ANNOUNCEMENTS February 3 Special Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School IMC (Insurance Discussion) February 10 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School IMC February 18 School Board Primary Election February 21 No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. February 24 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School IMC ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Laurie Vollrath, Board Clerk Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	

January 14 2025 The meeting of the Clintonville Common Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Kettenhoven in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws and ADA requirements. Roll call of Alderpersons: Bonikowske, Ebert, Strey-Hirt, Rokus (arrived 6:34 pm), Schirpke, Zempel, Hansen, Lederer, Braden, and Rose. Staff: City Administrator Muske, City Attorney Steckbauer, Police Chief Freitag, Utility Manager Tichnell, Public Works Director McAuly, and Clerk-Treasurer Johnson. Also Present: Bert Lehman – Tribune Gazette and Jeannie Schley. Braden/Zempel m/s/c to approve the agenda. Braden/Ebert m/s/c to approve the consent agenda item: December 10,2024 Council minutes. Discussion was held regarding the need for a new official newspaper. Zempel/Hansen m/s/c to appoint the Clintonville Tribune Gazette as the official newspaper through April 30, 2025. Braden/Schirpke m/s/c u/roll call to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$3,387,197.73. Braden/Strey-Hirt m/s/c u/roll call to approve the 2024 carry-overs to 2024 for \$14,306 Electric Capital and \$3,600 Water Capital for Tools, Shop, and Garage; \$629 Park & Rec Easter Egg and Winter Whirl donated general funds; and \$49,469 Street maintenance general funds. Braden/Ebert m/s/c to declare the Community Center plant surplus. Braden/Hansen m/s/c u/roll call to approve the purchase of unbudgeted pistols from Top Pack Defense for \$19,125 and acceptance of the donation of \$19,125 from specialized Products, LTD. Braden/Bonikowske m/s/c to appoint Dave McCartney to the Public Works Committee, replacing Peggy Zaemisch. Braden/Hansen m/s/c u/roll call to convene into closed session per § 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility /City Administrator Annual Evaluation and 2025 Goals, to include Muske. Reopened into open session. Braden/Bonikowske m/s/c u/roll call to approve the positive City Administrator annual evaluation and 2025 goals as presented. Strey-Hirt/Bonikowske m/s/c to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Peggy Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 HS COMMUNITY FORUM ROOM Meeting called to order by President, Doug Ehrenberg at 6:00 p.m. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call – Board members present: Kohl, aye; Wagner, aye; Ehrenberg, aye; Loehrke, aye; Gorchals, aye; Gerrits, aye; Looker, aye; and Lauren Wisner, present. Board members absent: None. Meeting properly noticed: Yes. Quorum: Yes. Administration present: Phillip Tubbs, Alexander Muir, Don Ryan and Abby Poliak. Administration absent: Jodi Alix and Nick Schulte. Supervisors present: Don Lederhaus. Others Present: Ryan Dolnik, Jodi Gardner, Paul Krause, James Card w/ Waupaca County Manager, Randy Loehrke, and Meta Berg. COMMUNICATION AND VISITORS VISITORS: None. ADMINISTRATION PHILLIP TUBBS Mr. Tubbs noted the holiday festivities were all very good. He also encouraged staff to get out into the hallways and gave the board the results of the survey he sent to staff and received a lot of positivity behind it. JODI ALIX Mrs. Alix was not present but the Assistant Principal Mrs. Poliak spoke and said overall a good atmosphere in the schools as we go through spirit weeks. There was a speaker that was brought in to talk to students and staff on anti-bullying which was very good. DONALD RYAN Mr. Ryan noted that this past week they had the holiday concerts and wanted to give a shout out to Shannon Rahm the music teacher who put together (3) different programs and allowed students to play musical instruments and some had solos. She has done a lot of work with the students and has done a great job. NICHOLAS SCHULTEK Mr. Schulteek was not present. ALEXANDER MUIR Mr. Muir has been working with the auditor and getting the finalized budget numbers done. The food service had a surplus for the month of November. The open enrollment in and out budget amounts will be brought back to the board for approval so he can make an adjustment. OTHERS BOARD OF EDUCATION Ms. Loehrke asked about the safety plan and Mr. Lederhaus addressed the board that this is a very fluid document. Mr. Kohl also talked to the board about getting something out to the public on their tax bill. Mr. Tubbs noted that he will be putting something together and getting that put on the website for the community which will explain a little more about the school taxes. Mr. Looker also asked about the long range facility plan. RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL GUESTS WARHAWK SOUND STUDIO – (ROTARY CLUB OF WAUPACA) TECH ED DONATIONS (Wes Schroeder - \$500, Pine Breeze Dairy - \$2,100, Quantum Dairy - \$3,195, Faulks Brothers - \$500. Mr. Tubbs noted the donations thanked Mr. Schroeder, Pine Breeze Dairy, Quantum Dairy and Faulks Brothers for their donations to the Tech Ed Department. STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Lauren Wisner Ms. Wisner talked about a few things going on in school which included FCCLA will be having a staff lunch for those that are interested; the MS/HS student council has been hosting a door decorating contest. Ms. Wisner through FCCLA was able to meet with state legislators and was able to talk to them about the importance of CTE and was able to ask them to keep a new petition on their radar which is a proposal for \$44 million dollars to go towards CTE education. HS band and choir concerts were held last week. NHS will be having their induction ceremony on January 13th and high quiz will have their first competition and did win by 3 points. Science Olympiad had a competition with many middle and high school students medalling. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS Motion by Gerrits, seconded by Ehrenberg, to approve the November monthly payments as printed. Roll call vote: Loehrke, aye; Kohl, aye; Wagner, aye; Gorchals, aye; Looker,	
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aye; Ehrenberg, aye; Gerrits aye. Seven (7) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Gerrits, to approve the November monthly cash receipts as printed. Roll call vote: Ehrenberg, aye; Kohl, aye; Gerrits, aye; Wagner, aye; Gorchals, aye; Looker, aye; Loehrke, aye. Seven (7) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried. OLD BUSINESS CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATE Mr. Krause noted that the 5th grade students made some ornaments through an economics project and were able to sell them and made \$100.00. Stem students also participated in both the Weyauwega and Fremont Christmas parades. He also noted that the following Wednesday is the Fremont Stem Academy's Regular board meeting. CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Ehrenberg, seconded by Wagner, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seven (7) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried. Under the Consent Agenda, the Board of Education approved the following: A. Committee of the Whole Meeting – 11-25-24 B. Regular Board of Education Meeting – 11-25-24 C. Resignations – Nick Schulteek – Director of Pupil Services & Special Education NEW BUSINESS USI INSURANCE SERVICES (HEALTH PLAN UPDATE) (Discussion) Mr. Beaudry from USI Insurance Services had a presentation for the board on the medical plan and how it is running. 2025-2026 COURSE DESCRIPTION HANDBOOK (ACTION) Motion by Loehrke, seconded by Ehrenberg, to approve the 2025-2026 course description handbook as it has been presented. Seven (7) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried. HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT Mr. Tubbs noted that the high school charter school contract will be brought to the next board meeting for discussion. CALENDAR & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Board Meeting on December 19th – closed session General Fund breakdown Baird presentation Assnet Review Motion by Wagner, seconded by Gerrits, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seven (7) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried. The January Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the High School Community Forum Room. Monthly Regular Board of Education Meeting agendas will be posted on the district website at www.wegaefremont.k12.wi.us , the Weyauwega Public Library, Weyauwega City Hall, Fremont Village Hall, Neuschaefer Community Library, Waupaca County Post, and at all W-F District locations. Dawn Loughrin Board Secretary Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Wednesday, January 8, 2025 PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, and M. Wilz. I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM) Roseanne Sanderfoot, N5462 Oberlin Road, New London - Roseanne discussed school safety and security; she asked that the Board consider having the conversation of concealed carry for staff; several venues offer training for staff. II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A quorum was established. III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the following consent agenda items: • Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2024 (amend signature line to read Katie Batten instead of Holly Schweitzer) • Approval of Minutes of the Facilities, Capital Projects & Energy Conservation Committee Meeting of Wednesday, December 11, 2024 • Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 11, 2024 • Approval of Closed Session Minutes of Wednesday, December 11, 2024 Motion carried. IV. REPORTS The calendar and director reports were reviewed. Board members were invited to the staff breakfast on January 17 (staff professional development day) from 7:45-8:30 a.m. at the High School as an opportunity to stay connected with our school community. S. Bleck inquired if the Board would be interested in hosting a meeting for area school board members to meet with local state representatives, and the Board was very receptive to hosting this again. Evan Retzlaff gave a student report. V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,280,160.42 as per list on January 3, 2025. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of January 3, 2025, in the amount of \$1,096,903.50. VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS VII. NEW BUSINESS A. Town of Caledonia Park Development Project Scope Pete Bosquez was present and reviewed the project scope of a park development project currently underway by the Township of Caledonia. The Township has received a grant for this park development and the Gruetzmacher family has agreed to match the grant. Three tennis courts are included in the original plan, but the Township would like to include six tennis courts to allow the school district to host home tennis meets. The Gruetzmachers support the additional tennis courts, but in order to utilize funds from their donation, they are asking the district to contribute funding as well. Concerns were raised regarding the type of surface that would be used, and Pete Bosquez indicated that WIAA has approved the surface. The Board agreed to send this back to the Facilities Committee for discussion and consideration. B. First Reading of Revised Policies/Administrative Guidelines S. Bleck reviewed the following revised policies/administrative guidelines: • 672 Purchasing • 710 Support Services Goals (Section Title) • 720 Safety Program (Section Title) • 723.3 Emergency School Closings • 724 Media Contact During School Emergency • 730 Building and Grounds Maintenance (Section Title) • 731.1 Locker Room Privacy • 731.3 Identification Badges • 733 Energy Management • 740 Materials Resource Management (Section Title) • 742 Use of District-Owned Furniture or Equipment • 750 Transportation Services Management (Section Title) • 751 Student Transportation Services • 751.11 Student Transportation from Licensed Group Daycare Providers • 751.12 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students • 751.2 Transportation Safety Program • 751.21 Bus Accident—Emergency Procedures • 751.22 Video Monitoring System	
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on School Buses • 751.23 Transportation in Unusually Hazardous Areas • 760 Food Services Management (Section Title) • 770 Office Services Management (Section Title) • 771 Copies—Request For • 780 Insurance Management (Section Title) The revised policies will be presented to the Board at the Special Board of Education meeting on January 20 for final approval. C. Draft Review of the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Academic Calendars S. Bleck reviewed the draft academic calendars for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Discussion was held regarding the placement of spring break; it was also suggested to have off of school on the days leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, but this will impact the end of school dates. S. Bleck will take this into consideration, and the calendars will be presented to the Board at the Special Board of Education meeting on January 20 for final approval. D. Budget Calendar J. Marquardt reviewed the budget calendar. E. Review and Potential Approval of 2025-26 School Bus Purchases It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the purchase of three school buses from Ascendace as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. F. Review and Potential Approval of Summer 2025 High School Flooring Project It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve HJ Martin and Son, Inc., to complete the High School flooring project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. G. Review and Potential Approval of Open Enrollment Spaces It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the number of open enrollment spaces as presented for regular or special education for the 2025-26 school year based on 2025-25 staffing or potential new resident enrollment. Motion carried. H. Board of Education Business/Donors Recognition C. Martinson suggested having an internal Business of the Year recognition, and Board members were receptive to the idea. It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to develop this recognition program. Motion carried. Board members were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting. VIII. CLOSED SESSION It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve an open session at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried. IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS A. Resignation of Personnel It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Heideman to accept the following resignations: • Judy Hopman (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year) Special Ed, Lincoln Elementary • Pete Mroczynski (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year) Dean of Students, Intermediate/Middle School • Melissa Porath (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year) Business Teacher, High School • John Ruckdashel (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year) Science Teacher, High School • Stacy Ruckdashel (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year) Science Teacher, Intermediate/Middle School • Nicole Spranger (effective 1/17/25) Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School • Samantha Young (effective 12/31/24) Educational Assistant, Lincoln Elementary • Stacy Ruckdashel Swimming-Varsity Coach Dance Team-Varsity Coach Motion carried. B. Employment of Personnel It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve employment of the following: • Emily Bauer, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School • Carson Buss, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School • Melina Goza, Educational Assistant, Lincoln Elementary • Joe Samba, Varsity Coach Girls Golf Motion carried. A. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried. Katie Batten, Clerk Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING Monday, January 20, 2025 PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer and M. Wilz. I. PUBLIC FORUM II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. III. CONSENT AGENDA It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the resignations of: • Kandt Martin, Director of Pupil Services effective 6/30/25 • Kyle Collins, Varsity Head Football Coach Motion carried. IV. Unfinished Business A. Second Reading for Review and Potential Approval of Revised Policies It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following revised policies as presented: • 723.3 Emergency School Closings • 731.1 Locker Room Privacy • 733 Energy Management • 751 Student Transportation Services • 751.11 Student Transportation from Licensed Group Daycare Providers • 751.12 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students • 751.21 Bus Accident—Emergency Procedures Motion carried. B. Second Hearing for Review and Potential Approval of the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Academic Calendars It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as presented. Motion to table the motion until the next meeting was made by M. Wilz and seconded by N. Grundy. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-2 (M. Grossman-yes, N. Grundy-yes, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-no, C. Martinson-no). S. Bleck explained that if the decision is made to remove required instructional days from the academic calendar, this will need to be discussed at the Total Compensation Committee level as this will affect the calculation of certified staff salaries. V. New Business A. Review of 2023-24 Audit Report J. Marquardt reviewed the 2023-24 audit report. B. Budget Update J. Marquardt gave a budget update. C. Board of Education Business/Donors Recognition S. Bleck and C. Martinson discussed the process of recognizing business and donors whose generosity has greatly supported district functions. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to award the Board of Education Business of the Year recognition to Tigerton Lumber. Motion carried. D. Review of WASB Self-Evaluation Tool S. Bleck reviewed the WASB self-evaluation tool and timelines. The evaluation tool will be emailed to the Board of Education members the week of January 27.	
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E. Review of Director of Teaching and Learning Employment Posting and Hiring Timeline S. Bleck reviewed the employment posting and hiring timeline for the Director of Teaching and Learning position. F. Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth S. Bleck and C. Martinson explained the potential establishment of a special committee to focus on in-depth discussions and exploration of student academic growth and academic achievement. The Board will continue their review of this concept at the next Board meeting. G. Review and Potential Approval of Agri-Science/FFA Out-of-Country Field Trip Request C. Retzlaff reviewed out-of-country field trip request. It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Agri-Science/FFA out-of-country field trip to Italy/France during the summer of 2027 as presented. Motion carried. IV. CLOSED SESSION It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to enter open session at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried. V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Director of Business Service 2025-2027 contract. Motion carried. It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the District Administrator 2025-2027 contract. Motion carried. VI. ADJOURNMENT It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Grundy to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried. Katie Batten, Clerk Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 6, 2025 Special Meeting Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room. The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brooks at 5:28 p.m. Roll Call: Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Brooks, Steve Klismet, Betty Manion, Molly McDonald, Dale Feldt, Bob Adams, and Lori Verhalen. Also Present: Present in the WHS Community Room: Craig Gerlach. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. Review of Board Meeting Norms: The Board reviewed their collective commitments. Adjournment into Closed Session: A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to determine the final candidate for the District Administrator position. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 5:35 p.m. Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Action on Matters from Closed Session: A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Steve Klismet to reconvene in open session to consider action on matters from closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Molly McDonald to offer Daniel Marlen the District Administrator position beginning July 1, 2025, pending approval of a contract. The motion carried on a 6-1-0 roll call vote, with Board members Ron Brooks, Dale Feldt, Betty Manion, Molly McDonald, Steve Klismet, and Bob Adams voting yes and Board member Lori Verhalen voting no. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Steve Klismet to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. Ron Brooks, President Board of Education Betty Manion, Clerk Board of Education Publish Feb. 20, 2025 WNAXLP	
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January 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting
A motion was made by Bob Adams and seconded by Lori Verhalen to approve the Minutes of the four meetings listed above as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
Upcoming Meetings and Other Activities:
The Board was reminded of the following upcoming meetings and other activities:
January 21-24, 2025 - WASB State Education Convention
January 27, 2025 - Special Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
February 11, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Completion of Board Member Availability Calendar:
The Board members were asked to complete their availability calendars through February.
Spring Election Candidates:
Board President Ron Brooks advised that he and Nicolas Genske are the candidates for the two seats in the spring School Board election. He added that he was disappointed that only two candidates are running, but Mr. Genske previously served on the Board and he is looking forward to working with him again.
School Visits or Other Board Reports:
Mr. Brooks and Board member Betty Manion shared that they attended several holiday concerts and plays at WLC and WMS.
CEC Liaison Report:
CEC Liaison Betty Manion advised that she was unable to attend the Governance Council's (GC) meeting on January 3, however, she shared the meeting notes that were provided to her. The CEC is using a new lesson format called Tomato and is using the BEST screener. The GC is continuing to look into different foreign language options. They are working on a large Rotary grant for playground equipment and received a grant for a book vending machine. They have an agreement with WRCCS for professional development, as well as an agreement with Dr. David Poesch for a policy governance presentation in the spring which the SDW Board will be invited to attend as well. The WHS Strings Club will be joining the CEC strings students at the Suzuki concert on January 16. Other events scheduled were game night on January 23 and movie night on March 20.
Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented.
Financial Reports:
Accounts Payable for December 2024
Cash Receipts
July and August 2024 General Cash Reconciliation
Year-to-Date Financial Update - Budget to Actual Comparison by Fund Groups as of 12/31/2024:
Fund 10 Ending Balance: \$1,442,821 (2023-2024: \$5,701,751)
Fund 21 Ending Balance: \$272,627 (2023-2024: \$400,252)
Fund 27 Ending Balance: \$1,239,292 (2023-2024: \$1,167,638)
Fund 50 Ending Balance: \$293,127 (2023-2024: \$575,744)
Retirements - End of the 2024-2025 School Year:
Amy Hotlerman - WMS 6th & 7th Grade ELA Teacher
Resignations:
Lindsey Dashner - WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.
Timothy Koltz - Technology Help Desk Assistant
Hires – 2024-2025 School Year:
Laura Sullivan-Nelsen - WLC Ed. Asst.
Emma Smidt - WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.
Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors – 2024-2025 School Year:
WHS Volunteer Coaching Positions:
Cody Rasmussen - Boys Hockey
Ryan Mace - Boys Hockey
Jeffery Wright - Boys Hockey
Jayce Koshollek - Boys Hockey
Braeden Ryan - Boys Hockey
WHS Volunteer Advisor Positions:
Carter Tice - Robotics
Salary Step Changes:
Yvonne Brown - 4B to 4B6
Brittany Chovanec - 5M6 to 5M12
Jessica Hauser - 3M to 3M6
Kirbi Holat - 9B6 to 9B18
Stephanie Imhoff - 15B24 to 15B30
Dana Koeppler - 13B18 to 13B30
Kyle Mannel - 11B6 to 11B24
Amanda Nelson - 12B24 to 12B30
Amy Niemuth - 2B6 to 2B12
Holly Olsen - 15M24 to 15M30
Tom Reif - 14B12 to 14B18
Cory Scott - 3B6 to 3B18
Payton Thurber - 5M18 to 5M24
Kristin Tripp - 15B12 to 15B18
The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
Communications:
Donations:
Director of Business Services Austin Moore advised that many donations were received from several community members and organizations. Donations received were from Hydroblasters to WLC, Office Outfitters to the District, the Sutherland Family to CEC, Strongwood and Waupaca Foundry to the Robotics Club, and various community members and organizations to the WHS Agriscience Department. A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Betty Manion to accept, with gratitude, the many donations as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
Monitoring:
Grant Update:
Director of Business Services Austin Moore shared Grant Writer Greg Grohman's results for 2024, which included three school-specific grants totaling \$94,465. One of those grants was for the Holocaust presentation and another was for cybersecurity monitoring software which the District is partnering with the City of Waupaca on. The District will continue to partner with the City and Chamber of Commerce to support Mr. Grohman in 2025. Board President Brooks encouraged everyone to read the section in Mr. Grohman's report entitled "A Word on Rejection".
Administration:
Open Enrollment Limits:
Board President Brooks summarized the report advising that there are open spaces everywhere for regular education except CEC K-2nd and 6th grades and there are no special education spaces anywhere. Director of Student Services Laurie Schmidt agreed with that summarization. She advised that this is a standard report that is required and presented every year setting out the District's regular and special education spaces available for open enrollment for the next school year. Ms. Schmidt pointed out that these numbers are projections. She also pointed out that with regard to the CEC, students do not open enroll directly into the CEC but instead open enroll into the District first and then the CEC. Ms. Schmidt also advised that non-resident applications for special education will be closed for all grade levels and it has been closed for the past five years because referral rates continue to climb and caseload management.
A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the recommendation regarding spaces available for non-resident open enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year for regular education as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
A motion was made by Bob Adams and seconded by Lori Verhalen to approve the recommendation that no space is available for non-resident open enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year for special education as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
Clarification of Language in Policy 3120.04 Employment of Substitutes:
Mr. Gerlach advised that there have been some issues regarding the interpretation of the language in the fifth paragraph pertaining to how long and short term substitute teachers are paid. Because it is not a change to the policy but rather an interpretation issue, it did not go to the Policy Committee first. He further advised that in most cases it is known that the opening is going to be a long term situation, so Administration is recommending that the substitute teacher be paid at the higher rate at the beginning of the assignment.
Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten added that there was also a technical change to accurately reflect the number of teacher contract days.

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A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the recommended revision of the fifth paragraph in Policy 3120.04 Employment of Substitutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
The revised language now reads:
Substitute teachers scheduled for eleven (11) or more consecutive days in a specific grade or class shall be compensated at the daily rate of 1/189 of the base pay on the current teacher salary schedule. The change in pay from "regular substitute" to "long term substitute" pay will begin on the first day of the long term substitute position or be retroactively applied if a short term substitute position transitions into a long term substitute situation.
Adjournment Into Closed Session:
A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Molly McDonald to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to discuss succession planning as a result of building principal retirements; to review and discuss Administrator Contracts and revised Administrator Handbook; and to review feedback from the Superintendent Finalists' Day in the District. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 5:57 p.m.
Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Action on Matters from Closed Session:
A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Molly McDonald to reconvene in open session to consider action on matters from closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 7:11 p.m.
A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Bob Adams to accept the recommendation to promote Jenifer Erb into the Principal position at Waupaca High School with the approved salary effective July 1, 2025, as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Steve Klismet to accept the recommendation to promote Jody Pankratz into the Principal position at Waupaca Learning Center with the approved salary effective July 1, 2025, as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the new Administrator Contract template and the revised Administrator Benefit Schedule Handbook as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
Adjournment:
A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Bob Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
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Board of Education
Betty Manion, Clerk
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2025 Special Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room.
The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting.
Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brooks at 5:28 p.m.
Roll Call:
Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Brooks, Steve Klismet, Betty Manion, Molly McDonald, Dale Feldt, Bob Adams, and Lori Verhalen.
Also Present:
Present in the WHS Community Room: Craig Gerlach and Mike Richie from HYA.
Approval of Agenda:
A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
Review of Board Meeting Norms:
The Board reviewed their collective commitments.
Adjournment into Closed Session:
A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Bob Adams to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to conduct final interview(s) of candidate(s) for the District Administrator position. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 5:30 p.m.
Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Action on Matters from Closed Session:
The Board did not reconvene in open session.
Adjournment:
A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Steve Klismet to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF IOLA-SCANDINAVIA

Regular School Board Meeting

Elementary School - Room #6
450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945
Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6 pm
I. Meeting was called to order in the Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm by Mike Harbridge with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Board members present - Mike Harbridge, Tony Neumann, Mike Grassl, Laura Krogwold, Diana Jones, Vanessa Kirmse and Jason Boris
Administration present - Chris Nelson, Sarah Thiel, Stacey Wester, Jan Bue-Wells and Tammy Bauer
Observer's present - Isaiah Hoyord, Kimberla Przysocki, Erika Flowers, Phillip Johnsrud, Joel McConnell, Damien Aguirre, Tim Welch, Emily Conroy and Matt McGregor
II. Approval of agenda
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
III. Public input/comments - None
IV. Approval of consent agenda
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
A. Approval of the December 9, 2024 meeting minutes and January 6, 2025 working committee meeting minutes
B. Auditing and approval of checks (receipts, checks)
C. Treasurer's report and Pupil Activity Accounts
D. Fundraiser requests
1. Softball - Rib Fest and Egg My House
2. Spirit Club - Little Caesar Pizza Kits
3. HS Girls Basketball - Little Thirbs Winter Camp
4. HS Baseball - Meat Raffle
5. HS Baseball - Calendar Raffle
E. Gifts and Donations
1. Our Saviors Lutheran Church
V. District presentations
A. Research/Technical Writing Students
VI. Administration reports
A. FAC Director's Report - informational
B. Principal's Report - informational
C. Administrator's Report - informational
D. Student Representative Report - informational
VII. School Board News and Updates
A. WASB Meeting/Convention Updates
B. CESA 5 Meeting Updates
VIII. Old Business
A. Referendum Updates
B. Hoffman information and approvals
IX. Committee reports
A. **Building & Grounds** - Chairperson Boris
1. Rezoning school property - informational
B. **Personnel & Nominations** -

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Chairperson Kirmse
1. Resignation/Retirement
a) Transportation Director
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Diana Jones to approve the retirement of the Transportation Director, Gary Trzebiatowski as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
2. Co-Curricular Assignments
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the updated Co-Curricular Assignments as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
3. **C. Finance** - Chairperson Krogwold; lay committee members Erika Flowers and Mark Sether
No report
D. **Transportation** - Chairperson Neumann
No report
E. **Curriculum** - Chairperson Jones
1. MS/HS course requests
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Laura Krogwold to approve the MS/HS course requests as presented and for Mrs. Bue-Wells to use her discretion as needed and as staff allows with courses that are held. Motion carried by a voice vote.
F. **Policy & Legislation** - Chairperson Grassl
No report
G. **Negotiations** - Chairperson Harbridge
No report
H. New Business
A. Spanish Trip 2026
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve the 2026 Spanish Trip as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
B. 25-26 School Calendar
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the 25-26 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
C. 25-26 Special Education Open Enrollment
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve zero special education open enrollment spaces for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried by a voice vote.
D. 25-26 Open Enrollment Spaces
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve 2024-2025 open enrollment spaces with no limits. Motion carried by a voice vote.
XI. Future Agenda Items
A. Upcoming Dates
1. February 3, 2025 Working Committee Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm
2. February 10, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm
XII. Adjourn to executive session. The following motion would be in order (roll call vote): Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl at 6:55 pm to go into executive session in accordance with Wisconsin §19.85 (1) (c), (e) and (f) for the purposes and taking action, if appropriate concerning:
1. Employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data
a. District Administrator Evaluation Motion carried by a roll call vote
XIII. Reconvene into open session to take possible action regarding XII. Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Jason Boris at 8:05 pm to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote - motion carried unanimously.
XIV. Adjourn
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Tony Neumann at 8:06 pm to adjourn. Motion carried by a voice vote.
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Notice To Creditors

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DATE SIGNED: February 10, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK R. GUNDERSON
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25-PR-14
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/25/1936 and date of death 1/26/2025, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 199 South Division Court, Waupaca, WI 54981.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 12, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Attorney Bruce J. Meagher
P.O. Box 335
Iola, WI 54945
Telephone 715-445-7000
Bar Number 1013332
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DATE SIGNED: February 14, 2025

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle

Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEGGY MARIE ZAEIMISCH
DOD 01/06/2025
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR9
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/24/1948 and date of death 01/06/2025, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 57 TORREY ST, CLINTONVILLE, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 15, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, 811 HARDING ST, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Jeremy R. Dobbe
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
Telephone (920)779-4140
Bar Number 1059024
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DATE SIGNED: January 29, 2025

Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver

Deputy Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTORIA HELEN MEROW
DOD 07/10/2024
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2024PR000105
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/06/1952 and date of death 07/10/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N10542 Fly Inn Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 2, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate.
Form completed by:
Jeremy R. Dobbe
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
Telephone 920-779-4140
Bar Number 1059024
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DATE SIGNED: January 30, 2025

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle

Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID S. TRINRUD
DOD: 08/01/2023
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR6
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

Notice To Creditors

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1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/22/1940 and date of death 08/01/2023, was domiciled in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, with a mailing address of 6805 Walnut Branch Lane Apt 409, Charlotte, NC 28277.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] May 1, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Benjamin D. Ludeman
Weld Riley, S.C.
PO Box 1030, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1030
Telephone 715-839-7786
Bar Number 11013146
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DATE SIGNED: January 31, 2025

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle

Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL M. NETT
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR10
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth SEPT 19, 1940 and date of death JAN. 04, 2025, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of E6864 WHITE LAKE ROAD, WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 2, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by:
ATTORNEY DAVID L. WERTH
121 E. MAIN STREET, PO BOX 499
WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983
Telephone (920) 867-2156
Bar Number 01010610
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This is to notify all creditors of the death of Kathleen Virginia Lucas on December 18, 2024.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Kathleen Virginia Lucas
AKA
Kathleen Virginia Singer
Kathleen Vir Lucas
Kathleen V Singer
Kathleen Virginia Biesesker
Kathleen V Lucas
Deceased on December 18, 2024
The personal representative named below has been appointed as this person's representative for the estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner of mailing the claim to the address below along with a copy of the original claim. The claim must be within 30 days of the first published date of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Publish: February 13, 20 and 27, 2025
Tiff Lucas
10819 Co Rd V
Marshfield, WI 54449
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GRANDSTAND

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Braden said that he is not in favor of approving the funds for the project.

“For my perspective, \$116,000 is a lot of money for shade and seating,” Braden said. “I feel that there has to be a cheaper option that could provide seating and shade.”

Ald. Greg Rose acknowledged that the project is expensive, but that it needs to be completed.

“We'll buy a \$50,000 pickup truck that residents are not going to see, touch, or use,” said Rose. “But this is a tangible item that is used by our residents, our taxpayers.”

Prior to the vote Ald. Stephanie Bonikowske told the council that it is important for this project to be completed because the baseball field brings a lot of tourism into the city.

Project finances

Prior to the discussion at the council meeting, Muske shared with the council a breakdown of how much money the city had already spent on this project, and the amount still needed.

In October, the city spent \$32,775 for I-beams to be used for the project. Due to the low water table, that plan was scrapped and the city searched for alternatives to complete the project. The cost of the I-beams, various engineering and construction services, and other miscellaneous expenses amounted to \$43,862 that the city had already spent on the grandstand project.

In January of 2024 the council approved moving \$30,000 in capital funds for a press box at Don Jirschele Stadium from 2026 to 2024, with those funds to be used for the grandstand project. In May of 2024, the council approved using \$66,075 from general emergency funds for the grandstand project. Between those to actions, the council had approved \$96,075 for the project.

With the bid of \$71,464 from RJM Construction and additional engineering costs of \$1,522, that pushed the total cost of the project to \$116,849. To cover that amount, an additional \$20,774 was approved by the council, with the funds coming from capital contingency.

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New London

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Waupaca Area

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Senior Spotlight

Logan Seavers-SPASH

Representing the Stevens Point Panthers in the 150-pound weight class, Logan Seavers will compete in the WIAA Division 1 sectionals in Menasha. Logan holds a 26-6 record in his senior season and is one of the top-ranked wrestlers in his weight class in 2025.

Logan began wrestling at the age of eight, as his father introduced him to the sport.” The self-disciplined teaches you will carry with you for the rest of your life, and my dad pushing me to be the best of my abilities.”

” It definitely went by fast. It seems like just yesterday I was a freshman on the team, and now as a captain and senior coming down to the end, it’s crazy to see how fast time flies and when you’re done, to leave it all out there on the mat.” Seavers said of his high school career.

Logan has been able to balance both his time in the classroom and his time on the mat, “My freshman year had a full schedule and classes all day, so there were definitely a lot of late nights after practice doing homework. However, as a senior, I only have half-days, so I have a lot more time to do schoolwork and have some free time.”

The coaches Logan has had have shaped his time in wrestling.” I would like to just give a shout-out to all the coaches that I’ve had over the years who have not only pushed me but our team to be the best we can, and to my dad, who has coached me my entire life. I wouldn’t be where I am today without him.”





Riley Mueller scores a game-high 20 points against Neenah on Feb. 14. Nick Griesbach Photo

Hortonville takes down Neenah in FVA battle

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – In a Valentine’s Day match-up, there was no love lost between Fox Valley Association rivals as Hortonville took on Neenah in a physical back-and-forth matchup.

The Polar Bears took an early one-point advantage as they went up 10-9 in the opening minutes of the game, but Neenah would

get the advantage as they went on a 17-9 run to go up 26-19.

The Polar Bears went on a run of their own in the closing minutes of the first half as they cut the Neenah lead to 29-26 going into the locker room at halftime.

Riley Mueller led the Polar Bears with 10 points at halftime and Ethan Joling contributed seven.

The Polar Bears continued their run in the second

half going on an 8-0 run to go up 34-29 over Neenah.

Neenah took back the lead shortly after as they went up by a score of 39-38. Hortonville recaptured the lead late in the game as they went up 55-53 and would not relinquish the lead the rest of the game closing it out by a score of 61-57.

Muller finished the contest with 20 points, and Joling finished with 17.



Hailie Krueger sets her sights on a fourth WIAA state championship to cap her senior season. Nick Griesbach Photo

New London’s Hailie Krueger looking to join exclusive four state title club

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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With each time New London’s Hailie Krueger steps on the mat she is one win closer to history as she looks to become a four-time WIAA state champion, and become the first girl to accomplish the feat. A regional championship in the 152 weight class at Wausau West has her moving on to sectionals in Shawano.

Hailie, started wrestling at the age of seven in second grade, her father Nathan is the New London varsity coach, but her brother joining is when she decided to give wrestling a try, “My brother brought home a flyer and told my mom he wanted to wrestle and he started a whole year before I

did and I sat and watched.” Hailie said, “the next year I joined and fell in love with wrestling.”

“My first one means a little more to me because I was able to have both my parents in my corner,” says of her most memorable state championship so far, “It was nice having both of them in my corner.”

Hailie knows what the accomplishment of winning four state championships would mean for the sport, “it would mean a lot, it’s really awesome being the only one with three and I feel bad for the girls, who weren’t able to do that, but I’m super proud of what I was able to do and I know all my hard work will pay off to be in that club of four (championships)”.

It’s nice to see the growth of the girls in the sport, especially on this team as we have girls who in their third year, who have beaten girls, who have been wrestling forever.” Hailie said.

Hailie will be attending Wartburg College , and looks back at the growth of girls wrestling as something she will take away from her high school career, “my sophomore year I was the only girl on the team and coming into my junior year we had eight girls on the team and we finally had enough to have somewhat of a decent roster.” Hailie said of her team, “I remember we had our first ever girls conference duel and we had our girls lineup just like the guys do and it was just amazing.”



Madi Springer drives to the hoop against Oshkosh North on Feb.11 Nick Griesbach Photo

Hortonville girls get win in FVA

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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HORTONVILLE – The Polar Bears won in the Fox Valley Association over Oshkosh North in Hortonville on Feb. 11, as they got off to a quick start in a team effort.

Madi Springer scored five

points early to give Hortonville an early 10-6 lead, forcing Oshkosh North to take an early timeout.

The Polar Bears held onto a 30-20 lead going into halftime, as Springer and Leah Heraly each had eight points at the break.

In the second half, Julieyn

Martin started pouring in buckets as she finished the game with 13 points.

The Polar Bears kept the pace as they got up 42-30. Heraly finished the game with 16 points. Hortonville wrapped up the game with a final score of 57-40.

Local wrestlers reach sectionals

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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NEW LONDON – The snowy winter weather could not stop the WIAA Division 2 boys’ regionals wrestling action in New London on Feb 15. as several local wrestlers

advanced to the sectionals that will be held in Seymour.

Amherst advanced three wrestlers to the sectionals, as 144-pound junior Otto Anglemyer finished second, 150-pound senior Gideon Cole finished third,

and 113-pound freshman Andrew Helbach finished third.

Waupaca also had three wrestlers move onto sectionals as 175-pound Owen Hansen finished in second, 106-pound freshman Pierce Karl finished in third

and 190-pound junior Dakotta Thoma finished in fourth.

New London had six wrestlers move onto sectionals as 132-pound junior William Christopher finished first, as did 190-pound junior Howie Roloff.

215-pound sophomore Preston Krueger finished in second, and 285-pound senior Braxton Bryant finished in third.

138-pound Sophomore Trevor Schultz finished in fourth, as did 165-pound junior Jackson Pecher.

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Rossi Wehmeyer and several Waupaca and Fox Valley Lutheran players get a hand on a ball in the air in the first half of a North Eastern Conference game Feb. 14 at Waupaca High School. Wehmeyer scored 10 points in Waupaca's 47-44 loss to the Foxes.

Greg Seubert Photo

Comets get outfoxed at home

GREG SEUBERT
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WAUPACA – A late rally came up a little short for the Waupaca girls' basketball team in its North Eastern Conference rematch with Fox Valley Lutheran.

The Comets trailed by 12 points in the second half but dropped a 47-44 decision to the Foxes on Feb. 14.

The teams were tied 19-19 before the Foxes closed the first half with a 7-0 run to take a 26-19 lead at the break.

Eden Last scored the Foxes' first seven points of the second half to help her team build a 33-22 lead. Waupaca cut the lead to three points three times before Taylor Kling cut the Foxes' lead to 40-39 with just under four minutes remaining.

The Foxes quickly pushed the lead back to four points before Waupaca's Josie Nickel cut the deficit to one point with a three-pointer with 56 seconds on the clock.

Waupaca never got any closer, as Grace Meier sealed the win with a pair of free throws in the final seconds.

The Comets had one more opportunity with the ball and six seconds remaining, but a last-second shot fell short.

Hailey Bechard and Rossi Wehmeyer led Waupaca with 18 and 10 points, respectively.

Last led all players in scoring with 19 points, and Meier also finished in double figures for the Foxes with 13.

Bulldogs get home win over Menasha

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The Bulldogs took on the Menasha Blue Jays in a Bay conference showdown on Feb. 13 at New London as they controlled the first half of the game.

New London got off to an early lead as the Bulldogs were up 7-0 early, but the Blue Jays picked up the tempo as they went on an 8-4 run to make the deficit 11-8.

The Bulldogs took back the momentum as they went on an 8-0 run to give themselves a 19-8 lead capped off by a Joseph Daly three-pointer.

It was a 38-21 lead for New London at halftime, as Daly had a team-high 11 points in the first half.

In the second half, Menasha came out aggressively, outscoring the Bulldogs in the second half 33-25, but it was too little too late, as New London closed out the win 63-54.

Daly had a double-double with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Daly also dished out seven assists. Camron Taylor scored 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Brett Marquardt scored 15.



Joseph Daly attacks the paint against the Menasha Blue Jays.

Nick Griesbach Photo

Panthers pick up overtime win

GREG SEUBERT
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STEVENS POINT – With WIAA state tournament seeding meetings and the end of the regular season around the corner, a pair of conference-leading girls' basketball teams met on Feb. 13 for a matchup of 17-win teams.

Stevens Point and Regis were tied at 70-70 at the end of regulation. Stevens Point outscored the visitors 12-6 in the extra period, and the Panthers handed the Ramblers an 82-76 loss.

The game was a showcase for Regis' EllaMay Cooper and the Panthers' Jada Seubert, who led their teams with 44 and 39 points, respectively.

Stevens Point took a 32-31 halftime lead and scored the first seven points of the second half. Izzy Reichert eventually tied the game at 43-43 with a three-pointer before the Ramblers scored eight straight points to take their largest lead, 61-55.

The Panthers chipped away at the lead, and Seubert's two free throws with 28 seconds to go in regulation gave the home team a 70-68 lead.

However, Cooper's basket on the Ramblers' next possession tied the game at 70-70, and Seubert's three-point attempt with four seconds to go was off the mark.

The Panthers scored the first eight points in the four-minute overtime period. Cooper cut the lead to five points with a three-point play, but that was as close as Ramblers would get.

Two other Stevens Point players finished in double figures. Lindsey Weiler finished with 17, and Lydia Johnson added 12. Reichert had nine points to go with Cooper's 44.

Seubert's 39 points are almost double her season average of 20.3 points per game. She made 12 of 24 shots and connected on 13 of 15 free throws.

Cooper made 14 of 25 shots, including six three-pointers, and missed one of 11 free throws.

The Panthers improved to 18-4 on the season, while the Ramblers fell to 17-6.



Jada Seubert tracks down a loose ball for Stevens Point. The sophomore led the Panthers with 39 points in a nonconference win over Regis.

Greg Seubert Photo

Tigers clinch Valley title with win over Panthers

BY GREG SEUBERT
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STEVENS POINT – A handful of regular-season games remain for the Wisconsin Valley Conference's boys' basketball teams.

However, a conference champion is already determined.

Marshfield wrapped up its fourth consecutive WVC title on Feb. 13 with a 74-54 win over Stevens Point. The Tigers improved to 9-0 in league play with the win with three conference games remaining on the schedule, while the Panthers dropped to 6-4 and tied for second place with Wausau West.

Jaydon Awe scored 10 of the Panthers' first 12 points, as the home team led by as many as six points early on.

However, the Tigers took an 18-14 lead following 10 straight points from Landon Lee.

There were three lead changes before Marshfield headed to the locker room with a 33-30 halftime lead.

Stevens Point trailed the entire second half, and Marshfield's 15-5 run turned a 37-34 lead into a 52-39 advantage.

The Panthers cut the lead to 11 two more times but didn't get any closer, as the Tigers led by as many as 23 points late in the game.

Awe and Grant Chandonais led the Panthers with 17 and 14 points, respectively, but Marshfield held each player to only two points in the second half.

Lee led all scorers with 26 points, while Valin Ramberg and Brooks Hinson added 16 and 15 for the Tigers.



Baraka Makalin shoots a free throw for Stevens Point during the first half of Stevens Point's 74-54 Wisconsin Valley Conference loss to Marshfield.

Greg Seubert Photo



Emmerich Trzebiatowski skates off of the Waupaca Ice & Expo Center ice Feb. 11 during Waupaca's 7-1 win over Medford in the second round of the Great Northern Conference tournament.

Greg Seubert Photo

Waupaca boys finish sixth in GNC hockey tournament

GREG SEUBERT
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The Waupaca boys' hockey team headed into this year's Great Northern Conference tournament with a No. 6 seed.

That's where the Comets ended up finishing in the tournament, as they dropped a 6-3 decision to Antigo on Feb. 15 in the fifth-place game in Rhinelander.

The Comets went 1-2 in this year's tournament, including a 7-1 win over Medford in the second round.

GNC tournament
Antigo 6,
Waupaca 3

RHINELANDER - The Comets didn't have an answer for Owen Dickman, who scored five of the Red Robins' six goals, including two in each of the first two periods and one in the game's final minute.

Antigo led 2-0 after one period and took a 5-0 lead into the third. Waupaca cut the deficit to 5-3 with goals from Nate Hines, Thor Kallestad and Cael Prey before Dickman ended the scoring.

Waupaca outshot the Red Robins 44-38.

Waupaca 7,
Medford 1

WAUPACA - It didn't take the Comets long to find the net against the Raiders. Prey and Hines scored in the game's opening minute, and Colin Lockwood and Colin Everts added goals in the second minute.

Thomas Thiel added goals in the second and third periods before Prey wrapped up the scoring with his second goal in the third period.

Despite winning by six goals, the Comets had a slim 39-30 advantage in shots.

Lakeland 4,
Waupaca 1

MINOCQUA - Prey's goal in the first period tied the game with the third-seeded Thunderbirds on Feb. 4 in the tournament's opening round, but Lakeland answered with three unanswered goals.

The Thunderbirds outshot the Comets 43-12.

Other results from Feb. 15 in Rhinelander are first-place game: Tomahawk 3, Mosinee 1; third-place game: Northland Pines 4, Lakeland 0; seventh-place game: Rhinelander vs. Medford, no score reported.

WIAA tournament

The Comets and another area team will open WIAA state tournament play on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Waupaca received a No. 6 seed in Division 2 and will head to Mequon's Ozaukee Ice Center to face third-seeded Homestead at 5:40 p.m.

Meanwhile, undefeated Stevens Point received a No. 1 seed and has a bye in the opening round of the Division 1 tournament. The Panthers will host No. 8 Chippewa Falls or No. 9 Eau Claire North at 7 p.m. at the K.B. Willett Ice Arena in the second round.

Boys' and girls' state qualifiers will compete Thursday to Saturday, March 6-8, at Bob Suter's LEGACY20 Arena in Middleton.

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FFA WEEK

Clintonville's Year of Action

The Clintonville FFA has had a busy, enriching year full of learning and community involvement that it is excited to share. They started off the year with a night of bowling for new members to bond with others, with 16 members in attendance.

Later that month, FFA attended Fall Frenzy, where they put on a petting zoo with six different animals. In addition, they had five kittens from Shawano Humane Society up for adoption. Two of the five were adopted after the event and taken to loving homes. Both members and officers attended this event and enjoyed it as well as the community.

On October 1, the Clintonville FFA had 19 members travel to Madison for the World Dairy Expo for the day. They had the opportunity to talk to different booths and businesses about job opportunities and different experiences they had to offer. They were also able to go and watch people show their animals.

For their Homecoming float this year, they wanted to do something big. They were able to use a semi and semi trailer from Heege Trucking and make a beautiful display to showcase many different things in agriculture. Many new members also enjoyed being on the float and representing their chapter in the parade.

For their annual Thank-A-Farmer event, they delivered donuts to many local farmers to show them their appreciation for all of their hard work. They wanted to let them know that all their contributions to the agricul-



ture industry do not go unnoticed.

The FFA enjoyed a trip to Indianapolis and the National FFA Convention, where they had the privilege of touring Lake Orchard Farm Aquaponics, witnessing their remarkable weekly harvest of 1,100 heads of lettuce and learning about their sustainable tilapia fish farming practices. They also toured Hummel Livestock, which showcased an array of operations featuring savannah cats, rheas, goats,

dingos and other unique species.

The students also revisited FFA history with some cool displays of the organization, dove into the important ways they can engage with the future of agriculture, successfully completed an escape room and saw renowned speaker Temple Grandin.

Clintonville FFA wrapped up pizza sales on Nov. 1, selling a record-high number of pizzas for the year: a total of 1,985 pizzas. The

pizzas were made to order with care by FFA members and delivered in November. They also traveled to potato country to attend a 2-day leadership training, where they discovered tools to cultivate healthy connections, made identity-based goals and learned how to balance their lives in a positive way. Along the way, they made a few stops to explore the specialized agriculture of the Stevens Point area. Some highlights included Flyte Family Farms, Heartland

Farms and Farm + Food Exploration Center.

For all of their hard work, Clintonville FFA received the FFA Chapter of the Year award from Shawano County Ag Ambassadors in January for its outstanding community service and leadership events. In addition, FFA advisor Danielle Ellerbrock was honored as Ag Teacher of the Year.

Members attended their District Leadership Development Events in Gresham on Feb. 11. Clintonville



FFA members served their hydroponically grown lettuce for the school lunch program.



FFA members attended District Leadership Development Events in Gresham, where many members took first in their events.

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Waupaca's 95 years of agriculture excellence

On October 7th, 1929 the Waupaca FFA was chartered. Today, Waupaca FFA is a three-star national chapter award winner. Here are a few highlights of the past year.

• On Feb. 13, 2025, members attended the Farm Forum. This is a learning and leadership conference designed for junior FFA members. They attended workshops throughout the day to learn more about opportunities within the ag industry. This was sponsored by the Waupaca Farm Bureau.

• Aubrey Barbeau was 1 of 29 FFA members from around the state who received a SAE \$1,000 Start-Up Grant. Her SAE in Meat Processing brought her to and she attended the Meats Cutting and Butchering class at MidState Tech College. Barbeau, along with staff from MSTC, spoke with the DATCP Board and Secretary Romanske about the program. Her career goal is to be a butcher and this grant will help her achieve her goal. With her grant money from the National FFA and State FFA she is purchasing sausage making equipment.

• In late January, the chapter had the honor of hosting the District 24 Leadership Development Event. Advancing on to sectionals was Rylee Nelson, first in both Prepared Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. Quiz Bowl Team 1 took first place and Quiz Bowl Team 2 took second place, both advancing to sectionals. Emma Brunner and Aubrey Barbeau competed in Employment Skills. Lauren Bishop and Katie Johnson competed in Creed.

• Elwood Riley and MaKayla Parman are Waupaca FFA's 2025 American FFA degree candidates. Both of these members met the requirements to earn the their American FFA degree and submitted the degree application. They are pursuing the highest honor the



Waupaca FFA pitched in at the concession stand during the Comet homecoming game.

FFA can bestow and only about 1% of the National membership will obtain it.

• There was a lot of learning in the Ag Department this year. Students had the opportunity to ultrasound Blossom and view her piglets on two ultrasound machines before she farrowed and they had the opportunity to see hour-old piglets and learn about the swine industry firsthand. Vet Science and Large Animal students were able to see and complete piglet processing which included tail docking and ear notching. Thanks to Mikayla Wehrle and the Wehrle family for this learning opportunity.

• Waupaca senior and FFA President Rylee Nelson was selected as a \$1,000 National FFA SAE grant recipient sponsored by Phibro Animal Health. One of Rylee's many SAEs is sheep production. She raises her own flock on her family's grazing pastures. Her most recent accomplishment is attending the UW-Madison Sheep Program's Sheering School. She is going to use the grant money to purchase her own sheering equipment. Her future goal is to

continue in sheep production and attend UW-River Falls majoring in Crop & Soil Science.

• In mid-December, the chapter hosted their annual 8th Grade Career Day. Presenters included Mike Sanke of Legacy Seed, Leah Piotter of Agropur, Bryce Hering of Insight FS Crop, Audrey Nusz of A to Z Stables, Dr. Ellen Hooker, Austin Trembl of Seneca Foods and Devin Friday of Horizon Optics.

December was also a busy month as members participated in the Christmas parade with Swiderski Implements, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, and hosted an alumni Christmas party. Leading up to December they held their annual poinsettia sale.

• In late October, Waupaca FFA members went to Indianapolis for the 97th National FFA Convention. Members attended the expo where there was hundreds of representatives from ag companies and colleges. At the 3rd General Session, Lindsey Montgomery was on stage being recognized as a National Proficiency Finalist. Of the over 1 million FFA members, only 188 earn the title as a Proficien-



Every season, the Waupaca FFA hosts an annual deer contest for both students and staff. Hunters submit their photos and they are posted in the ag room for people to see who got what. At the end of the hunting season, one winner is picked in a random drawing for a Kwik Trip gift card.

cy Finalist, and only 4 in her area. Although she wasn't the National Winner, the fact is that only .00018% of the membership get on stage is quit the honor.

• Six chapter members received their American FFA

degree. This is the highest degree an FFA member can earn and less than 1% of the membership achieve it. Congratulations Gage Anderson, Verena Bartel, Brooklyn Butzin, Joey Gulixion, Lindsey Montgomery

and Rhett Nelson on a stellar FFA Career.

• During the summer, numerous members exhibited their live stock at the 151st Waupaca County Fair with many taking home blue ribbons.



Blossom popped some piglets! Student got to use the ultrasound to monitor the pregnancy and later learned about tail docking and ear notching.

Fun Fact

The Super Bowl is held every year right before FFA Week and all of the festivities that surround the big game are reliant on agriculture. On game day, fans will consume:

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W-F FFA on the national stage

Weyauwega-Fremont’s award-winning FFA chapter brought home numerous accolades, including a national award. Here are some highlights from the past year.

• The National FFA Convention was held October 22 to October 25th in Indianapolis, Indiana. Eight FFA members boarded a bus with four local-area FFA Chapters. On the way to the convention the members made a stop at the Albanese Candy Factory and took a tour of Sprecher Brewery to see their root beer production. At the third session, W-F FFA member Bethany Magdanz was recognized on stage for being in the Top 4 for her National Proficiency Award in Dairy Production. After winning state, she interviewed in front of a panel made up of judges from around the nation in the agriculture industry. They reviewed her proficiency, which is a 30-page application about her SAE - or agricultural job. Bethany’s SAE revolved around working on her family’s dairy farm in Pine River.

• Seven students from the W-F FFA chapter attended the Connect & I Am Conference at the Stevens Point Convention Center on Nov 15-16. Over 700 FFA members and advisors from around the state participated in this national personal development conference held annually in Wisconsin. At the I Am Conference, members were introduced to the theme of the conference and summarized their self-concept by using identity-based goal-setting principles to determine who they want to become. Then members



Bethany Magdanz representing Weyauwega-Fremont FFA. Bethany was able to receive the American FFA Degree during the national convention as well as receive recognition for being a national proficiency finalist.

used the habit loop to provide them with actionable steps to accomplishing their identity-based goals. The students used their identity goals to prioritize their time and then evaluated how balanced their lives are using the wheel of life.

• The W-F FFA would like to give a huge thank you to all the clubs, organizations, sports, individuals, classes, and community members who donated to the Adopt A Family program. The chapter collected a total of \$425 which will be given to the W-F Giving Tree program. The Giving Tree will purchase items for families in the Weyauwega community for this holiday season. Thank you to the Class of 2025 FCCLA FFA and NHS Strength Club Wrestling.

• The W-F FFA Parliamentary Procedure team competed at the Marshfield

FFA Invitational Parli Contest on January 16, 2025. At the contest, FFA chapters brought their team of 6 to compete against other FFA chapters. The FFA team is required to perform two mock business meetings following proper parliamentary law according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Skills demonstrated include how to amend a main motion, referring to a committee, postpone indefinitely the main motion, taking a recess, and many more. The W-F FFA team performed their meetings and were scored based on how well they performed these skills. They won first overall in their division.

• Two Weyauwega Fremont FFA officers, Liza Pomrening and Rio Hildebrandt, were able to attend the Wisconsin State FFA Halftime Conference on January 17 and 18 in Ste-

vens Point. Halftime allows members to keep chapters going strong for the second half of the year. Members attend workshops focused on growing leaders, building FFA chapters, and making a positive impact in schools and communities. Chapter members also shared ideas and collaborated with FFA members from across the state to help chapters plan for the rest of the year. This year, the Halftime theme was “Legendary.”

• On October 4, the W-F FFA held their annual Food for America Program for all 3rd grade students in the district. In the morning, FFA members went into the 3rd grade classes to teach them about where their food comes from. Teaching about agriculture through many lessons, FFA members also made ice cream, butter, soybean necklaces and cow puppets. The 3rd



FFA officers Rio Hildebrandt (left) and Liza Pomrening at the Halftime Conference.

graders not only participated in making butter and ice cream but everyone got to taste the product they made. Following the morning activities, the FFA and the 3rd graders traveled to Magdanz’s farms for lessons and a tour. At the farm, stations were set up with different animals and how a farm operates for the 3rd graders to learn about. Each station was led and taught by FFA members and the 3rd graders rotated throughout the stations. The kids learned about dairy production, milking, horses, poultry and egg production, farm machinery, swine production, goats, and how farms operate. The kids all finished their day with snacks related to what they learned at Food for America. Thank you to Magdanz Dairy LLC for hosting this event again this year!

• The Weyauwega FFA Alumni hosted their 7th annual Blue and Gold Bash at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds. The Alumni hosted a brisket and pork dinner, dessert dash and many raffles. The dessert dash was still a crowd favorite and a big success! Thank you to everyone who donated desserts and food to make this possible.

All funds that were raised are put back into the Weyauwega-Fremont FFA Program. The FFA Alumni supports the FFA members by helping students pay for leadership conferences, purchasing FFA jackets, and give out annual scholarships to graduating FFA members. The FFA Alumni and FFA Program would like to thank all of the community members who came out and supported them that night.

FFA leads the way in Marion

The Marion FFA is excited to share some of our big happenings with you. Marion FFA kicks off the year with our summer officer retreat, this year it was in our Ag Classroom. Officers had the opportunity to grow as leaders and to plan events for the year.

This fall our members worked with our alumni chapters to volunteer at Colorama. They had a float in the parade and helped with cleaning up Sunday afternoon. Members also had the opportunity to go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. On our way we toured Albanese Candy Factory, Hummel Livestock, National FFA Center and Lake Orchard Farms Aquaponics. Students attended several general sessions, the career fair, the FFA shopping mall, and had the opportunity to see Temple Grandin.

Members also had the opportunity to check out world class cattle and to visit with businesses from around the world. Throughout the semester we had students attend the Fall Leadership Workshop, Edge Conference, and Connect Conference. These conferences give our members an opportunity to grow as leaders within our chapter and in their personal life.

Members also attend our monthly meetings, which include the business of the month and a fun activity. This year we have been averaging 90% attendance at our meetings.

This year’s FFA week includes dress up days in both buildings, lunch activities and the week wraps up with Ag Olympics. Ag Olympics is an assembly at the high school where classes compete for points in various competitions. A few of the competitions are milk chug, relay, bale toss, and wheelbarrow races. The winning class receives an ice cream sundae bar and the Ag Beam.

The Marion FFA is looking forward to a busy spring semester. In the upcoming months we have FFA Week, CDEs, a banquet, our greenhouse sale, drive-your-tractor-to-school day and Ag on the Lawn. Ag on the Lawn is an event we host at our elementary school. We bring farm animals, farm machinery and farm related products. We spend the day teaching students about various aspects of agriculture!

Looking towards spring we welcome you to come check out our annual greenhouse sale May 8th, 9th, and 10th.



Marion FFA National FFA Convention attendees



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New London FFA. From left back row, Carolynn Backes, Egen Retzlaff, Evan Retzlaff, Laine Fiane, Morgan Williams, Autumn Prahl, Ema Leigh Hacker. Front row, Mrs. Crystal Retzlaff, Taylor Klotzbuecher, Claire Klotzbuecher, Danielle Tank, Kyle Wagner and Sadie Belling.

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New London FFA

members advance

Thirteen New London FFA members competed in the FFA District 24 LDE competition at Waupaca on Jan. 30. It is the first level of the competition. Students must place either first or second in their category in order to move on to sectionals. In the Discussion Meet, students discuss an issue in agriculture.

Carolyn Backes received first place.

In Extemporaneous Speaking, students pick three topics from a hat and then choose one to write their speech on, they get 30 minutes to prepare a 3-5 minute speech for judges and then present it to the judges. Claire Klotzbuecher received second.

In Prepared Speaking, students write a 6-8 minute speech and present it to the judges. Daniele Tank received third.

The Parliamentary Procedure team demonstrates how to run a meeting. New London's team received



New London FFA had another successful showing at the Waupaca County Fair 2024 with many members bringing home awards.

first. The team consisted of Evan Retzlaff, Carolynn Backes, Claire Klotzbuecher, Danielle Tank, Jake Flocker, Morgan Williams and Laine Fiane.

Other members competed in Quiz Bowl, Employment Skills and Creed Speaking, Prepared Speak-

ing and Discussion, but did not move on to the next level. These members included Taylor Klotzbuecher, Evan Retzlaff, Kylie Wagner, Morgan Williams, Claire Klotzbuecher, Sadie Behling, Autumn Prahl, Egen Retzlaff, and Ema Leigh Hacker.



"Manawa FFA is Egg-cellent" is the punny theme selected by this year's FFA Officer Leadership Team. Front row from left: Abby Elmhorst, Jensen Timm, Olivia Tomko-Santos, Liberty Schertz, Kelsey Behnke. Second row from left: Ellie Schneiderwent, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Megan Timm, Brooke Krueger.

Network Photography Photo

Manawa FFA is Egg-cellent!

The Manawa FFA has been recognized as an elite chapter in Wisconsin for their program of activities which focuses on growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. FFA members set a positive example with their leadership, work ethic and community service activities. There are 85 members of the Manawa FFA under the tutelage of Advisor Sandy Piechowski Cordes. The officer leadership team includes Kelsey Behnke, Abby Elmhorst, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Brooke Krueger, Megan Timm, Ellie Schneiderwent, Jensen Timm, Olivia Tomko-Santos and Liberty Schertz.

During National FFA Week, members will focus on service to others and celebration of our organization. Activities planned during the week include dress-up days, collection drives, an all-school milk and cookie break, a teacher appreciation activity, and other fun events.

A vital component of Manawa FFA is the emphasis on service learning. Manawa FFA members participate in a wide array of service activities including the Wolfwalk, Think Pink for cancer awareness, the Manawa Rodeo, the Veteran's Day program, food pantry projects, elementary school literacy events, recycling, community beautification, and agricultural literacy. FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures- what kind of people, citizens, and professionals they intend to be. The impact differs for each student, but the core mission remains the same. The chapter strives to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

Traveling as well as attending conferences and conventions connect Manawa FFA members to opportunities to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

The National Chapter Award Program is designed



Each November, Manawa FFA helps to organize a program for Veteran's Day in our community as one of our citizenship projects. Members from left are Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Abby Elmhorst, Jensen Timm, and Olivia Tomko-Santos. They shared an informational reading and demonstration about proper flag folding at an all-school assembly open to the public.



Manawa members from left Olivia Tomko-Santos, Brooke Krueger, Ellie Schneiderwent, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, and Jensen Timm represented our chapter at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality Chapter Standards (NQCS) and a Program of Activities (POA) that emphasize growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Manawa FFA is honored to have received the top-tier award at our state convention—the 3 Star.

Members of the Manawa FFA for 2024-25 are Eleanor Schneiderwent, Rylee Vanden Heuvel, Abby Elmhorst, Jensen Timm, Olivia Tomko-Santos, Liberty Schertz, Kelsey Behnke, Megan Timm, Brooke Krueger, Taelyn Bonikowske, Alecia Weber, Ellie Stroesenreuther, Andie Pankow, Calleigh Beyer, Lily Krenke, Briley Rosin, Olivia Zielke, Kate Ogle, Alejandra Albo Romero, Ava Flanagan

Third row: Olivia Balthazor, Alayna Seeger, Emma Meidam, Haylee Hoffman, McKenna Grimm, Callie Pethke, Sophia Bratt, Malea Schertz, Miya Puffe, Matahya Johnson, Katelyn Krueger, Hayden Wepner, Oden Stroesenreuther, Jadon Krueger, Leah Bortle, Addie Bortle, Adelyn Schertz, Dixie Moericke, Blake Krueger, Bella Fradrich, Alexa Koratka, Kaylee Krueger, Jamison Jaeger, Zoe Ziemer, Patrick Paque, Easton Schuelke, Brice Fahser, Porter Gehrke, Beau Otto, Brayden Zielke, Logan Zirbel, Conner Gast, Kaiden Lew, Nathan Fietzer, Cassandra Arndt and Reed Schlueter.

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