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Pike Jam is a tip-up-only ice fishing tournament that only targets northern pike. Bands from across the country play live music throughout the day in a lakeside tent. It is organized by the Stevens Point string band, Dig Deep. Submitted Photo

Welcome to Pike Jam

Ice fishing to a different tune

BY OLIVIA COFFIN
INTERN

STEVENS POINT – The excitement of ice fishing with the energy of live music pulled in anglers and music lovers alike to Pike Jam on February 14 and 15 at the Waters Pub & Pier. The event was sold-out tip-up-only fishing tournament while local and national bands played in a large lakeside carnival tent. “Its part ice fishing tour-

namment, part music festival — that’s kind of the short version,” said event organizer Alex Dalnodar. He is also a member of the local bluegrass band, Dig Deep and they have played at every Pike Jam since its inception.

“When I started it, the emphasis was more on the tournament, but now it’s definitely turned into more of a music-driven thing. The tournament still sells out every year, but the music is a big draw.”

The fishing tournament, which caps at 99 partici-

pants, saw rapid registration. “In past years, we’d sell out pretty freaking quick,” said Dalnodar said. “I’d start registration at 8 a.m. and we’d be done by noon. One year, it sold out in just 40 minutes.”

Bands from across the country performed, including Texas-based Rock Bottom String Band. “They were blown away by the ice fishing culture,” said Dalnodar. “For them, just being on the ice was such a cool experience.”

Beyond the competition,

Pike Jam fosters a sense of community. “You see people who wouldn’t normally hang out together enjoying music in the tent, forgetting about all the crap you see on social media. It really brings people together,” said Dalnodar.

Proceeds from the event go to supporting Jesse’s Wish, a nonprofit in Merrill that assists families facing cancer-related expenses. “All the local businesses kick in towards the raffles, and all that money goes to Jesse’s Wish,” said Dalnodar.

County runs out of judges

Sand mine case moves elsewhere

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Judge Vicki Clusman officially recused herself as of Feb. 19 from presiding over the most recent appeal in the Iola sand mine case.

Judge Clusman was the last judge in Waupaca County after Judge Troy Nielson and Judge Raymond Huber also recused themselves last fall, which means the appeal will be heard in court in a neighboring county.

This is the latest in the case involving the approval of a conditional-use permit (CUP) for a proposed sand mine which would be located on the Iola Car Show property.

The CUP for the proposed sand mine has been in question since May of 2023, when the Township of Scandinavia recommended a denial for the CUP.

There have been multiple appeals since then from both sides, the sides including the neighbors to the mine as well as

the Faulks Brothers, who would be mining the sand pending CUP approval.

This past fall the appeal landed on the desks of the Waupaca County Board of Adjustments, where they held a public hearing on Oct. 21 that lasted over ten hours, hearing testimony from lawyers and experts on both sides as well as public commentary also from both sides.

The appeal in question was filed after Oct. 25 when the Board of Adjustments met to deliberate on whether or not to allow the CUP. It was filed by Christa Westerberg who represents the homeowners that reside next to the proposed site for the sand mine,

Westerberg said this appeal is directed to the Board of Adjustments to appeal the decision they made Oct. 25 to allow the CUP.

Westerberg said it is common in land use cases for judges in said county to recuse themselves or be substituted, because they often know the government officials or parties involved.

A new county and judge have not yet been assigned.

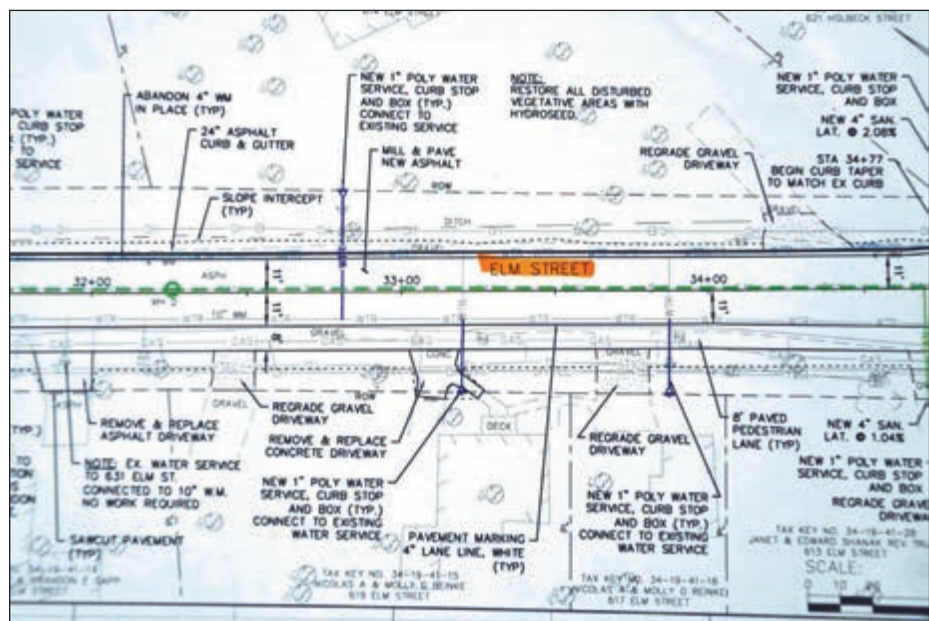
No nightmare on Elm Street

Just some road work

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WAUPACA – In Waupaca County, there are two seasons: winter and construction, and planners are already thinking of the warm workdays ahead. On Feb. 19, Public Works Director Justin Berrens hosted a public information meeting about the upcoming makeover of Elm Street at the Public Works Facility.

Rolled out on the tables of the meeting room were huge maps of the Elm Street corridor. Elm Street serves as a handy shortcut when going from the downtown area to State Highway 49. It connects to Granite Street next to the Waupaca Foundry, runs along the Waupaca



The widening of Elm Street will start on June 1 and last until Oct. 1. Traffic will be closed except for residents that live along the road. Once finished, there will be a lane for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Millpond and meets State Highway 49 between the bridge over the Waupaca River and the bridge over

the train tracks. The road will be widened to increase safety for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians.

This project checks the boxes in the city’s comprehensive, **Elm Street** CONTINUES ON PAGE 2



Manawa Police Chief Jason Severson gives a letter of commendation to Officer Shannon Wesoloski for his work on a recent case involving the return of an electric wheelchair at the Feb. 17 city council meeting. Emily Doud Photos

Cop thwarts wheelchair bandit

Receives letter of commendation

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – During the Feb. 17 city council meeting a Manawa police officer was awarded a letter of commendation due to his determination to return an electric wheelchair to its rightful owner who is dependant on it.

Officer Shannon Wesoloski went on a call to a home in Manawa where he was told an electric wheelchair was being held at a previous address and the people holding it were refusing to give it back due to unpaid electric bills.

Without the wheelchair, which is valued at \$16,000, the person needing the chair is bedridden due to mobility issues, said Manawa Police Chief Ja-

son Severson. The call was considered a civil matter and they would need to take the matter to civil court at which time the matter was closed out.

The homeowners illegally maintaining possession of the chair were not cooperative with law enforcement, and lied about the whereabouts of the chair.

Waupaca County Sheriff’s Office, along with Officer Wesoloski were able to get the case reopened at which time an investigation started and a deputy returned to the residence with a search warrant in hand.

The deputy who executed the search warrant found the wheelchair to be sitting in the garage, after telling officers numerous times they did not have it,

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No mow to slow mow

City pivots on yard campaign

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Residents in the city of Clintonville will need to mow their lawns in May this year, as the city will not be supporting the No Mow May movement like it has the last couple of years.

At the Feb. 11 Clinton-

ville Common Council meeting, Ald. Stephanie Bonikowske told the council that No Mow May was discussed at a recent Clintonville Public Works Committee meeting, and some members agreed that some residents who don’t mow their lawns in May is because they just don’t want to.

Clintonville Public Works Director Justin Mc

Auly told the council that the city of Appleton was the first community in the United States to adopt the No Mow May movement but Appleton no longer follows that movement. He said in 2024, Appleton adopted the Slow Mow Summer movement.

“They are actually promoting residents to grow their yard up to about six inches, and then cut it

down to four (inches),” Mc Auly said. “That way you can keep your low-profile pollinating flowers and stuff available.”

He added that turf experts are now saying its not good for the turf for grass to be cut short after it grows taller than a foot.

Most of the communities in the Fox Valley no longer participate in No Mow May, Mc Auly said.

WESOLOSKI

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Severson said.

Once the wheelchair was retrieved they had it towed to Manawa and returned the chair to the family.

The people illegally in possession of the wheelchair were charged through the district attorney's office with resisting or obstructing an officer. Obstructs refers to knowingly giving false information to an officer.

"Officer Wesoloski is an asset to the police department," said Severson. "He is our senior patrol officer,

field training officer, peer support officer, completes records requests, completes and reports our incident-based reporting. He is also very visible and beloved by our community."

Officer Wesoloski has been with the Manawa Police Department since April of 2017.

Severson said none of this would have happened without the assistance of the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department, who he said worked diligently alongside Officer Wesoloski to retrieve the chair for someone who cannot live without it.

ELM STREET

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strategic, outdoor recreation, and bicycle and pedestrian plans, along with a citizen survey.

The project will start on June 1 and run through Oct. 1. The contractor is Advanced, a firm out of Green Bay. Gas and electric utilities will also do some work while the construction is underway.

"It will be shut down to the public but the people that live there will be able to get to and from their house. We have to maintain

access for emergency purposes like fire trucks and ambulances and we have to maintain that for the duration of the project. There will be times when they are digging and you won't be able to get through," said Berrens.

He gave an example of a person heading to Iola (via Highway 49) but is temporarily blocked by an excavator in action. In that case, the driver would have to backtrack to Granite Street and cutover to State Highway 49.

There will be no sidewalk

but the road will be widened with a marked lane to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The River Ridge dead-ends along Elm Street. With the new striped lane, the trail will now be connected to the downtown area.

Sewer pipes will be relined using a trenchless method. A work crew will send an elongated balloon down along the pipe that forces superheated concrete to create a liner around the old pipe. "It's super fast; they are done and gone within a day. You don't

have to worry about the pavement getting ripped up," said Berrens and he also pointed out there are some houses that will get new sewer put in.

There was also a fact sheet listing all residences along Elm Street with the question, "How much closer will the road be to my house?" The distances ranged from zero to eight feet.

"That just means I have less grass to mow," said Alderman Scott Purchatzke, who serves District 3 and lives along the road.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER**The Gift of Life and the Inevitable Abyss**

Dear Reader,

One of God's greatest gifts is the gift of life. But that gift comes with an expiration date. In the grand scheme of eternity, our time on this earth is just a speck—here today, gone tomorrow. No matter who we are, where we come from, or what we accomplish, the end awaits us all. And when our time runs out, we disappear into the abyss of humanity, fading away into the vast ocean of those who have come before us.

We all leave our mark—some big, some small. Some build empires that echo through the ages, while others quietly tend to their families, neighborhoods, or communities. No matter the scale, each mark has value. But eventually, every empire crumbles, every accomplishment is forgotten, and every individual falls into the same great oblivion. It's a humbling reality and a universal truth.

So, knowing this, the question remains: What do you want to do with your life?

Will you spend your days chasing material things that rust and decay, or will you invest in moments that last beyond your time here—moments of kindness, love, and connection that ripple through the lives of others? Will you lift up those around you, plant seeds of goodness, and be an instrument of peace, or will you let your days slip away, consumed by the trivial?

Life is fleeting, and none of us know how much time we have. But within this brief window, we all have a choice. What legacy will you leave? What will you do with your gift of life? Will you simply exist, or will you dare to make your mark?

Our moments are few, and our time is short. But even a small spark can light up the darkness. So let's make it count. Before we vanish into the abyss, let us live with purpose, gratitude, and a commitment to make the world just a little bit better for those who will follow.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

Waupaca County Sheriff's report

• Feb. 17 – A Waupaca man on Royalton Street reported a juvenile runaway.

• Feb. 17 – An Iola woman on Division Street reported a juvenile was "having a meltdown."

• Feb. 18 – An anonymous caller reported a male called him screaming that he was going to kill himself. The caller believed the man had weapons and also noted he had never done this before and was not aware of any mental health problems.

• Feb. 18 – Little Caesars in Waupaca reported a female was harassing an employee.

• Feb. 18 – Wisconsin Veterans Home reported getting a call from an elderly woman in Ainsworth Hall that was wearing and accusing the caller that they were a problem.

• Feb. 18 – A New London man on Buelow Road reported he suspected that his tenant has methamphetamine in the apartment.

• Feb. 18 – ACR Repo reported they were repossessing a 2018 Keystone recreational vehicle.

• Feb. 18 – Canadian National Railroad reported an arm was stuck at a crossing and they were sending out a technician to fix it.

• Feb. 18 – Fremont Travel Plaza reported a \$15 fuel drive-off. The man entered the store and said he had to drive to Oshkosh to get some money. He left a name. He did not return.

• Feb. 18 – The Town of Larrabee reported 5-6 bags of garbage were illegally dumped along the road. A letter found inside a bag was addressed to a woman on Hudson Road.

• Feb. 19 – A Weyauwega man on East Street reported a male and a female arguing and the sound of someone being hit.

• Feb. 20 – A Fremont man on Pine Valley Lane reported his wife and her family has been threatening him.

• Feb. 20 – A New London man on State Highway 54 reported a man came to his door asking to buy his car. This was suspicious because the car was not visible from the roadway and was covered with snow.

• Feb. 20 – The Pines in Embarrass reported a disorderly situation with two patients in the dementia wing.

• Feb. 20 – A Waupaca woman on Washington Street reported a juvenile was in the school restroom and other juveniles were taking video and photos in the re-

stroom.

• Feb. 20 – A Manawa man on White Clover Lane reported his aunt passed away.

• Feb. 20 – A 911 caller reported a 37-year-old female was in and out of consciousness. She was breathing.

• Feb. 20 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile punched another in the face, giving the juvenile a bloody mouth.

• Feb. 20 – A Waupaca woman on Oak Street reported her son had been drinking, was yelling at her and she no longer felt safe.

• Feb. 21 – A New London woman on Austin Court reported a female was residing with her parents. The woman was screaming, yelling and angry. The caller said the female lost a lot of weight and suspected drug use.

• Feb. 21 – An anonymous caller requested a welfare check on a woman that said she was going to hurt herself and that if she didn't do it, her mother was going to hurt her.

• Feb. 21 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile abused a staff member

• Feb. 22 – An Embarrass woman on Main Street reported hearing three rifle

shots close to her house.

• Feb. 22 – A Waupaca woman on Pryse Drive reported the she and her boyfriend were fighting.

• Feb. 22 – Wisconsin Veterans Home reported one resident struck another resident with a walker.

• Feb. 22 – Outagamie Crisis hotline requested a welfare check on a woman with suicidal ideations and was looking for ways to end her life.

• Feb. 22 – A Waupaca woman on Lindee Lane reported a nearby fire with tall flames.

• Feb. 22 – A New London man on State Road reported a suspected burglary as three of his shed had their doors wide open when he got home.

• There were six deer-related calls during this period. Forty two controlled burns were called in. Deputies stopped 11 snowmobiles. A woman on Spencer Lake Road was bitten by her own dog. A woman on McCrossen Road was attacked by two dogs while out for a walk. ThedaCare Waupaca reported a woman was bitten by her own dog. A caller reported two Labradoodles were running wild.



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Audition for "Hello, Dolly!"

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Community Theatre will be holding auditions for its summer 2025 production of the Tony Award-winning classic musical comedy, "Hello, Dolly!"

Set at the beginning of the 20th century, "Hello, Dolly!" is centered on a middle-aged matchmaking widow named Dolly Levi and an ensemble of characters who are desperately searching for love in New York City.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 9am-5pm at the Waupaca Middle School's

Knoepfel Auditorium. Those auditioning should prepare 32 measures of a song, preferably from a Broadway show, and a one-minute monologue performed in the style of the character they are auditioning for. An accompanist will be present so please bring sheet music. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Waupaca Community Theatre is looking for talented and diverse performers of all ethnicities over the age of 16 for roles in this production.

Rehearsals will take place weeknights during June and July. Rehearsal requirements will vary depending on the role. Performance dates are July 26, 27, 31 and August 1, 2, & 3. Holly Saunders will direct the production and performances will be accompanied by a full pit orchestra conducted by John Kelley.



Based on Thornton Wilder's 1954 play "The Matchmaker," "Hello, Dolly!" premiered on Broadway in 1964 and won 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical. The musical has enjoyed three Broadway revivals, most recently in 2017, starring Bette Midler.

Along with the famous title song, Jerry Herman's musical score includes "Before The Parade Passes By," "It Takes A Woman," "Put On Your Sunday Clothes," "Ribbons Down My Back," "Elegance," and "It Only Takes A Moment."

The cast of characters includes: Dolly Levi - a middle-aged widow, meddler, opportunist, life-loving and commanding woman with a strong stage presence; Horace Vandergelder - a well-known half-a-millionaire, he's a gruff, set-in-his-ways widower who owns the feed store;

Cornelius Hackl - head clerk at the feed store, he's energetic, enthusiastic, and

adventurous;

Barnaby Tucker - Cornelius's assistant at the feed store, he's naïve, full of energy and a follower; Irene Molloy - the hat shop-owning widow, she's beautiful, smart and fun-loving; Minnie Fay - Irene's assistant, she's naïve, straight-laced and a follower; Ambrose Kemper - a struggling artist, he's good-natured, accommodating and wants to marry Ermengarde; Ermengarde - Horace's niece, she's whiny, high-strung and wants to marry Ambrose; Ernestina - an accommodating, good-time girl. Additionally, there are several minor character parts, Harmonia Gardens waiters and a large chorus ensemble also serving as townspeople.

The Waupaca Community Theatre is a division of the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival. For more information please visit www.finearts-festival.org and Waupaca Community Theatre on Facebook.

Candlelight pulls in the people

Night hike at Hartman Creek

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WAUPACA – Winter is usually a down time at Hartman Creek State Park. That wasn't the case Feb. 22, as more than 1,000 people took advantage of mild weather and headed to the park for its annual winter candlelight ski/hike.

The Friends of Hartman Creek State Park, a group of volunteers that promotes and makes improvements to the 1,500 park seven miles west of Waupaca, has hosted the event for several years.

Fred Silloway, the organization's president, spent much of his time at the event greeting cross-country skiers, snowshoers and hikers along Hartman Lake.

"I think it's the serenity of the evening in the winter," he said. "It's quiet, it's peaceful, even with 2,000 people. This park is huge. Not enough people come out in the winter to experience it. The park has things to offer people all four seasons."

Silloway anticipated a big crowd to turn out.

"Our No. 1 concern at an event like this is always safety," he said. "We have to make sure it's a safe environment. We would cancel if there were high winds, frigid cold or ice. We have ideal conditions this year. It's in the 20s, little breeze, blue sky. It couldn't be any better."

A daily pass or annual ad-

mission sticker is required to enter Hartman Creek and the state's more than 60 other state parks.

"A state park pass at \$28 is one of the best deals you can get," said Silloway. "It's the cheapest fun you're going to be able to have."

Several other state parks throughout Wisconsin hold similar events each winter.

"We find a lot of younger families with their kids," said Silloway. "They want to get their kids out and be active and not sitting on the couch watching TV on a Saturday night or playing video games. We have a lot of retirees who come out to experience the park. We even have some people on dates who come out for a nice little activity. It's an hour and a half or two hours of a little exercise and we finish with hot cocoa. Most of the people that attend are from Waupaca County, Portage County, Waushara and over in the Fox Valley."

Volunteers prepared for the event by placing 600 candles in white bags along two miles of trails in the park.

"We have about 600 luminaries, which are basically church candles in a saddle made from a 2-by-4 inside of a white paper bag," said Silloway. "It takes us about an hour and a half to set them up on the trails. We started at about three this afternoon. Plans to do this go back about five months. There are supplies that we need to acquire, reserving the date and all the self-promotion."

"We try to add something a little different every year just to keep it exciting and new for people," he said. "We have snowshoes for rent offered by Adventure Outfitters. Last year, we went around Hartman Lake and this year, we're up in the forest. We like to mix it up."

Hartman Creek is one of two state parks in east-central Wisconsin. The other, High Cliff State Park on the east shore of Lake Winnebago, also holds a candlelight event each winter.

Silloway said the Friends group has hosted a winter event at the park for years.

"It's a little gem that is away from other parks enough to make it an adventure, but not so far away that it's a chore to get here," he said. "We offer really good fishing on lakes and the beach, which is extremely popular. We have horseback riding trails, a campground and our single-track mountain bike trails are considered some of the finest in central Wisconsin."

The campground draws visitors in the spring, summer and fall.

"Nowadays, make your reservations early, but there are always a couple of last-minute openings," said Silloway. "One of the new improvements scheduled for the park for next year is the construction in the campground of a new shower building with modern restrooms to make it much more convenient for people."

Night Hike
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Meet the library maker

WAUPACA – The Winchester Academy will host Chuck Theusch who will present, "Children's Library International: Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia" on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Waupaca Area Public Library's lower-level meeting room. The program is free and open to the public.

Theusch founded Children's Library International in 1999 with a mission to build libraries in Vietnam and Cambodia. The task was daunting, fraught with logistical challenges and bureaucratic hurdles. Yet, he remained undeterred and gradually turned his vision into reality, one library at a time.

Theusch recognized the power of education in shaping the future of nations recovering from conflict and understood that libraries



Chuck Theusch of Children's Library International will speak on March 3 in a program hosted by the Winchester Academy. Submitted Photo

ies could serve as beacons of hope, offering access to knowledge and fostering a love for learning among children and communities.

The libraries became cherished landmarks, offering a haven for children to

explore the world of literature and expand their horizons.

For more information visit <http://winchesterwaupaca.org>. Dan and Mary Naylor are the sponsors of this program.

Poetry contest begins March 1

WAUPACA – "A poem begins as a lump in the throat, a sense of wrong, a homesickness, a lovesickness," wrote American poet Robert Frost. Poets are invited to express these thoughts and more in a family-friendly poetry contest sponsored by the poetry committee of the Waupaca Community Arts Board (WCAB). The poetry committee, celebrating its 10th year, is dedicated to encouraging the community to appreciate and write poetry.

First- and second-place winners will be notified on April 14 and will be invited to read their poems the evening of April 23 at "No Rhyme or Reason," an event sponsored at the library by the poetry committee in honor of National Poetry Month.

Winners will also be interviewed in May by Mike Olinger on his radio show, Good News Waupaca on WILW 96.3 FM. On March 5 at 9:20 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

he will discuss the contest and April's poetry month.

Submit poems from March 1 through April 4 via the website at <https://www.waupacaarts.org/poetry-criteria-contest-form-2025>.

Paper copies can be left at the Waupaca Area Public Library to the attention of "Laura J." Entries will be judged without their attached identifying information.

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The Tophat Turtles (from top left) Sam Tracy, Madison Francois, Estelle Tracy, John Bowmann, Vaeda Worzalla, Piper Groshek, Finn Tracy and Landon Groshek.

Kana Coonce Photo

Improv and teamwork

A day with Destination Imagination

BY KANA COONCE
STAFF REPORTER

STEVENS POINT – On Saturday afternoon, St. Paul Lutheran School's Tophat Turtles jittered with excitement inside an empty classroom at Algoma High School. They finished competing in the Northeast Regional Destination Imagination (DI) Tournament.

It had been the team's first time participating in an improvisational challenge which requires teams to perform an improvised skit based around a surprise prompt.

"They had fun and really thrive with an audience," said Coach Sam Tracy.

The Tophat Turtles were one of two teams based out

of Stevens Point present at the tournament.

"I think all of us learned a lot about improv this year because we actually didn't want to do improv at first," said Tracy. "They did an Instant Challenge for practice and I said, 'Wow, for a group that hates improv, you guys are really good at improv.'"

"So then, we, like, had to learn about improv," she said, "And, like, the number one rule of improv is saying 'yes' and learning to make your mistakes into something else that you can use, and giving each other gifts and helping each other. And I think that there are so many life lessons that can be learned just from improv."

The mission of Destination Imagination is "to inspire and equip youth to imagine and innovate through the creative pro-

cess." Participants learn and strengthen skills through hands-on projects that require them to brainstorm and create solutions for provided prompts.

DI's Global Finals event will bring teams from across the world to Kansas City, Mo. in May. The Tophat Turtles will need to rank among the top three teams in their category and age group at the state tournament.

Tophat Turtles qualified for Globals last year – the first team from their school to do so – but they were unable to attend due to the amount of fundraising required. This year's registration fee, at \$5,500, doesn't include travel and boarding costs, which means the Turtles will need to rely on the generosity of their community if they want to take their shot at the top.

City clerk race

Two candidates, four questions

BY KANA COONCE
STAFF REPORTER

STEVENS POINT – Two candidates are running to be the next City Clerk of Stevens Point. Aline Cyshosz and Susan Pagel will be on the ballot April 1. Here are four questions and answers about their backgrounds, beliefs and the role of the city clerk in local government.

What is your background and experience?

Pagel: "I've spent my entire existence in central Wisconsin, nearly 34 years in Stevens Point. I was born the third oldest of eight children which came with a lot of responsibility. I am honest, ethical, well-known, and trusted within the community. I graduated from Mid-State Technical College; I worked as a supervisor, trainer, and mentor at a local bank. I have 27 years of experience in the City of Stevens Point Treasurer's office and I know personnel and responsibilities of each city department. I have good working relationships with many elected officials, other city staff, and the public. The clerk and treasurer's offices work closely together so I am familiar with all of the licenses and permits issued. I have created our online payment system, streamlined and train the special assessment process, and designed many informational web pages and the tax bill insert to help answer residents' common questions."

Cyshosz: "I have ten years of U.S. Navy experience where I served aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz and U.S.S. Reagan. One of the highlights of my naval career was being selected to supervise a crew of junior sailors for the operations of the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan around the southern tip of South America. Another was being recognized for developing an organizational system for classified communications. I arrived in Portage County 17 years ago and moved into the city ten years ago. I have spent my civilian career in customer service positions as well as a licensed claims professional for two local insurance companies. I have been a poll worker since 2016. I also possess strong administrative and organizational skills to assist not only in the election coordination but also the many other duties of a city clerk."

What is your understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the city clerk position?

Pagel: "The clerk's office is the public's main point of contact with city gov-



Aline Cyshosz



Susan Pagel

ernment. Many of the duties require legal notices; all require, excellent record keeping and filing abilities. Mail is routed through this office and Oath of Office is administered. The clerk oversees elections, including registering voters, securing ADA compliant polling locations, supervising and training staff as well as keeping track of training for election officials. The public obtains and pays for licenses, permits, and applications. Special assessments and deferred assessments are billed from this office and require coordination and documentation from other departments. In addition to public-facing responsibilities, the clerk works behind the scenes keeping all official records secure, including agendas, ordinances, bonds, contracts, and candidate election records including financial reports. Meetings are attended and minutes are also taken. Every year the clerk must complete a departmental budget request and, if any equipment needs replacement, prepare a capital request."

Cyshosz: "The city clerk is responsible for the organization and administration of all elections conducted in the city. This includes training all poll workers, preparing the eleven polling locations, registering voters, conducting early and election day operations, and the post-election canvass to certify the election results. The clerk maintains the official records of the city. Issuing municipal licenses and publishing official notices are also duties of the clerk."

What goals do you have for this position?

Pagel: "I decided to run for this position because I know how important the job is. With regards to voting, the clerk position must continue to be non-partisan. The person in this position should not let their political party influence their decisions. Decisions should be made for the public good and the integrity of voting. I believe it is important to keep voting easy and accessible. I would like to increase awareness of absentee early voting opportunities and increase transparency by getting the public more involved in the election process. With regards to the rest of the office, I would love to see how we can increase efficiencies. I would like to look into opportunities to

import data rather than hand keying and to begin converting paper records to electronic, saving time for the auditors, and staff when preparing open records requests or pulling together historical data."

Cyshosz: "It is important to have a clerk who knows the election process who can look for areas to improve the voting process both for the voters and the poll workers as well as prepare for the changes ahead. I will also bring a fresh review of the document management systems, record retention procedures and budget of the clerk's office to determine if any efficiencies may be gained."

What will you do to maintain free and fair elections in Stevens Point and how will you educate and communicate the process to the public?

Pagel: "Being in finance and government, I understand the need for checks and balances to keep everyone accountable. From my experience, our election officials achieve that during and after the polls close. Ballots are taken completely apart and totaled for each person on the ballot; then totals are taken to ensure that paper ballots and voting machine counts match. After the election, there is a public canvass. The clerk, via clear training and procedures for election officials, makes sure that all these sensible checks and balances occur. To increase awareness and public education I would encourage residents to sign up to be a poll worker, attend a public test of the equipment, or watch the public audit."

Cyshosz: "I have tremendous respect for the current city clerk administration. The clerk has invested into the integrity of elections by providing thorough poll worker training, implementing efficient Election Day guidelines for chief inspectors, and rapidly responding to Election Day troubleshooting. I believe the county executive recount in the spring of 2022 provided a good audit of not only the city's election process but the entire county. It served as testimony to our community's commitment to election integrity and demonstrated that even in communities with significantly differing political ideals, we all want free and fair elections."

Local bridge action

STEVENS POINT – On Feb. 17 the social bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Sandy Davis, Mark Heimlich, Mark Thomas and Davis Schill. Call Rose Marie at 715-341-1654 by Wednesday, if you would like to play the following Monday.

On Feb. 21 the duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Jay Quella and Cathy Quella, Bob Alexejun and Gene Clark, and Tom Rowe and Jim Golz. New members are welcome.

On Feb. 22 the duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln

Center were Nancy Quick and Gene Clark, Sandy Davis and Mary Jacobson, and Mary Beth Anday and Polly Garbe. If you are interested in playing duplicate bridge on Fridays, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.

NIGHT HIKE

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The ski/hike is a way to get the word out about the Friends group and the park itself.

Groups like the Friends of Hartman Creek are important to the parks they support, according to Silloway.

"They're absolutely critical," he said. "The state does not fund parks adequately anymore. They're barely able to subsidize on the bare essentials to run the park. It doesn't come close to of-

fering any enhancements or niceties that the public has come to expect. Our mission in the Friends is to first of all, connect people to nature. To do that, we host events, make improvements and provide resources to park staff to make them more efficient considering how thin they are in the first place."

"We don't use candles because of the fire risk in the fall, but the bags that we use are decorated by grade-school kids," Silloway said.

"It's fun to keep the kids engaged in the community. These events cost money to put on, but we also receive some donations from the public. We also receive some grants from the Waupaca Area Convention & Visitor Bureau, as well as the town of Farmington and Adventure Outfitters, that allow us to break even. That's a pretty good day for us to be able to provide entertainment, exposure and an opportunity for over 1,800 people."

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Clintonville NEWS

Zachow leads primary

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Incumbents Mark Zachow and Laurie Vollrath, along with challengers David Battenberg and Christopher Hoffmann have advanced from the Clintonville School Board primary and will face off

against each other in the April 1 spring election for two available seats on the board.

Zachow received the most votes in the Feb. 18 primary with 365 votes. He was followed by Hoffmann who garnered 338 votes, Vollrath with 332 votes, and Battenberg with 275 votes.

Patrick Huss, Tanya Hepp-Netrefa, and Marie Vandenberg were eliminated from the race at the conclusion of the primary, as only the top four receiving votes advanced. Huss received 268 votes, while Hepp-Netrefa received 136 votes, and Vandenberg received 80 votes.

District purchases Expedition

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville School District has purchased a 2023 Ford Expedition MAX from Clintonville Motors at a price of \$48,655.

The Clintonville Board of Education had approved the purchase at its Jan. 27 meeting, after it took no action at its Jan. 13 meeting to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Suburban LT for \$51,268 from a dealership in Plymouth.

The vehicle is needed because currently the district has only one van that staff can use. It would be used for transporting students to different events and competitions, such as math league. In addition, vehicles are used for transporting students and equipment to athletic events.

Barkow asked how the district had been handling those things without this vehicle.

Kuhn reiterated that the district currently only has a van to do that.

Board Treasurer Jason Moder asked what was wrong with the district's van that can't be used.

Kuhn said the A-arms are rusted.

"To repair the cargo van, to safely put it on the road again, we would probably have to replace all the A-arms, probably the shocks, springs, struts, all of that," Kuhn said. "The engine only has 65,000 miles on it, but that's because we don't let it leave the city."

Moder said the cost of the Surburban was a lot of money for what the vehicle would be used for.

Kuhn said when the district has purchased vehicles in the past, they have typically lasted 10 years.

Of the current fleet of vans the district has, Kuhn said two of them were purchased in 2014.

Barkow said it would be nice to purchase the vehicle from a dealership that sponsors the school

district.

Kuhn said he did look to see what vehicles were available from local dealerships, but didn't find anything that fit what the district was looking for.

Barkow asked how urgent the vehicle purchase was.

"Something needs to be purchased in the next week or two," Kuhn said.

He added, "This is the one I found for this meeting. It can wait."

Board President Ben Huber told the board that if it wanted to wait on making a decision on a vehicle purchase, it should give Kuhn a direction on what he should be looking for.

The board directed Kuhn to contact the local auto dealerships to explain the district's needs in a vehicle, and to see what vehicles the dealerships could get to meet those needs.

Jan. 27 meeting

At the Jan. 27 meeting, Kuhn told the board he met with Clintonville Motors and found that they could get two vehicles that would meet the district's needs. One of the vehicles was a 2022 Ford Expedition MAX, and the other was a 2023 Ford Expedition MAX. Both vehicles had around 50,000 miles on them. The 2023 vehicle would have a better warranty. Both vehicles could seat seven passengers, in addition to the driver.

Jan. 13 meeting

At the Jan. 13 meeting, Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn told the board that he always wants to make purchases from local businesses if possible.

"I did check around (locally), and I did look at a couple of vehicles, and I just didn't see anything that was big enough," Kuhn said. "And the key thing is when I saw the captain's chairs in the second row, you lose seating."

Because of that, Kuhn presented to the board, the opportunity for the district to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Suburban LT with 20,000 miles on it from a dealership in Plymouth. The vehicle also had a tow package included.

Kuhn told the board that the vehicle would fit seven people, as well as have room for storage in the back.

Promotions at Premier

MARION – Premier Insurance Services promoted Tori Passon to property and casualty manager and Tracy Conrad to title manager. Passon will lead the day-to-day operations of the property and casualty division. With 18 years of insurance experience, she has been with Premier Insurance Services for five years and holds licenses in property, casualty, health, and life insurance.

Conrad will oversee title transactions, including refinances and real estate sales, while also serving as assistant manager in the property and casualty division. She joined premier insurance services in 2019,

previously working as a specialized customer service representative and title assistant. She is licensed in property, casualty, and title insurance.

Premier Community Bank created fraud specialist customer care position. Payton Zblewski, who began with the bank in 2022 as a member of the customer care team, has transitioned into this new role. Before joining Premier Community Bank, she worked as a payment verification specialist, reviewing fraudulent orders and verifying customers. She also gained valuable insight into fraud prevention while working in a

legal department at a credit union, fueling her passion for helping customers combat fraud. Zblewski will monitor transactions for unusual activity, review fraud reports, and communicate with customers to secure their accounts. She will track daily reports to identify potential issues and will collaborate with branches to educate staff on the latest scams and fraud prevention techniques.

Premier Community Bank is headquartered in Marion. Other offices are located in Shawano, Pulaske, Waupaca, Weyauwega, Winneconne, Fremont, Iola, Manawa, Tigerton and Bear Creek.

Manawa NEWS

En route pour Paris!

Green light for student trips

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Half of the senior class at Little Wolf High School will be taking a trip to Paris, and the teacher in charge of organizing the trips has gotten the go ahead to continue planning for future trips.

Ryan Peterson, the district administrator for the Manawa School District, said travel for any grades halted once Covid hit. Recently a teacher came to him and asked if they could start offering a travel option for high school seniors.

That teacher was Jeff Bortle who said he chose Paris for the first travel offering because it was short notice and he had been to Paris in the past and was familiar with the sites to see and the city in general.

Once Bortle and Peterson got the go ahead from the Manawa School Board,

Bortle began researching pricing and getting information out to students and parents.

Bortle said 46 people, a mix of parents and students, will be going on the trip.

They will go on a Seine River cruise, take an Eiffel Tower tour, tour the Arc de Triomphe du Carrousel, visit Notre Dame Cathedral, tour Versailles and tour Musee du Louver.

Bortle said this trip was planned quickly and on somewhat short notice, so when he came to the school board meeting on Jan. 27 it was in hopes to get approval to start planning future travel offerings for seniors in an effort to allow the students to start saving money.

Peterson said once parents found out about the Paris offering they began emailing and asking about whether or not they would have the same offering when their children reached senior status.

"I am incredibly supportive of the opportunities that

kids have to get outside of central Wisconsin and see some of the rest of our country and the rest of the world," said Peterson. "I mean, these are a once in a lifetime trips for a lot of people that may never get this opportunity again and to be able to allow them to travel overseas and immerse themselves in a different culture, I think is incredibly valuable."

Bortle agrees that this offering can be such a valuable experience for students. "I want to open up students' minds to travel and seeing other parts of the world and their cultures," said Bortle. "I waited way too long in life to travel and I want my students to see that trips like this can be reasonable and aren't out of the question for them to do on their own in the future."

Bortle said he is open to going where students and parents would like to go as long as he feels comfortable with the location.

Winter disruption: broken water main

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – During the early morning hours of Feb. 16, a water main in Manawa broke and left some people without water for a short duration of time.

Josh Smith, director of the department of public works, said the break was most likely due to ground movement from the amount of frost. Smith said valves were turned off to try to slow the leak. Smith sat up all night to babysit the wells on the south side to make sure everything was keeping up.

"Water pressure was turned down overnight to the residents north of Bridge [Street] to allow the wells on the south end to maintain the entire city," said Smith.

The water main break happened at the tail end of the recent snowfall on Feb. 15 and Feb. 16. Smith said they were trying to stay ahead of the snowfall when they were alerted to a possible water main break on an older eight-inch water main.

"The newer ten-inch water main was turned back on to full capacity and able to supply the north end with regular pressure," said Smith.

At the Feb. 17 city council meeting Smith said they will need to wait until the frost is out of the ground this spring in order for a contractor to come in and fully fix where the main is broken.

A couple of Manawa residents were worried when brown water was running from their faucet once the water was turned back on. The brown water was from a result of sediment that rests in the pipes. Smith said this brown sediment is the reason why hydrants are flushed every year and all residents need to do is turn on cold water and let it run until the water clears.

Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Bluegrass Bash comes to Iola

IOLA – The Wisconsin Bluegrass Bash is bringing three days of live music, camping, art and good vibes to the Iola Car Show grounds July 24-26. This is the second annual Wisconsin Bluegrass Bash, and will be the festival's first year in Iola.

The event is a revival of the Cecil and Medford Bluegrass Bash's which ran from the mid nineties through 2008 and featured artists such as Old Crow Medicine Show, Trampled By Turtles, Del McCoury, John Hartford, Ricky Skaggs, and Leftover Salmon.

Festival organizers, Funny Farm Productions Inc., are looking forward to working with the Iola Car Show as a host for the festival.

"We are incredibly excited to be working with a long standing nonprofit that donated more than \$260,000 back to their community last year. The central location offers accessibility from

any part of the state, and the grounds are amazing for a music festival," said Max Wilkinson, promoter of the event. "The amenities are excellent for guests, including new shower build-

ings, permanent structures for beer tents, road and walkways for navigating the grounds, and a team of dedicated people who keep

Bluegrass

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New London & Hortonville NEWS

Double win for city, company

Clean up at
740 River Road

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The city of New London has entered into an agreement with Mid-State to have it crush and remove the asphalt and concrete debris at 740 River Road in New London.

The New London Common Council approved the contract when it met on Feb. 19. As part of the contract, no monetary funds will be exchanged, as Mid-State will keep the crushed asphalt and concrete material.

Public Works meeting

At the Feb. 3 New London Board of Public Works meeting, Robert Garske, director of Public Works for the city of New London, told the board that the site contains a lot of asphalt and concrete material that has been there for many years.

“It’s an area that we’d love to clean up,” said Garske.

He added that Mid-State has reached out to the city about its plans for the site.

“Knowing that we were kind of starting to look into cleaning up that site, they showed interest in wanting to do all the crushing of this material, both asphalt and the concrete,” said Garske. “In return for all that work they would take the material and clean up the site, and there would be no cost to the city for this clean-up.”

According to the agreement, Mid-State would have access to the site at 740 River Road to crush the asphalt and concrete debris. Mid-State would have all the rights to the crushed material without any sort of reimbursement. In exchange, Mid-State would crush and remove all the material from that location, as directed by the city.

In addition, Mid-State would provide all the equipment and materials required to crush and remove the asphalt and concrete debris.

If any permits or licenses would be needed, Mid-State would be required apply for them.

Upon completion, the site would be left in a clean condition.

The only material that Mid-State would not crush and remove would be the concrete material that contains large pieces of rebar, Garske said.

“They would keep that separate in one pile so we can dispose of it as needed,” said Garske.

Although not required, the agreement allows for the city to provide equipment and labor to reduce the size of some of the material.

“That would be one person running the backhoe with the concrete buster on the back, just busting down some of those really large panels because they plan on having more than likely just a loader on site,” said Garske. “We don’t have to do it, but if we want to get rid of those larger items, that’s the only way that we’ll be able to get rid of them.”



Hortonville Legion Post 55 Commander Bob Ziegert and fellow officers Kurt Sommers, Bill Mockridge and Leroy Groeshel joined ThedaCare staff in a special flag presentation at ThedaCare New London Hospital on Feb. 11.

Contributed photo

Hortonville Legion honors hospice request

NEW LONDON – Members of the American Legion Post 55 of Hortonville followed up on the wishes of the Arizola family and presented a customized flagpole and U.S. flag to ThedaCare New London Hospital on Feb. 11.

The flag is attached to a customized pole that accommodates the lower ceilings in the facility and will honor the presence of veterans under hospice care

within the building.

Katie Ozark of the ThedaCare New London Medical Group, coordinated an early morning presentation so it would occur between two shifts.

Post 55 Commander Bob Ziegert and fellow officers Kurt Sommers, Bill Mockridge and Leroy Groeshel joined ThedaCare staff from both shifts in presenting the flag.

Post 55 is celebrating

its 101st birthday with a dinner and program at the Grandview Golf Club on Saturday, March 15. Contact a Legion Member if you would like to attend or email legionpost55hortonville@gmail.com.

Post 55 invites area veterans to join them in a social on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the old Opera House at 312 W. Main Street in Hortonville.

\$4.2 million to fix Oshkosh Street

Contract awarded to PTS Contractors

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Common Council has awarded the Oshkosh Street reconstruction project to PTS Contractors who submitted the lowest bid of \$4,201,299.

The contract was awarded at the council’s Feb. 19 meeting.

The council also approved authorizing the director of Public Works to approve change orders for the project in the total collective amount of up to \$100,000

for the project.

Public Works meeting

At the Feb. 3 New London Board of Public Works meeting, Robert Garske, director of Public Works for the city of New London, told the board that the city received eight bids for the Oshkosh Street reconstruction project.

“I’ve never seen bids this close, even for a project that would be around a million dollars, much less this big of a contract being this close,” said Garske.

The four lowest bids were within \$36,000 of each other, Garske said.

“It does show you that

there’s very competitive bids on this project,” said Garske.

Garske said PTS Contractors is located in Green Bay and has been around for a while.

“I asked around about them, and they did meet all pre-qualifying standards for the project,” said Garske.

Committee Chairman John Hass reminded the committee that the city must accept the low bid for the project.

New London City Administrator Chad Hoerth verified that for anything over \$25,000, including materials and labor, the city is required by state statute to accept the “lowest qualified bid.”

Police chief to retire

Last day
March 14

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – New London Police Chief Jeffrey Schlueter has announced that he will be retiring from law enforcement on March 14.

Schlueter, who has completed 29 years of service in law enforcement for the city of New London, the last 15 years as the chief of police, made the announcement to the New London Common Council at its Feb. 19 meeting.

“It’s been the honor of my lifetime,” Schlueter told the council. “And I’d

like to thank you for all your support. Letting you know that we have a great foundation built at the police department. We’ve got some good young talent coming up. I think you’ll be in good hands in the future.”

Schlueter said he’s going to be starting a second career “down the road.”

On Friday, Feb. 21, there was a post on the New London Police Department’s Facebook page from Schlueter, announcing his retirement.

“I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Citizens, the New London Police and Fire Commission, the City Council, the Mayors of New London,

my colleagues at City Hall, other area law enforcement agencies and the officers and dispatchers of the New London Police Department for your unwavering support throughout the years,” said Schlueter in the Facebook post. “It has truly been an honor to serve this community, and I believe we have laid a strong foundation for law enforcement in New London. The NLPD is filled with exceptional talent, and I have full confidence that they will continue to serve with excellence in the future.”

According to the post, Captain Josh Wilson will serve as interim chief until a permanent replacement is appointed.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Broadband to reach Wolf River, county edge

FREMONT – Spectrum is providing internet, mobile, TV and voice services to approximately 1,000 rural homes and small businesses in Outagamie and Waupaca counties. These activations will cover Dale, Readfield, and Zittau and others areas to the Wolf River.

Spectrum’s multi-year rural construction initiative will add an additional 100,000 miles of fiber-optic network infrastructure and deliver symmetrical and multi-gigabit speed internet access to more than 1.7 million new locations across the country.

“Spectrum is bringing

gigabit broadband to unserved communities in Wisconsin and across America,” said Matt Brown, Senior Director of Construction for Spectrum. “Our investment is making it possible to deliver the high-value broadband, mobile, TV and voice services to more residents and businesses in rural Wisconsin. We are providing superior connectivity at highly competitive prices, backed by a team of skilled local technicians and 100% U.S.-based customer service.”

“I’m very excited to hear about Spectrum’s broadband expansion in Outagamie and Waupaca Coun-

ties,” said U.S. Rep. Tony Wied. “Unfortunately, rural communities across Wisconsin’s 8th District have previously lacked access to essential high-speed internet. Now, thanks to Spectrum’s investment in our region, over 1,000 homes and small businesses will have the ability to connect to these crucial digital resources.”

Residents and businesses should visit spectrumruralexansion.com to learn more about when their home or business may be able to receive Spectrum services.

Fox Crossing String Band, Ian Moore & Gold Standard, Gregg Daigle’s School of Bluegrass.

Wilkinson said there will be more bands announced in the future as the line-up continues to grow.

Along with the music there will be jam sessions for anyone who wants to pick and play wherever the mood sets in as well as artists and vendors. Vendors will be selling everything from

handmade hats, crystals, art and trinkets. There will be a variety of food trucks and vendors on hand selling food and drinks. People can buy tickets and or get more information about the festival at www.wisconsin-bluegrass.com. Tickets will be 20 percent off the door price if bought early. Rustic camping is included with general admission tickets. Electric sites are available for a slight upcharge.



The Lind Center Beavers 4-H Club held a coffee drive for the veterans at Wisconsin Veterans Home in King.

Submitted Photo

Destination golf in Fremont

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

FREMONT – Golfers can stay in shape playing the greatest courses in the country while snow piles on the ground. The newly opened Fremont Indoor Golf is located inside the Fremont River Deck. It uses TruGolf simulators where golfers can smash balls into a screen that features over 100 PGA golf courses. The computer simulations are very realistic. As trees sway in the breeze, their shadows move across the screen. Golfers can play in the desert or along a seaside.

Four golf simulators are available to rent by the hour. There is no limit on the number of golfers at each bay; hence, a small group of golfers can replicate the camaraderie of playing a few rounds together. Also the Fremont River Deck’s



Golfers can play over 100 computer-simulated courses at Fremont Indoor Golf located in the Fremont River Deck.

James Card Photo

bar is open for drinks. Already an informal Thursday scramble league has started up. Fremont Indoor Golf is owned by Bob Schnettler and Steve Van Lyssel.

The weekday rate is \$40 per hour. The weekend rate is \$60 per hour. Rental clubs are available for \$10. There are some rules: balls and clubs should be clean. No golf spikes. Only one person is allowed in the bay

at a time. Be on the lookout for ricochets—the ceiling takes most of the stray hits. It is recommended to be aware of pacing and to take some time to figure the controls and functions of the program.

Golfing hours are from 2 to 9 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

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Obituary Notices

Chester "Chet" Przybylski Jr.



Chester "Chet" Przybylski Jr., 69, of Stevens Point, WI, passed away peacefully at home on February 23, 2025, with his beloved wife, Mary, by his side. Born in Thorp to Chester and Caroline (Digoski) Przybylski, Chet's life was filled with faith, family, and a love for the simple joys of life.

A graduate of St. Hedwig's Grade School, Thorp High School (1973), and UW-Eau Claire (1978), Chet worked as a Programmer/Analyst at Sentry Insurance for 37 years before retiring in 2017.

Chet married Terri Burrows and together they raised four wonderful children: Chris Przybylski, Nick (Jen) Przybylski, Amy (Jeremy) Keyzer, and Daniel (Haley) Przybylski. In 2017, he married his soulmate, Mary Lehman, sharing a love and friendship that was truly eternal. Through their marriage, he gained another son, Trenton (Marissa) Karch. His greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren: Scarlett, Eloise, Frank, and two grandbabies arriving this summer.

Chet was deeply devoted to his faith and community, serving Holy Spirit Parish in Stevens Point in various ministries and as past president of the Stevens Point Area Jaycees. A true Wisconsinite, he loved polka dancing, fishing, hunting, cheering for the Packers and Badgers, and traveling—especially to supper clubs in search of the perfect Old Fashioned. A proud member of Rock Dam Rod and Gun Club and Kolodziej Hunting Camp, he also earned the title of "Miss Rock Dam" in 2019, which he wore with humor and pride.

He had a passion for farming, collecting 1/16 scale farm tractors, and working with his John Deere tractors—keeping his land pristine and his garden flourishing.

His family extends heartfelt thanks to his dedicated Marshfield Oncology team and care team at Weston Hospital, who provided not only exceptional care but also a little humor—his self-proclaimed "harem" of nurses who kept him on his toes.

Memorials may be made to Holy Spirit Parish, St. Bernard-St. Hedwig's Parish, Thorp Catholic School, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, or Marshfield Clinic Research.

Chet's legacy lives on in the fields he tilled, the polkas he danced, and the love he shared. Na zdrowie, Chet—keep the music playing.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Chester will be held at 11:00AM on Friday February 28, 2025 at Holy Spirit Parish-2151 Stanley Street, Stevens Point. Fr. Steven Brice will be officiating. Visitation will take place on Thursday February 27, from 4-7pm with a rosary service to conclude the visitation starting at 7:00pm at the Pisarski Funeral Home- 703 Second Street, Stevens Point. Visitation will continue Friday morning at the church from 10:00am until the time of services.

There will also be a short prayer service held at 11:00am on Saturday March 1, 2025 at St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Catholic Church-109 N Church St, Thorp, WI. Visitation will be held from 10am until the time of services. Burial to follow in New St. Hedwig's Catholic Cemetery.

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

Nieling, Tom



Thomas J. Nieling, of Waupaca, age 74, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2025. He was born in Kaukauna on February 7, 1951 to the late Alvin and Wilma (Rohloff) Nieling. Tom's first job was as a car hop at Mary's A & W; he always spoke fondly of this job. He then worked at Weld-Motion from 1969 until 1983. Asten-Johnson from 1983 until 2003, this is the job where he met his future wife, Lynn. He then worked at Kraft Foods from 2003

until 2013 and finally at Nieling Consulting LLC from 2013 until retirement in 2015. Tom was a member of Faith Community Church. Tom took his faith in Jesus very seriously. He would want everyone to know of the hope and life that he found in Jesus. He enjoyed plants and gardening, camping, fishing, photography, sewing, ham radio, his call was K9TJN; cooking and baking. He was a life time member of the NRA, BASS and The International Freelance Photographer's Organization.

He will be missed by his loving wife: Lynn; brother: James (Kay) Nieling and nephews: Michael (Sara) and Nicky (Heidi); step sister: Val (Jeff) Rosenow; step brother: Gary (Lea) Rohloff; sister-in-law: Carol (Rod) Marquette; special cousin: Nellie Schuch, faithful dogs: Brandy, Brandy, Kalahan, Tanner, Raina and numerous cats, other relatives and friends.

The Funeral Service will be on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Faith Community Church, N2541 County Road K, Waupaca. The visitation will be on Thursday at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Parfreyville Cemetery. Memorials are appreciated for Faith Community Church. The Maple Crest Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Olson, Gregory



January 9, 1950 - February 16, 2025

Gregory "Greg" E. Olson, 75, passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

He was born on January 9, 1950, in Berlin, Wisconsin, the son of Walter B. and Dorothy E. (Button) Olson. On October 2, 1976, he married Janet Grimaldi, who preceded him in death on March 27, 2014.

Greg was a 1968 graduate of Wautoma High School, where he excelled as a catcher on the baseball team. He attended Bryant & Stratton Business College in Milwaukee and later earned a bachelor's degree from Detroit Business College. Throughout his career, he worked as a chief financial officer for several manufacturing firms in Michigan. During that time, he also owned and operated Croton Dam Float Trips in Croton, Michigan.

Greg enjoyed watching sports and was a devoted fan of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Wisconsin Badgers. In addition, Greg had a deep love for the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time at the cabin—whether gathered around the campfire, riding around the property, or searching for deer. Above all, he cherished time with his family, friends, and his beloved canine companion, Abbi.

He is survived by his two children, Heidi (Kevin) Braden of Oxford and Scott (Kimberly) Olson of Dripping Springs, Texas; four grandchildren, Nathan, Grace, Addison, and Elise; and two sisters, Colleen (Chet) Olson-Vier of Jefferson, Georgia, and Kay (Jim) Zelenka of Coloma. He is further survived by extended family and friends. Greg was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his dog, Badger.

Private family services will be held. The Leikness Funeral Home of Wautoma is assisting the family with arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.leiknessfuneralhome.com.

Ferg, Shirley



Shirley Lucille (Zander) Ferg, age 90, of Manawa, WI, was called home to her Savior on Thursday, February 20, 2025. She was born on June 15, 1934, in the Town of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, to Carl and Elsie (Henschel) Zander.

Shirley was received into fellowship with the Triune God by Sacrament of Holy Baptism and publicly testified to her faith and was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Manawa. Shirley attended Green Valley, a one room elementary school, and graduated 8th grade from St. Paul Lutheran School in 1948 and Little Wolf High School with the class of 1952. She graduated from a 2-year Rural Education course at Central State Teacher's College of Stevens Point in 1954 and started teaching in the one room Symco School. Continuing her education while teaching at different grade levels in the Manawa school system, she earned her degree from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point in 1964. She retired in 1989 after teaching 35 years in the Manawa school system.

Shirley was united in marriage with Lloyd Ferg on August 11, 1956 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. They worked as a team and enjoyed over 67 years of marriage. With the help of the Lord, they farmed, built custom vans, built and ran their Bavarian Village, with the bed and breakfast, gift shop, and restaurant with German food that she loved to cook and serve. She also loved her cats and birds, and watching the Green Bay Packers. Shirley and Lloyd started Oktoberfest at the Village in August of 1998, and it was held for the last time in 2010 with at least 1000 people attending, to enjoy polka bands, food and beer. From 1978 – 2010 a beautiful Christmas Nativity display could be seen on the hill at the Village. They loved traveling and enjoyed their numerous buying trips to Germany and Austria.

Shirley is survived by her brother: Dean (Pat) Zander; brother-in-law: Gordon Ferg. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd in 2023; sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Loretta and Ron Herman; sister-in-law: Barbara Ferg; brother-in-law: Alvern (Elaine) Ferg, nephew: Jerry Ferg; great-nephew: JD Zander.

The Christian Funeral for Shirley will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:30 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Manawa with Rev. Nathan Reichle officiating. A visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 am until 11:15 am. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Symco. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Dahlke Funeral & Cremation Care of Manawa is serving the family. Friends may share memories and condolences at www.dahlkefh.com.

Huener, Judith



Oak Creek - Judith M. Huener, 91, passed away peacefully at Elizabeth Residence on Thursday, February 20, 2025. This gentle, loving, fiercely smart and sometimes feisty mother of seven will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Judy was born in Clintonville, WI on October 29, 1933, to Rev. Walter O. and Louise (nee: Andres) Speckhard. She grew up with seven brothers and two sisters, whose love and friendship deeply shaped and influenced her. She attended Valparaiso University, where she met Delmar Huener from Napoleon, OH. They were married on December 28, 1954, and enjoyed fifty years together before Del preceded her in death on August 31, 2005. Judy was an amazing cook and a wonderful seamstress, and she always made time to read. Having married an athlete and sports fan with exceedingly firm opinions, Judy soon made it clear that her home was Green Bay Packer territory. Judy loved to laugh; she was a gifted conversationalist with a terrific sense of humor. Judy also loved to sing with her brothers and family, and when distance no longer allowed them to sing in the same room, they sang over the phone together. Uncle Mick was especially adept at navigating Judy's increasingly eclectic list of favorites, but they always ended with beloved hymns. Toward the end of her life, when other communication became difficult, familiar hymns and songs came through clearly in her lovely soprano.

She is survived by her children, Joel (Cindy) Huener of Roseau, MN, Katie Huener of Milwaukee, Julie (Nate) Bickel of Racine, Jerry Huener of New Carlisle, IN, Susie (Paul) Scheyder of Niantic, CT, and Jessica (Justin) Begus of Seattle, WA, 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and brother John (Gloria) Speckhard. Judy is further survived by her best friend and sister-in-law, Johanna Speckhard, dozens of truly beloved nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Del, son Ted, six brothers and two sisters.

The family would like to especially thank the incredible staff at Elizabeth Residence in Oak Creek, whose love and care for our mom was unparalleled. We are also grateful for the spiritual care provided by Pastor Chris Lockie from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Racine, who regularly visited and gave our mom an opportunity to worship and sing.

A worship service will be held at St. Martin Lutheran Church, 100 S. Clinton Avenue, Clintonville, on Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. Inurnment will follow in St. Martin Lutheran Church Cemetery. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the church on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

If you would like to remember our mother with a gift, we gratefully request that it be directed to Lutheran World Relief (<https://lwr.org>).

Mattson, Oete



Oete K.J. Mattson, age 87 formerly of the Clintonville area passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025 at The Cottages Memory Care in Shawano.

Oete Katherine Jennie Heis was born on May 18, 1937 in Richland Township, Brown County, South Dakota as the daughter of the late Frank and Helia (Tuisku) Heis. She graduated from high school in Hibbing, MN in 1955 and from UW Stout in 1959. She was united in marriage to

Allen Mattson in Milwaukee on June 6, 1959. The newly weds moved to Orting, WA for 2 years and then relocated back to Wisconsin in 1961. They both received teaching jobs and moved to Clintonville in 1962 where Oete served as the Middle School Home Economics teacher for many years. Then a few years prior to her retirement she earned her Master's Degree from UW Stevens Point in 1993. Oete and her husband were faithful members of Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville where Oete volunteered with the CLCW and the church choir. She was also active alongside her husband as members of the Clintonville Lions Club for many years and assisted with countless projects and tasks. In her spare time Oete loved singing with Wolf River Harmony in Shawano and took many wonderful trips over the years with Al during their summer vacations. The couple loved visiting family all over the country. Oete had the gift of gab and enjoyed sewing or sitting down to read a good book in her free time.

Survivors include: Her Children: Kevin (Julie) Mattson and Kyla (Jon) Heiman.

Grandchildren: Kyle (Heather) Mattson, Kristyn (Fiance Reece) Bridson Mattson, and Andrew Pingel.

Sister-in-law: Shirley Heis.

Brother-in-law: Eugene Mattson.

Also numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Helia Heis, her husband Allen in 2017, a granddaughter Kendra Mattson, her brother Tom Heis, and a sister-in-law Esther Mattson.

Oete's Memorial Service will be held Friday, February 28, 2025 at 11am at the Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville with Rev. Brian Crocker officiating. Inurnment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in the Town of Matteson, Waupaca County. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 9am until the time of the service. Memorials would be appreciated for the Clintonville Lions Club or Christus Lutheran Church. The Mattson family would like to thank the kindhearted staff of The Cottages Memory Care and also Heartland Hospice for all of their assistance. The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory of Clintonville is entrusted with Oete's arrangements. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Starchaska, Bruce



Bruce A. Starchaska, age 70, of Manawa, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 6, 2025. He was born on June 25, 1954 in Symco to the late Gene and Beulah (Hoppe) Starchaska.

Bruce graduated from Little Wolf High School in 1972. He was a manager at Ledgeview Marketing Barn in Green Bay for 15 years. Prior to his managing position, he worked at Traillet in Manawa and Hillshire Farm in New London. Bruce enjoyed fishing, and he handmade fishing lures that he sold to various sporting goods stores in the area. He also enjoyed deer hunting with his bow when he was able to. Bruce loved watching sports and always had a sporting event playing on his tv.

He is survived by his cousins: John (Mary) Starcheske, Maxine Fenske, and Mary (Bruce) Krenke, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thomas Starchaska.

A Memorial Service for Bruce was held on Friday, February 21, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Manawa with Rev. Mary Bope officiating. A gathering of family or friends was held prior to the service at the Celebration Center from 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM. Burial will be in Little Creek Cemetery, Town of Little Wolf.

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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.

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.

For further information, contact Matthew Brynick, (608) 266-2079, matthew.brynick@dot.wi.gov at the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics.

City of Weyauwega Request for Proposals - Audit & Non-Audit Services Release Date: February 17, 2025 Closing Date and Time: Friday, March 28, 2025 at 12:00 pm CST

The City of Weyauwega (City) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of retaining a Certified Public Accounting firm (Firm) to provide auditing and specified non-audit services for the City. The agreement will be for a five-year period, to include audit years 2025- 2029.

City Legal 7710 VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot in person You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

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primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Send the request to: Wanda Hiltgen, Town Clerk N1755 Patrick Ln. Waupaca, WI 54981

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5 pm on the fifth day before the election, March 27th, 2025.

NOTE: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror.

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before the Common Council in the Council Chambers of the New London Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Nicole Ryerson City Clerk Publish Feb. 27 & March 6, 2025 WNAXLX

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RE-ZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 601 MONTIETH ST Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:03 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held by the New London Common Council on the re-zoning of vacant land located at 601 Montie St.

MEETINGS AND 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.

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address the Common Council during a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the "Public Hearing" is declared open by the Mayor.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following: 5. Consent Agenda: a. Minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 16, 2024 and Special Common Council meeting of January 13, 2025.

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Ald. Christianson moved, Ald. Steinmetz seconded, to approve the original proposal as amended. Call for the vote: Ayes: Morrow, Buse, Lang, Kneebone, Steinmetz, Birr, Broderick, Keymer, Guthrie, Christianson.

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Sports

Hortonville's Rainey Welson finishes her senior season

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

A bitter-sweet finish to the end of Rainey Welson's senior season as she closed out her year with an MCL sprain that will prevent her from finishing the season with her Hortonville teammates. Rainey's future is bright as she heads to the University of Maryland in the fall to join the Terrapins women's basketball team.

Welson was named a Wisconsin Ms. Basketball award finalist earlier this season and started playing basketball at four in the YMCA league. "I am the youngest of four, so I have three older siblings, and they all play basketball, so I've been in the gym since I was in a stroller."

Rainey, on her choice to attend Maryland, "so obviously the recruiting process is very long. It can take your entire high school career. I enjoyed it. I like talking to the different coaches and seeing different cultures. At the end of the day, when I finally did narrow it down, Marilyn was a no-brainer. "Welson continued, "There in the Big Ten, my family can watch and from an education standpoint."

"My basketball I.Q. I've always worked on. I like to hear what coaches think, and I've always digested it and be the best I can be." I



Hortonville's Rainey Welson finishes her high school career as a Wisconsin Ms. Basketball finalist.

Nick Griesbach Photo

study film and study teams, and I love learning about the game, different offenses and defenses, and how to pick that all apart." Rainey said of the strengths in her game, "I think that's what differentiates me is because, I'm very knowledgeable about what I'm doing."

Rainey, on what she will take from her time at Hor-

tonville," Hortonville High School alone. I have plenty of memories. I've been on varsity since my freshman year, I've played with talented players, D1 players and Hortonville has always been a top program, and to be a part of that culture and playing with my teammates and best friends."

WIAA Board of Control Votes to Update Transgender Policy

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The WIAA Board of Control has voted to update its policy on student-athlete eligibility. It affirms compliance with federal directives that only students designated at birth as female will be allowed to participate in girls' competitions.

In a recent statement,

released by Executive Director of the WIAA, Stephanie Hauser "Today the WIAA Board of Control voted to update the organization's policy regarding student-athlete eligibility – affirming its compliance with federal directives that only students designated as females at birth will be allowed to participate in girls competitions."

"Working in consultation with legal counsel, our Board updated this policy to ensure clarity is provided to our membership as they work to comply with new federal guidance from the White House." The vote, announced on Feb 19, is similar to the actions taken by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The hoop and the Harms

BY GREG SEUBERT
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WAUPACA- It turned out to be a valuable lesson for the New London boys' basketball team in its non-conference matchup with Waupaca.

Give the Comets' Ethan Harms an open look at a three-pointer, he will take the shot and he's probably going to score.

The Waupaca senior connected on four while scoring 14 straight points for the Comets on Feb. 18 in a nonconference game at Waupaca High School.

Those 14 points gave Waupaca a double-digit lead in the second half and the Comets won 82-74 over the Bulldogs.

The Comets scored the game's first seven points, led by as many as nine points in the first half, and headed to the locker room at the break with a 35-28 lead.

The Bulldogs quickly cut that deficit to one point early in the second half with three-pointers from Joseph Daly and Ryan Dalhoe before another three-pointer from Brett Marquardt gave New London its first lead, 37-36.

The lead changed hands two more times before Harms gave the Comets the lead for good - 43-41 - with one of his seven three-pointers.

The Bulldogs cut the deficit to one point twice, but didn't get any closer.

Waupaca led 68-56 after Harms' 14-point run and New London trailed by at



Lukas Soto shoots a free throw for Waupaca Feb. 18 during Waupaca's 82-74 nonconference win over Waupaca.

Greg Seubert Photo

least eight points the rest of the way.

Daly led all players with 25 points and Harms scored 18 of his team-high 24 points in the second half.

Austin Adamczak, Kanye Bessman and Westen Lauritzen also finished in double figures for Waupaca with 21, 14 and 13 points, respectively. Marquardt and Dalhoe added 18 and 11, respectively, for the Bulldogs.

Waupaca improved to 12-9 on the season and the Bulldogs fell to 9-12. The win also helped the Comets get a higher seed for the upcoming WIAA state tournament. The Comets are a No. 7 seed in Division 2 and will open tournament play Tuesday, March 4, at home against No. 10 Menasha. The Bulldogs received a No. 9 seed and will hit the road that day to play eighth-seeded Tomah.



Freedom's Donovan Davis drives against New London's Joseph Daly in a road victory for the Irish.

Nick Griesbach Photo

New London falls against Freedom powerhouse

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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NEW LONDON – It was tough sledding for the New London Bulldogs on Feb. 24 as they played host to the Freedom Irish, who came into the game with only one loss on the season and ranked number two in division three.

Freedom boasts Donovan Davis, the second-ranked player in Wisconsin for the class of 2027. Davis currently leads the Freedom Irish in scoring, rebounding and assists

and has college offers from Wisconsin and Iowa State.

The Irish got up on the Bulldogs with a 12-4 run as Davis scored five early points.

Freedom was up 22-10 in the first half as the Bulldogs took their second timeout.

The Irish continued to rack up points as the Bulldogs struggled to score, as Freedom had a 42-17 lead.

Drew Kortz hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the Irish into the locker room with a 48-17 lead. Kortz led Freedom in

scoring at halftime with 13 points.

The largest lead of the game for the Irish was a 35-point lead, as Freedom had a 61-26 lead in the second half.

The Bulldogs went on a run to make it a 66-40 deficit midway through the second half. It was too late. A dunk by Davis put the exclamation point to the Irish's performance.

Davis finished with 16 points, and Kortz led the team with 21. The Irish finished the game, winning 82-47.

SPASH's Hauser trio take journey into podcasting

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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As the "On The Haus" podcast wrapped up its eighth episode on Feb. 8, Joey Hauser gave insight on how he, his brother Sam and their father Dave got the ball rolling on the new venture.

Joey, a standout basketball player at SPASH before playing for the Marquette Golden Eagles and then Michigan State Spartans and now a member of the G League team College Park Skyhawks, started the podcast with his brother Sam, also a former SPASH basketball alum who played at Marquette before transferring to Vir-

ginia and being a member of the 2024 champion Boston Celtics, as well with their father Dave, who is the SPASH Athletic Director, who gave them the nudge to start the podcast.

"Honestly, it was my dad's idea in September of last year. It was something for the three of us to kind of talk. We don't see each other a ton. Sam's busy, I'm really busy with our schedule and my dad tries to see us as much as he can and he's still working as well. It's something for us to get together and talk."

"None of us are that tech savvy, so our agency. Me and Sam have the same agency. We have to record

episodes and have guests that we want to have on and do background research on them."

Guests who have appeared already on the episodes are former Joey and Sam's former teammate at SPASH, Trevor Anderson, who played for the Wisconsin Badgers, and Sam's Celtics teammates Derrick White and Xavier Tillman, to name a few.

"We're learning as we go the big thing is scheduling and finding the time for the three of us to get on together for an hour, hour and a half."

The "On the Haus" podcast can be found on Apple Podcasts and YouTube.



Hortonville's Madi Springer drives on an Appleton West defender.

Nick Griesbach Photo

Hortonville girls win in a blowout against Appleton West

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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HORTONVILLE – A dominant first half led to a key Fox Valley Association win for Hortonville over Appleton West on Feb. 18, as they dismantled the Terriers at home.

The Polar Bears went on an 8-0 run to start the game as Mallorie Werner scored early.

Hortonville went up by a score of 31-12 before heading to the locker room at halftime with a 35-19 advantage.

In the second half, the

Polar Bears continued the onslaught as they outscored their opponents 35-18 in the second half, getting the 70-37 victory.

Werner and Callie Pomrening each contributed 11 points, and Lainie Schroeder grabbed 10 rebounds.

Eagles complete sweep of Warhawks

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WEYAUWEGA – Menominee Nation defeated Weyauwega-Fremont's girls' basketball team earlier this season.

The rematch had the same result.

The Eagles headed to Weyauwega on Feb. 20 for a Central Wisconsin Conference-East matchup with the Warhawks, home with a 55-42 win.

Neither team led by more than four points until the Eagles used a 9-0 run that turned a two-point deficit into a seven-point lead.

The Warhawks trailed 25-19 at halftime but quickly tied the game in the opening minutes of the second half with three-pointers from Olivia Witkowski and Avery Samz. However, the Warhawks went cold from the floor and the Eagles took advantage with a 20-3 run that gave them a 17-point lead.

Although the Warhawks cut the lead to nine points twice late in the game, they never got any closer.

Reevis and Witkowski led their teams with 24 and 25 points, respectively, in the first matchup and they also led the way in the re-



Menominee Nation's Urijah Reevis guards Weyauwega-Fremont's McKenna Ferg during the first half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-East game Feb. 20 in Weyauwega. Reevis scored a game-high 25 points in the Eagles' 55-42 win over the Warhawks. Greg Seubert Photo

match. Reevis scored 21 of her game-high 25 points in the second half, while Witkowski scored 14 of her 23 points in the first half.

Samz and Menominee Nation's Aaliyah Corn also finished in double figures with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Weyauwega-Fremont

opened WIAA state tournament play on Feb. 25 by hosting Iola-Scandinavia in the Division 4 regional quarterfinal. Menominee Indian will host Tomahawk or Sturgeon Bay on Friday, Feb. 28, in a Division 3 regional semifinal after having a bye in the opening round.

Thunderbirds move up in CWC-East standings

BY GREG SEUBERT
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IOLA – Two Central Wisconsin Conference-East boys' basketball teams heading in opposite directions met on Feb. 21 in Iola for the second time this season.

Iola-Scandinavia brought a five-game winning streak into its matchup with Wittenberg-Birnamwood and handed the Chargers a 55-48 loss, their fourth in a row.

The Thunderbirds also moved from third place in the CWC-East standings into a tie for second with the Chargers, as both teams are now 10-3 in league play. Neither team has a chance to win a conference championship, as Bonduel wrapped up the title on Feb. 21 with a win over Amherst.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood defeated the Thunderbirds 54-52 in January in Wittenberg. Iola-Scandinavia sealed the win in the rematch from the free-throw line.

Iola-Scandinavia scored the game's first eight points, never trailed in the first half, and took a 22-20 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Hayden Miller's three-pointer to open the second half gave the Chargers their first lead. The lead changed hands four more times, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood led



Jaric Thulien ties Iola-Scandinavia's game with Wittenberg-Birnamwood at 35-35 Feb. 21. Thulien and the Thunderbirds handed the Chargers a 55-48 loss and moved up a shot in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East standings with the win. Greg Seubert Photo

by five points.

Landan Fuhs' three-pointer gave the Thunderbirds a 40-37 lead, and the home team never trailed again.

Korz Loken's three-point play gave Iola-Scandinavia a 45-39 lead with just under two minutes. The Chargers cut the lead to five points

in the final minute, but the Thunderbirds scored their final seven points from the free-throw line.

Fuhs led the Thunderbirds with 15 points, and Alex Robbins added 11. Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 16 points.

City trees: living and dead

Ash timber to be sold via bids

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NEW LONDON – The city of New London will dispose of the ash trees it cuts down by selling the wood in lots via a bidding process.

The New London Common Council approved an ash tree disposal policy at its Feb. 19 meeting. The policy allows for the city to sell the ash wood via bids.

Ginger Sowle, director of Parks & Recreation for the city of New London, presented the proposed ash tree disposal policy at the Feb. 4 New London Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Sowle told the committee that because of phone calls the city has received from residents asking about purchasing the ash wood the city has after it cuts down ash trees, she put together potential guidelines for the city to sell the wood via a bidding process. Some of the requests have been from residents who want to burn the wood in their wood burning stoves.

She said the bid process would provide a service to the community, allow the

city to be "ethically responsible" in disposing of the wood, and it would also cover the city's assets from a liability standpoint. The process would not allow the city to assist with loading the wood, and chainsaws will not be allowed on city property.

"That will equal time and money saved," said Sowle.

When the city accepts bids, bidders will be bidding on a particular pile of wood that has been piled by the city. This will allow bidders to view the wood before they bid on it.

"Right now, the crews are stacking in staged lots, so those lots will each be put together intentionally," said Sowle.

She added that some lots would have larger tree limbs, while other lots would include smaller pieces of wood. Each lot would be sold to the highest bidder.

Winner bidders would need to supply the city with their name and address, as well as other contact information, and what county they plan to take the wood to. Sowle said that information is required because of the emergence of the gypsy moth.

"There are some restric-



The City of New London will liquidate an abundance of ash timber via bids as it removes trees killed by emerald ash borer beetles. John Faucher photo

tions still to moving wood around the state and this policy would provide the department with guidelines to adhere to those laws," said Sowle in a Jan. 30 memo to the committee.

She also stated in the memo that there is a quarantine regulation that covers 53 of Wisconsin's 72 counties because of the gypsy moth. Wood cannot be transported to an unquarantined county in the state. The majority of those counties are along the western border of the state.

Committee member Robert Besaw said he liked the idea of having the wood sold via a bidding process because it makes it fair for everyone.

"It stops people from fighting over who's going to be getting the wood," said Besaw. "It ends the discussion about that."

Tree inventory

The New London Common Council approved a service agreement with Bluestem Forestry Consulting, Inc. of Drummond, Wisconsin, for Bluestem to conduct an inventory of trees on city property.

The council approved the agreement at its Feb. 19 meeting. The agreement calls for the tree inventory process

to begin in April and conclude in September. Per the agreement, the city will pay \$24,388 for the service. That entire amount will be paid by a DNR Urban Forestry Grant.

Ginger Sowle, director of Parks & Recreation for the city of New London, told the committee that the city has a history with Bluestem Forestry, as it conducted the last tree inventory in the city in 2006. There were some discrepancies with that completed project.

"There were some issues with the last inventory in 2006," said Sowle. "After speaking with the president of the company, she understood those issues and corrected them."

Because of those issues, Sowle said she spoke with a couple of arborists and the city's urban forestry coordinator with the DNR. She said

that the urban forestry coordinator said it would be best for the city to continue using the company that it had used in the past.

"It would be a little less work, even though it's been so long since we've had a tree inventory done," said Sowle. "It's still helpful to have the company that we worked with in the past to come in again, since they're more familiar with the area."

The GIS formatting from the tree inventory project would be entered into the city's computer system, and it would be able to be modified in the future. This information will be helpful for the city when it wants to cut trees, as well as plant trees.

"It will be much more efficient forestry management," said Sowle.

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