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FARMERS

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Rivera and Flanagan also talked of NAMI resources, including virtual support groups and educational classes, all of which is free.

NAMI was started in Wisconsin in 1979 when two mothers with sons living with schizophrenia decided they were not getting enough guidance or help.

“I think language matters,” Flanagan said. “People are so much more than their illness ... they are a beautiful person inside that just happens to have the challenges.”

The biggest take away from the program was the simple task of checking in on friends and family.

Ditzenberger said having the difficult conversations—asking people if they are suicidal, could help save that person. Instead of using phrases like, ‘You’re acting crazy,’ show the person that you are a person that will listen and offer help.

If immediate assistance is needed the hotline number is 988, this number connects callers to a mental health professional for help.

Ditzenberger said one of the misconceptions about 988 is that they will call the authorities and you will be taken away, and that is not something that they commonly do.

“They are the most interesting, most compassionate group of people I’ve ever

had the opportunity to work with,” Ditzenberger said.

Mark Miller, the outreach coordinator for 988, said two percent of 988 calls end up with outside intervention, while in Wisconsin that number is even lower at only a half a percent.

If you would like more information on any of the Grateful for Growers panel members, you can head to the following websites.

\* Farmer Angel Network: [www.farmerangelnetwork.com](http://www.farmerangelnetwork.com).

\* TUGS: [www.tugsgroup.org](http://www.tugsgroup.org).

\* NAMI: [www.namifox-valley.org](http://www.namifox-valley.org).

\* Wisconsin Farmer Wellness Program: 1-888-901-2558

EAA

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knew nothing about it. I’m from Texas. I don’t know much about aviation. That stuck with me, so working with him and trying to get some traction, it just never happened.”

Muske said she began working with the EAA on creating a chapter in Clintonville around 2021, but not much progress was made until the end of 2023 when she connected with the manager of the Shawano Municipal Airport, who also expressed interested in helping form a local EAA chapter.

When Muske connected with Labs, it was full steam ahead for the creation of a new EAA chapter. In October of last year, Labs agreed to be the president of the chapter.

Labs, who was a member of a different EAA chapter when Muske reached out to him, said he was considering leaving that chapter.

“I started talking to Caz and Colin (manager of Shawano Municipal Airport), and they were still looking for a president after a month, and I just said, ‘You know what. I’ll do it,’” Labs said. “Somebody has to step up and take it over, and I already have the leadership experience, and so does my wife. I have a lot of good connections with the EAA. What we’ve done with this chapter, most chapters would take 5-10 years to do. We’re already on the map.”

Chapter formation

Labs said it is a long process to be recognized as an official EAA chapter.

“Basically, you have to have an EAA number, you have to register with the state, you have to have a minimum of 10 members, all EAA members, you have to follow guidelines, and you have to create your own bylaws, which probably took us two months

to do,” Labs said. “It’s a lot of things that EAA wants so you can be on their insurance. We have events where we are on EAA insurance. You can also apply for a 501(c)(3) (nonprofit), which is what we’re doing so we can start to get donations. After that we can get a raffle license. To be on EAA’s insurance, they have a lot of requirements. It’s vigorous. If you have the people with the right mindset, you can get it done.”

Because at least 10 committed members are required for the creation of a new EAA chapter, Muske said that was the reason it so long for the Clintonville and Shawano EAA chapter to become official.

“I think that was the hardest part, because, especially in small towns, everybody wears multiple hats,” Muske said. “They’re all serving for all the same organizations. So, the hardest part was getting leadership to step up and say, ‘Ok, I will help lead this.’”

The Clintonville and Shawano EAA Chapter 1710 has 20 members as of the date of the open house.

Chapter benefits

Muske said having an official EAA chapter will showcase the value of the airport in the city of Clintonville.

“There’s a lot of community members that don’t even know we have an airport,” Muske said. “For me, I was tasked by our elected officials to bring activity, to work with Mike McCord before he left and to find ways to bring more awareness, and to show the value of what this is.

“Historically speaking, the birthplace of an airline was here in Clintonville. So, Delta Airlines, a couple of mergers back, started North Central Airlines here in Clintonville. So, it’s a huge historic monument of our community

that I feel like has been lost in translation. With my elected officials, they want to bring that back and show the value of aviation, and how our community specifically has a history in aviation, and making sure that we don’t forget that awesome history that we have in the community.”

Muske added that teaming up with the Shawano Municipal Airport makes sense because “there is power in resources coming together and partnering.”

Having airports working together to form one EAA chapter is not a new concept. Labs said the EAA chapter in Rice Lake encompasses 10 airports, while an EAA chapter in Illinois has 20 airports as part of the chapter.

Chapter activities

The monthly meetings for the chapter will be held in Clintonville and Shawano, alternating between the two airports each month. Over the course of the next year, different speakers will speak at the meetings on topics related to aviation.

“Mat has done a lot of ground work with soliciting different speakers that are in the world of aviation,” Muske said. “He’s reached out to a lot of different people around the state.”

Members do not need to be a pilot or own an airplane to be a chapter member, all they need is an interest in aviation.

“I think it’s a great industry,” Muske said. “You can be with likeminded individuals. Pilot license or no pilot license, you’re welcome here.”

Members of the community can attend the EAA Chapter 1710 meetings to find out what the chapter is about, even if they are not members of the chapter.

“Goals right now are to grow membership, get people involved, just have a positive outlook out there,” Labs said.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

On Aging and Invisibility

Dear Reader,

As we age, we begin to relinquish the power and foundation we spent a lifetime building. The network of friends, family, and community that once anchored us starts to loosen. The lives we touched, and that touched us, continue on—but often without us in the same role. In the fourth quarter of life, we find ourselves gradually diminished, both in presence and influence.

Retirement marks a turning point. Once the initial transition settles, the mutual accord of separation sets in—we are no longer integral to the rhythm of daily work. We search for ways to fill our days, to occupy time, and to maintain purpose.

Yet as life plods on, our involvement begins to wane. At family gatherings, meals, or community events, our voices may not carry the same weight. Fewer people ask for our thoughts or lean in to listen. The slow fade of relevance takes hold. And then one day, it happens. You walk into a room—crowded or quiet—and feel unseen. You have become invisible.

But this need not be the end of the story. While aging can bring invisibility, it can



also bring clarity. Freed from the need to prove ourselves or chase accolades, we can rediscover what truly matters. We can focus on what is eternal—love, kindness, and wisdom—sharing it in ways that go beyond words.

Invisibility is also a kind of freedom. It gives us the space to observe, reflect, and create without the distractions of being in the spotlight. We can use this time to mentor others, pass on our stories, and nurture relationships that bring depth rather than breadth to our lives. Our wisdom, experience, and quiet presence can still be a source of strength and guidance for those who choose to notice.

The fourth quarter of life does not have to be about fading into the background; instead, it can offer new ways to shine. It can be a time to embrace the joy of being, rather than doing, and to show the world—and ourselves—that the gifts we offer do not have to diminish with age.

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# Waupaca NEWS

## Wisconsin indy film at Rosa

WAUPACA – An independent Wisconsin filmmaker on a mission to make one film for every month of the year will be at the Rosa Theater for the screening of February. It will be shown on Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. as part of a statewide tour. It’s about Wisconsin people, ice fishing and Latino immigrants. The film recently won the top prize (a “Golden

badger”) and the audience award at the Wisconsin Film Festival. Directed by Wisconsin native Nathan Deming, the film is half in Spanish and offers a thoughtful exploration of Latino immigrant experiences in Wisconsin as well as the very Wisconsin tradition of ice fishing. The plot: February tells the story of Miguel (David Ezekiel Duran),

a recent immigrant to a small town in Wisconsin. Miguel clashes with his sister (Nayeli Hernandez) and her husband (Erick Inestroza) while struggling to adjust to life in his new environment. When a mysterious co-worker (Richie Gordon) invites him to experience ice fishing, Miguel embarks on a night on the ice he will never forget.

## Quick response for gas leak

WAUPACA – On Thursday, Jan. 23 at 3:52 p.m. an unknown 911 caller reported a gas line was struck while digging to fix a water line. WE Energies was immediately notified.

The Waupaca Area Fire District sent out an alert that more than 200 homes

will have gas service interrupted due to a gas main shutoff in the area that is south of Leighton, north of Granite Street, east of Bailey Street, and west of Pleasant Street. The main area of the breach was at the corner of North Morton Street and North Street. The shut-off

of natural gas occurred on a -5 degree night. The Waupaca Recreation center was opened as a warming shelter for those affected. By the next day, gas service was restored to all homes affected and crews from WE Energies were helping residents relight furnace pilot lights.

## Senator hosts town hall

WAUPACA – Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Fox Crossing) is holding state budget listening session on Thursday, March 6 at 5:30

p.m. at Waupaca City Hall. She will also host a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Waupaca City Hall. The 19th Senate

district that Cabral-Guevara represents includes parts of Adams, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties.

## Sledding and s'mores

WAUPACA – Last year’s Winter Rec Fest was cancelled at Swan Park because of not-so-wintery temperatures. This year Rec Fest is back on Saturday, Feb. 8

with dog sled rides, an illuminated story walk, pick-up broomball and sledding on Swan Park’s massive hill. There will be a bonfire with s’mores, hot chocolate and a

chili cook-off. The event is from 3-7 p.m. It is hosted by Waupaca Parks and Recreation and the Waupaca Area Public Library.

## Have a souper day

WAUPACA – The winter is soup season and the Waupaca Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Soup Walk on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Armed with a soup

map, attendees will stop at ten locations and enjoy a cup of ten various soups from ten different shops. Later the soup walkers will vote for their favorites. Only 100

tickets will be sold. Call 715-258-7343 or email info@waupacaareachamber.com for ticket info. The soup walkers should gather at the chamber office at 12:30 p.m.

# Waupaca County Sheriff's report Jan. 26

- Jan. 19 – A Waupaca man on County Trunk QQ reported his son damaged his door and he was afraid of him.
- Jan. 20 –An Iola man on Brandt Road reported he got home from vacation and a firearm was missing and there was a condom in his pajama pants.
- Jan. 20 –An Iola man on County Trunk J reported \$400 was taken from his bank account from an out-of-state gun store.
- Jan. 20 – El Poblano on County Trunk QQ reported a man was in the restaurant making threatening comments.
- Jan. 21 – A Manawa woman on Nuthatch Lane reported a man was having a mental breakdown.
- Jan. 21 –A Fremont woman on County Trunk II reported her boyfriend was hitting her. She was outside and crying.
- Jan. 22 –An Ogdens-

- burg man on County Trunk K reported the theft of a trail camera.
- Jan. 22 – An Iola man on Pagel Road reported his Fidelity account was compromised and there was a data breach.
- Jan. 22 –A Larsen man reported an ATV went through the ice. He escaped but the ATV was still in the water.
- Jan. 22 –An unknown caller reported striking a gas line while digging to fix a water line.
- Jan. 22 –A Marion man on Meyer Street reported a woman was threatening to kill him with a knife. The woman was waving a knife in the caller’s face.
- Jan. 22 – A New London man on Sleepy Lane re-

- ported a juvenile was having an “explosive episode” and an ambulance was needed.
- Jan. 22 –A Marion man on Garfield Avenue reported a man in a white Audi pulled up and harassed his son and threw some beer bottles.
- Jan. 23 –A 911 caller reported a 68-year-old man struck his head, was bleeding heavily and was passed out.
- Jan. 23 – A New London woman on Stage Road reported beams, lasers and cyberware were in her house.
- Jan. 24 – Go Riteway Transportation reported a vehicle that did not stop for a school bus when its lights were flashing and stop sign extended.

- Jan. 24 –A 911 caller reported a kitchen fire.
- Jan. 24 –Marion Police Dept. reported a burglary in progress and requested backup.
- Jan. 24 – Rawhide Youth Services reported one juvenile tried to suffocate another juvenile with a pillowcase.
- Jan. 24- A Weyauwega woman on Guth Road reported a suspicious red vehicle by a house that was unoccupied.
- Jan. 25 – Assured Recovery reported the license plate number of a vehicle they were repossessing.
- Jan. 25 – A Dale woman on Whitney Street reported her ex-boyfriend was extremely intoxicated, asking strange questions and com-

- plaining that his stomach hurt.
- Jan. 25 – The Waupaca Expo Center reported the smell of gas in a utility room.
- Jan. 25 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile runaway.
- Jan. 25 – A Waupaca woman on Hill Crest Drive reported a suspicious SUV parked by the garbage dumpster at the Filling Station. The vehicle was parked there for four hours.
- Jan. 25 – A Fremont man on Doty Street reported he was punched in the face by a male at the Bridge

- Bar.
- Jan. 25 –A Clintonville man on Hemlock Street reported a bunch of garbage was dumped and spread out over his 30-acre cornfield.
- Jan. 26 –A Weyauwega man on White Lake Road reported he was burning boxes and “the fire got away, close to the LP tank.”
- Jan. 26 – The Wisconsin veterans Home reported a physical altercation between two residents in the dementia unit. They do not recall how the fight started.

**Sheriff's Report**  
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## Winchester kicks off 2025 series

### Wide range of speakers, experts

WAUPACA – The Winchester Academy, local nonprofit producer of mind-expanding lectures that are like TED Talks, announced their winter/spring line-up of speakers for 2025. These programs are held on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the lower-level meeting rooms of the Waupaca Area Public Library. They are free, open to the public and are provided in the spirit of lifelong learning.

The first is on Feb. 3 with Steven Hendrix and his lecture topic is, “What Makes America Great? The Global Perspective.” Until 2024, Hendrix was the U.S. AID Coordinator for Foreign Assistance at the Department of State. As a former high-ranking government official in the last four administrations, Hendrix will share what he has seen and learned from a global diplomatic career which began in the 1980s.

Hendrix asks and addresses, what exactly has America done that makes it a great nation? What natural advantages does it have? What does it do best? What are some areas where it can improve? From a national security perspective, what do we need to know? This frank presentation will highlight how the world views the U.S.,



Steven Hendrix, former Department of State officer, will present “What Makes America Great? The Global Perspective” on Feb. 3. Submitted Photo

and a few positive surprises that continue to make us a country to be envied, along with things the country still needs to work on from a global perspective.

- The line-up
- February 17: “Wisconsin Black Bears and How We Study Them,” Hayden Walkush, Master’s Degree student, UW-Stevens Point.
- February 24: “Waupaca Foundry: A Global Leader in Metal Casting,” Sara Timm, Director of Marketing at the Waupaca Foundry.
- March 3: “Children’s Library International: Viet Nam, Laos, and Cambodia,” Chuck Theusch, Founder of Children’s Library International.
- March 17: “Martha Washington and 18th Century Women’s Histo-

ry,” Becky Liegl, Educator with the School District of Waupaca.

- March 24: “From Wood to Watercraft: Dug-out Canoes of Wisconsin,” Sissel Schroeder, PhD, and Tamara Thomsen, Maritime Archaeologist.
- April 14: “Building the City of Waupaca: The Early Years.” Tracy Behrendt, Director of Waupaca Historical Society.
- April 21: “Door County Shipwrecks: Raising Truth from the Depths,” Brennan Christianson, Collections Coordinator of the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay.
- April 28: “From Mountain Water: The Ancient Art of Japanese Papermaking,” Carol Kratz, papermaker.

## Music (and money) for moms

WAUPACA – The group Save Waupaca Labor & Delivery is hosting a fundraising concert called “Music for Moms.” They are starting a fund for mothers that need support for traveling

for farther-away maternal care. They are also partnering with midwives to get those funds for mothers in need. The concert will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the live-music

venue Q&Z Expo Center in Ringle (a small town east of Wausau). The band line-up is Szilentez, Apex Aura and Waupaca’s very own hard-rocking Hellfire Club.

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# Stevens Point NEWS



The PCHS staff accepts a check from the Community Foundation. From left: Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Bryza, Museum Educator Kimberly Kopplin and Executive Director John Harry. Submitted Photo

## Historical Society gets grant

STEVENS POINT – The Portage County Historical Society (PCHS) has been awarded a Visionary Grant from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin. As one of the inaugural recipients of this prestigious grant, PCHS will receive five years of support to enhance its impact in Portage County.

The funding enabled PCHS to create a new, full-time museum educator position. This role is designed to deepen the society’s educational outreach and programming, ensuring alignment with Wisconsin’s state social studies standards and fostering meaningful partnerships with local school districts and community organizations.

The museum educator will also plan and execute engaging public educational programs, as well as deliver interactive, hands-on experiences across PCHS’s historic site museums.

Kimberly Kopplin is the new museum educator. Kopplin brings a wealth of expertise to the role, including over 15 years of experience as an elementary educator and a recent position with CAP Services. Her passion for education and community engagement makes her uniquely qualified to advance PCHS’s mission of preserving and sharing the rich history of Portage County.

“This grant represents a pivotal moment for our organization,” said John Harry, Executive Director of PCHS. “By adding a museum educator to our team, we can significantly expand our educational offerings, increase accessibility for schools and community groups, and strengthen our ability to connect with people of all ages. We are grateful to the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin for believing in our vision.”

For more information about the Portage County Historical Society and its programs, please visit [www.pchswi.org](http://www.pchswi.org) or contact John Harry, Executive Director, at [jharry@pchswi.org](mailto:jharry@pchswi.org).

## Classic whodunit hits the stage

STEVENS POINT – The Central Wisconsin Area Community Theater (cwACT) will present the stage production of Clue, a performance inspired by the timeless board game and the cult-classic film.

The murder mystery will run on two separate weekends at the Sentry Theater. The performances will be from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 at 7 p.m., a matinee performance on Feb. 2 at 2 p.m., and Feb. 7- and 8 at 7 p.m.

The story: when an unexpected murder shakes up a dinner party at a remote mansion, six eccentric guests must navigate a tangled web of secrets, blackmail, and suspicion to unmask the killer.

“The show is a fast-paced farce that pulls heavily from the Hollywood screwball comedies of the 1930’s and 1940’s,” said director Jeff Cook. “This show is a wonderful stage representation of the 1980’s film, and if you love the film, you’ll have a great time with the stage play.”



Based on the famous mystery board game, and later film, local actors will perform Clue this winter at the Sentry Theater. Submitted Photo

For tickets, please visit [cwact.org](http://cwact.org). Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

“The cast for Clue has a tremendous amount of talent and experience, and as a director it’s wonderful to be able to work with a group that understands the material and the vision for the show. At the same time, they all still manage to remain true to the core of the original characters that the audience is familiar with,” said Cook.

## School board news round-up

BY KANA COONCE  
STAFF REPORTER

STEVENS POINT – On Monday, Jan. 13, the Stevens Point Area school board discussed programming updates, open enrollment for the 2025-26 school year, student news and the results of the district’s 2023-24 audit.

### Student affairs

Student Senate representative Kylie Haas announced a successful winter sports season thus far at SPASH. At the time of the meeting, the boys’ hockey team and the boys’ swimming team were undefeated.

Haas concluded her report with a promotion for SPASH students’ upcoming one-act play, to be performed Friday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the SPASH auditorium. “[The students] hope to see many community faces there,” she said.

The Student Art Show will be held on Jan. 30 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Bliss Educational Services Center.

### New website

Communications Director Sarah O’Donnell announced that the new district website, [www.pointschools.net](http://www.pointschools.net), launched successfully on the day before winter break. In addition, she reported an increase in traffic on both the website and on the district’s social media accounts. The District will continue to address user feedback and to resolve support requests going forward. O’Donnell also mentioned that an episode of “Monday Mornings with Mike” featuring district updates was the series’ top-viewed episode of the year.

### Honors

McKinley Elementary teacher Robert King was presented with the Mandana Bliss Award, which honors “unwavering commitment and outstanding efforts... for educational excellence.” The award is named after Mandana Hale Bliss, Stevens Point’s first schoolteacher.

In addition, cross country coaches Donn Behnke and Kevin Hopp were named Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches of the Year by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association.

### School finances

Superintendent Cory Hirsbrunner announced

a series of donations to area schools, including a piano to the music department and \$30k to be used toward treadmills at SPASH. In addition, there is a potential offer “on the table” for a donation of up to \$50k to be used toward new playground equipment at McDill Elementary School.

The results of the 2023-24 financial audit of the district, conducted by an outside audit firm per state guidelines, “went smoothly,” according to the team, who found “nothing out of the usual.” The board unanimously passed a motion to accept the report.

The board reviewed the budget evaluation process. After reviewing 48 programs and 374 positions, the district filled three positions “as is,” froze ten positions and eliminated 11. They are currently evaluating 14 programs with potential inefficiencies, which will be reviewed at the next meeting on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

Hirsbrunner put forward a motion to approve a \$39k proposal from urban planning company MDROffers Consulting “to conduct community growth and enrollment projections, with funding sourced from budget savings due to unfilled positions.” The study is estimated to take 4-5 months and will culminate in a detailed report with projections for every grade level at every school in the District through 2040. The motion passed, with all members present voting yea except for Dennis Raabe, who voted nay.

### School staff

The board approved the personnel recommendations put forth by HR, which noted the retirement of six personnel, the resignation of one and the acquisition of a school nurse.

Several district employees will attend the State Education Convention, which will be held in Milwaukee from Jan. 22-24.

### Election

Candidates for the upcoming spring school board election were announced in the order in which they will appear on the ballot: Jen Bushman (I), Miguel Campos, Jeremy Lebrick, Marne Mercer, Barb Portzen (I), Kristina Smith.

### Partnership

Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of Portage County

CEO Danielle Belsky gave a presentation on the ways in which the organization collaborates with the district, which includes providing kids with a safe space for kids to spend time after school, time to work on homework, snacks and enriching programs. BGC also provides mentors to struggling students and a workforce development program. The Berard Center location also offers dental care. BGC has been established in Portage County since 2002.

### Enrollment

The board discussed open enrollment projections for the 2025-26 school year as reviewed by the Educational Services Committee on Jan. 6. Based upon enrollment trend data, staff workloads, student needs and projections for the coming school year, the Board unanimously passed the motion to approve unlimited general education 4K and general education non-resident seats available under open enrollment.

Due to a current limitation of available resources for the programs, which require specialized instructors who are able to provide for disabled students’ individual needs, the board also passed the motion to restrict the number of seats available under open enrollment to zero multi-categorical students (all disability areas) for early childhood programming, K-6 in-person and grades 7-12 in-person.

There will be one multi-categorical (all disability areas) seat available for the disabled and three seats available for Project SEARCH.

### School policies

The board unanimously passed a resolution to revise the contents of Policies 8510 and 8511, the district’s wellness and free and reduced-price meal policies, respectively. In addition, the district will be looking into the possibility of making participation in school sports count toward students’ P.E. credits.

The board approved with amendments a series of resolutions proposed by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards that included report card standards, decoupling public and private school funding and pathways to licensure for prospective teachers.

## Father and daughter dance

STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point Area YMCA is hosting a Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 8th. It will be held at the Stevens Point Area YMCA and will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event is open to all community members, regardless of YMCA membership status. Fees for the dance are \$15 per person for Y members and \$18 per person for the general public. Participants will enjoy a dinner followed by the dance, as well as the opportunity to take a father daughter picture and receive a flower for each daughter.

Additionally, special guests Jordenne Butler and Addison Morin, Miss Northern Lights and Miss Northern Lights’ Teen, as well as Ruby Marti, Miss River Cities’ Teen, will be attending the dance. Visit [spymca.org](http://spymca.org) or call 715.342.2980 to register.

## Bridge scores

Jan 23: Duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Gene Clark and Bob Alexujun, Jean Singh and Dan Stoil, and Tom Rowe and Art Flashinski.

New members are welcome. Jan 24: Duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Nancy Quick and Gene Clark, Mary Jacobson and Debbi Martin, Mary

Olson and Mark Thomas, Jeanette Glisczynski and Paula Cook. If you are interested in playing duplicate bridge on Fridays, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.

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Board looks at district’s facilities

Creating a long-range plan

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Clintonville Superintendent Troy Kuhn presented information about the district’s facilities to the Clintonville Board of Education, as a starting point of creating a long-range plan to make sure its facilities are up-to-date and meet the needs of the district.

The discussion took place at the board’s Jan. 13 meeting.

Kuhn told the board that the information being presented was gathered by himself, District Activities Director Shaun Liesch, Director of Buildings and Grounds Stephen Reinke, and some of the district’s committees.

“Our baseball and softball locations for accessibility is not good, especially for handicapped,” Kuhn said.

Kuhn said there is a “buzz” about the district creating a space for recreation. He said there are two reasons for that. First, pickle ball participants and others have been kicked out of the Rec Center gym because of wrestling.

“We have explored many options where wrestling can go, and at this point, the Rec Center gym is the best spot still to have it,” Kuhn said.

Second, the district would like more storage. Kuhn acknowledged that not everyone is in favor of using trailers for storage.

“I know they’re kind of an eye sore,” Kuhn said. “They serve their purpose, they’re waterproof, rodent proof, etc.”

District wants

According to Kuhn, stakeholders to the district have different things they want in the district. Outdoor learning spaces are included in those wants. Kuhn said a pavilion for

the elementary school would cost \$12,000-\$15,000, depending on how elaborate it would be.

The bus garage also needs to be fixed. Preliminary estimates for that is around \$100,000.

“And that I think is a necessity, at least from what I have heard,” Kuhn said. “We need to fix the roof, and some other leaks,” said Kuhn.

A new maintenance shed is also needed. Kuhn said to tear down the two existing maintenance sheds, and to construct one large maintenance shed and parking garage would cost around \$200,000.

Kuhn said a lot of people have been in contact with him about the idea of the district constructing a multi-purpose sports complex built on district property. He said it could go on the tennis courts or adjacent to the tennis courts.

It could also be an extension of the Rec Center. If that were to be the case, Fund 80 funds could be used to fund the project.

A multi-purpose sports complex could house summer gymnastics, pickle ball, indoor tennis, and a youth center.

“Depending on if we would choose to upgrade the baseball and softball field onsite, we would possibly have to move the varsity soccer field, meaning that we would probably have to put bathrooms in there for the new soccer field to be located,” Kuhn said.

Facility assessments

Kuhn told the board the district’s onsite baseball field is not playable.

“It has been probably neglected for five years,” Kuhn said. “They don’t even practice there anymore. It’s just sat there.”

The onsite softball field is currently playable.

He said there is no parking available for either the

onsite baseball or softball fields.

“That’s always been a problem,” Kuhn said.

Kuhn said the playing surface of the district’s football field in crowned perfectly, but the running track that surrounds the football field is also crowned outward for drainage.

“That’s not the way they do things anymore,” Kuhn said. “They either build some type of a drainage tile, so that the water goes in and it goes underneath the track and out. It’s recommended that that track should actually be sloped the other way.”

The district could leave the football field as is, or it could create a turf playing surface, and then soccer could also be played on the football field.

Also, regarding track, Kuhn said the jumping pits need to be moved to a location where there is more space.

Kuhn said the varsity soccer field is in good condition, but can get very wet in the spring. There are also no lights and limited bleacher seating at the soccer field. He added that if the district would move the onsite softball field closer to the onsite baseball field, and create handicap parking, half of the varsity soccer field would become a parking lot.

“Then it is, do you turf the football field and allow soccer to play up there?” Kuhn asked. “Or do you move the whole soccer complex.”

He added, “Soccer is growing in Clintonville. We have middle school soccer that is booming, so we need space.”

Kuhn said the current tennis courts need to be replaced, which is a big expense.

“Right now, we’re just leaving them as is until we figure out what we want to do,” Kuhn said.

The current Fieldhouse seating and floor are in

great shape, Kuhn said.

“We get lots of compliments when people come here and play in our Fieldhouse,” Kuhn said.

The middle school gym, which Kuhn said is brand new, is “really good.”

The gym floor at the elementary school can no longer be resurfaced, as it has reached its limit as to the number of times it can be sanded, Kuhn said.

“We probably need to be looking at replacement in 10-15 years,” Kuhn said.

Funding options

Kuhn said referendum funds could probably be used for the bus garage repairs and building a new maintenance shed. These two projects would exhaust the referendum funds still available.

Kuhn had earlier told the board that the funds

that remain to be spent from the most recent referendum need to be spent by the district by Jan. 1, 2026.

Funds for repairs to the running track would be needed in the next 5-10 years, Kuhn said. Those funds would come from Fund 10 or possibly a future referendum.

If the district would decide to redo its onsite baseball and softball fields, funds would have to come from Fund 10 or a future referendum. The other option would be for the district to continue to use ballfields owned by the city of Clintonville.

Kuhn said if the district would decide to pursue constructing a multi-purpose sports complex, it would need around \$3 million for the project, depending on the size of the building. Funds from Fund 80 could be used, or

funds from a future referendum.

“We have to create a plan,” Kuhn said. “And for some of them, sooner than later, because we need to spend roughly \$400,000 of the referendum money before January 1st.”

Kuhn said whatever plan the district would decide on, would be the district’s plan, and not his plan. He also acknowledged that any plan would also have to consider other expenses in the district, such as health insurance and staff wages.

“Everything I presented right now might get thrown out the door,” Kuhn said. “I am hoping for the best and preparing for the worst, because if a referendum doesn’t pass, it doesn’t pass. It doesn’t matter what we present. We need to have a back-up plan.”

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• Jan. 26 –A male caller reported his ex-wife called him, saying that a man

threw her out of his house. She was now walking down the road, unsure of where she was or where she was going.

• Jan. 26 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile was on the roof threatening to jump.

• There were seven deer-related calls during this period. Two controlled burns

were called in. Deputies stopped three snowmobiles. A caller reported an aggressive pit bull running loose on County Trunk QQ. An Ogdensburg woman reported a car-chasing German shepherd. There were an above average number of calls about disabled vehicles during the recent extreme cold weather.

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# New London & Hortonville NEWS

## Ellis featured at art show

BY LORI SCHNEIDER  
WOLF RIVER ART LEAGUE

NEW LONDON – Ashley Ellis is the featured artist at Wolf River Art League’s (WRAL) 55th Annual Mid-Winter Art Show, held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 and 9 at Crystal Falls Banquet Facility, 1500 Handschke Rd. The event is free and open to the public.

Ellis is an award-winning visual artist and dedicated art instructor with over 15 years of teaching experience and more than two decades of creative exploration. In the summer of 2024, Ellis was the instructor for WRAL’s summer art camp scholarship recipients.

In addition to her artistic career, Ashley is a wife and mother of five, with a sixth child on the way. She and her family cherish and encourage the arts and music as an integral part of their lives. Explore her work and creative journey at ellisvisualarts.com.

“I am incredibly grateful for the annual show put on by the Wolf River Art League and thrilled to be part of such a vibrant arts community in the New London area,” says Ellis. “Each year, this show



Ashley Ellis is featured artist at the Wolf River Art League’s Mid-Winter Art Show.

Submitted Photo

attracts an impressive array of talent from across the region, and I am continually inspired by the incredible work on display. Being recognized with an award is always an honor, but I believe the true achievement lies in giving oneself permission to create and share their art with the world.”

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning the judge’s critique kicks off the event. Lisa Anderson of Appleton and Samuel Watson of Green Bay are judging this year, both having studied art history. Anderson’s studies were split between the Italian Renaissance and Latin American Post-Colonial art and literature. Watson’s areas

of expertise are in modern and contemporary art, as well as Native American art. He has been a full-time professor with the UW system since 2008. Prize ribbons plus cash prizes are awarded to artists of all ages at the show, including a “People’s Choice Award.”

The WRAL will continue its annual fundraising efforts at the show to benefit both school scholarships for continuing education in the arts field, and also for a “Life OnThe River” sculpture trail to be located at Riverside Park.

Attendees can purchase an engraved stainless-steel fish to be part of a community sculpture for the new trail. New London Fabrication laser-cut five species of fish for the project, including sturgeon, catfish, walleye, bass and minnows. Proceeds from the purchase of the fish will go to trail enhancements for future sculptures along the existing trail. An interactive children’s area will feature a fun art project relating to the sculpture trail.

For more information about WRAL, go to their new website at wolfriverart.org to view their past history, present day projects and future visions.



Jim Carmody, a member of the Waupaca County Tavern League, presents Cindy Carrick, director of Keller’s Lake Day Camp for the Waupaca County Developmentally Disabled, a check for \$250. The Wisconsin Tavern League will provide matching funds.

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## District to buy three new buses

\$332,809  
after trade-in

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The School District of New London will be purchasing three new school buses for a total cost of \$332,809, after the trade-in allowance.

The New London Board of Education approved the purchase of three new buses when it met Jan. 8.

At the meeting, Joe Marquardt, SDNL business services director, told the board that at the December Facilities Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the bids the district had received for purchasing new buses. Bids were requested in October 2024.

“If you remember, it’s almost an annual review, there have been years that we have skipped bus purchases as a specific decision of the board for reasons

that are in that budget, or just trying to be sustainable in transportation operations,” Marquardt said.

Marquardt told the board that the district was looking for approval to purchase three school buses. He said district administration was recommending approval of the low bid from Ascendance Truck Centers for three International buses, at a cost of \$138,270 per bus. The Ascendance Truck Centers’ bid also included a trade-in allowance of \$82,000. With the trade-in allowance, the total cost of the three new buses would be \$332,809.

Only one other bid was received, which was from Nelson’s Bus Service, Inc. for three Thomas buses. Its bid was for \$137,673 per bus, but included only a \$75,000 trade-in allowance. This would have put the total purchase at

\$338,019.

Marquardt told the board that the bid from Nelson’s Bus Service was disqualified because the bid was not received on time.

Even though the low bid included the district trading in four current buses it has, Marquardt said the district didn’t have to trade in any buses. The district could sell current buses on its own.

The board was reminded by Marquardt that last year’s school budget included the purchase of one new bus, but the district has not received that bus yet. He said he anticipated the district would receive that bus by the end of January.

Marquardt added that it was indicated in the bids, that if the district agreed to purchase new buses this year, the buses would be scheduled to arrive in 2026.

Buses

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## High school flooring approved

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Board of Education approved the continuation of

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a flooring project at New London High School this summer at a cost of \$52,049.

The board approved the project at its Jan. 8 meeting. The work will be done by H.J. Martin and Son, Inc.

Joe Marquardt, SDNL business services director, told the board that this would be a continuation of the flooring project at the high school that began last summer.

According to the Topic Summary Sheet (TSS) in the board packet, the flooring project was sent out for bids last year. “Phasing is necessary for

budgetary purposes and this is a planned expense for 2025,” it was stated in the TSS. “The pricing structure only changes with material inflationary increases to the project bids from last year. The space updated would be for B119, portions of the office and Next Generation instructional spaces.”

The project would be completed this year in the summer. Marquardt added that if more funds become available, potentially additional areas could be considered for new flooring.

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# Wega-Fremont NEWS



Christopher Gunst: W-F student, herdsman, athlete. He was nominated for Dairy Athlete of the Month by the Wisconsin Sports Network and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. Submitted Photo

## Three-sport senior honored

WEYAUWEGA— Christopher Gunst, a senior at Weyauwega-Fremont High School, was nominated as Dairy Athlete of the Month for February by the Wisconsin Sports Network and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. He received the honor because of his balance of school and athletic achievements as well as working on his family’s farm, Wilstar Holsteins. As an athlete, he plays varsity football and basketball where he was second team all-conference and earned the Coach’s award and an academic letter. Gunst was also captain for the baseball team and earned an all -conference honorable mention and earned the Glove Award and MVP for the last three years. Before school, Gunst tackles his chores early, especially calf care and feeding. When the show season kicks in, he oversees the heifer competition where he has won many awards at the Wisconsin Championship Show, the World Dairy Expo and the Wisconsin State Fair.

# Manawa NEWS

## Read books, win prizes

**BY EMILY DOUD**  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The yearly biblio bingo adult programming has started at the Sturm Memorial Library in Manawa, 130 North Bridge St. This program allows you to read books to earn prizes, with the ultimate goal to get a line on your bingo card or for black out for an opportunity to win even more prizes.

The program started Jan. 20 and will go until March 15, during this time readers will get a bingo card, which can be found on their website. The program is for anyone 18 and older.

You can read a hard copy of the book, or listen to the audiobook. All books on the list can be checked out from the Sturm Memorial Library via Infosoup, Libby or Hoopla, but you are also allowed to read a personal copy of the book should you own one.

The bingo card has a variety of categories, some more broad in options and some that are more specific. Categories include East Asia, go with the flow, fiction your choice, meta, all in the family, Wisconsin authors, divine mystery, nonfiction your choice, Pulitzer Prize winners, read down under, too tall tales, art is life, windy city, raining cats and dogs, hey bestie and do no harm.

Within each category is a list of about 20 to 25 books that you can read to get that box on your bingo board.

You can sign up at any time throughout the program and you can also get more than one bingo.

Every bingo will get you a small prize and a chance to win a prize basket, and then every time you get a bingo you win an additional chance to win a basket.

You can also go for a blackout which will get you two more chances to win a basket.

“Many biblio bingo participants find that they read books that they wouldn’t have otherwise,” Sue Vater Olson, the library director at Sturm Memorial Library, said. “The enjoyment of trying an author or topic outside of their typical habits is part of the fun.”

The baskets consist of donations to the library that have been collected over the year.

For more information on biblio bingo you can head to <https://manawalibrary.org> or you can call at 920-596-2252.



The river bank at Kobussen in Manawa continues to erode and will benefit from shoreline stabilization. Emily Doud Photo

## Shoreline project moves ahead

**BY EMILY DOUD**  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The shoreline stabilization project is set to move forward, despite a slight push back from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Ann Bonikowske, a firstward alderperson, said the DNR was concerned that the project would disrupt fish movement and spawning for sturgeon, walleye and panfish.

The shore stabilization is needed in order to stop the erosion at the Sturm Memorial Library and Kobussen shorelines, which was due to the historic flooding July 5 that caused the dam to breach.

The Manawa City Council pursued a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that would alleviate the bulk of the cost of stabilizing the shorelines at the Sturm Memorial Library and Kobussen.

Bonikowske said the time frames most important to spawning and movement for fish is between Oct 15 and May 15; however, waiting to stabilize the shore until after that timeframe could result in the loss of the grant from the USDA as it expires April 25.

Mayor Mike Frazier said at the Jan. 20 common council meeting that representatives from the DNR, USDA and Cedar Corporation met, along with Frazier and Josh Smith, head of the Department of Public Works, on Jan. 14 to discuss getting the permit and the project up and running as soon as they can.

During this meeting, Frazier said the representatives from the USDA and Cedar Corporation were able to get the DNR to budge on their time frames and allow the project to move forward prior to the grant deadline.

“I’ll tell you what ... they didn’t back down,” Frazier said of the meeting. “They wanted to get this done because all of us know that spring here, between snow and runoff and we get rain with that, you’re going to have more damage to that river and the wildlife and then the fishing.”

“Before the project starts there is a small amount of the river bottom that will need to be excavated,” said Brandon Strehlow, a representative from Cedar Corporation, the city’s engineering contractor.

The excavation is needed in order to create space for the rock riprap foundational pieces; these pieces will be used to stabilize the shoreline.

Strehlow said the excavation portion of the project will need to be completed by March 1, per the language in the DNR permit.

The rip rap will go about four feet below the water surface and 18 feet above. The contract is currently in the bidding process and construction is anticipated to start by late February.

# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS



Ardelle Shanklin celebrates 50 years of playing the organ at Scandinavia Lutheran Church. Submitted Photo

## Organist celebrates 50 years

**EMILY DOUD**  
STAFF REPORTER

SCANDINAVIA – Ardelle Shanklin first sat behind the organ at Scandinavia Lutheran Church Jan. 19, 1975 and 50 years later to the day she still sits to play the organ every Sunday.

“I don’t think I had any idea that I would continue to play for so many years,” said Shanklin.

Shanklin grew up in Iola and learned to play the piano at six years old when her sister encouraged her.

Shanklin said her sister is the first person to teach her the piano, and then she took a few lessons on the organ while in high school from the organist that played at the Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Iola.

The congregation at Scandinavia Lutheran Church presented Shanklin with a plaque on Jan. 19.

“Recognizing 50 years at the organ, it felt nice,” Shanklin said. “I guess they’re glad to have me there and I just keep playing.”

Outside of playing organ for her church Shanklin said she has also been involved with Lutheran World Relief, which is an organization that helps those in need throughout the world by sending supplies like school supplies and clothes to less fortunate nations.

She also quilts, knits and crochet’s in her spare time mostly for Lutheran World Relief.

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**Pedersen, Mary**



**Mary Elizabeth Jensen Pedersen**

**Gaffney, SC** - - Our beloved Mom left this earth on January 15, 2025, slipping peacefully away only a few weeks before her 100th birthday. It was almost like she had gotten out of bed and was silently cruising the halls of her house in her wheelchair, hoping we wouldn't hear or notice.

Mary was born on February 8, 1925, on the family dairy farm, Clover Dell, halfway between Waupaca and Weyauwega, Wisconsin to John Jensen and Verna Mae Jensen. As a 'farm girl', Mom learned about chickens, cows, sheep, how to harvest and preserve the produce from Grandma's 2-acre garden, how to sew on Grandma's treadle sewing machine, and hundreds of other skills. Her love of the land engendered the same respect and love for growing things, especially crops, flowers and puppies. For several years after moving to Cherokee County, SC, she had a 2-story greenhouse on the south side of the house that Dad had built for her, where she could raise every kind of flower you could imagine. But after moving from the Midwest to the Southeast, her big frustration was not being able to grow apricot trees or sweet corn.

Mom and Dad (Arthur Morris Pedersen, MD) met at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska and were married on May 11, 1947. Coincidentally, Dad had also been born in Waupaca, but when Grandpa Pedersen went into the Public Health Service they moved away and lived in many towns in Iowa and Nebraska. Eventually, Dad's family settled in Blair. Dad went to the University of Nebraska, School of Medicine for his MD, while Mom earned her RN at Milwaukee General Hospital. They settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa, across the Missouri River from Omaha. Their children, Barbara Jean was born on November 25, 1948. William Allen (Bill) was born on May 18, 1951 and several years later, Nancy Lynn was born on April 25, 1958. It was easy to see the favorite in the family, but Nancy was such a sweetheart that neither Barb nor Bill was jealous in the least.

Dad was team doctor for the Thomas Jefferson HS football program, where he met Steve Field, Vice Principal. Steve raised and showed Rough Collies, which fascinated Dad. Soon our backyard was home to a pair of Collies, Prince and Muffy (who protected us by barking at butterflies). The neighbors were annoyed, prompting Dad to build outside city limits to pursue his hobby of Collie breeding. And that's how Mary learned to raise and show their dogs. Several years later, the kennel expanded to include Bouvier des Flandres. CH Bibarcy's Soldat de Plomb (Sarge) worked his way to becoming the #1 Bouvier in the nation. Quite an accomplishment, especially when one considers that petite Nancy could take Sarge into the ring on a Chihuahua lead.

Bill and Barbara spent every summer on Grandpa and Grandma Jensen's dairy farm to give Mary a break and allow her to heal from her fight with polio. While on the farm, Grandpa Jensen taught Barbara how to ride horseback while he farmed with his team of Belgians, Babe and Nelly. Bill decided he'd rather learn how to drive the tractor, though. Don, Mary's brother, helped Grandpa on the farm and rented horses during the summer for us kids to ride. Barb didn't really have a favorite, until Lightning came along one year and was bred to a Thoroughbred owned by one of Don's friends. The next year Lightning foaled a dappled Palomino colt, Sunny, on the very same day as Nancy's birthday.

Grandpa Jensen began Sunny's training and built a solid set of habits so that we kids could do almost anything with him without fear of being kicked. When he was moved to Iowa we kept him in our fenced backyard by day and stabled him in the garage by night. But then there was the problem of where to keep him when the family was out of town on weekends for dog shows. And that's how we came to move further out into the County, to the former State Orchard farm. And that's how Mary learned about horse shows. We didn't have a horse trailer, yet, so when Barb found a show close enough to our farm to ride Sunny to it, Mom would patiently follow in her Mercury station wagon, flashers blinking the whole way. Not too much later, Bill got interested in riding around our pasture, so Patsy, a buckskin Quarter Horse, came to be his ride and Sunny's pal.

When Nancy turned 5, she wanted to ride too. So Mom and Dad took Patsy to George and Vivian Stock to be bred. The next year Gypsy was foaled, the cutest little sorrel filly you ever did see. From Gypsy and Nancy going to horse shows, they met Marsha Stacy and learned how to do competition barrel racing. By that time Dad had moved the family to Cherokee County, SC because he didn't want to shovel snow any more. And that's how Nancy got started in rodeo, and how Mary learned about rodeo competition and the good people who do that.

Mary is survived by her children, Barbara Williams (Loren M.), Bill (widower of Tricia Treen Pedersen) and Nancy Sasser (Earl). Four grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren with a great-great-grandson on the way. As well as nieces and nephews all over the world; and a great crowd of dear friends gathered from her travels.

A Celebration of Mom's Life will be held on February 8, 2025, her 100th birthday, at 2:00 PM in the Event Hall of CHAPS, 301 College Dr, Gaffney, SC 29340. In lieu of flowers please contribute to the Danish American Archive and Library, 1738 Washington Street, Blair, NE 68008.

An online guest register is available at [www.blakelyfuneralhome.com](http://www.blakelyfuneralhome.com)  
Blakely Funeral Home & Crematory, Gaffney, SC

**Hill, Nicholas**



Nicholas P. Hill, age 34 of Appleton, passed away Monday evening, January 20, 2025 at his parent's home in the Town of Larrabee, surrounded by his family, after a short battle with cancer.

Nicholas "Nic" Paul Hill was born September 29, 1990 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada; the son of George W. & Donna L. (nee Kabble) Hill. He attended school for a time in Ontario, and later graduated from Clintonville High School with the class of

2009. He attended the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, where he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Psychology with a minor in Business; and later earned his Master's in Applied Psychology from U.W. Stout. Nic worked for a time at the Social Security office in Madison as a disability benefits specialist. He later landed his "dream job" of working as an Economist Advanced, for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. This career saw him working with data and numbers to put together models of trends in the workforce of WI. His superiors recognized his skills in working with data, specifically Microsoft Excel, and noted that procedures and practices that Nic had developed, will be used by the department for many years to come. Nic enjoyed traveling around the U.S., gaming with friends, and hiking in nature. He looked forward to movie nights with friends and bowling from time to time. He had a passion for cooking and worked hard to perfect his creations. With a love of musicals, Nic was able to see one last performance of the Lion King within the last week along with his family. It is a memory that will last in the hearts and minds of his loved ones forever. Nic will be remembered for his quiet demeanor, but could also get passionate about his favorite things. Long conversations with friends and family was something he enjoyed. Nic had perfect comedic timing every now and then, and when he got it right, everyone would have a laugh. Thinking outside of the box was his specialty, and when there was a problem that needed some reflection to solve, he was your guy.

Just as Nic had been reminded by the catchy Lion King song just last week, I'm certain he would wish his friends and family an energetic, "Hakuna Matata," until we meet again.

Survivors include:

Parents: George & Donna Hill, Town of Larrabee

Brother: Christopher Hill, Rhinelander

Grandmother: Arlis (nee Cass) Kabble

Numerous other relatives and friends

Nic was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, George W. & Thora M. (nee Webb) Hill; his maternal grandfather, Otto J. Kabble; his aunt, Roberta Hill; his uncle, Michael Kabble; and his cousin, Jennifer Otway.

Funeral services for Nic were held 10 AM on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home South Location; 299 S. Main St. Clintonville, WI 54929, with the Rev. Diana Ziegler officiating. Interment followed at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville.

Visitation took place at the funeral home on Saturday from 9 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family are encouraged to make a donation in Nic's name to a cancer research charity of their choice.

An online guestbook is available at [eberhardstevenson.com](http://eberhardstevenson.com).

**Overby, Archie**



Archie Glen Dale Overby, aged 76, passed away peacefully on January 18th, 2025, at Richardson Methodist Hospital in the Dallas, TX area surrounded by his wife of 53 years and three children.

Archie, son of Clint and Mary Bell Overby (Herрман), was born on October 31, 1948 in Rotan, TX. A star athlete in high school he excelled at both football and baseball while helping to support his family working in

the oil fields and delivering papers to the local community. After graduating high school Archie went to Texas Tech University and received degrees in Business Administration and Doctor of Jurisprudence. Upon graduation, Archie began a career in banking leading a number of midwestern banks to prosperity ultimately arriving in Waupaca, Wisconsin where he would lead and grow the First National Bank of Waupaca into a respected regional banking institution.

Archie had many passions ranging from travel to golf to spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed cheering on his Texas Tech Red Raiders and was one of the few who could claim being both a Dallas Cowboy and a Green Bay Packer fan. Most importantly, Archie was dedicated to his community supporting many local youth sport initiatives ranging from baseball to football. Specifically, Archie led local efforts in Waupaca to improve and develop new schools that provided new facilities that students are able to utilize to this day.

Archie is preceded in death by his parents Clint and Mary Bell Overby, and his brothers Joe and Donald Overby. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret Overby (Shelby) and his children Clint Overby (wife Deanna), Carie Heckler (husband Alan) and Casey (wife Kate) and his eight grandchildren (Sarah Overby, Olivia Overby, Laura Overby, Madeline Heckler, Finley Heckler, Caitlyn Heckler, Emma Overby and Amelia Overby).

**Jessica Kluck**



Jessica Kluck, age 43, Hortonville, WI passed away unexpectedly on January 21, 2025, at her residence. The family is deeply saddened and shocked by her sudden death. Jessica was born on July 25, 1981 to Deborah and Warren Kluck. She is further survived by her sister, Shanena and will forever be cherished and remembered by her 3 nephews: Parker

Bleuer (21), Ethan Johns (12) & Logan Johns (11).

She was born and raised in Stevens Point, WI, graduating from Stevens Point Area Senior High School in 1999 and going on to receive certifications in both massage therapy from Blue Sky Institute in Madison, WI and Physical Therapy Assistance from the NWTC. Jess was most recently enjoying her career as a Massage Therapist with the Agea Spa and Salon in Appleton, WI.

Jess will be remembered not for her death, but for the joy she brought to this world, to her family; to her friends. Her empathy and kindness to others knew no bounds. Constantly striving to be a better human in a world of uncertainty, and to understand how to bring light to an otherwise dark landscape, she stood strong until the end.

A Visitation and celebration of Jess's life will be held from 11 AM until 1PM on Friday, January 31, 2025 at Brettschneider Trettin-Nickel Funeral Chapel

**Converse, Mary Ellen**

Mary Ellen Converse, age 86, of Antigo, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

**Hallows, Denise**

Denise R. Hallows, age 64 of Caroline, WI, passed away early Saturday morning, January 25, 2025 at her home.

**Goltz, Phyliss**



Phyliss Ione Goltz died on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 surrounded by family and faith. Phyliss, daughter of Cecil and Evelyn Carpenter, was born in a small house on the John Carpenter homestead on June 25, 1935. Her childhood was filled with stories made with her brother Evan, blueberry picking with Grandpa and Grandma Conlon (who she adored), many different pets, and making wonderful memories with the many cousins, aunts, uncles, and neighbors nearby.

She always preferred to be outside, helping her father on the farm, a joy that carried through the rest of her life. Once she was old enough to drive, she began fostering another life long passion, polka dancing, driving to dances as much as she could with her brother. Phyliss was also proud of her Irish heritage.

She graduated from Clintonville High School on May 26, 1953 and then began working at Appleton Home Mutual. Later in her adult life she worked as an operator at Urban Telephone Company where she loved meeting new people, especially her future husband Floyd Fritz, who she married in 1959. She and Floyd built a life and home together, raising their three children until he passed away in 1991. Her other jobs included working at Clintonville Public School and becoming a mother, or as she called it "being a domestic engineer."

Throughout her life, God blessed and cared for her in many ways. After Floyd's passing, Phyliss met John Brunner and the two married in 1996, spending years traveling together before his passing in 2005. Later in life, she was blessed to continue building a life with Don Goltz, the two married in 2010 and made many memories until his passing in 2020.

Phyliss took great pride in being an active member of her community, especially attending weekly services at Christus Lutheran Church. She served her congregation in many roles over the years. However, her greatest treasure was the faith she instilled in all of her family. Phyliss could always be counted on to help whenever the need arose. She marveled at how her family grew; the bigger it got, the bigger her heart was. Her home was always filled with chatter from family, the racket of card games in progress, and photos documenting all the major events of the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her cupboard was always filled with cookies and baked goods to share.

She was preceded in death by her parents Cecil and Evelyn (Conlon) Carpenter, grandparents John and Evaline (Geer) Carpenter, and William and Mary Ann (McClone) Conlon, brother Evan Carpenter, and husbands Floyd Duane Fritz, John Henry Brunner, and Donald Lee Goltz. She is survived by her children David and Judy (Bergsbaken) Fritz, Diane (Fritz) and Jim Fuhrman, and Bruce and Karen (Wilson) Fritz, her grandchildren Megan (Fuhrman) and Rev. Dean Suehring, Michael and Sheri (Kirchner) Fuhrman, Kaitlin (Fuhrman) and Brent Bricco, Tom Fritz, Emily (Fritz) and Jason Wesenick, and Elizabeth Fritz, and by great-grandchildren Jacob, Andrew, and Evelyn Suehring, Matthew Fuhrman, and June and Violet Bricco. She is also survived by in-laws Bonnie Carpenter, Janet Fritz, and Duane Fritz along with the Goltz and Brunner family members.

A memorial service for family and friends was held at Christus Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 with the Rev. Brian Crocker officiating. Visitation began at 9am until time of the service at Noon. Following the service, interment wtook place at Graceland Cemetery. A meal was served at the church.

The family asks that any memorials be directed to Christus Lutheran Church.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville is assisting Phyliss' family.

An online guestbook is available at [eberhardstevenson.com](http://eberhardstevenson.com).

**Hardwicke, Kenneth**



Kenneth J. (Ken) Hardwicke, age 81, of Waupaca, WI, passed away on Monday, January 20, 2025 at his residence, after a brief illness. He was born in Chicago, IL on April 15, 1943, a son of the late Chester and Irene (Gentile) Hardwicke.

Ken graduated from Lake Park High School in Medina, IL and Bradley University in Peoria, IL where he met his wife, Mary Kay Michael.

Ken proudly served in the United States Army, stationed in Ft. Carson, Colorado from 1966-1968, and returned home and married Mary Kay on September 20, 1969.

They moved to Roselle, IL, and Ken began his career as a Newspaper Editor for the Glen Ellyn News, The Wheaton Leader, and later The Lombardian. They had two children while living in Roselle, Heather and Shane.

They purchased a cottage on Gilbert Lake in Wild Rose, WI in 1976 and the family enjoyed swimming, boating and socializing every summer at the lake, right up through the summer of 2024.

In 1988 the family moved to Waupaca, Wisconsin where they now reside and Ken continued his Journalism career, working for Waupaca Publishing as the Editor for the Weyauwega Chronicle until his retirement.

Ken's family was first and foremost, and he was especially proud of his two children and their accomplishments and successes in life. He passed along his writing skills and wit to both of them.

After his retirement, he enjoyed taking daily road trips with Mary Kay, and once or twice a year, a drive down to the Gulf Coast. He was an avid fan of the AC/DC music group. He was also an avid sports fan starting out as a strong Chicago Cubs and Bears fan, and much to his daughter's dismay, turning over to a Green Bay Packers fan. Ken made an effort to become knowledgeable in interests and hobbies he may not have been familiar with so that he could engage with others in conversations about their leisure pursuits.

Ken always found the good in everyone. He has been described as a beautiful soul with a gentle and kind heart and one of the most attentive listeners ever met. His countless good deeds, and unselfish gestures gave him the legacy of a really good man. If you knew Ken, you had a loyal friend for life. If someone had their eye out for something, Ken became a "man on a mission" to find it. Often, after some of his long road trips down south he would return and make thoughtful deliveries of bounties he had picked up for those he was fond of. The happiness of others was very important to him.

Survivors include his Wife: Mary Kay Hardwicke, Waupaca, WI; Children: Heather (Mark) Hafferman, Waupaca, WI; Shane (Renata dos Reis) Hardwicke, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Grandchildren: Larissa, and Liam Hardwicke, both of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents - Chester and Irene Hardwicke, and a sister, Joyce Des Jardins. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, WI on Saturday, February 1st, 2025, from 4-6pm with Military Honors following. Interment will be held at Lakeside Memorial Park in Waupaca on February 4, 2025 at 2PM. A memorial this summer will be announced at a later date

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# Obituary Notices

## Henke, Robert



Robert A. Henke, age 88, of Wisconsin Rapids, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 21, 2025, at his home. Services were at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids. Entombment will be at Forest Hill Mausoleum in Wisconsin Rapids. Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Robert was born on January 9, 1937, to Otto and Mary (Dickerson) Henke in Almond, Wisconsin. Robert was united in marriage with Velma Westover on August 8, 1959, outside the Methodist Church in Almond, Wisconsin. They were blessed with 64 years of marriage until her passing on October 29, 2023.

Robert served in the United States Navy for two years in the South Pacific. He later started working at the Port Edwards Paper Mill. Later, he worked at Nekoosa Georgia Pacific Paper Mill and retired as the lead machinist in 1996. Robert and his wife were classic car enthusiasts. Their passion took them to car shows throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. Together, they attended over 450 car shows and won 350 awards and trophies. Their pride and joy, a 1957 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special affectionately known as "Ole Blue".

In the quiet moments, Robert and his wife found comfort and laughter in watching their favorite shows, "The Voice" and "Chain Reaction," and a challenging game of Yahtzee. They also enjoyed watching birds, he especially liked feeding them. He also enjoyed striking up conversations and sharing stories with family, friends, and friends-to-be. Bob and Velma also enjoyed many years of walking around Lake Wazeecha.

Robert is survived by his four children and their families; Ronald D. (Helen) Henke, Gary Henke, Daniel Henke, and Debbie (Dennis) Nelson; grandchildren; Allen (Katie) Henke, Veronica Henke, Ian Nelson and Bryce Nelson, Josh Reinert, Alexia Henke, and Desdani Henke; eight great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Kay (Paul) Gradl, Karen Taplin, and survived by many nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Mary Henke; siblings; Evelyn Henke, Annabell Davis, Wilhelmiana Hanefeld, Olive Drews, John Henke, Harvey Henke, Charles Henke, Harriet Laatsch, Marye Jean Szczublewski, Otto Henke, Albertha Witt, Juanita Kalata, and grandson, Marshall Henke, brother-in-law, Herbert Taplin.

The family would like to thank the staff at Angel Gardens for their exceptional compassion through the years, especially after the passing of his wife, and Herman-Taylor Funeral Home for their comfort and support provided to the family.

## NOTICE – TOWN OF MUKWA RESIDENTS

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

Posted: January 17, 2025

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

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## ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

### [Chapter 23 of the Revised Municipal Code – Zoning Ordinance – Performance Standards for the “R-3” Single- and Two-Family Residence District]

The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

**SECTION I:** That Section 23.02(1)(e)(4), Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point, shall be amended as follows:

USE	LOT AREA AND DENSITY	LOT WIDTH	HEIGHT OF STRUCTURE	SIDE YARD	STREET SETBACK	REAR YARD	PARKING	AREA OF STRUCTURE	MIN. BLDG. WIDTH
Permitted Uses	1 family/lot 1 unit/lot, provided lot is <b>4,000</b> sq. ft.	45 ft.	Not over 35 ft. Nor over 2½ stories	Minimum of 7½' on each side for buildings not over 2½ stories	25 ft. On corner lots with 50' of frontage and less, street setback 25' and 20'	Not less than 20% of lot depth, but not less than 15 ft. And need not exceed 30 ft.	Per 23.01(14)'	900 sq. ft.	18 ft.
Single Family Dwellings	2 attached units per lot provided lot is <b>8,000</b> sq. ft.								
Two Family Dwellings	1 family/lot 1 unit/lot provided lot is <b>4,000</b> sq. ft.								
Zero Lot Line - Common wall	1 family/lot 1 unit/lot provided lot is <b>4,000</b> sq. ft.								
All other permitted uses	5,000 sq. ft.		35 ft.	15 ft.		30 ft.		0	
Conditional Uses:									
Single Family Zero Lot	1 family/lot 1 unit/lot provided	45 ft.	Not over 35 ft. Nor over 2½ stories	Per. 23.02(e)4.a.		Not less than 20% of lot			
Line Dwellings	lot is <b>4,000</b> sq. ft.					depth, but not less than 15 ft. And need not exceed 30 ft.			
All other conditional uses	As set by Plan Commission and City Council								

**SECTION II:** That this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved: Mike Wiza, Mayor  
Attest: Kari Yenter, City Clerk  
Dated: January 6, 2025  
Adopted: January 21, 2025  
Published: January 30, 2025

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## Legals

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### BY THE COURT:

DATE SIGNED: January 7, 2025  
Electronically signed by Judge Troy L. Nielsen

Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. EWALD

**Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)**  
Case No. 24PR111

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

**THE COURT FINDS:**  
The decedent, with date of birth 3/10/1965 and date of death 9/6/2024 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N1053 State Rd 22 Waupaca, WI 54981.

**THE COURT ORDERS:**  
1. The Petition be heard at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Branch I, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Troy L. Nielsen, on 1/17/2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 8, 2025.  
3. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054.  
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.  
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715)258-6429 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
Form completed by: Atty. David L. Forsythe PO Box 215 Iola, WI 54945 Telephone Number (715)445-2511 Bar Number 1012182  
Publish Jan. 16, 23 & 30, 2025

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DATE SIGNED: January 10, 2025

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle

Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lillian E. Ziebell

**Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 25PR2

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth December 3, 1922 and date of death December 27, 2024 was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 50 Shadow Woods Lane, Apt. 26, Waupaca, WI 54981.

3. The application will be heard at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate Office, before Hon. Angela Dahle, Probate Registrar, on February 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 11, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.  
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6429 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
Form completed by: Atty. Thomas J. Hart HART LAW OFFICE, LLC 100 S. Main St. Waupaca, WI 54981 Telephone Number 715-258-7633 Bar Number 1041124  
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DATE SIGNED: January 8, 2025

Electronically signed by Angela Dahle

Probate registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN L. RADTKE

**Notice Setting Time to Hear**

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**Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2025PR1

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth MAY 9, 1940 and date of death OCTOBER 2, 2024, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of 204 E. SOUTH STREET, WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983.  
3. The application will be heard at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room 3054, before Angela Dahle, Probate Registrar, on February 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 9, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, 811 Harding St., Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

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

**Please check with person named for exact time and date.**

Form completed by: ATTORNEY DAVID L. WERTH 121 E. MAIN STREET, PO BOX 499, WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983 Telephone Number (920) 867-2156 Bar Number 01010610  
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**NOTICE OF CLAIMS DEADLINE IN THE MATTER OF THE Testamentary Supplemental Needs Trust fbo Vern G. Bork**

Pursuant to Section 701.0508, Wis. Stats., Samuel V. Bork, trustee of the Testamentary Supplemental Needs Trust fbo Vern G. Bork, with the power to pay the debts of Vern G. Bork, of date of death December 19, 2024 hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing claims for the payment of debts of Vern G. Bork, with Samuel V. Bork, as trustee of the Testamentary Supplemental Needs Trust fbo Vern G. Bork is 4 months after the date of the first insertion of this Notice. Claims shall be delivered to the address set forth below.

BY: Samuel V. Bork, Trustee  
Justin Randall, Attorney  
Hooper Law Office, LLC  
2 N. Systems Drive  
Appleton, WI 54914  
920.993-0990  
Publish Jan. 23, 30 & Feb. 6, 2025

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**NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Waupaca County Treasurer, MARK SETHTER, pursuant to Section 59.66 Wis. Stats., is required to publish in Waupaca County a Class 1 notice, under ch. 985, a listing of name and last known addresses of all persons for whom Waupaca County is holding money or security which was published in this newspaper and to be followed with Class 2 notice, under ch. 985, stating that the full listing may be viewed at:

<https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/> or

[www.wisconsinpublicnotices.org](http://www.wisconsinpublicnotices.org)

Or at the Waupaca County Treasurer's Office at 811 Harding Street Waupaca, WI Under Section 59.66 (2)(a)(1g)(b) Wis. Stats.: unless the owner requests and provides ownership of the money or security within 6 months from the time of the completed publication, the treasurer will take possession of the money or security.

Publish Jan. 30 & Feb. 6, 2025

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Our File #W145675

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MASTER STUDENT LOAN TRUST I**

Plaintiff,

vs. MICHELLE L OLSON

AKA MICHELLE L WENDT

ANDREW J OLSON

Defendants.

Case No. 24SC000615

**SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: MICHELLE L OLSON

AKA MICHELLE L WENDT

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SHIOCTON WI 54170-9404

You are being sued by: NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MASTER STUDENT LOAN TRUST I in the Small Claims Court of SHAWANO County, located at 311 N MAIN ST SHAWANO WI 54166.

A hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 11, 2025. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this January 17, 2025.

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:

/S/JOHN DANNER

JOHN DANNER

Plaintiff's Attorney

State Bar No. 1125953

735 N. Water St., Suite 1300

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 276-0435

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, BROWN COUNTY**

Plaintiff(s): GREEN BAY ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, S.C.

First Floor 225 S Executive Dr. Brookfield WI 53005

-vs- Defendant(s): JESSA BORIS

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IOLA WI 54945-9772

**Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)**

Case No.2024SC005999

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**Publication Summons and Notice of Filing**

**TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S)**

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:

BROWN County Courthouse Telephone Number of clerk of court:920-448-4155

100 S Jefferson Street Court Room B Green Bay, WI 54305

on the following date and time: Date: 02/26/2025 Time: 2:15 p.m.

**If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you.** A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Plaintiff/Attorney Electronically Signed by MICHAEL F. G. HICKEY

Date 1/27/2025

Plaintiff's/Attorney's Telephone Number 262-641-3715

Attorney's State Bar Number 1124679

Law Firm and Address

Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC

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Brookfield, WI. 53005  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs. Joseph J. Walesewicz; et al Defendants

Case Number: 2024CV000283

**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the following parties named as defendants herein: **NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTORS, INC.**

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after January 30, 2025, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is **811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981-2087** and to Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 342 N. Water St., Suite 613, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC 342 N. Water St., Suite 613 Milwaukee, WI 53202

P: (414) 937-5992

F: (414) 921-5628

Email: [wisconsin@rsmalaw.com](mailto:wisconsin@rsmalaw.com)

Our File No. 21WJ00136-2

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This is to notify Heather Turrubiates items abandoned in unit number 81 will be sold or disposed of including but not dryer and ice shanty. Sale will be held at T&M Storage N4462 House Road, New London, WI 920-757-5305, on Feb. 8, 9-9:30 a.m.

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This is to notify Jodi Mullins items abandoned in unit number 7 will be sold or disposed of including L.P. Tanks and turkey fryers. Sale will be held at T&M Storage N4462 House Road, New London WI 920-757-5305, on Oct. 26, 9-9:30 a.m.

Publish Jan. 30 & Feb. 6, 2025

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**Waupaca County 2025 Budget Amendment**

On January 21, 2025 the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 51 (2024-2025) 2025 Budget Amendment to approve the 2025 Budget be amended to increase Land Information Outlay-Imaging Equipment Outlay line item to fund the 3" imagery. The full text of this Resolution may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI, through Waupaca County's website at <https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/> or by calling 715-258-6200.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2025

Kristy K. Opperman, Waupaca County Clerk

Publish: 01/30/2025

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**WAUPACA COUNTY'S NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the following persons have unclaimed funds in the Waupaca County Clerk of Courts Office, and that unless the owners notify our office and prove their ownership of such money, within six (6) months from January 10, 2025, the County Treasurer will take possession or control of such funds pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 59.66(2).

For further information, contact the Waupaca County Clerk of Courts Office

ATTN: Renee, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca WI 54981. Telephone (715) 258-6460.

Al's Laundry, PO Box 405 Marion WI 54950, 95JV64D, \$5.80; Alicia M. Alix, W10544 River Road New London WI 54961, 08CF31, \$232.00; Alicia M. Alix, W10544 River Road New London WI 54961, 08CF31, \$868.00; American Family Insurance, PO Box 2639 Appleton WI 54913, 97CF193, \$15.51; American Family Insurance, PO Box 2639 Appleton WI 54913, 97CF193, \$15.38; Garrett Hunter Anderson, E2710 Crystal Road Waupaca WI 54981, 23TR532, \$175.90; Auto Stop, 830 School Street Waupaca WI 54981, 02CM345, \$4.57; Auto Stop, 830 School Street Waupaca WI 54981, 02CM345, \$21.43; Miranda Baur, 221657 Silk Road Ringle WI 54471, 21CM22, \$150.00; Lynn M. Bayler, 528 W 5th Street Appleton WI 54911, 15CT148, \$20.86; Brian Bellie, W9386 Cty Rd TT Hortonville WI 54944, 22CM70, \$500.00; Carlo A. Benitez, 421 Scott Street Waupaca WI 54981, 22TR1849, \$15.00; Kamaria M. Bessman, N3326 Royallon Street Waupaca WI 54981, 22JO11, \$50.00; Matthew Ryan Betz, 73 6th Street Clintonville WI 54929, 23TR2243, \$175.30; Heidi Beyersdorf, W103410 Cty Rd WW New London WI 54961, non-prosecution, \$500.00; Henry Boyle, 6144 Barmen Road Waukesha WI 53186, 23CM154, \$118.50; Jean Briones, unknown address, no case number, \$10.00; Thomas Bruno, 607 Berlin Street Waupaca WI 54981, 03JO31, \$49.03; Thomas Bruno, 607 Berlin Street Waupaca WI 54981, 03JO31, \$108.28; Mackenzie Evid Reid Buchanan, N2255 Parfreyville Road Waupaca WI 54981, 17TR4547, \$184.14; Alyssa Buchholz, 1601 E Roeland Ave #8 Appleton WI 54915, 20CF204, \$6635.00; Alyssa Buchholz, 1601 E Roeland Ave #6 Appleton WI 54915, 20CF204, \$263.10; Brian Bunge, 308 S State Street Waupaca WI 5



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II. Approval of agenda  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
III. Public input/comments - None  
IV. Approval of consent agenda  
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.  
A. Approval of the November 11, 2024 meeting minutes and December 2, 2024 working committee meeting minutes  
B. Auditing and approval of checks (receipts, checks)  
C. Treasurer's report and Pupil Activity Accounts  
D. Fundraiser requests  
1. Musical/Theatre  
E. Gifts and Donations  
1. Rotary Donation  
V. District presentations  
A. Elementary Staff - Literacy Team  
VI. Administration reports  
A. FAC Director's Report  
B. Principal's Report  
C. Administrator's Report  
D. Student Representative Report  
E. Director's Report - Food Service  
VII. School Board News and Updates  
A. WASB Meeting/Convention Updates  
B. CESA 5 Meeting Updates  
VIII. Old Business  
A. Referendum Updates  
B. Hoffman information and approvals  
IX. Committee reports  
A. **Building & Grounds** - Chairperson Boris  
No Report  
B. **Personnel & Nominations** - Chairperson Kirmse  
1. Job Descriptions  
a) MS/HS School Office Manager  
a) MS/HS Counseling Office Assistant  
c) Elem School Office Manager  
d) School Nurse  
e) Library Assistant  
f) Payroll Assistant  
g) District Administrative Assistant  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve all job descriptions as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
C. **Finance** - Chairperson Krogwald; lay committee members Erikaa Flowers and Mark Sether  
1. Audit Report and Management Letter  
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the Audit Report and Management Letter as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
D. **Transportation** - Chairperson Neumann  
No Report  
E. **Curriculum** - Chairperson Jones  
1. School Report Card Information - informational  
F. **Policy & Legislation** - Chairperson Grassl  
1. Policy Updates  
a) Policy 3440  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve Policy 3440 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
b) Policy 4440  
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve Policy 4440 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
c) Policy 6110  
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Diana Jones to approve Policy 6110 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
d) Policy 6111  
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve Policy 6111 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
e) Policy 6112  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve Policy 6112 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
f) Policy 6114  
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve Policy 6114 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
g) Policy 6320  
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Diana Jones to approve Policy 6320 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
h) Policy 6325  
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve Policy 6325 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
i) Policy 7310  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve Policy 7310 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
j) Policy 7450  
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve Policy 7450 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
G. **Negotiations** - Chairperson Harbridge  
No Report  
X. New Business  
A. Taylor Field (Iola) Lease - auto renewal/informational  
B. Ellison Park (Scandinavia) Lease - auto renewal/informational  
C. District Administrator Annual Review - informational  
D. Safety Drill Information (Act 143) - Elementary and MS/HS  
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse seconded by Diana Jones to approve the Elementary safety drill information (Act 143) as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve MS/HS safety drill information (Act 143) as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
XI. Future Agenda Items  
A. Upcoming Dates  
1. January 7, 2025 Election paperwork deadline  
2. January 6, 2025 Working Committee Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm  
3. January 13, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm  
XII. Adjourn  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl at 6:49 pm to adjourn. Motion was carried by a voice vote.  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF IOLA-SCANDINAVIA  
Working School Board Committee Meeting - Minutes  
Elementary School - Room #6  
450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945  
**Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6 pm**  
I. Meeting was called to order in the Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm by Tony Neumann with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Board members present - Tony Neumann, Diana Jones, Laura Krogwald, Mike Grassl, Vanessa Kirmse and Jason Boris. Absent: Mike Harbridge  
Administration present - Chris Nelson, Jan Bue-Wells, Stacey Wester and Sarah Thiel  
Observer's present - Erikaa Flowers  
II. Approval of agenda  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
III. Old Business  
A. Referendum projects update  
IV. Committee reports  
A. **Building & Grounds** - Chairperson Boris  
1. Rezoning school property - informational  
B. **Personnel & Nominations** - Chairperson Kirmse  
1. Resignation  
a) LMC Director  
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Laura Krogwald to approve the LMC Director, Karl Schwartz's resignation as presented with liquidated damages of \$2,500. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
b) Transportation Director - No action was taken  
2. Employee Recommendation  
a) LMC Director  
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the hiring of Marsha Walejko as the new LMC Director with up to \$1,750 in a liquidated damages reimbursement. Motion carried by a voice vote.  
C. **Finance** - Chairperson Krogwald; lay committee members Erikaa Flowers and Mark Sether

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1. 2025-26 Budget Projection - Informational  
D. **Transportation** - Chairperson Neumann  
No report  
E. **Curriculum** - Chairperson Jones  
1. MS/HS course requests - No action taken  
F. **Policy & Legislation** - Chairperson Grassl  
No report  
G. **Negotiations** - Chairperson Harbridge  
No report  
V. New Business  
A. Spanish Trip 2026 - No action was taken  
B. 25-26 School Calendar - informational  
C. 25-26 Special Education Open Enrollment - No action was taken  
D. 25-26 Open Enrollment Spaces - No action was taken  
VI. Future Agenda Items  
A. Upcoming Dates  
1. January 13, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm  
2. February 3, 2025 Working Committee Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm  
3. February 10, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm  
VII. Adjourn  
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse at 6:48 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.  
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**BY THE COURT**  
Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/15/25  
Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Daniel Alan Wrentz II  
by (Petitioner) Daniel Alan Wrentz By (Co-Petitioner) Brittany LeAnn Wrentz  
**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 25CV15  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: [First] Daniel [Middle] Alan [Last] Wrentz II  
To: [First] Daniel [Middle] Eli [Last] Martin  
Birth Certificate: [First] Daniel [Middle] Alan [Last] Wrentz II  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name Hon. Troy Nielsen  
Place Waupaca Co. Courthouse - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981  
Date 2/14/25  
Time 10:30 a.m.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date.  
Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Waupaca Co. Post, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin.  
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BY THE COURT

Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/15/25  
Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Brittany LeAnn Wrentz  
by (Petitioner) Brittany LeAnn Wrentz  
**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 25CV14  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: [First] Brittany [Middle] LeAnn [Last] Wrentz  
To: [First] Brittany [Middle] LeAnn [Last] Martin  
Birth Certificate: [First] Brittany [Middle] LeAnn [Last] Fajkus  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, Site of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name Hon. Troy Nielsen  
Place Waupaca Co. Courthouse - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981  
Date 2/14/25  
Time 10:30 a.m.  
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BY THE COURT

Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/15/25  
Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Daniel Alan Wrentz  
by (Petitioner) Daniel Alan Wrentz  
**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 25CV13  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: [First] Daniel [Middle] Alan [Last] Wrentz  
To: [First] Joshua [Middle] George [Last] Martin  
Birth Certificate: [First] Daniel [Middle] Alan [Last] Wrentz  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name Hon. Troy Nielsen  
Place Waupaca Co. Courthouse - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981  
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BY THE COURT

Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/15/25  
Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Corrie Elizabeth Wrentz  
By (Petitioner) Daniel Alan Wrentz By (Co-Petitioner) Brittany LeAnn Wrentz  
**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 25CV18  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: [First] Corrie [Middle] Elizabeth [Last] Wrentz  
To: [First] Corrie [Middle] Elizabeth [Last] Martin  
Birth Certificate: [First] Corrie [Middle] Elizabeth [Last] Wrentz  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name Hon. Troy Nielsen  
Place Waupaca Co. Courthouse - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981  
Date 2/14/25  
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call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
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BY THE COURT

Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/15/25  
Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Theodore Wrentz  
by (Petitioner) Daniel Alan Wrentz By (Co-Petitioner) Brittany LeAnn Wrentz  
**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 25CV16  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: [First] Theodore [Middle] [Last] Wrentz  
To: [First] Theodore [Middle] Joseph [Last] Martin  
Birth Certificate: [First] Theodore [Middle] [Last] Wrentz  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name Hon. Troy Nielsen  
Place Waupaca Co. Courthouse - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981  
Date 2/14/25  
Time 10:30 a.m.  
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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
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BY THE COURT

Hon. Troy L. Nielsen 1/15/25  
Circuit Court Judge  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Benjamin Luke Wrentz  
By (Petitioner) Daniel Alan Wrentz By (Co-Petitioner) Brittany LeAnn Wrentz  
**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 25CV17  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: [First] Benjamin [Middle] Luke [Last] Wrentz  
To: [First] Benjamin [Middle] Luke [Last] Martin  
Birth Certificate: [First] Benjamin [Middle] Luke [Last] Wrentz  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name Hon. Troy Nielsen  
Place Waupaca Co. Courthouse - Br. 1 811 Harding St., Waupaca, WI 54981  
Date 2/14/25  
Time 10:30 a.m.  
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Notice To Creditors7735

**DATE SIGNED: January 15, 2025**  
**Electronically signed by Angela Dahle**  
Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Beverly A. Berg  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 25PR5  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/04/1946 and date of death 11/19/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N10957 Kratzke Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 16, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate Office.  
Form completed by: Attorney Peter B Harbach  
Hooper Law Office, LLC  
2 N Systems Drive, Appleton WI 54914  
Telephone 920-993-0990  
Bar Number 1069615  
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**DATE SIGNED: January 15, 2025**  
**Electronically signed by Angela Dahle**  
Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Beverly A. Berg  
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Form completed by: Attorney Peter B Harbach  
Hooper Law Office, LLC  
2 N Systems Drive, Appleton WI 54914  
Telephone 920-993-0990  
Bar Number 1069615  
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DATE SIGNED: January 8, 2025

Electronically signed by Sandra Gagas  
Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lorraine K. Swanson  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 25PR2  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. Application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 25, 1935 and date of death December 14, 2024, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1921 Ridgewood Court, Plover WI 54467.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 16, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.  
Attorney Katherine A. Young  
Anderson O'Brien, LLP  
1257 Main Street, P.O. Box 228  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Telephone (715) 344-0890  
Bar Number 1087888  
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**Notice of Ordinance Amending the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Common Council of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, approved an ordinance amending the revised municipal code on January 21st, 2025. Section 15.02 of the Revised Municipal Code entitled "Aldermanic District Boundaries" is hereby repealed and re-created.  
The full text of the ordinance may be obtained at: Stevens Point City Clerk's Office  
1515 Strongs Avenue  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715-346-1569  
or at the following website: https://stevenspoint.com/1317/AgendasMinutesVideos.  
**BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN**  
Kari Yenter, City Clerk  
PUBLISHED: January 30, 2025 WNAXL

ORDINANCE 1449

**CHANGES TO §.47 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SEXTING**  
**1. Definitions**  
a. "Nudity" means the showing of the

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human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering; or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple; or the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state. A mother's breastfeeding of her baby does not under any circumstance constitute "nudity," irrespective of whether or not the nipple is covered during or incidental to feeding. This section applies to representative, virtual, purported, modified, or manipulated images reasonably representing or purporting to represent a human being.  
b. "Harmful to Minors" means any reproduction, imitation, characterization, description, exhibition, presentation or representation, of whatever kind of form, depicting nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement when it:  
1) Predominantly appeals to prurient, shameful, or morbid interest;  
2) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material or conduct for minors; and  
3) Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.  
c. "Minor" means any person under the age of 18 years.  
2. A minor commits the offense of sexting if he or she knowingly:  
a. Uses a computer, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any photograph or video of any person which depicts nudity, as defined above, and is harmful to minors, as defined above, and does not violate this paragraph if all of the following apply:  
1) The minor did not solicit the photograph or video  
2) The minor took reasonable steps to report the photograph or video to a school or law enforcement official.  
3) The minor did not transmit or distribute the photograph or video to a third party other than a law enforcement official.  
c. Uses a computer, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any text, correspondence, or message of a sexual nature when it:  
1) Predominantly appeals to a prurient, shameful, or morbid interest;  
2) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material or conduct for minors; and  
3) Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.  
d. Solicits the transmission or distribution of any text, correspondence, message, photograph or video from another minor that would itself be prohibited under this section 9.47 of the Municipal Code.  
3. Any person who shall violate this section prohibiting "sexting" shall pay a forfeiture plus costs established in Ordinance 25.04 of the New London Municipal Code.  
Adopted by the City Council of the City of New London this January 21, 2025.  
BY:  
Mark Herter, Mayor  
Attest:  
Nicole Ryerson, City Clerk  
1st Reading: December 17, 2024  
2nd Reading: January 21, 2025  
Published: January 30, 2025 WNAXL

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point do ordain as follows:  
**SECTION I:** That Subsection 4.18 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point, Transportation Financing, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
4.18 TRANSPORTATION FINANCING.  
Prior to the start of any physical construction of any municipally financed (in whole or in part) public roadway or transportation project, requiring a reasonably estimated city capital expenditure of \$15,000,000.00 or more on any single contract for construction services, not-inclusive of any utility portions of such contract, the Common Council shall submit to the electorate a binding referendum for approval of the project. Failure of the binding referendum shall preclude the city from proceeding with the project. The wording of any referendum shall provide the specific purpose, location and cost of the project. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to preclude the city from exercising its role in the planning or design of such publicly financed projects.  
**SECTION II:** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication, as provided by law.  
APPROVED:  
Mike Wiza, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Kari Yenter, City Clerk  
Dated: January 8, 2025  
Approved: January 21, 2025  
Published: January 30, 2025 WNAXL

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point do ordain as follows:  
**SECTION I:** That subsection 822 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 822. Badger Avenue at E.M. Cops Drive.  
**SECTION II:** That subsection 823 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 823. Badger Avenue at County Road HH (McDill Avenue).  
**SECTION III:** That subsection 2 of Section 9.05(ag) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Two Hour Parking 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:  
9.05(ag) 2. On the south side of Prais Street from a point 250 feet east of Michigan Avenue to Clayton Avenue, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.  
**SECTION IV:** That subsection 89 of Section 9.05(j) of the Revised Municipal Code, **No Parking Here to Corner** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:  
9.05(j) 89. On the south side of Prais Street from Michigan Avenue to a point 250 feet east.  
**SECTION V:** That subsection 824 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 824. Evelyn Court at Maple Bluff Road.  
**SECTION VI:** That subsection 825 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 825. Evelyn Court at Golla Road.  
**SECTION VII:** That subsection 826 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 826. Joe Street at Golla Road.  
**SECTION VIII:** That subsection 827 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 827. Joe Street at Forest Creek Road.  
**SECTION IX:** That subsection 828 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 828. Leonard Street at Forest Creek Road.  
**SECTION X:** That subsection 829 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 829. Leonard Street at Golla Road.  
**SECTION XI:** That subsection 830 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(a) 830. Forest Creek Road at Evelyn Court.  
**SECTION XII:** That subsection 831 of Section 9.06(a) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Stop Signs** is hereby **created** to

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read as follows:  
9.06(a) 831. Forest Creek Road at Brilowski Road.  
**SECTION XIII:** That subsection 2 of Section 9.05(c) of the Revised Municipal Code, **One Hour Parking** is hereby **repealed**:  
**SECTION XIV:** That subsection 338 of Section 9.05(g) of the Revised Municipal Code, **No Parking** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(g) 338. On the west side of Third St. from Centerpoint Drive to Portage Street.  
**SECTION XV:** That subsection 339 of Section 9.05(g) of the Revised Municipal Code, **No Parking** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.06(g) 339. On the east side of Third St. from Portage Street to Franklin Street.  
**SECTION XVI:** That subsection 103 of Section 9.05(g) of the Revised Municipal Code, **No Parking** is hereby **repealed**:  
**SECTION XVII:** That subsection 141 of Section 9.05(g) of the Revised Municipal Code, **No Parking** is hereby **repealed**:  
**SECTION XVIII:** That subsection 97 of Section 9.05(j) of the Revised Municipal Code, **No Parking Here to Corner** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:  
9.05(j) 97. On the south side of Maria Drive at a point 83 feet west of Prentice Street.  
**SECTION XIX:** That subsection 27 of Section 9.12(q)(II) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Bicycles & Motor Bicycles** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:  
9.12(q)(II) 27. On the north and south sides of Maria Drive from Union Street to Prentice Street.  
**SECTION XX:** That subsection 21 of Section 9.05(u) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Accessible Parking** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.05(u) 21. On the south side of Maria Drive from a point 322 feet west of Prentice Street to a point 237 feet west of Prentice Street.  
**SECTION XXI:** That subsection 16 of Section 9.05(f) of the Revised Municipal Code, **15 Minute Parking** is hereby **created** to read as follows:  
9.05(f) 16. On the south side of Maria Drive from a point 366 feet west of Prentice Street to a point 193 feet west of Prentice Street.  
**SECTION XXII:** These Ordinance changes shall take effect upon passage and publication.  
APPROVED:  
Mike Wiza, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Kari Yenter, City Clerk  
Dated: December 18, 2024  
Approved: January 21, 2025  
Published: January 30, 2025 WNAXL

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

**[Chapter 23 of the Revised Municipal Code – Zoning Ordinance – Household Entity Definition]**  
The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:  
**SECTION I:** That Section 23.04(2), Zoning Ordinance of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point, shall be amended as follows:  
HOUSEHOLD ENTITY – is an individual, or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child arrangement, or similar legal relationship and functioning as a single housekeeping entity, or such individual or person plus two individuals and their dependents, not having such similar legal relationship but functioning as a part of the single housekeeping entity. The definition of Household Entity shall not apply to a Tourist Rooming House.  
HOUSEHOLD ENTITY PLUS – is an individual, or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child arrangement, or similar legal relationship and functioning as a single housekeeping entity, or such individual or person plus three individuals and their dependents, not having such similar legal relationship but functioning as a part of the single housekeeping entity. The definition of Household Entity Plus shall only apply to Owner-Occupied Dwellings. The definition of Household Entity Plus shall not apply to a Tourist Rooming House.  
**SECTION II:** That this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.  
Approved: Mike Wiza, Mayor  
Attest: Kari Yenter, City Clerk  
Dated: January 6, 2025  
Adopted: January 21, 2025  
Published: January 30, 2025 WNAXL

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Senior Spotlight

Carter Drexler - SPASH

A bid for an undefeated season is still in the sights of the Stevens Point Panthers, as they currently are 18-0 and sit at the top of the Wisconsin Valley Conference standings. A key piece to the Panthers' success this season is right-wing Carter Drexler, who has provided 15 goals and 15 assists to account for 30 points.

Carter began skating at four when his parents put him in Learn-to-Skate. He immediately took to skating and the sport of hockey.

Wanting to play the sport in the future has made Carter stick with hockey," I like being around the people I play with, and I want to make a future out of hockey."

The balance of being a student-athlete has been a learning experience for Carter, "It has gotten easier every year, but it is still challenging to keep up sometimes."

Carter credits his speed as his biggest asset on the ice and the Panther's win over Hudson in the playoffs last season as his most memorable experience with his team on the ice.



Drexler

## Boys Basketball Results Jan. 21-24

<b>BY NICK GRIESBACH</b> SPORTS REPORTER	SUN PRAIRIE-The Panthers Grant Chandonais, Jerrin Suchs, and Jaydon Awe combined for 63 points to lead the victory over Sun Prairie West.
<b>Jan. 21-24</b> <b>Tues, Jan. 21</b> LOCAL- All games were postponed due to inclement weather on Jan. 21.	<b>Wrightstown 64, Waupaca 52</b> WRIGHTSTOWN-Waupaca went into halftime with a 30-24 lead but could not sustain it as they were outscored 40-22 in the second half.
<b>Thu, Jan. 23</b> <b>Bonduel 61, Iola-Scandinavia 58</b> SCANDINAVIA-Alex Robbins scored 26 points, and Korz Loken scored 17 points. It was not enough, as being down 27-24 in the first half was the difference in the game.	<b>Fri. Jan. 24</b> <b>New London 64, Green Bay West 51</b> NEW LONDON-Brett Marquardt scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs in scoring. Joseph Daly was an assist away from a triple-double, scoring 10 points, grabbing 16 rebounds and nine assists in the win over Green Bay West.
<b>Little Chute 80, Clintonville 33</b> LITTLE CHUTE- The Clintonville Truckers never got going as they were at a 45-14 point deficit at halftime on the road. Cale Polzin led the Truckers with 10 points.	<b>Shiocton 68 Weyauwega-Fremont 52</b> SHIOCTON-Chris Gunst scored 20 points for the Warhawks in a loss against the Shiocton Chiefs.
<b>SPASH 84, Sun Prairie West 56</b>	



Warhawks finish the 2024-2025 regular season on a high note.

Nick Griesbach photo

## Warhawks wrestling wraps up regular season

**BY NICK GRIESBACH**  
SPORTS REPORTER


In the final two weeks of the regular season, Weyauwega-Fremont defeated Manawa 84-0, Pittsville 68-12, Menominee Indian 78-6, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 57-15, Amherst 83-0, and Little Chute 82-0 in dual meets. The Warhawks finished the season 9-0 in the conference and outscored their opponents 647-62. Warhawks finished the regular season 23-1 in duals.

In the tournament competition, Weyauwega-Fremont won the 22-team Ladysmith Invitational on Jan 18. To win the tournament, Warhawks put seven wrestlers in the finals, and every wrestler on the team placed in the top 10 out of 22 schools.

On the same day, Weyauwega-Fremont split the team and sent seven wrestlers to Fox Valley Lutheran to compete in an 8-team tournament.

Of those seven wrestlers, four of them took first place, one took second, one took third, and another fourth place, and the team won that tournament as well.

The final regular season tournament of the year was on Jan. 25 at Sheboygan North High School in a 29-team tournament. The team again mixed up the line-up, sending seven regular varsity wrestlers and six varsity reserves to get them quality tournament matches. The team placed 4th in the tournament and got all the kids the quality matches they needed for the post-season run.



Hortonville's Ethan Joling goes up strong for a layup against Appleton North.

Nick Griesbach Photo

## Hortonville suffers defeat against Appleton North

**BY NICK GRIESBACH**  
SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – The Polar Bears lost their third game of the season against the Appleton North Lightning as they lost at home 83-64.

The Lightning defense was stifling as Hortonville's Ethan Joling and Riley Mueller, two of the top scorers in the Fox Valley Association, were limited to 10 points each.

The Polar Bears were down 28-20 in the first half, and the Lightning pushed the score 40-24 to go into the locker room with the lead.

In the second half, the Lightning outscored the Polar Bears 43-40 to finish the game.

Lightnings Grant Hardy scored a game-high 20 points, and Abraham Tomori connected on four threes and scored 16.

Hortonville's next game is at home against Kimberly on Jan. 28.



New London falls against Seymour at home on Jan. 23.

Nick Griesbach Photo

## New London girls struggle against Seymour

**BY NICK GRIESBACH**  
SPORTS REPORTER

NEW LONDON – A struggling offense for the Bulldogs resulted in a defeat at the hands of Seymour on Jan. 23 as they fell 47-35 at home.

Seymour had an early lead at 11:52 in the first half, going up by a score of 11-3 over the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs went into the locker room down 19-14. Seymour continued to take charge as they outscored New London 28-21 in the second half.

Salem Boyd scored 10 points for Seymour to lead all scorers in the game.



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Manawa's Brayden Zielke and Amherst's Colton Vander Laan get tied up while going for a rebound.  
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# Wolves get the win in rematch with Amherst

BY GREG SEUBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MANAWA – Amherst's boys' basketball team opened Central Wisconsin Conference-East play almost two months ago with a 46-39 home win over Manawa.

The rematch in Manawa had a much different result, as the Wolves hosted the Falcons on Jan. 24 and handed them a 48-31 defeat.

Both teams came into the game with one CWC-East win each and a 5-9 overall record. The lead changed hands three times in the opening minutes before Logan Zirbel's three-pointer gave the Wolves a 7-5 lead. Manawa never trailed after that. Manawa took a 21-12 lead into the locker room at halftime and scored the first eight points of the second half to take its largest lead,

29-12. However, the Falcons answered with a 10-0 run that cut the lead to seven points with 10 minutes remaining. Amherst never got any closer, and the Wolves built a double-digit lead and never gave it up. Brayden Zielke and Reed Schlueter led Manawa with 11 points each, while Sully Perkins led Amherst with 10.



Alyssa Zemple picked up a win for Manawa in the Wolves' 54-12 Central Wisconsin Conference dual meet win over Tri-County by pinning Nanaleena Jelinski in 4:45.  
Greg Seubert Photo

# Manawa wrestlers sweep home meet

BY GREG SEUBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Manawa's wrestling team hosted a Central Wisconsin Conference three-team meet on Jan. 27 and won two matches.

The Wolves opened the meet with a 29-23 win over Menominee Nation and wrapped it up with a 54-12 victory over Tri-County. Menominee Nation also defeated Tri-County 42-6.

matches. Manawa took a 23-22 lead after the Eagles forfeited the 215-pound match, which set up a showdown between Kaiden Lew and Kyle Gauthier at 275. Lew needed only 40 seconds to pin Gauthier and seal the win. Manawa's other wins included Corbin Spaulding's 18-3 technical fall of Kai Wayka at 190 and Isaiah Schuelke's pin of Cyrus Olson in 1:39 at 132.

points came on six forfeits from the Penguins, while the other 18 came on pins. Alyssa Zemple opened the match by pinning Nanaleena Jelinski in 4:45 at 126. Clayton Cheever's pin of Ayden Kudela in 1:12 at 150 gave the Wolves an 18-6 lead. The Wolves lead quickly increased to 42-12 after the Penguins didn't have a wrestler in the next four matches. Lexi Ferg pinned Evangelina Flores in 1:10 at 215 before Kyu Yang gave the Penguins their only contested win, as he pinned Schuelke in 1:58 at 120.

**Manawa 29, Men. Nation 22**  
The Wolves trailed 22-17 heading into the final two

**Manawa 54, Tri-County 12**  
Thirty-six of Manawa's



Amherst's Mylee Filtz and Manawa's Ellie Stroesenreuther have their hands on the ball Jan. 23 in the second half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-East game in Amherst.  
Greg Seubert Photo

# Falcons win with late free throws

BY GREG SEUBERT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A free throw is worth only one point in basketball, but they can be the difference in a game.

That was the case for the Amherst girls' basketball team, as the Falcons scored their final seven points from the free-throw line on Jan. 23 in a 40-37 come-from-behind win over Manawa.

The lead changed hands four times before Manawa took a 19-18 lead into the locker room at halftime. Ivy Boelk gave the Falcons a 20-19 lead early in the second half, and the home team led by as many as eight points before the Wolves cut the lead to 29-28 with 6 1/2 minutes remaining. Manawa's Abigail Elmhorst tied the game at 34-34, and the Wolves later had a one-point lead, but it didn't last long. Mylee

Filtz's free throw tied the game at 37-37 with under two minutes to go, and teammate Olivia Davis made three of four free throws that were the final points of the game. Davis led three Amherst players in double figures with 15 points, while Boelk and Maddie Lusic added 11 and 10, respectively. Elmhost and Alayna Seeger led Manawa with seven points each.

# Local Rotary clubs promote ethics to 9th graders

COUNTY – Rotary Clubs in communities throughout northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula are sponsoring local Rotary Four Way Test Speaking contests with students able to win up to \$1,500. The Rotary Four Way Test was developed more than one hundred years ago to teach ethics to Rotary members and the business community. It states, "In all the things we think, say and do, is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build goodwill and better friendship, and will it be beneficial to all concerned." Ninth graders students are invited to write a five minute speech on how to apply the Four Way test to social media and how people are treated. Detailed

information about contest rules and how to enter is available at "redistricting6220org." Local winners will be awarded a cash prize of \$500 and enter competition on the Rotary district level where first place will be \$1,000, second and third place prizes will also be awarded locally and by the district. Rotary District 6220 is comprised of 41 clubs throughout Wisconsin to the Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Rotary District Governor Roger Utneher, a member of the Rotary Club of Wausau, invites parents, grandparents, teachers, friends and relatives to encourage ninth graders students to participate "The next pandemic in

America may very well be teen mental health. A speaking contest that encourages students to think about their social media activity and how they treat others may be one ways to deal with the rising problem of teen anxiety and depression." Utneher said. The thoughts shared by students in these five minute speeches can be very helpful assisting adults to relate more effectively to young people, according to Utneher. The deadline for local competitions is April 1, 2025 with the district competition scheduled for April 12th. Local competitions may be online or in person. District competition will be online only. All details on how to enter is available at ridistrict6220.org.

## BUSES

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Even though it would take that long to deliver the new buses, Marquardt said the price of the new buses would be guaranteed and the trade-in allowance would remain the same. "They just take longer to build now," Marquardt said. Board Vice President John Heideman said there was value in the price and trade-in allowance guarantee because there is a good chance the bus delivery will be delayed and costs continue to rise. Board member Mandy Wilz asked for verification that the bus purchase is in the current budget, and that the district would not be borrowing money

to purchase the buses. She also asked what the district would do with the funds received if the district sold some of its buses instead of trading them in. Marquardt said the district would not sell any buses until it received the new buses it ordered. He also said the bus purchases are in the 2025-26 budget. He added that the district typically does trade-in a buswhen it purchases a new one, but this current year somebody approached the district about purchasing one bus. If the district is offered more money for a bus than what is offered as trade-in value, Marquardt said it would make fiscal sense for the district to sell a bus outright. "The contract itself is for

the purchase of the bus," Marquardt said.

## Transportation data

According to the Topic Summary Sheet (TSS) in the board packet, the district currently owns 16 Thomas buses and 13 International buses. Of the 29 buses owned by the district, three serve as handicapped accessible. In 2024-25, the district moved to a bus replacement schedule of 100,000 miles. Also, in the TSS it was stated that the committee hopes the district will "budget for a van replacement in 2025 because of the significant use of van routes for instructional purposes during the day."

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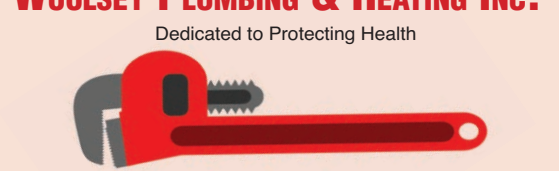
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