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COMETS WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Waupaca High School Dance Team arrived home from La Crosse on Feb. 1 with trophies in hand. They won first place in pom and third place in jazz. This is their 16th state title. The state competition was a culmination of seven months of training. "They performed their best by far at state," said Coach Amy Marcom.

Submitted photo



The Snodeo was cancelled for the last two years due to unsafe ice conditions. This year they are set to take the ice back. Front row Dan Casey. Second Row (l to r) Roger Besaw, Dave Sarna, Glen Besaw and Brandon Scheller. Submitted Photo

Snodeo poised for huge comeback

Manawa on Triple Crown circuit

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Coined “the greatest show on the snow,” the Snodeo is coming back and is promised to be the biggest Snodeo to take place since its start in 2007.

With warmer temperatures and unsavory ice conditions the Snodeo has had to cancel two years in a row; however, the cold temperatures and the ever thickening ice has promised that the show will go on.

Deb and Dave Sarna, who have been with the Snodeo since its start, said they are hoping to bring some new love and appreciation to the snowmobile industry, which has suffered over the past few years.

"Dave's idea is that this has to be a boost for the snowmobile industry," Deb said. "It's a place to race

your sled. It's a place to get out there and show what you got."

This year the Snodeo will see the Decker Triple Crown, which is a race involving Ironwood, Michigan, Wausau and Manawa.

Racers will race in those three locations with points accumulating according to how they place, as well as bonus points for going to each race.

Manawa will be the final location for the Decker Triple Crown with the winner taking home \$10,000 in cash and second through tenth taking home cash prizes totaling \$7,000.

The race is in honor of Richard and Audrey Decker, former owners of the Eagle River Derby Complex and will feature a five-race series.

“Richard and Audrey Decker were more than just names in the racing community, they were pioneers who transformed the landscape of snowmobile racing,” Dave said. “Their

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Dogs, cats: you're on your own

NEW LONDON – The New London Police Department is in discussion with two organizations to help with stray animals because as of now, the police have nowhere to take them. Last week the department announced a new change in policy for handling loose cats and dogs. They were notified by the Wolf River

Veterinary Clinic that they would no longer be taking in stray cats and dogs because of rising costs and for the lack of people adopting them. Sleepy Creek Pet Lodge agreed it will take in a dog for an emergency quarantine and Walker Family Veterinary Hospital will help with medical checks for homeless pets.

With nowhere to take a stray dog or cat, the department decided on two guidelines: no longer pick up any homeless animals and if a loose pet is found, the officer will try to get the animal home with tag or chip information. If the owner cannot be identified, the dog or cat or monkey or whatever animal will be released with the

hope it finds its way home.

In a memo by Chief Jeffrey Schluter, he urged New London residents to have their pets collared and tagged, get them chipped (the department just bought a chip reader) and if a pet goes missing, to call the department with information about the pet so it can be returned if an officer comes across it.



Ice anglers hit the Chain O' Lakes on Feb. 1 to compete in the Wheelhouse Fisheree. The turnout was the biggest in the event's history. This is a view of Taylor Lake from the Clear Water Harbor Bar.

Jay Stolp Photo

ICE in schools?

Policy change puts educators on alert

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WAUPACA – Laurie Schmidt, Waupaca Director of Student Services, sent an email to parents on Jan. 31 to dispel rumors of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents present in the area schools.

"This is not true. The School District of Waupaca has and always will continue to take seriously our role in maintaining the integrity of the educational environment as a place for learning for all students. We will al-

ways protect the confidentiality of our students. If any law enforcement agency seeks access to our school, we will follow our procedures for any visitor to our schools," wrote Schmidt.

On Jan. 27, Stevens Point District Superintendent Cory Hirsbrunner sent out a similar statement. "This weekend, a rumor circulated on social media claiming that ICE agents were present at SPASH on Friday. We want to assure you that this rumor is false. No ICE agents were present at SPASH or any other district school or building. We understand that immigration-related issues can cause fear and uncertainty, especially given recent national de-

velopments. We want to reassure you of our commitment to the safety and education of all students.

Hirsbrunner reaffirmed that every student has the right to a free public education regardless of immigration status and that the school is not required to collect or share information about a student's immigration status.

Earlier this month, the Trump Administration rescinded an ICE policy that prohibited arresting illegal immigrants in schools, hospitals and places of worship.

On Jan. 24, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction sent out a biweekly dispatch to educational leaders in the state concerning

the matter that included a statement from State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly. "When we open schools to immigration raids, that hurts the kids targeted, but it also hurts every other child who might be incorrectly targeted, who is traumatized by the raid, and who will lose valued friends and teachers," wrote Underly.

Underly's job hangs in the balance as her position will be challenged in the Feb. 18 primary. Two other candidates have filed papers, one of which is Sauk Prairie School District Superintendent Jeff Wright, originally from Stevens Point.

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Current Spaces and Empty Chair Echoes

Dear Reader,

Yesterday afternoon was bitterly cold, yet the sun shone brightly—a fitting reflection of the emotions in my heart. As I walked into the memory care unit of a Senior Living home I’d been visiting regularly to see my father-in-law Francis for the past two years, the familiar faces greeted me like old friends. They were scattered around the big room, watching yet another rerun of Mary Tyler Moore—or maybe it was The Dick Van Dyke Show. Their smiles, warm and welcoming, made me feel that despite not living there, I still belonged.



Lark stood up the moment she saw me, her arms outstretched for a hug. “You just made my day!” she exclaimed. “Where have you been these past few weeks?” I laughed, feeling a rush of appreciation for her words. Jimmy, wearing the black fedora I’d finally given him after months of promises, tipped it with a grin. I was wearing one too. We traded stories about “the good old days,” and he launched into a tale I’d heard before. I didn’t mind. I never did.

But my visit was more subdued this time because not everyone was there anymore including Francis, whose presence had always been both tender and sharp. Nick and Jack were also gone; their chairs, once as familiar as their faces, sat empty around the tables. I had been there to say goodbye to Nick, holding his hand and asking him to watch over his family, who clung to one another in quiet grief around his bed. Those goodbyes leave a mark, even as they remind us of the beauty in connection.

Karen, seated near the corner, reached for my hand. She launched into a vivid story about her days as a nurse in the ER. Her eyes sparkled with pride as she spoke. Beside her, Mary Lou motioned for me to come closer to her wheel chair. When I asked how she was doing, she lifted her hands like she was holding onto an invisible ledge. “Just hanging on,” she said with a wry smile.

The aides began rounding everyone up for dinner so I made my last rounds, shaking hands, giving hugs, and sharing brief, meaningful exchanges. Lark pulled me into one last embrace before I pushed the buttons at the exit door to let myself out.

As the door clicked shut behind me, I couldn’t help but reflect on the inevitable. Someday, I’ll be in a place like this. Everything will be taken care of—meals, medications, and all the needs of a frail body. But even with all the care in the world, the loneliness lingers. Most of the residents were waiting, one step away from the reunion that comes when the spirit departs a worn-out body. Still, there was beauty in that waiting. It wasn’t despair but a quiet anticipation of something more—a peace I could almost feel as I walked to my car.

Driving away, I thought about the rest of my day and all my tomorrows. I made a promise to myself: I’ll savor the moments, big and small; I’ll hold tight to joy, squeezing every drop from the time I have left. And one day, when I find myself in a room like that, I hope someone will walk through the door to remind me then of the life I’m living now.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher
Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.

SNODEO

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involvement with the Eagle River Derby track was a game changer.”

Dave said they are going big this year in order to make up for the two years they were unable to hold the event. Outside of the Decker Triple Crown there are a multitude of things happening throughout the two-day affair.

There will be two ovals for racing this year, one is a third mile and will be used Saturday by Pro-Vintage Racing (PVR), where vintage snowmobiles race, and the other is a half mile and will be used by United States Snowmobile Association (USSA) Pro Star, which is professional snowmobile racers.

Swimsuit Run

One of the more infamous additions to this year’s Snodeo is the Swimsuit Run.

Deb said when they were unable to get the Rodeo City Riders to join the event; she looked to the

Swimsuit Run, which had traditionally been held in St. Germain for a number of years.

The Swimsuit Run will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. and allows both men and women to dress in there swim attire and try to get the top speed on a snowmobile.

The event is being hosted by the Manawa Snodeo and the Pink Ribbon Riders, who raise money for breast cancer research.

You can pledge a donation to the Pink Ribbon Riders to join in the race, Deb said.

There are sign-ups for the race at Kegler’s, Steve and Michelle’s, as well as Bear Lake Resort, all located in Manawa, however Deb said you can sign up the day of as well.

More action

The kitty cat racing will also be back with two organizations joining this year including the Wisconsin Kitty Cat Racers (WKCR) and Wisconsin Kid Snowmobile Racing Association

(WKSRA).

Both groups promise to bring in a large amount of spectators, as the championship races will be held Sunday, Deb said.

The radar runs will be held Saturday by the Besaw family and the Wolf River Rangers, people can test the speeds of their snowmobiles with the chance to win prizes.

Come Sunday there will be ice drag races hosted by the Merrill Ice Drag Racers and the Symco Trail Blazers Club, where people will be able to race others and also win prizes.

There will be mini-bike racing and lawnmower racing on Sunday afternoon.

Skydivers will be coming down during the parade at noon Saturday, along with the Little Wolf High School Band.

There will be a number of special ladies at the event including Ms. Wisconsin and Ms. Teen Wisconsin, along with Ms. Snowflake and Ms. Teen Rodeo will all be in attendance throughout the show.

The Snodeo court is also

back this year with Queen Alivia Trinrud, Princess Adrianna Trinrud, Princess Avalyn Trinrud and Junior Princess Elizabeth Lamkins.

There will be children’s activities including a scavenger hunt, coloring contest, goody bags for children, the Great Rondini magician and face painting by Ali.

“We want this event to appeal to not only snowmobiles guys, but also to appeal to families,” said Deb.

There will also be hot air balloons (weather permitting), a private plane fly-over and a quartet singing group.

Dave said there will even be a stuntman crashing a snowmobile through a burning building and lumberjack chainsaw racing.

The entry fee for a day is \$20 or \$30 for both days. For more information on Snodeo you can head to their Facebook page at Manawa Snodeo or their website at www.manawasnodeo.org.

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The online dispatch included links to a Compassion Resilience Toolkit and training notes on trauma-sensitive practices.

This dispatch also included a link to the Na-

tional Education Association’s (NEA) how-to guide for aiding and abetting illegal immigrants. It was written by the NEA Office of General Counsel: “NEA strongly encourages schools and school districts to adopt

a Safe Zones policy that outlines what educators and staff should do if ICE attempts to engage in immigration enforcement at schools.”

The guide also included a link on how to form a Safe Zone school district. On that webpage was a Google Map with

pins indicating school districts that have become safe zones. Zooming in on Wisconsin, only Milwaukee Public Schools have adopted this policy.

To report illegal immigration, call ICE via the toll-free ICE tip line, (866) 347-2423.

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Waupaca NEWS



Waupaca High School students will perform the Broadway hit, “The Play that Goes Wrong” from Feb. 14-16 at the school’s performing arts center. James Card Photo

A play goes wrong

Student actors get it right

WAUPACA – The Waupaca High School’s upcoming production of “The Play that Goes Wrong” will be presented Feb. 14-16 at the school’s performing arts center. It is one of the most popular Broadway comedies of all time.

It is structured as a play-within-a-play that follows a company of actors trying to perform a 1920s mystery called “The Murder at Haversham Manor.” The cast and crew struggle to keep the show going despite collapsing sets, forgotten lines, disappearing props and missing actors.

The action is set in Charles Haversham’s private chambers, the night of his engagement party to a young, flirtatious Florence Colleymore. However, the night takes a sudden dramatic turn when Mary Colleymore, Charles’ old school friend, and Perkins, his loyal butler, fall upon a frightful sight.

“The physical comedy is

hilarious! Amy Holterman [the play’s co-director] and I have never laughed so hard during the rehearsal process,” said Monica Reeves, the show’s director and WHS drama teacher.

As this year’s 30th anniversary of the high school’s all-school play, Reeves wanted to choose a show that reminded her of all the things that did go wrong on stage over the years.

“Whether it was a piece of set that had fallen, a character that lost her wig, or someone forgetting a prop, live theatre reminds us that no performance is perfect. It’s a perfect light-hearted play to highlight Valentine’s Day Weekend,” said Reeves.

Many seniors who have been involved in the WHS musicals and plays for the past few years will be playing the members of The Cornley Drama Society. These students include Tyler Smidt, Rylie Nusz, Hannah Verstegen, Brayden Harris, Lily Lewis, and Elisha Schmidt-Niemuth. Other students include Syl Fries, Gustave Olson, and Logan Nusz. To assist backstage

with all the “things that go wrong” are Kaleigha Forseth, Olivia Verstegen, Peyton Koeppler, Bella Saunders, River Wohlrahe, Lalita Correra, and Maddy Gabbert.

Assisting in the production elements are Abby Higginson (assistant student director) Russell Reeves (set designer and construction), Sean Baldwin (lighting designer), Hank Holterman (graphic designer), and Anna Lussier (microphone setup and operation). Noah Kolinski, Maddy Komp, and Colton Drmolka will run the lights and sound, and Emma Adams will be the front of house manager.

Fans of Duran Duran will also appreciate this play.

General admission tickets (adult \$10 and Student \$5) can be purchased by calling Cindy Ikert at WHS: 715-258-4131 ext. 1028 or through email at cikert@waupacaschools.org. Tickets will also be for sale at the door. Show times are Friday, Feb.14 and Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.



Retiring police chief Brian Hoelzel was honored for over three decades of law enforcement service. Representative Kevin Peterson presented him with a plaque of appreciation and Mayor Brain Smith gave him his sidearm. James Card Photo

So long, chief

Hoelzel honored for service

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WAUPACA – Police Chief Brian Hoelzel was honored for his 31 years of service at a retirement ceremony at the Waupaca Rec Center on Jan. 30. Mayor Brian Smith opened the event by presenting Hoelzel’s service pistol neatly boxed up. It is a tradition to give a retiring police officer the sidearm that they carried over the years as a

gesture of thanks.

Representative Kevin Peterson presented Hoelzel with a plaque, thanking him for his service and recapped his career over the years. After getting a degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, his did a stint as an officer at Combined Locks. He joined the Waupaca police force in 1994.

Hoelzel was asked to provide some remarks. The first thing he did was thank his family, his wife Linda and his two sons, Carter and Bennett. He said throughout his career there were many late

nights coming home and he missed being there for them. A police officer’s life is a call of duty and he got a lot of calls. He also gave credit to all of the other police officers on the force, as they respond to the calls as needed—just not for emergencies but also for the numerous charitable activities that the police department is involved in.

Replacing Hoelzel as police chief is Pete Kraeger, a veteran law enforcement officer. Hoelzel is an avid angler. Expect to bump into him at local boat landings during his retirement.

Trout Fest slated for Feb. 15

MOUNT MORRIS – The local Trout Unlimited chapter is hosting its annual Trout Fest in Mount Morris. The free event is open to the public and will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Mount Morris Camp & Retreat Center, W6016 Blackhawk Road, Wautoma.

TU’s Central Wisconsin chapter hosts the event each year, which includes fly-tying demonstrations; information booths and vendors; discounted fly-tying material; a youth fly-tying area; and presentations on a variety of subjects.

This year’s presenters include Craig Cook on central Wisconsin sand streams

in the winter at 10 a.m., Lucas Annear on fly-fishing for carp at 11 a.m., Nelson Ham on the connection between glaciers and groundwater streams in northeastern Wisconsin at 12:30 p.m. and Jason Freund on terrestrial insects and their importance in trout diet at 1:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be available.

Waupaca County Sheriff’s report

- Jan. 27 – An Iola woman on State Highway 49 reported a juvenile was intoxicated at school, had an emotional breakdown and made comments on harming others.
- Jan. 28 –The Department of Human Services requested a welfare check on man that went to the emergency room in Waupaca. He made suicidal comments and left before anyone could speak to him.
- Jan. 28 – A female caller reported a wildfire in a ditch.
- Jan. 28 – A 911 caller reported a fire near railroad tracks.
- Jan. 28 –A New London man on Cut Off Road reported an entire tree blocking the road.
- Jan. 28 –A New London woman on Jennings Street reported an eight-week-old baby was vomiting and having trouble breathing.
- Jan. 29 –A 911 caller reported a barn fire.
- Jan. 29 –A Weyauwega man on East Street reported a female screaming. It was a “blood curdling scream.”
- Jan. 29 – A Marshfield woman requested a welfare check on woman who was

- allegedly being abused by her daughter’s boyfriend.
- Jan. 29 – Aspirus in Waupaca requested a welfare check on a man with a history of chest pain. He was not answering his phone or returning messages.
- Jan. 29 – A Clintonville woman on State Highway 22 reported a man had been drinking and he and a female were yelling at each other.

- Jan. 29 – An unknown caller reported a possible stolen vehicle.
- Jan. 29 – Butternut Ridge Apartments in Iola reported a fire in one of the units.

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Stevens Point NEWS



The Rotary Club of Greater Portage County hosted a cribbage competition on Feb. 2 at District 1 Brewing Company. Submitted Photo

Cribbage for a cause

BY OLIVIA COFFIN
INTERNS

STEVENS POINT – For the third year in a row, the Rotary Club of Greater Portage County brought cribbage enthusiasts together for a friendly competition with a purpose. Held on Feb. 2 at District 1 Brewing Company, the tournament offered a social and competitive atmosphere while raising funds for meaningful local and international projects.

The event accommodated up to 48 players who rotate partners throughout the tournament.

“After you do a couple of years, you kind of get the logistics down,” said Rob Manzke, tournament

co-coordinator and Rotary member. “We make sure we have the space, the cards, and the equipment, as well as raffle prizes and food to create a fun experience for everyone.”

Beyond the game itself, the tournament served a larger mission. The funds raised this year will support a solar energy project in Cameroon, aligning with Rotary International’s global service efforts.

“Rotary is all about giving back, both locally and internationally,” Manzke shared. “We’ve done projects with Habitat for Humanity, environmental conservation efforts like meadow habitat restoration, and leadership programs for students. The

tournament is just one way we raise money to support these initiatives.”

The idea for a cribbage fundraiser came from club members who were passionate about the game.

“I try to play, but I’ll admit I’m better at organizing than winning,” Manzke said. “We have a lot of cribbage players in the club, and they thought, ‘Why not turn something we enjoy into an event that benefits the community?’ And it’s grown from there.”

Last year’s tournament saw nearly 40 participants, and the club hoped to match or exceed that number this time.

“We always try to make sure we have full tables so that everyone can play. If we need a few more players, we have backups ready so no one gets turned away,” said Manzke. “If you love cribbage, you’ll have a great time. It’s a chance to meet new people, enjoy friendly competition, and support a good cause.”

County board establishes debt ceiling

BY KANA COONCE
STAFF REPORTER

PORTAGE COUNTY – Expressing a desire to ease the implementation of county projects over the next several years while keeping spending in check, the Portage County Board passed a debt management policy on Jan. 21, the first of its kind in the county.

The policy as revised by the board establishes a maximum outstanding debt limit of \$140 million for Portage County, or \$200k per capita.

Supervisor David Ladick proposed the amendments, which along with minor revisions to the document’s phrasing for clarity raised the proposed debt ceiling by 0.25%.

“I’ve thought about this a long time, and I really don’t see that anything less than [a debt limit of 1.5% of the county’s total equalized value] is going to be very effective,” said Ladick. “We want to make sure that we only set this once, and we’re going to live by this. We don’t want to change this a year from now, when we’re bumping up the upper limit.”

The maximum debt limit allowable by the state per county is 5% of that county’s total equalized value. At 1.5%, Portage County would sit at 30% of the maximum number allowed by the state, on par with Wood County, which just completed a highway construction project, according to Ladick.

Portage County Finance Director Jennifer Jossie explained that this policy would provide the county the room it may need to fund projects that it has planned over the next 20-year period but noted that the county does not yet have the project costs required to propose a formal budget.

“What I can tell you is what the debt limits that are set allow for, in comparison. The [initially proposed] 1.25% is approximately \$116-\$117 million, and the [revised proposal] 1.5% is just shy of \$140 million of outstanding debt limit, so at any point in time, that is what your outstanding debt limit could be up to.

“Now, keep in mind that the schedule that we’ve laid out over a 20-year period, we have other things that we have planned for, like highway projects and capital improvements. We probably need about \$20 million of that to just continue to do that type of work so that we have the revenue necessary to repay the debt service on those initiatives and projects, so at any given point in time, that is what you would have as your max.

“Keep in mind that as you borrow money, you will pay it off, and then we will borrow additional debt for additional projects and start to pay off those schedules. When you have projects this size... you don’t go out and issue \$125 million dollars. You do it in pieces when you need the funds to pay for the projects. So if you issue \$20 million to pay for the design and the startup, you would probably pay that back before you issue the next,” said Jossie.

Supervisor Matt Jacowski backed the decision, saying that the county has been “tripping over a \$100 bill to pick up a \$1 bill” and that trying to pinch pennies now will cost the county more money in the long run when factoring in inflation.

“If we have a little more leeway in [the county’s allowable spending], it can [complete] projects quicker,” he said. “Thirty percent debt load of what the state allows, that is not a bad thing. Forty percent isn’t a bad thing. You know, you look at a lot of businesses – they would be happy to carry a debt load like that. I just think it makes sense to go with the little larger amount and give ourselves some cushion so we’re not having this discussion a year from now, six months from now, two years from now, whenever that may come.”

Supervisor Vinnie Miresse criticized the policy, saying, “Going up to 1.5% [from 1.25%] puts the taxpayers in a pretty dangerous predicament which I will be unwilling to support.”

The motion to amend the policy carried, with Miresse and Supervisor Andrew Rockman voting

nay. A vote to approve the policy itself also carried, with Miresse voting nay.

The officially revised policy is available to view to the public on the county’s website.

Appointments

Other motions carried by the board included the reappointment of Portage County Library Board Citizen Members Amanda Freberg and Holly Petrillo; the reappointment of Joan Honl to the South Central Library System Board; the appointment of Michael Kostuch as a citizen member of the Veterans Service Commission; the appointments of Chris Scott and Robert Welling as citizen members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Portage County Health Care Center; and the appointment of Portage County Justice Programs Director Courtney Kosuchowski.

Welling’s appointment was criticized by Supervisor Matt Jacowski, who expressed disappointment in “the biased showing from the Executive/Operations Committee” during their Jan. 7 meeting. Regardless, all motions passed unanimously.

Land use

Also approved by the board were an authorization for the county to grant an easement to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for the purpose of installing a new gas line in Stockton; an amendment of the Portage County Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning classification of 20.45 acres of land from A2 Agricultural Transition to A3 Low-Density Agricultural; the adoption of an updated version of the Portage County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as a guide for future recreation improvements; a formal request to the Wisconsin DNR “to provide continued eligibility for participation in cost-sharing programs for the next five years;” and the cancellation of outstanding checks issued prior to Jan. 1, 2024. All motions passed unanimously.

The Portage County Board will meet again on Feb. 18 at 5 p.m.

Local bridge scores

WAUPACA AND STEVENS POINT – The next duplicate bridge games in Waupaca will be held on Friday, February 14, in the Holly Center at 9:00. This is a “special” game in which gold master points will be awarded to winners. All area bridge teams

are invited.

Winners of the January 31st games were Cathy and Jay Quella of Waupaca in first place, Eric McVickar and Robin Kuhn of Appleton in second place, and Roger Collins and Patricia Hoehn of Waupaca in third place. The teams placing

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Jan 30: Duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Gene Clark and Bob Aexejun, Tom Rowe and Art Flashinski, Cathy Quella and Jay Quella. New members are welcome.

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ClintonvilleNEWS

Seven candidates face off in Feb. 18 primary

Three candidates to be eliminated

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Seven candidates will face off in the Feb. 18 primary for the Clintonville Board of Education, with the top four candidates receiving votes moving on to the April 1 spring election.

Board members up for reelection include Laurie Vollrath and Mark Zachow. They are being challenged by David Battenberg, Christopher Hoffmann, Patrick Huss, Tanya Netrefa, and Marie Vandenberg.

The Clintonville Tribune-Gazette recently sent a list of questions to the seven candidates to get their views on issues important to the district. To help inform voters on where the candidates stand on these issues, the questions and their responses are listed below. The Tribune-Gazette tried several times to contact Huss, but did not receive answers to the questions that were sent to him.

Why do you want to serve on the Clintonville Board of Education?

David Battenberg: I retired last spring after a 36-year educational career. I have experience as a 6th through 12th grade agriculture teacher, a K-12 principal and an athletic director. My son and daughter spent their complete K-12 educational experience in Clintonville and are successful teachers because of it. This experience is only helpful to the community if I get involved. I can help the district continue to offer and enhance quality educational opportunities for district students.

Christopher Hoffmann: I am compelled to run for the school board to contribute to the community and help our teachers and students in educational excellence. The goal of education is to allow students to seek their full potential in a safe environment.

Tanya Netrefa: I am looking to contribute to the school board to foster positive change within the district, supporting both the students and staff.

Marie Vandenberg: I believe issues and concerns need to be addressed so issues can improve. I want to encourage families to bring their concerns to me so we can address them because nothing bad ever comes from an open conversation. I am approachable, a good listener, and easy to talk to. I am a parent, a business owner, and an aunt with kids in the district. I have a vested interest in seeing our students and school district improve and thrive.

Laurie Vollrath: I am



Battenberg



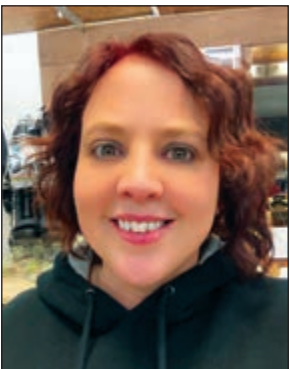
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Vollrath



Zachow

a firm believer in service over self. I realize that one board member cannot solve all of the school district problems, but I have ideas and can point people in the right direction. I am a positive supporter of staff, students, and community.

Mark Zachow: I would like to continue to serve the people of the district of the board of education. The district faces many challenges in the future. I believe in service to the public and will be a positive representative of my constituents.

What are your qualifications to serve on the Clintonville Board of Education?

Battenberg: I had a varied and diverse educational career. I taught high school agriculture for eight years in Elkhart Lake, worked in the Clintonville School District for thirteen years serving as an Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. I worked as the K-12 principal for the Tigerton School District and as the agriculture teacher at Bonduel. I have lived in the Clintonville School District since 1996 on a small hobby farm in the Town of Larrabee.

Hoffmann: After graduating from Clintonville in 1996, I have spent my career in the mechanical trades. I have managed multi-million-dollar projects as a sales project manager. I have served in trade education organizations. I served three terms on the board of directors for the N.E.W. International Facilities Association. These experiences have taught me to listen, be transparent, gather all the information before decisions are made, and be accountable for the decision.

Netrefa: I was born and raised in Clintonville, graduating from Clintonville High School. I currently have a son enrolled in the school district. I was em-

ployed in the district office, where I managed payroll and benefits for the staff, and contributed to the budget development. I left the district on good terms to pursue a new opportunity that better aligns with my current circumstances.

Vandenberg: I am a parent of school-age children, a small business owner, and a board member for Onward Clintonville. I have an accounting degree and excel with tight budgets. I can see both the big picture and the small picture on issues, and am a team player in resolving issues for the larger goal.

Vollrath: I currently serve on the school board. But more importantly I am a mom. I have two daughters that graduated from Clintonville, a son at the elementary school, and a son in the special education program at the middle school. I have lived in Clintonville for 25 years. I am an avid volunteer for a variety of organizations in the community. I have a great relationship with staff, administrators, and community.

Zachow: I have served the board for nine years. Knowledge and experience are a critical part of this position. I was an officer with the Clintonville Police Dept. for 39 years and placed a high priority on serving the community. As a graduate from Clintonville Senior High and now having grandchildren in the Clintonville School District, I want to ensure that they have the same educational opportunities that I was offered.

How closely do you follow the happenings in the Clintonville School District?

Battenberg: During my employment I was involved in the management and leadership of the district through the planning of the new high school, the planning and construction of the football stadium and the management of the Rec Center. I have attended concerts, sporting events, musicals and always read the local media reports of board meetings to keep up with new initiatives like the day care, middle school construction, and sale of the elementary school.

Hoffmann: I have three children in the district. Educational items are very important to me, and I follow closely. The Clintonville School Board streams the board meetings. This is an amazing resource that I encourage all to utilize.

Netrefa: I have been monitoring the school board meeting on YouTube. Additionally, I am actively involved in my son's education, which requires periodic interactions with district staff. Also, my time working at the district allowed me to stay well-informed about district matters.

Vandenberg: I follow the happenings in the district very closely. As a business owner, I am connected to the district in many facets. I have children enrolled in the schools. I attend as many school and city meetings as possible either in person or virtually. I get the meeting packets for the city and

school e-mailed to me, so I am able to see how decisions are connected. I also use my platforms to encourage community members to attend meetings when I see agenda items that are of great interest to the community.

Vollrath: Being a board member since October 2017, I have never missed a meeting. I currently serve as the clerk. I follow what is happening very closely. The superintendent keeps the board updated through email and text messages when necessary. I have kids in both buildings so I am in the schools several times a week.

Zachow: Being a current member I am closely involved with what is happening in the district. As a member of the board you are notified by the superintendent of current matters. We are kept up to date by text or email.

What do you feel is the most important issue that the Clintonville School District will need to address in the next three years?

Battenberg: The recruitment, mentoring, and retention of staff in the district is the most important issue. I include all staff in this issue; teaching, administration, para-professional, day care, rec center, and all other support staff. In a people-centered pursuit like education, stability of employees is critical. Facilities are very important, but our district facilities aren't truly functional if there aren't engaged and inspiring people willing to be employed.

Hoffmann: The district has some financial issues to overcome. The "shell game" of transferring funds is a short-term solution. Clintonville School District should be in the business of education first and foremost.

Netrefa: A pressing concern for the district over the next three years will be staff turnover and the subsequent need to recruit qualified teachers to assume those roles.

Vandenberg: I believe the biggest issue is communication and transparency. Residents in the Clintonville School District have the right to know what is happening. I want families

to feel comfortable raising their concerns and discussing issues. Topics should not get pushed aside to be dealt with later. I started "coffee with a candidate" and "meet your candidates". I plan to continue those types of events if I am elected, as it is important to have residents know the people who are representing them. I believe as we work through this issue, it will help resolve several of the other large concerns.

Vollrath: One of the most important issues is teacher retention. We need to start paying our staff what they are worth. If we cannot keep up with other districts we aren't going to be able to keep teachers, we already see this happening. We need to stay competitive with wages and benefits. This needs to be worked on now or in three years we won't have any teachers. Happy staff equals happy students.

Zachow: The district priority needs to be ensuring competitive salaries and benefits for our staff. Our staff needs to be brought in line with other districts' compensation. Enhancement of professional support and development programs and provide career growth opportunities. We need to create a positive work environment, reducing administrative burdens so teachers can focus on teaching, improve work/life balance, ensure manageable class sizes and workloads. We need policies that support teachers at all levels.

If you were elected to the board, how would you help the district deal with that issue?

Battenberg: The school board can strive to offer a fair wage and benefits package for employees and continue to improve facilities. I would encourage the board to expand the recognition of staff, student, and district achievements and encourage the board to develop a plan to determine the reasons staff members leave the district. I would help the board continue to build a culture of trust and exchange of ideas between all staff and the school board.

Hoffmann: I have a lot of questions. I can't change where the finances are today. The district needs to come

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New London & Hortonville NEWS



New London had a hearing on allowing dogs at community events—as long as they are leashed and under control. The police department announced they are stuck in a position where they have nowhere to take stray dogs and are working on resolving that. The dog in the photo is an American water spaniel. New London is the birthplace of the all-American breed and there is a historical marker about it in Pfeifer Park.

James Card Photo.

Pets are okay at special events

Keep them on a leash

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Common Council passed the first reading of amending the city’s ordinance to allow pets at special events within the city. The council passed the first reading of the amended ordinance when it met Jan. 21, by an 8-1 vote. Ald. Mike Barrington voted no. Ald. Dennis Herter was absent from the meeting. A second reading of the amended ordinance must be passed before the changes go into effect.

Prior to the vote, Barrington asked if the ordinance would allow dogs at public fireworks events, adding that he doesn’t think dogs should be allowed at fireworks. Ginger Sowle, director of Parks & Recreation for the city of New London, said the ordinance allows for pets at all special events, including fireworks.

During the discussion, Sowle told the committee that the proposed changes to the ordinance would be limited to cats and dogs.

“I think once you bring in other species, you are going to enter into different kinds of phobias, diseases where people are unsure of right now,” Sowle said. “So, cats and dogs that’s domesticated. Having a leash law very similar to what we have at the parks, so that is not really anything new to our city.”

Sowle said she thinks the proposed ordinance will be welcomed by residents in the city.

New London Police Chief

Jeff Schlueter told the committee that the proposed ordinance changes “makes it more realistic as to what really happens in our city with the ordinances.” He said the current ordinance “sounds great on paper, the problem is, nobody follows it.”

While officers do attend special events in the city, Schlueter said they are not everywhere at special events, which makes the current ordinance difficult to enforce. He added that the current ordinance allows pets in parks but not at baseball games, which are sometimes held in a city park.

“I think what this (proposed ordinance) does, is it keeps the animals under control, it gives us the out, that if they’re not under control, we can enforce that,” Schlueter said. “That’s easy for us to go down there on a call. But it’s just not realistic to be there during all special events. We just don’t have the manpower for it.”

He added, “I think this is a good alternative to get the job done compared to what we have right now.”

Sowle said that New London City Attorney Keith Steckbauer had no concerns regarding the proposed ordinance.

“It just requires you to keep your animal under control,” Schlueter said. “It requires everything we would expect at any event.”

Ald. Robert Besaw asked how the proposed ordinance compares to ordinances in neighboring communities.

Schlueter said he hadn’t looked at ordinances that other communities have, but said he expected the proposed ordinance is common to what other communities

have. Ald. John Hass asked what the city’s liability would be since the ordinance allows pet dogs and cats at special events.

“Well, they’re still required to on a leash and everything, so, I think that it keeps the same standard essentially as to what we had before,” Schlueter said. “We’re not allowing dogs to run wild. We’re not allowing vicious dogs, either. The owner is still required to keep the dog under control. They’re still liable for their animal.”

Ald. Mike Barrington asked how the proposed changes to the ordinance will be enforced, since the current ordinance isn’t being followed.

Schlueter said he thinks most people would comply with the ordinance.

Barrington claimed he sees a lot of unleashed dogs when he attends ballgames.

The police department isn’t typically at those types of events, Schlueter said. In the case described by Barrington, Schlueter said the police department would need to be called to the event to enforce the ordinance.

“It’s hard for us to go out and patrol all the baseball games,” Schlueter said.

Schlueter emphasized that the current ordinance doesn’t allow pets at special events, but the proposed ordinance would allow pets at public events if they are on a leash.

“We’re hoping that people will comply with it,” Schlueter said. “If not, if we get an individual that doesn’t, all it takes is one phone call to the police department, we send someone down there, and we take care of it.”

Little Women on stage

HORTONVILLE – The classic story of Little Women will be performed by Hortonville High School from February 20 to 22. Performances will take place in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. on February 20, 21, and 22, as well as 2 p.m. on February 22. Tickets are available for purchase at bit.ly/hhslittlewomen or at the doors. Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$8 matinee) and

\$8 for students for children (\$7 matinee). The story is set in Civil War-era New England and it follows the journey of the four March sisters: Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy as they navigate love, loss and their dreams. Adapted from Louisa May Alcott’s cherished novel, Little Women is a heartwarming tale of family, resilience, and self-discovery. “There is something spe-

cial about the March family that we all feel connected to,” said Carissa VanDalen, play director. “The cast and crew have worked to bring these iconic characters to life with authenticity, and we cannot wait to share this live version with the community.”

For more information, contact Carissa VanDalen at 920-202-1775 or carissavandalen@hasd.org.

Lost arts, music this weekend

NEW LONDON – Piano musicians and lost art demonstrators will converge this weekend during the 55th Annual Mid-Winter Art Show sponsored by the Wolf River Art League. The two-day show is free and open to the public Feb. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Crystal Falls Banquet Hall, 1500 Handschke Drive, New London.

Musicians ranging in ages from 18 to 80 years will perform piano favorites including the classics, show tunes and jazz during the show.

Four artisans will demonstrate arts that have roots in

previous centuries.

Brady Looker of Waupaca will be creating works of glass by a very old method called lampworking. This type of glass blowing uses a torch instead of a furnace. The art form became widely practiced in Murano, Italy, in the 14th century; lampwork beads have been discovered from the 5th century.

Jason Hornung of Clintonville will demonstrate block printing, a technique that involves carving designs into a block and pressing it onto paper or fabric to create an impression. It is one of the earliest methods of

textile printing, and is capable of yielding highly artistic results, some of which are unobtainable by any other method.

Mary Silver of Sturgeon Bay will be spinning wool in a way similar to how it has been done since the 14th century, although she states it took another 400 years before the treadle wheel was invented.

Lori Uvaas, Neenah, will demonstrate needle felting, a craft that is thought to date back thousands of years in Central Asia. Notched needles are used to sculpt wool into shapes and designs.

High school flooring approved

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

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

Possible city archery range

Looking for grant funding

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The city of New London will research what grants are available if the city were to pursue creating an archery range on city property located at 740 River Road.

The New London Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the possibility of creating an archery range on that property when it met Jan. 7. Committee members liked the idea, and asked that research on available grants be done. Once the research is completed, the information should be brought back to the committee at a future meeting.

Ginger Sowle, director of Parks & Recreation for the city of New London, told the committee that there have been internal discussions about the property, which is located by the dog park. The property is stewardship property, which means it needs to be used for outdoor recreation.

“It was purchased to be used as park land,” said Sowle.

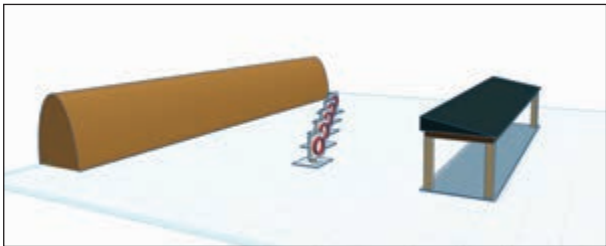
The property has been used as a refuse site for past construction projects.

“We no longer allow this to be done, but it’s created quite a mess,” Sowle said. “That will be brought up at a Public Works Committee meeting in the future.”

Sowle said there have been requests for the city to consider an archery range on the property. She said there are communities who have archery ranges on municipal property, and she contacted them to obtain more information.

Preliminary plans

Luke Hammons, New London Parks/Street super-



A rendering of what the archery range could look like if the city of New London were to create one at 740 River Road. Image courtesy of the City of New London

intendent, presented the committee with preliminary plans as to what an archery range at 740 River Road could look like. Prior to presenting the preliminary plan, Hammons said he also contacted communities who have archery ranges.

“It would look somewhat similar to what Shiocton currently has,” said Hammons.

The area behind the targets would be an earth and berm. This would require minimal cost because the city has most of the material already available to create that safety feature.

“The majority of the work could be done inhouse fairly simple, it’s mostly flat work,” said Hammons.

Hammons said there would be five targets on the range. Driveways would need to be created around the archery range. The archery range would be open from dawn to dusk.

Rules

Sowle said there are a number of rules that typically apply to an archery range. For example, Sowle said anyone under 16 years of age would need to be accompanied by an adult.

Only field point arrows could be used, no broadheads. No firearms would be allowed on site.

Discussion

Sowle said she contacted the local Boy Scout group, and they said this would be a great Eagle Scout project. They did not indicate if they

had a scout looking for an Eagle Scout project.

Hammons said there are grants available for the city to pursue.

Ald. Robert Besaw asked if the archery range would be supervised. Sowle said there would not be supervision on site.

Besaw asked how far apart the targets would be. Hammons said it varies depending on who is shooting, because the targets can be moved.

“You can fit up to two archers per target,” said Hammons.

Ald. John Hass suggested using dirt fill from the property to create side walls around the archery range. This would prevent someone from accidentally walking through the range.

Hass added that he thinks the archery range would be “well used” if the city created it.

Committee member Robert Perzentka said the community could use an archery range. He said he has seen kids shooting archery in the backyard next to where he lives.

“There’s nowhere for them to shoot,” Perzentka said. “We own land in the city. We can set up targets safely, but other people that want to get their kids outside, away from the video games, who want to go do something with them, maybe they don’t have access to facilities to do that, except for maybe once or twice a year. I think this

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Chili lunch to preserve the past

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SCANDINAVIA AND IOLA – Friends of Scandinavia History (FOSH) is holding its annual Chili Luncheon Fundraiser on Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Silver Lake Lanes, 6311 Highway 49 in Scandinavia.

The meal is all-you-can eat and consists of six different red and white chili options as well as accompaniments such as shredded cheese, crackers and Fritos. Takeout containers will be provided. There will be an abundance of desserts to choose from as well as coffee and water, and drinks can be purchased at the bar. Donations of \$9 for adults and \$5 for children are requested. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle.

On display at the luncheon for photo ops will be a life-size cutout of Clifford Thompson, a local man who stood at eight feet and seven inches tall. He was once considered to be the tallest man in the world.

This fundraiser for FOSH will support the development of their Historic Street at Memorial Park at the corn roast grounds. Four historic buildings are onsite and money raised this year will go to fund building a new display shed for farm equipment and other larger items important to daily living of the past Norwegian settlers.

Friends of Scandinavia History, a member of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, was organized in 2005 by a group of individuals interested in preserving the history of the Town and Village of Scandinavia.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center on the second Monday of January, March, May and September and November. Anyone interested in the history of Scandinavia is invited to attend the meetings.

Blood drive + chili = success

“This was the best drive we had before Covid. Forty-one units were do-

nated, this will help a lot of people, and all but one scheduled person showed up,” said Sandi Moore, the Iola blood drive coordinator. “We had three first-timer donors too. Plus, we had eight walk-ins.”

This was despite a car that wouldn’t start, a garage door that wouldn’t open, and a crock pot lid left at home. The Jan. 22 blood drive was a success.

In Wisconsin alone, 36 blood drives were cancelled in 2024 due to inclement weather.

The donors were treated to their choice of chili for their donation.

Lions Club members and other volunteers made five types of chili, which included white chicken, turkey, chili mac, and two traditional options available with all the fixings.

The next blood drive will be held on April 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iola-Scandinavia Fitness & Aquatic Center.

Moore said, instead of chili there will be sloppy joe sandwiches served to donors.

According to the Red Cross, there’s an emergency blood shortage due to hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes and other disasters.

Moore urges potential donors to please give patients a fighting chance.

Schedule an appointment to give blood at the Iola Community Blood Drive by calling 1-800-REDCROSS, which is 1-800-733-2767 or register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

If you want to save time after registering, but before you show up on that afternoon, complete and print a RapidPass online health history questionnaire on your computer or complete it on a smartphone before you come, which you can find at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

High school students or any donors 18 years of age and younger have to meet certain height and weight requirements and need parental permission to donate.



This ski jumper launched off the 30-meter ski jump at the Iola Winter Sports Complex on Feb. 2. Emily Doud Photo

Record attendance at Winter Carnival

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – When 200 sat down to eat the traditional lutefisk dinner at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Iola, volunteers broke out in singing, “Oh Lutefisk,” a local tradition. The buffet-style dinner was such an overwhelming success; lutefisk will be on the menu next year. Megan Melum, the head organizer of the Iola Winter Carnival, said she hopes to add a third seating area to accommodate more guests.

The Iola Winter Carnival celebrated 63 years of the event this past weekend, with the return of the lutefisk dinner and the crowning of a snow queen.

The day started with the ice carving contest, with teams taking any implement they could to carve sculptures out of blocks of ice.

The winners for the contest were Adam and Sara Griena with their carving of penguins.

Second place was Josh and Kristy Stacey with a chicken and third place went to Bryce Mead with an ice castle and draw bridge.

“Every team displayed



The Iola Winter Carnival’s Ice sculpting contest took place Feb. 1 with sculpters using everything from chainsaws to fire to make their masterpieces. Emily Doud Photo

remarkable creativity and skill, making the contest a true highlight of the weekend,” said Melum.

The chili walk was also happening with local bars and restaurants competing for the best chili recipe, the participating bars and restaurants were Mark McCoy’s Flat Tracker Tap, 10-LA Corner Bar, Crystal Café, Thirsty Perch and Iola Mills.

The winner for the 2025

Chili cook off was Crystal Café with their Mexican street corn white chicken chili.

Melum said that 139 ballots were turned in, which was a big increase from the previous year, this was the second year of the chili walk.

The snow queen title went to McKenzie Bonikowski.

“Her grace, love for winter activities and enthusi-

asm truly embodied the spirit of the Iola Winter Carnival,” said Melum.

The participants in the snow queen contest had to not only sell raffle tickets for the carnival, they also had to turn in an application and write an essay along with submitting three videos for social media.

The videos were an introduction video, their favorite winter activities and what it would mean to them to be crowned the snow queen.

Roaming around town was also a trolley, which was donated by Kolbe and Kolbe in Manawa.

The trolley had designated stops at each of the activities, one of which was the vendor fair at the Machine Shed at the Iola Historical Society.

The 30 vendors sold crafts, baked goods and there were also members of the Iola Rosemaling Group that were on hand to demonstrate their skill at the Norwegian art form.

The kid’s ice fishing contest had record attendance with 150 kids competing.

There were five categories of fish, with Vanessa Demski winning with a 13-inch crappie, Jace Wihschke winning with a 19.25-inch bass, Sawyer Mrozek and Spencer Buelow entered an 8.75-inch bluegill, Michael Ott won with a 9.5-inch perch and Dawson Zajackoski won with a 26.75-inch northern pike.

Manawa NEWS

School’s out early for summer

Trade off: more class time

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The Manawa School Board voted Jan. 27 to increase the length of a school day in order to shorten the 2025 to 2026 school year.

Ryan Peterson, the district administrator, set aside time for teachers to approach him and talk about things they would like to see with the 2025 to 2026 school calendar and found many teachers and parents in the community preferred getting out before the month of June.

“I’ve been here 18 months or so and there’s been a good amount of interest from the vast majority of the people I’ve talked to relating to our academic calendar about ‘can you please get it so that we don’t go to school in June?’” said Peterson. “I just laughed and I said ‘well there’s creative ways we can do that,’ but we have to make sure that those are in alignment with the priorities of the

district so that we’re still giving kids a great education.”

At the board meeting Peterson said adding the extra ten minutes will allow for four days to be taken off the school year.

With the approval of lengthening the school day the start date is Sept. 2 and the release date would be May 29, 2026 for the following school year.

Whether or not the extra ten minutes will be at the start or end of the day, or split five minutes at the start and five at the end of the day was discussed with it looking like it will be added on to the end of the day.

The concern at the school board meeting was the morning may become too rushed, with teachers coming in and students filing in, going to their lockers and getting to their class in a shortened length of time.

Scott Emmert, a school board director, said adding the ten minutes to the end of the day will be less disruptive to the morning routines.

“This is better to have ten at the end, you’re only changing one bus and that’s at the end of the day,” said Emmert. “All of us with young kids, five minutes makes a huge difference in getting them up and getting them off [to] the bus.”

The calendar dates for next year include the extra snow days necessary, unless the 2025 to 2026 winter is filled with lots of snow or extremely low temperatures, students and teachers should be out before June.

Peterson said he hopes that lengthening the day will also help with work schedules of parents.

“Our hope is that it allows for a little bit of a longer school day regarding some child care and things like that,” said Peterson. “Then, just on the horizon, we’re also exploring the opportunity to bring in some afterschool care here in Manawa as well.”

Peterson said he hopes adding the extra care will help families and be able to give them a place where their kids will be well taken care of while they work.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Serve your city

WEYAUWEGA – The City of Weyauwega has an open position for a citizen member on the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission plans and manages development and growth of the city and makes recommendations to the city council. Candidates must reside

in the City of Weyauwega.

Due to the resignation of council member Cameron Looker, there is now an open position on city council to fill the remaining term for Aldermanic District 3 till April 2026. Candidates must reside in Aldermanic District 3. A map of the

aldermanic district boundary lines can be obtained from the city clerk or found on the City of Weyauwega website.

If interested in either of these positions, contact the city clerk at 920-867-2630 or bloehrke@cityofweyauwega-wi.gov.



Potratz joins 500 club

WEYAUWEGA – On Jan. 23, W-F wrestling coach Tim Potratz achieved an incredible milestone with his 500th career win. This puts him as the fourth coach in Wisconsin wrestling history to garner 500 wins. Coaches Lewie Benitz, Jack Magnin, and John Quinlan are the other three most-wins coaches. Potratz has dedicated 40 years to wrestling with 36 years in the w-F wrestling program.

Lost shrines, odd art

WEYAUWEGA – The Weyauwega Area Historical Society will host Michael J. Cooney on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in the community center at 109 E. Main. Cooney will speak

on wide-ranging subjects. One is Exploring with a Pilgrim’s Heart which is a mix of religion, anthropology and spirituality. He will talk about lost shrines, grottos and chapels that he

has found throughout Wisconsin. The other subject he will cover is Wisconsin Man Art, which is about men making odd creations out of scrap metal, beer bottles, cement and other mediums.

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Box 228 New London WI 54961, 94CF130, \$13.99; Ron & Lloyd's, PO Box 228 New London WI 54961, 94CF130, \$5.35; Rural Mutual Insurance Co, 5001 N Lynndale Dr Appleton WI 54913, 10CM418, \$666.67; Rural Mutual Insurance Co, 5001 N Lynndale Dr Appleton WI 54913, 10CM418, \$540.94; Rural Mutual Insurance Co, 5001 N Lynndale Dr Appleton WI 54913, 10CM418, \$59.82; Raymond J. Russell, 709 Wesley St Waupaca WI 54981, 230F14, \$482.00; Yader Rigoberth Sarantes Perez, unknown address, no case number, \$200.50; Scandinavia C Store, PO Box 166 Scandinavia WI 54977, 12FO69, \$40.59; Scandinavia Convenience Store, 265 N Main St PO Box 166 Scandinavia WI 54977, 11CM228, \$333.88; Avery Schaeffer, 201 Progress Rd Apt #6 Manawa WI 54949, no case number, \$6.10; Avery J. Schaeffer, 201 Progress Rd Apt #6 Manawa WI 54981, 19CT298, \$37.50; Dustin E. Schimke, N1625 Sue Ln Waupaca WI 54981, 03TR3564, \$20.66; Jeffrey A. Schrei, 710 E Alfred St Lot #5 Weyauwega WI 54983, 09CT128, \$416.50; Travis S. Schulke, N1290 Chantilly Ct Hortonville WI 54944, 12CF224, \$6.12; Travis S. Schulke, N1290 Chantilly Ct Hortonville WI 54944, 12CF224, \$8.16; Travis S. Schulke, N1290 Chantilly Ct Hortonville WI 54944, 12CF224, \$8.16; Travis S. Schulke, N1290 Chantilly Ct Hortonville WI 54944, 12CF224, \$6.12; Debra S. Schultz, 220 E Union St #7 Waupaca WI 54981, 19CM87, \$60.00; Greg Scotto, PO Box 10743 Green Bay WI 54307, 96CM236, \$151.14; James E. Seim, 422 Bell Ave MH 282 King WI 54946, 17CF328, \$714.50; Ophelia L. Shaw, 400 Hwy 10 S St. Cloud MN 56304, 15CM97, \$6.80; Jacob A. Souza, E1812 Elm Valley Rd Scandinavia WI 54977, 21CM205, \$15.00; Jacob A. Souza, E1812 Elm Valley Rd Scandinavia WI 54977, 21CM206, \$15.00; Jacob A. Souza, E1812 Elm Valley Rd Scandinavia WI 54977, 21CM204, \$15.00; Amadou Sow, 1830 City Rd Il #28 Neenah WI 54956-1869, 19CT154, \$300.00; Andrew J. Stilen, 122 N Water Street Manitowoc WI 54220, 11CF53, \$1.35; Andrew J. Stilen, 146 N 12th Street Clintonville WI 54929, 11CF54, \$294.03; Alex James Stroik, 417 Factory St Manawa WI 54949, 17CT73, \$17.94; Daniel O. Stuebs, 211 E Main St Weyauwega WI 54983, 19CF133, \$4.03; Michael J. Suprise, 317 N Pearl St New London WI 54961, 08CT335, \$52.42; Paula Sanchez Tehuacatl, N211 Pine Hill Rd Pine River WI 54965, non prosecution case, \$150.00; Paula Sanchez Tehuacatl, N211 Pine Hill Rd Pine River WI 54965, non prosecution case, \$150.00; Barbara J. Tschurwald, 200 E Morning Glory Dr #203 Clintonville WI 54929, 16CT171, \$16.55; Samantha Shyanne Utecht, E3606 Lind Center Rd Waupaca WI 54981, 15TR1335, \$137.50; Samantha Utecht, E3606 Lind Center Rd Waupaca WI 54981, no case number, \$664.50; Ashley Vestal, 300 S Western Ave #5 Waupaca WI 54981; Daniel Walrath, non prosecution case, \$150.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruie Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM203, \$15.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruie Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM205, \$15.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruie Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM206, \$15.00; Waupaca Sand and Stone, E2739 Colruie Rd Ogdensburg WI 54962, 21CM204, \$15.00; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$19.91; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$26.89; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, \$43.34; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$20.08; Weasels, 108 E Union St Waupaca WI 54981, 13CM18, \$11.80; Bailey M. Wiedemann, 231 Walnut Street Clintonville WI 54929, 16PAT7PJ, \$500.00; Taylor J. Wiegert, N2549 Cambria Ln Waupaca WI 54981, 16FO16, \$16.20; Gerald A. Wienke, 402 N Main St #11 PO Box 71 Marion WI 54950, 20CT181, \$18.00; Joshua Mark Wilson, unknown address, no case number, \$175.30; Abigail Mackenzie Wilz, 1801 W Grant St Appleton WI 54914-2416, 16FO685, \$4.24; Eric F. Xiong, N66W24791 Stonegate Ct Sussex WI 53081, 23TR852, \$25.20; Randy J. Yeska, N2069 Cleghorn Rd Waupaca WI 54981, 18CM301, \$318.82; Dillan J. Young, 601 ½ Main St Weyauwega WI 54983, 16TR144, \$103.16; Zuag's Vending and Food Service, 4100 W Wisconsin Ave PO Box 2335 Appleton WI 54913, 10CF99, \$142.71; and Zuag's Vending and Food Service, 4100 W Wisconsin Ave PO Box 2335 Appleton WI 54913, Publish Jan. 30, Feb. 6 & 13, 2025 WNAXLP

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

Invitation to Bid
Miscellaneous Materials
Waupaca County invites bid proposals for the above listed item(s). Bid information is available at: https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/departments/current_bid_package.es.php Click on "Current Bid Packages" to view bid documents.
Bid proposals, in conformity to the notice to bidders must be submitted to the Waupaca County Highway Department by 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025, and must be plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope with the specific item being bid on.
Bid will be opened and publicly read at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Waupaca County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive irregularities or informalities in the bids received and accept any bid most favorable to the County.
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INVITATION TO BID
Radio Site Development Bid
RFB-25-001-23

Waupaca County invites bid proposals for the above listed items. Bid information is available at: https://www.waupacacounty-wi.gov/businesses/bids_and_proposals.php Bid proposals, in conformity to the notice to bidders must be submitted to the Waupaca County Clerks Office by 2:00pm, on March 5, 2025. And must be plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope with the specific item being bid on and the RFB number that correlates.
Bid will be opened and publicly read at 2:15 pm, on March 5, 2025. Waupaca County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive irregularities or informalities in the bids received and accept any bid most favorable to the County.
Published: February 6, 2025 and February 13, 2025 WNAXLP

January 21, 2025
The Town Chairman for the Town of Dayton, Waupaca County, is requesting Bids for a proposed Town Road Improvement Program (TRI) on Hudziak Road for fine grading and Asphalt. **Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. local time, Friday April 4th, 2025.**
Send Bids to: Town of Dayton Clerk Wanda Hilgten
N1755 Patrick Lane
Waupaca, WI 54981
ALL BIDS SHOULD BE LABELED "HUDZIAK ROAD RECONSTRUCT, TRI" with name and address of bidder incorporated on outside of envelope. Envelope shall be sealed. Project is part of Local Road Improvement Program. Project consists of fine grading and Asphaltting 0.51 miles (2693 feet). Project consists of fine grading and compacting the existing base to provide a suitable base on which to pave on and laying Hot Mix Asphalt using type 4 LT 58-28 S. Pavement will be placed 20 feet in width for a total compacted thickness of 4.0 inches. Asphaltting is to be done in two 2-inch lifts with tack placed between the lifts. The Driveway openings shall have a 1foot asphalt approach placed at each

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entrance. The project is to be completed after August 1st 2025, but if the project is ready prior to August 1st 2025, The Dayton Township will notify the paving contractor. Project shall be completed by October 15th 2025.
The Town of Dayton will publicly open bids received at Town of Dayton Town Hall, N2285 State Road 22, Waupaca, WI 54981 at **4:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday April 8th, 2025.**
A performance bond made out to the Town of Dayton will be required. Contractor must also provide the Town of Dayton a Certificate of Insurance. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to (10%) of bid payable to the Town of Dayton.
The Town of Dayton reserves the right to wave any informalities or to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to the contractor who in the judgement of the Town of Dayton will best serve the interest of the Town of Dayton. The letting of the described herein project is subject to the provisions of Section 62.15 and 66.29 Wis Statutes.
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City Legals 7710

CITY OF STEVENS POINT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
OF ELECTRONIC
VOTING EQUIPMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the City of Stevens Point for the February 18, 2025, Spring Primary Election will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in Portage County Conference Room D, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.
Done in the City of Stevens Point on February 6, 2025.
Karl Yenter
City Clerk
WNAXLP

Election Notices 7715

CITY OF MANAWA
PUBLIC NOTICE
NURSING HOME VOTING
Special Deputy Absentee Voting Manawa Community Nursing Center 400 E. 4th Street, Manawa, WI
Please be advised that City of Manawa Special Voting Deputies will conduct absentee voting at the Manawa Community Nursing Center, 400 E. 4th Street, Manawa for the Spring Primary to be held on February 18, 2025. At 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.
Logan Hass, City Clerk
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

CITY OF WAUPACA
PUBLIC TEST - ELECTRONIC
VOTING MACHINES
In accordance with State Statutes 5.84, the city of Waupaca will conduct a public test on Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. on two (2) ImageCast Evolution (ICE) Voting Machines in preparation for the Spring Primary Election to be held on Tuesday February 18, 2025. The testing will be conducted in the Recreation Center, 407 School Street. All persons are invited to attend.
/s/ Barbara J. Nowak
City Clerk
PUBLISH: February 6, 2025 WNAXLP

Notice of Public Test
In accordance with WI State Statutes, the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Equipment will be conducted on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 10:00 am** at the Little Wolf Town Hall, for the Spring Primary Election, taking place on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Test is open to the Public, and Handicap accessible. All interested parties are Encouraged to attend.
Jackie Beyer, Clerk
Town of Little Wolf
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

Notice of Public Test
In accordance with WI State Statutes, the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Equipment will be conducted on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm** at the Annex Building At 507 Franklin St, Ogdensburg, for the Town of St Lawrence, for the Spring Primary Election, taking place on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Test is open to the Public, and Handicap accessible. All interested parties are Encouraged to attend.
Taylor Wyatt, Clerk
Town of St Lawrence
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

NOTICE TOWN OF MUKWA
RESIDENTS-PUBLIC TEST of the
ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT
for the
February 18, 2025 Primary

Under Wisconsin State Statute 5.84(1) the Town of Mukwa will be holding a public test of the Town's Imagecast Evolution (ICE) units at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd, Northport. This test is open to the public.
/s/Jeanette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk
Posted: January 11, 2025
Publish: Legal Notice Press Star: February 6, 2025 WNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF MANAWA
VOTING MACHINE TEST

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the Spring Primary Election to be held on February 18, 2025 in the City of Manawa will be conducted in the Manawa Municipal Building at 500 S. Bridge Street, Manawa, Wisconsin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.
The test is open to the general public.
Logan Hass,
City Clerk
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Test of the electronic voting equipment to be used at the Spring Primary Election on February 18, 2025 will be conducted on **Monday, February 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at Clintonville City Hall, 50 10th Street, Clintonville, WI 54929
City of Clintonville
Peggy Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer
Class 1 Legal Notice
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TOWN OF DAYTON
ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT
PUBLIC TEST
February 18, 2025 Spring Primary Election

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machine to be used by the Town of Dayton at the February 18, 2025 Spring Election, will be conducted at the Dayton Town Hall, N2285 Highway 22 on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11 am. The public test is one of many steps taken to validate the integrity of our elections. This Test is open to the general public.
Wanda L. Hilgten
Town Clerk
Town of Dayton
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

Town of Farmington - Waupaca County
Electronic Voting Public Test
In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 5.84, the Town of Farmington will conduct a **Public Test on February 11th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.** on the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) machine in preparation for the **Spring Primary Election to be held on February 18th, 2025.** It will be held at the Farmington Town Hall, E913 Prairie View Lane. s/Anjela Hamm
Clerk
Posted on 1-30-2025 at E913 Prairie View Lane and on our website. www.farmingtonwaup.gov
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

TOWN OF HELVETIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING FOR THE ICE VOTING EQUIPMENT, FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2025.

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WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HELVETIA TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025 AT 02:30 PM.
DOUGLAS HINES,
TOWN CLERK
Published: Waupaca County Post
www.townofhelvetia.com
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

TOWN OF WAUPACA
ELECTRONIC VOTING
EQUIPMENT TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machine to be used by the Town of Waupaca at the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary, will be conducted at the Waupaca Town Hall N3514 Cty Rd E at 8:30 am on Thursday, February 13, 2025. This test is open to the general public.
Mary Colden
Town Clerk
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED
FOR 6:30 PM, February 19th, 2025
ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Common Council of the City of New London, Waupaca-Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin, has declared its intention to exercise its power under Wisconsin Statutes 66.60 to levy special assessments upon property abutting the following streets and alleys, for benefits conferred upon such property by the reconstruction of the sanitary laterals within the rights-of-way of the following streets:
SANITARY LATERAL & WATER SERVICE LATERAL
REHABILITATION:
All property fronting upon both sides of Oshkosh Street from the intersection of West Wolf River Avenue to Pershing Street. All corner lots of Oshkosh Street that front an adjoining side street from Pershing Street to Wolf River Avenue.

The Engineer's Report from the City of New London, Waupaca-Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin, showing the location map, estimated cost of improvements and proposed assessments will be on file in the Public Works Office on February 3rd and may be inspected there Monday-Thursday from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday from 7:30 am - 11:30 am.
You are further notified that the Common Council will hear all persons interested or their agents or attorneys concerning matters contained in the Preliminary Resolution authorizing such assessment and the Engineer's Report, at 6:30 P.M. on February 19th, 2025 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in the City of New London, Wisconsin. All objections will be considered at said hearing and thereafter, the amount of the assessments will be finally determined. Dated this 22nd day of January, 2025.
Nicole Ryerson, Clerk
Publish Feb. 6, 2025 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning committee will hold a Public Hearing at the Wolf River Town Hall on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm to consider the following case:
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT SITE:
Property Owner: Dana L. and Lorie J. Foth, 7645 County Road I I, Fremont, WI 54940
Applicant: Boom Bay Volunteer Fire Company, LTD, 8982 South Road, Fremont, WI 54940
Location of Property: Adjacent to 8982 South Road, Fremont, WI 54940
Legal Description: SW ¼, SW ¼ of Section 12, T20N, R14E DESC as Lot 2 of CSM-6717
Parcel Number: 032-0270-03
Total Area: 35.43 Acres
Zoning: R2
Explanation: Property owner is donating 1 acre of land from parcel 032-0270-03 to Boom Bay Volunteer Fire Company to be added to parcel 032-0270-02, creating a parcel of 3 acres.
Applicant is requesting a zoning change for this additional land to Business, Chapter C, Sec. 1.08 of the Town of Wolf River Zoning Ordinance which is the current zoning of parcel 032-0270-02.
All interested persons wishing to be heard at the Public Hearing are invited to be present. Please direct all comments to Lee Robbert, Zoning Administrator at 920-836-3681 or by email to m1robber@centurytel.net
NOTICE OF ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
The Town of Wolf River Zoning and Planning Committee will meet on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the Wolf River Town Hall as soon as the above noticed hearing is concluded and may act upon the matter which is the subject of said meeting.
Publish Feb. 6 & 13, 2025 WNAXLP

NOTICE to the Residents of the Town of Matteson

The Matteson Town Board will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting on **Monday – February 10, 2025 7:00 PM – N10891 Jepson Rd Clintonville, WI** for the following agenda:
NOTE: See Town's posting for Official Notice and Action that May Be Taken
Agenda:
● Call to Order
● Recite Pledge of Allegiance
● Open Meeting Statement
● Approve Agenda
● Citizen Forum
● CRT SM
● Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
● Treasurer's Report
● Clerk's Report
● Review & Payment of Bills
● Town Facilities and Grounds
● Reports:
a) Zoning
b) CAWS
c) Fire Department
d) Ambulance
e) Comprehensive Planning
f) County Board
g) Animal Control
h) Roads
● Motion to Adjourn
Michael Mehlgert
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Michael Mehlgert
Clerk
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The Town Board of the Town of Harrison will meet at the Northland Lutheran Church the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting business that may come up. The meetings will be open to the public.
Fran Moen, Town Clerk
Publish 2024 WNAXLP

TOWN OF MUKWA

E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport
Phone 982.9890
clerk@mkwva.gov
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Agenda
January 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Chairperson calls meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call of Officers
It is understood that in Accordance with Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05, this Meeting will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order.
Notification of this Meeting was given to the Press on January 31, 2025 and the Final Agenda was posted in the three designated places on February 8, 2025.
1. Approve: January 14, 2025 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes
2. Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report – January
3. **Budget/Vouchers:** Approval and Payments of Monthly Vouchers
Showing of Hands for Public Forum – Keep Subject and Question Brief.
4. Town of Mukwa Residents – Five Minute Public Forum
5. Building Inspector: Monthly Report
6. Plan Commission: Reminder – New Member Needed – Contact Plan Commission Chair, Lee Shaw
7. City of New London - Brush Disposal Site Contract
8. Roads: (a) Monthly Report; (b) Equipment-Report/Repairs/Purchases Needed; (c) Waupaca County Highway – Road Crack Filling – Follow-up; (d) Tree Trimming – Follow-up; (e) 2025 Road Construction Projects - Discussion
9. Waupaca County Zoning & Other Meetings: **Attended: Upcoming;**
10. Correspondence Received:

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11. Motion to Adjourn.
/s/Jeanette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk
Published: February 6, 2025 Press Star – Legal Notice Final Agenda Posted: February 8, 2025 WNAXLP

VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY
NOTICE OF REZONING PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, Feb 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Village Community Center
Notice is hereby given that the Village Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at The Community Center at 531 North Nash Street, Hortonville Wisconsin at approximately 6:00 p.m., to rezone properties in the Hortonville Area School District and the Village of Hortonville from (A) Agricultural District to (R1) Single Family Residential. These properties are located at:
CSM 4368 LOT 1 (PLATTED OUT OF PRT SE NW & PRT NE SW SEC25-22 -15) 9.29AC MIL in the Village of Hortonville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin
Petitioner: Nicholas Griesbach & Jeremy Jung
Parcel Numbers: 240-0228-03
Common Description: 477 N Crest St
For specific information, reference can be made to documents Z-1-25 on file in the Village Administration Building, 531 N. Nash Street, Hortonville, Wisconsin. Telephone (920) 779-6011.
Any interested person may address the Village Board by letter or appear in person or agent and be heard.
Dated this 27th day of January 2025.
Jane Booth
Village Clerk-Treasurer
Publish: January 30th & February 6th, 2025 WNAXLP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
Housing Authority of the County of Portage meeting: 4:00 p.m. at 1001 Maple Bluff Rd Sle 1, Stevens Point.
Housing Authority has scheduled its Annual Board of Commissioner's meeting. For more information, including a complete agenda for the meeting, visit www.co.portage.wi.us.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on January 13, 2025 at 6:01 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber
Members Present: Ben Huber, Kris Strauman, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Mark Zachow, Glen Drew Lundt, and Clint Barkow
Administration Present: Troy Kuhn
Press represented: Bert Lehman of the Tribune Gazette
Also present: Michael Engel, Dena Peters, Darrell Hansen, David Battenberg, Danielle Ellerbrock, Jessica Holtz, and Nick Curran
OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This January 13, 2025, meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.
APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman, to approve the agenda as printed. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2024 and the Special Meeting of January 2, 2025. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS: None
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION UPDATE
School Board Candidacy Verification:
Board Clerk Laurie Vollrath verified, in the order they were received, the Declarations of Candidacy by the candidates who have filed candidacy papers to be on the School Board February Primary Ballot February 18, 2025 – 2 vacancies, each for 3 year terms:
Patrick Huss – E9397 Bear Creek Rd. Laurie Vollrath – 120 N. Clinton Ave. David Battenberg – E7781 County Rd. C
Mark Zachow – 112 Harrison Ave. Christopher Hoffmann – E9176 Blueberry Rd. Marie Vandenberg – 219 S. Main St. Tanya Netrofa – N2713 Forest View Lane
Primary Election February 18, 2025: A Primary Election will be held to reduce the number of candidates to 4 for the Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025.
Ballot Order Drawing: Board Clerk Laurie Vollrath delegated the drawing of lots for ballot order to Superintendent Troy Kuhn. Candidates will appear on the ballot as follows:
1. Patrick K Huss
2. Laurie Vollrath
3. Marie Vandenberg
4. Tanya Hepp-Netrofa
5. Mark Zachow
6. David Battenberg
7. Christopher Hoffmann
FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS
Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman that authorization be granted to approve vouchers as attached for November, 2024. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.

CESA 8 Budget Report: Nick Curran from CESA 8 presented and discussed the following items with the Board of Education:
1. Mill Rate vs. Tax Dollars Discussion
2. 2025-2026 Budget Calendar (Presented by Jessica Holtz from CESA 8)
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b. Facility/Athletic Needs and Funding Options
c. Timelines
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Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board

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of Education.
Support Staff Resignation
a. Thayer Fietsch – Custodian II, effective December 16, 2024
Support Staff Hires
a. Patrick McDonald – Custodian II, effective December 18, 2024
b. Allen Brown – Custodian II, effective December 16, 2024
c. Melissa Laack – Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, effective January 27, 2025
Support Staff Resignation – Child Care Center
a. Elly Arndt – Child Care Teacher, effective January 23, 2025
Extra-curricular Resignation
a. Rod Moon – Middle School Football, effective immediately
Extra-curricular Hire
a. Kaine Kilpins – Middle School Wrestling Coach, effective immediately
Recognition
1 Mile 22 Roastery Donation: The administration informed the Board of Education regarding a \$100 donation from the Mile 22 Roastery to be applied to the school lunch account for students in need.
VFW Donation: The administration informed the Board of Education regarding a \$200 donation from the VFW to be used for the school district's AODA program.
Personnel
Summer School Teacher Pay: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Mark Zachow to approve a pay increase for Summer School Teachers, as presented by administration, effective Summer 2025. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Other
2025-2026 School District Calendar: The administration presented a draft of the 2025-2026 School District Calendar.
Staff Wages for 2025-2026: The administration and the Board of Education discussed staff wages and insurance premiums for the 2025-2026 school year.
School District Vehicle Purchase: The administration and the Board of Education discussed purchasing a school district vehicle.
Land Use, Construction, and Athletic Facilities Updates: The administration and Board of Education discussed the assessment and possible future vision for the school district.
POLICY
Review of Policy #5113/#5113.01 – Open Enrollment Program/Part-Time Open Enrollment: Moved by Jason Moder, seconded by Clint Barkow to review and reaffirm the District's current open enrollment Policies. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Open Enrollment Space Determinations for the 2025-26 School Year: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Clint Barkow to approve zero (0) new Open Enrollment Program seats in the Cross-Categorical Special Education Program and zero (0) new Open Enrollment Program seats in the Speech and Language Program, and no limit on Regular Education Open Enrollment seats, based on the criteria as outlined in the District's Open Enrollment Policy #5113. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION
A. Land Use Committee Meeting Date
B. Construction Committee Meeting Date
C. District Administrator Mid-Year Review
ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 22 Policy Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. District Office Conference Room
January 22-24 State Education Convention
January 27 Board of

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second Gorchals, to approve the 2024 Vacation Rollover requests as submitted. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve City Hall hours open to the public from 8 am to 3 pm starting January 2, 2025. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Appleby, second Gorchals, to approve checks dated 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 totaling \$310,789.31 and the monthly financial statements. A roll call vote was taken with "ayes" from Baehman, Appleby, Gunderson, Gorchals, and Berg; "nays" none. Motion carried.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: No Action for Council

Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee: No Action for Council

Recreation Committee: Motion Gunderson, second Baehman, to move ahead with building an ice rink in Maesch Park dependent on the weather. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Certified Survey Map for 206 Lake Street. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

New Business: Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to approve the Street Use Permit application for the Weyauwega Fire Department for Saturday, December 14, 2024. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Gorchals, second Appleby, to open the public hearing for the 2025 General Budget. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

There was no comments or questions from the public in attendance.

Motion Gorchals, second Baehman, to close the public hearing for the 2025 General Budget. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Gunderson, second Berg, to approve the Resolution #668 – Adoption of the 2025 General City Budget. Lori Gosz said that the total Mill Rate is approximately 30 cents less than last year. Motion carried with five "ayes", zero "nays". The 2025 Budget with General Fund, Capital Fund, Debt Service Fund, Library Fund, and Cemetery Fund expenditures total \$2,288,486 requiring a general property tax levy of \$1,027.075. The City's Mill rate is projected at \$7.89.

Reports were given by the Mayor and Police Chief. The meeting calendar for December was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Appleby, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Motion carried five "ayes", zero "nays".

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk
Publish Feb. 6, 2025

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The Village of Iola Board Meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. at the Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 S. Main Street. The Finance Committee meeting is held thirty minutes prior to the board meeting.

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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] Daniel [Middle] LeAnn [Last] Falkus

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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

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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:
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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

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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

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Notice To Creditors

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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

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 1069815
Publish Jan. 23, 30 & Feb. 6, 2025

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DATE SIGNED: January 29, 2025
Electronically signed by Jessica Jandvier
Deputy Probate Registrar

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/06/1952 and date of death 07/10/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI , with a mailing address of N10542 Fly Inn Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 2, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054 / Probate.
Form completed by: Jeremy R. Dobbe

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PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
Telephone 920-779-4140
Bar Number 1059024
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DATE SIGNED: January 30, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID S. TRINRUD
DOD: 08/01/2023

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR6

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/22/1940 and date of death 08/01/2023, was domiciled in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, with a mailing address of 6905 Walnut Branch Lane Apt 409, Charlotte, NC 28277.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] May 1, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by: Benjamin D. Ludeman
Weld Riley, S.C.
PO Box 1030, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1030
Telephone 715-839-7786
Bar Number 1101314s
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DATE SIGNED: January 31, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PAUL M. NETT

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth SEPT 19, 1940 and date of death JAN. 04, 2025, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of E6664 WHITE LAKE ROAD, WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 2, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by: ATTORNEY DAVID L. WERTH
121 E. MAIN STREET, PO BOX 499
WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983
Telephone (920) 867-2156
Bar Number 01010610
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Announcements

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

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Antiques and Collectibles

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42nd ANNUAL COIN SHOW
Buy - Sell - Trade Coins - Gold, Silver, Paper Money & More. Free Admission. Oshkosh Convention Center. Sun. Feb 16th, 9am-4pm.

Sporting Goods

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GUN SHOW: February 7-8, 2025, Badger Military Collectible & Military Firearms Show Waukesha Expo, 1000 Northview RD, Waukesha, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-4pm, \$10 (Under 14 FREE) Buy/Sell, 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

Miscellaneous Merchandise

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Wanted to Buy

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FENTON GLASS ITEMS, CALL CHARLOTTE 715-366-2574

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

Dogs

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STEVENS POINT – A dramatization of the early life and loves of William Shakespeare will be shared by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Department of Theatre and Dance.

“A Cry of Players,” written by American writer and essayist William Gibson, will be staged on Thursday, Feb. 6 at UW-Stevens Point at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. at the Stevens Point campus on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased online at tickets.uwsp.edu, by calling 715-346-4100 or by visiting the Information and Tickets Office in the Dreyfus Uni-

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Not much is known about the life of William Shakespeare, whom some consider to be the greatest playwright and poet in the English language. With scarce information to lead him, Gibson crafts a delightfully imagined and witty look into the young life of a budding poet extraordinary.

“Since very little is known about Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway’s early life together, their relationship has been the subject of much discussion and speculation by many histo-

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up with and adhere to a long-term budget plan. This process requires looking into operational, replacement, life expectancy and beneficial use of all district entities. The financial shortfalls need to be uncovered but not at the expense of our educators. An operational referendum should be viewed by the public as mismanaged funds.

Netrefa: By identifying the root cause of the staff dissatisfaction in our district and developing strategies to address these concerns. Also, to be more involved in the hiring process to ensure the recruitment of qualified staff members.

Vandenberg:As stated above, I will continue to make myself available to the community as a bridge to help with communication. I firmly believe nothing bad comes from open communication and I regularly say that I haven’t turned down

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an offer to get a cup of coffee yet.

Vollrath: If elected I will continue to serve on several committees in the district. I will continue to work on prioritizing the budget. We need to make teacher pay a top priority. We need to catch up the teachers that are behind in pay. We need to keep the morale of the buildings up. To do that we need to keep the staff happy.

Zachow: I will work diligently to ensure that our educators are compensated and brought up to economic standards. Wages and compensation packages will be one of my primary goals when reelected.

Why should district residents vote for you?

Battenberg: I’ve lived in the Town of Larrabee since 1996. I have direct experience working in the Clintonville School District. I have worked in neighboring rural districts that have the same concerns and constraints Clintonville has.

Hoffmann: I believe our greatest resource of the future is the children of today. I believe in common-sense economics; don’t spend money you don’t have. I believe every child should have the ability to seek their full potential in a safe environment. If you share my beliefs, please vote Christopher

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would be a great thing for the community, and it’s cheap to do.”

Besaw agreed that members of the community are shooting bows in backyards because the targets can be seen in the yards.

Ald. Tim Roberts asked about the history of the property. Sowle said the property was purchased with steward-

rians and writers through the years,” said Greg Pragel, director of the play and faculty member in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

During a staged reading, there is no set. Actors read the play as well as the stage directions.

“Except for the players portraying Shakespeare and Anne, each of the other players will perform multiple roles and they will not know what characters they will be reading until they arrive,” Pragel said. He notes the theatrical nature of that and embracing the idea of “play” when performing this was one of the most important elements he wanted to share.

Hoffmann on February 18.

Netrefa: My previous experience as a district employee and education in accounting would make me a valuable asset on the school board.

Vandenberg:I am passionate about the Clintonville School District, and I want the district and its students to excel. We are a small town and we should be proud of it. We should be using our small town strengths to our advantage. I will consider what is best for everyone, and help the Clintonville School Board create a strong and flourishing school district.

Vollrath: I have experience on the board. I offer a diverse prospective as a member. I have kids in the public schools. I am dedicated and involved in several community programs. I deliver meals on wheels to elderly, I deliver nutrition meals to kids, I am the PTO president. I coach soccer and help with flag football. I serve on the Planning Commission. I am a Clintonville Lions member. I am a positive community member.

Zachow: With my knowledge and experience I would like to continue to serve the district for the next three years. I have proven leadership and experience. During my tenure I have had a positive impact on the district. I will continue to implement new programs, improve school policies and improve resources for students and educators. I have a forward-looking vision for the district academic improvement, safety, and preparedness for college or the workforce.

ship funds through the DNR for the purpose of having outdoor recreation.

“The previous public works director saw the vacant land, and said, ‘Oh, I can dump concrete here,’ so it’s been a concrete dump, asphalt dump,” Sowle said. “They stopped dumping there, I would say, in the early 2000s.”

The site is also used to dump snow in the winter.

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Senior Spotlight

Zachary Jeidy-Pacelli

Pacelli is battling to become the Central Wisconsin-South conference champions in 2025. A key reason for their success is 2023-2024 Honorable Mention Zachary Jeidy, who has become a standout player in the conference, averaging a double-double with 11 points and grabbing 11.4 rebounds, which is good for second in the conference.

Jeidy became involved in playing basketball in the third grade at the age of eight, as he played NBA 2K and then became involved in organized basketball.

The camaraderie of the sport is the key reason for Zachary sticking with the sport for so long, "Playing with my friends, it's very fun to spend time with my friends and build life-long bonds with one another."

Zachary is an athlete who puts student in student-athlete first as he keeps his focus on his studies," I focus on academics first, and when I'm done with my studies, I get ready for athletics."

Standing at 6 feet 5 inches tall, Jeidy Jeidy that his height gives him mismatches against his opponents, "The thing that helps me the most is my height, it gives me an advantage over smaller players."

Jeidy's most memorable experiences from basketball that he will take with him are his game winning shot at the state tournament and his time spent with his teammates, "bus rides back, win or lose, it is great to be able to spend time with your friends and remember the conversations we had."

Looking back Jeidy sees his growth through four years of high school," It's crazy to think that I've gotten so far in just four years, Never would have thought that I would be the person I am today."



High scoring game ends in defeat for the Polar Bears

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – A high-scoring contest resulted in a defeat for the Polar Bears boys basketball in the Fox Valley Association as they lost at home against the Kimberly Papermakers on Tue, Jan.28.

In the first half, it was a back-and-forth matchup as Hortonville took the early lead, but Kimberly was able to get the advantage as they went into the locker room with a 33-31 lead.

Hortonville's Ethan Joling scored 10 in the first half and Riley Mueller scored seven for the Polar Bears.

At the beginning of the first half, the Papermakers went on a 25-14 run to open the second half.

The Polar Bears struggled to make up the deficit as the Papermakers closed the game winning 88-78.

Kimberly's Landen Van Offeren scored a game-high 28 points, while Joling scored 25 and Mueller scored 22.



Ethan Joling goes up for a shot against Kimberly on Jan.28.

Nick Griesbach Photo



Hortonville's Rainey Welson faces three defenders in the post against Kimberly.

Nick Griesbach Photo

Hortonville Girls toppled in FVA showdown

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

HORTONVILLE – In a matchup of the top two teams in the Fox Valley Association, the Polar Bears took on the Kimberly Papermakers at home on Jan.28.

The Papermakers jumped to an early lead as their defense contained the Polar Bears and went up 18- 4.

It was a 30-17 lead as the Polar Bears went into halftime with a deficit. The Papermakers kept pace as they outscored Hortonville 35-31 in the second half.

The Papermakers won by a score of 65-48 as Kimberly's Katelyn McGinnis scored 20 points, Polar Bears' Julieyn Martin scored 16 points, and Rainey Welson contributed 15 points.

Warhawks Jaydon LeNoble looks for a return to state


BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

A number one ranking in Division 3 for the Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks has their sights set on a return trip to the WIAA state team wrestling tournament after an appearance in the semifinals last season. One of the reasons for this is sophomore Jaydon LeNoble, who participated in the individual tournament in 2024 in the 106-pound weight class as a freshman.

As a sophomore, Jaydon has gone up to the 113-pound weight class and is top three in Division 3 going into the postseason.

Jaydon became invested in wrestling at 10 years old, as his fifth-grade teacher Trevor Potratz, along with his parents, Jesse and Sandy, encouraged him to try the sport.

His teammates have been positive for Jaydon's growth in wrestling," Having my teammates/best friends with me, striving for the same goals and working hard to get better."



Jaydon's passion for the sport is one of his biggest strengths on the mat, "my speed and love of the sport are biggest assets."

LeNobles most memorable experiences in wrestling. "Team camp in the Dells, our trip to Florida last year, summers at the factory."

"My Weyauwega-Fremont and coaching staff, as well as my club training partners and coaches," are some of the people who have been able to help Jaydon's development.



Braxton Bryant major decision victory propels New London Bulldogs to victory on senior night.

Nick Griesbach Photo

New London wrestling wins on senior night

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

NEW LONDON – Bulldogs wrestling defeated Menasha as they won in their dual meet during senior night at home on Jan. 30.

To start the matchup, the girls' participants matched up as New London's three-time state champion senior Hailie Krueger defeated her opponent by pinfall.

In the opening match of the dual meet, Preston Krueger got the win for the Bulldogs as he won in the 215-pound weight class, and he got the pin to put New London up 6-0.

In the 285-pound division, senior Braxton Bryant won by major decision as he got the 6-1 lead in the opening two minutes of the match and took a 9-1 advantage in the second period. Bryant finished off the match 12-1 put New London up 10-0.

In the 106-pound division, Menasha won by forfeit to make it a 10-6 score. 120-pound went to New London with a forfeit.

William Christopher won by pinfall in the 132-pound weight class, and the Bulldogs went up 22-6.

138-pound weight class went to Menasha, and a forfeit in the 144-pound class went to New London, making it a 28-9 score. A New London forfeit made the score 28-15.

157-pound win by Anakin Abel kept the Bulldog's momentum going up 32-15. A pin in the 165-pound gave New London the 32-21 lead.

Phoenix Fletcher's scored a quick emphatic pinfall in the 175-pound weight class, and a forfeit in the 190-pound division gave New London the 44-21 victory.

W-F girls pick up road win in Iola

GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

IOLA – An off-night from their leading scorer didn't keep the Weyauwega-Fremont girls' basketball team from picking up its sixth Central Wisconsin Conference-East win.

Olivia Witkowski came into the Warhawks' Feb. 1 rematch against Iola-Scandinavia, averaging just over 20 points a game. Witkowski was held to six points, all her scoring in the first half.

However, other players picked up the slack, and the Warhawks headed home with a 44-33 win.

It looked like the Warhawks would have their way with the Thunderbirds as Weyauwega-Fremont built a 13-1 lead in the first half. Iola-Scandinavia cut the lead to seven points twice and trailed 28-19 at halftime.

The Thunderbirds opened the second half with consecutive baskets that cut the lead to 28-23 but never got closer.

Weyauwega-Fremont led by as many as 14 points in the second half.

Avery Samz and Elizabeth Koplien led the Warhawks with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

McKenzie Bonikowske led the Thunderbirds with eight points.



Weyauwega-Fremont's McKenna Ferg lines up as an Iola-Scandinavia player shoots a free throw.

Greg Seubert Photo

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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• Jan. 29 – Dollar General in Fremont reported a suspicious car sitting for an hour and a half in the parking lot. The driver entered the store smelling of marijuana and was now sitting in the car listening to music.

• Jan. 29 –A Clintonville woman on County Trunk D reported a vehicle crashed into her yard. A female got out and was moving around with a possible ankle injury.

• Jan. 29 – A Waupaca man on County Trunk EE reported he took his wife's keys because she was at a "manic high." He talked to her doctors and they said she should not drive. The wife stated she was an American citizen and has a right to a car.

• Jan. 30 – A Weyauwega woman on Alfreds Road reported she got a call from a person impersonating a Waupaca County Deputy. The person did not give a name and called from an anonymous number. The caller asked her about why she did not appear for a summons and pressed her for more information.

• Jan. 30 – A Waupaca man on County Trunk D reported a truck pulling a trailer with a house on it was dropping debris into the road, including a toilet.

• Jan. 30 –A Clintonville man on Sievers Road reported a vacant white farmhouse with out-of-state owners had some suspicious visitors.

• Jan. 31 – A Fremont woman on Archer Drive reported a man was sleeping in a KIA parked in her driveway.

• Jan. 31 –A Weyauwega

man on North Shore Road reported a male was creeping in front of his house, blaring music and flipping off the caller. When the caller went outside, the male sped off in a dark-colored Trailblazer.

• Jan. 31 –A Fremont man reported he picked up a couple if suitcases that were in the roadway.

• Jan. 31 – A Waupaca woman on County Trunk EE reported her husband wa belligerent after she told him she wanted a divorce.

• Jan. 31 – A Waupaca man on County Trunk Q reported his 15-year-old grandson was stuck out on the ice with a four wheeler.

• Jan. 31- A Waupaca woman on County Trunk EE reported her oldest son was becoming belligerent after she asked his father for a divorce.

• Jan. 31 – A Waupaca man on Pryse Drive report-

ed his wife texted him that her mother locked herself in a closet with a knife.

• Feb. 1 –A Waupaca woman on Bartlett Street reported hearing a lot of screaming outside.

• Feb. 1 –An lola man on Ellefson Road reported his ex-wife would not let him in the house. He said he did not come home the night before and "she thinks he's messing around on her." The caller said he was not.

• Feb. 1 – A Waupaca man on McAllister Road reported a woman left in a Chevy truck after hitting the caller. The caller said she was emotionally unstable from being raped on Monday by a man that works at a vape shop.

• Feb. 1 –A male caller reported his sister told him and his mother that she was hot by a man when she refused to sleep with him.

• Feb. 1 – A Parfreyville

man reported a Chevy Silverado went through the ice and a man was standing on top of it.

• Feb. 1 –A Waupaca woman on High Street reported her mother was extremely violent and leaving suicidal notes around the house telling family members she hates them.

• Feb. 1 – A Waupaca man on Pryse Drive reported someone came into his house and took his dentures.

• Feb. 2 –A female caller reported she heard a noise like something fell off a shelf. She investigated and found the door to the sun-room had been opened. She thought someone might have been lurking around.

• Feb. 2 – A Waupaca woman on Oakland Drive reported a suspicious male in all black was standing near the road.

• Feb. 2 –A Clintonville

man on State Highway 156 reported he was having a panic attack.

• Feb. 2 –A New London woman on Pearl Street reported a dark-skinned male was walking around the clinic parking lot for four hours. He was on his phone and twitching.

• Feb. 2 –The Union Still & Grill reported a patron was refusing to leave.

• Feb. 2 –An unknown caller requested an ambulance for a 31-year-old male with high blood pressure and rectal bleeding.

• There were 12 deer-related calls during this period. Three controlled burns were called in. A caller reported an injured owl in the roadway. A blue heeler was found running loose on State Highway 110. An Oshkosh man in Nissan Rogue ran over a dog.

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Ethan Harms brings the ball up the court for Waupaca Jan. 28 during the first half of the Comets’ 54-51 loss to Freedom.
Greg Seubert Photo

Comets almost pull off major upset

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If the Waupaca boys’ basketball team was looking for a signature win over a state-ranked opponent, the Comets had an opportunity to do just that in front of their home fans.

Freedom, which handed Waupaca an 88-56 loss in December and was ranked second in Division 3 in the latest state poll, headed to Waupaca on Jan. 28 with a 10-0 mark in North Eastern Conference play and returned home with a 54-51 win.

Waupaca trailed by nine points in the first half but closed the gap to 26-23 at

the break.

A pair of baskets from Donovan Davis and one from Kaden Vandenberg pushed Freedom’s lead back to nine points. Waupaca answered with a 13-2 run. Ethan Harms ended the run with a three-pointer that gave the Comets a 36-34 lead with just under 12 minutes remaining.

A three-point play from Harms with 3:53 to go broke a 42-42 tie, and a basket from Austin Adamczak with 3 1/2 minutes to play gave the Comets their largest lead, 47-42.

The lead didn’t last long, as Davis gave the Irish the lead for good with a three-

point play to make it 49-47. Lukas Soto’s basket with 1:44 tied the game at 49-49, but Waupaca never regained the lead.

Free throws turned out to be one of the big differences in the game, as the Irish connected on 17 of 19 attempts, while the Comets missed four of their seven shots.

Aaron Wolff scored 12 points for Waupaca in the first half and finished with a team-high 18 points.

Davis scored almost half of Freedom’s points, as he led all players with 26. Drew Kortz also finished in double figures for the Irish with 11.



Alex Robbins scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half for Iola-Scandinavia in the Thunderbirds’ 71-61 win over Weyauwega-Fremont.
Greg Seubert Photo

Thunderbirds top Warhawks

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WEYAUWEGA – Two boys’ basketball teams with back-to-back losses met on Jan. 30 in Weyauwega.

Weyauwega-Fremont hosted Iola-Scandinavia in a matchup of Central Wisconsin Conference-East teams but ended up on the short end of a 71-61 final score.

Iola-Scandinavia never trailed in the game and

built a 20-4 lead in the first half.

The Warhawks chipped away at the lead, and Bryce Magdanz’s buzzer-beating three-pointer cut the deficit to 30-23.

The Thunderbirds opened the second half with an 8-3 run to go up 38-26. The Warhawks answered by scoring eight consecutive points to cut the lead to three but never got any closer.

Each team had three players score in double figures. Ethan Koplien led the Warhawks, and all players scored 18 points, while teammates Kam Zielke and Broc Billington scored 13 and 10, respectively.

Korz Loken led the Thunderbirds with 17 points. Alex Robbins scored 12 points in the second half and finished with 16, while Landan Fuhs scored 10.

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