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New London Fish and Game Club Vice President Dan Hedtke and Brya Schmidt place New London's Wolf River official ice-out ambassadors, Pete and Joe, on the downtown ice between the bridges on Sunday, March 2. The Fish and Game Club has maintained the official ice out record in town since 1952. A string is fixed to a clock that stops when the ice moves, and Pete and Joe float down river. Last year was the earliest ice out recorded at 1:54 p.m. Feb. 9. The second earliest ice out in 173 years was set on Feb. 26, 1998. The latest ice out on record was April 21, 1856. This year's ice out might come soon. On the New London Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, people can like their post about Pete and Joe and leave a comment that is a prediction of the date and time of ice break-up and the closest guess will win \$25 in chamber bucks.

John Faucher photo

Don and Connie Laughlin are the Shamrock Club of New Dublin's 2025 Irish Man and Irish Rose.
John Faucher photo

Don and Connie Laughlin as Irish Man and Irish Rose

41st St. Pat's party kicks off

BY JOHN FAUCHER
STAFF REPORTER

NEW DUBLIN – Spirits are bubblin' in New Dublin once again. As sure as the signs of spring surround us, the Shamrock Club of New Dublin welcomes the start of a weeklong St. Pat's in New London.

The club's annual Leprechaun Day is Monday, March 17, where they change the signs of the city to New Dublin, officially kicking off the week's activities leading up to the 41st annual grand parade and Irish Fest Saturday, March 22.

Don and Connie Laughlin are this year's Irish Man and Irish Rose dignitaries.

The two high school age sweethearts met at Reineke's Tap in Sugar Bush and forged a friendship that soon turned to love.

A love story

Connie Fredrick graduated from Clintonville High School in 1977. Don, a self-

described "rambler," jack-of-all-trades, fixer, and salvage yard wrench graduated the same year from New London.

Laughlin said he knew there was a special spark the moment they met.

"I was in love," he said. "I would do anything to see her."

His dad Gene Laughlin and Uncle Dale Reese owned a salvage yard together. Don and his older brother Blair worked at the salvage yard from an early age on, they collected copper to pay for their first dirt bikes back in the day.

Don remembers one time riding his dirt bike all the way back from a family vacation up north hundreds of miles away just to see Connie.

"I ran out of gas on the way back near Manawa and pushed the bike to a nearby farm to get some gas.

I was bound and determined to see her," he said with a laugh.

"Back in those days, that's when you would never meet a car on the road."

Laughlin

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New owners at Grand National

More music, more cocktails

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Built on the corner of South Main Street and East Union Street in 1890, the Old First National Bank building has become an iconic downtown landmark, with its recent sale two new owners will be taking over the lease at the Grand National Lounge.

Jenn Beland and Kelly Atkins, who have been bartending at the Grand National Lounge for over a year, are the new owners of the historic lounge that reopened in April 2023.

The opportunity arose when the building was sold and the new owners did not want to run a lounge, instead wanting to concentrate on creating a boutique hotel for downtown Waupaca.

Atkins said she wasn't necessarily looking to buy

The Grand National Lounge has two new owners, (l to r) Kelly Atkins and Jenn Beland, both are bartenders that work at the establishment they now own.

Emily Doud Photo

own and operate a bar; however, she worried it would be shut down if she and Beland didn't step up.

Atkins, who moved to Waupaca from Wausau, said she started her career in journalism. Now she works in the healthcare with dementia patients.

Beland, originally from

upper Michigan, said she was a title examiner for a period of time and she has spent most of her career baking and cooking around the area, including owning a bakery in Amherst, working as a chef at Green Fountain Inn and a chef at Cronies.

Atkins said when she first moved to Waupaca her

grandmother and dog had passed away within a day of each other, which led to not getting out of the house as much.

She decided she would try bartending as a way to meet people, so she called the previous owner and talked to her about joining the team at Grand National Lounge.

"Jenn trained me and we just worked so well together and we had such great camaraderie," said Atkins. "I was really happy that I decided to do it."

Now that the papers have been signed and they have taken over the Grand National Lounge they started making plans as they move forward.

"I think for both of us we see this as a community space, I think one of the attractive things to me are people making friends here and we plan to use it for

Grand National
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Iola's village-wide bar fight

Allegations of cops targeting taverns

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The Iola Village Board Police Committee met March 4 to follow up on claims from local bar owners that the Iola Police Department is targeting their bars.

The issue of police targeting came up at the Jan. 14 village board meeting, where local bar owners came to address the board about concerns about how law enforcement was being handled around the village.

Sheri Miller, owner of the Thirsty Perch; Laura Marker, owner of 10LA Corner Bar; and Mark McCoy, owner of Mark McCoy's Flat Tracker Tap; along with Rusty Grimm, who runs the Rustic Grill, were present at the meeting to voice

their concern of Iola officers sitting outside of their establishments and pulling over patrons as they are leaving.

They called for a meeting to be able to voice these concerns in hopes to have them addressed by the Village Board.

The Police Committee board met Feb. 5 to do that and Miller, McCoy and Marker were present to make the board aware of police targeting concerns.

It takes a village

One of the issues brought up at the meeting Feb. 5 was that of the current Iola police budget, which in 2024 was \$325,357.

McCoy said he believes the village can decrease that budget if the policing is done solely through the county, something that the Village of Fremont did in March 2024.

In Waupaca County there are seven active police depart-

ments, including Weyauwega, Waupaca, Marion, New London, Manawa, Clintonville and Iola.

Of the seven police departments, Iola is the only village with an active department and the rest are city departments. Iola has the lowest budget of the seven departments listed, with the next closest budget being Manawa with \$352,743.

The number of officers employed by the village was also brought up, with three full-time officers and four part-time officers.

Laura Krogwold, the village clerk and treasurer, said the part time officers fill in for full-time officers as needed or during larger events like the Iola Car Show.

At the close of the Feb. 5 meeting, the committee decided to research the concerns raised during the meeting and find the evidence to back up the claims.

"This is important, this affects the entire community, and we will have a follow up," said Pamela Parks, a village trustee and chair of the Police Committee.

Recording public meetings

The Police Committee met Feb. 24 for a closed session, in this meeting they went over claims made in the Feb. 5 meeting and claims within a letter that was dropped off to the village hall by Miller.

The next public meeting of the Police Committee was March 4 to share the findings of the committee, which began with a dispute over the legality of recording the meeting.

McCoy started to record the meeting when he was asked to stop by Parks and Jennifer Schustek, the village

Bar Fight

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Sam Woolsey shows the award he received in September for his volunteer work to install septic system mounds on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Woolsey received the award at a national convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Greg Seubert Photo

Waupaca plumber helps Navajo Nation

- Mound building in New Mexico
- Rewrites international plumbing code

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WAUPACA – It turned out to be an opportunity that Sam Woolsey couldn't pass up. Woolsey runs the family

business, Woolsey Plumbing & Heating Inc., in Waupaca with his father, Bill, and recently used his plumbing expertise to help a Navajo community in New Mexico.

"I was approached by my former plumbing instructor, Randy Lorge, who's been forefronting a project down on the Navajo nation," said Woolsey.

Woolsey

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LAUGHLIN

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The couple married June 5, 1982 at St. Patrick’s Church in Lebanon.

They settled just down the road and started their family in the Township of Lebanon. Their home off Crain Road is near Highway Truck Parts where Don has worked for 50 years with his brother Blair and late father Gene.

Connie worked in the New London School District as a kitchen worker and as a food service bookkeeper for a total of 28 years. Today she is retired but volunteers at the New London Senior Meal Site and at the New London Hospital gift shop.

Don has also served for 26 years as a Town of Lebanon Supervisor.

The couple has four children, three daughters Melissa, Heather, Ashley and a son Tyler.

They also enjoy three grandchildren, all of whom will be visiting over the St. Pat’s celebrations in New Dublin.

Getting involved

The three girls will serve as parade judges for the 41st annual parade on March 22.

“I’ve always been a parade nut,” says Don.

The couple recalls bringing the kids to the St. Pat’s parades in the 1980s and 90s.

“Now we really don’t get to see the parades anymore,” he said.

In recent years, he and Connie have been busy either working in the parade or working at the tent.

In 2013, the couple got involved with the Shamrock Club as volunteers.

“We attended the event for years before that. We saw the tremendous groups of people they draw and there’s never

enough arms, legs and hands to keep everyone going so we decided it was time to join and help out,” said Don.

“We knew we needed to get involved with this.”

“The Shamrock Club donates a lot of money to the people and causes in this community and we were at a point where we wanted to help out and give something back,” said Connie.

You don’t have to be Irish to join.

Don joked around a bit since their family origins are German, French and Ojibwa.

“We live in an Irish town, we’ve traveled to Ireland, and we live on an Irish road, but we’re not Irish”, he said with a smile.

They were still welcomed into the Shamrock club and have assumed various roles ever since.

Don has served as past

President and Vice President of the Shamrock Club.

He is there every year helping to set up the entertainment area for Irish Fest and he’s worked on other projects like the club’s dignitary float and painting shamrocks along the parade route.

Connie has worked various jobs from tending bar on the big day, to taking tickets and working hospitality at the dignitary stand in addition to planning during meetings throughout the year.

“There’s a lot of planning going on through a lot of different members to get this show on the road. Like anything, it’s not all just the day of. It would be nice if it was that way but that’s not the way it works,” said Don Laughlin.

“We’ve been fortunate to come up with some newer members that have been pretty active in doing things and

taking over the reins and lining up jobs from some of us old farts,” explained Laughlin.

“New ideas make things better and we’ve learned. Never shun someone for having new ideas. That’s what we all want in the end is to make things better and not shun new people away,” he said.

The Shamrock Club also works with a large number of other groups and organizations to make the event possible. Some groups use it as a way to earn income for their organizations.

“In the end, it’s the fellowship. You want people to get involved because of the fellowship, and what it does for the community,” said Laughlin.

“Yes, it’s quite a job for those several days,” says Don. “But it’s a rush at the end of the day. It’s like what happened? The people came. We got through it. That’s the rush. The music

turns into background noise and it all just becomes, one big hum when you are in it working there,” he said.

This year the Laughlin’s will enjoy a different perspective from inside the parade and from the grandstands watching the rest of the parade follow suit.

They said they are humbled by the selection to be this year’s Irish Man and Irish Rose.

“When I think about the people that have been fortunate enough to be Irish Man and Irish Rose the past 40 years, it’s an honor,” said Don.

Connie agreed. “We’re following the footsteps of a lot of good people. It still doesn’t feel real yet,” she said.

Most of all she’s looking forward to seeing the grandkids and children all come home for the event.

GRAND NATIONAL

FROM PAGE 1

poetry and different things to have a space for the community to use it as well,” said Atkins.

Beland agrees that that the lounge helps to encourage meeting new people and making friends.

“It’s a really nice place for people to meet,” said Beland. “It’s the best part, I think, of being here, is watching people come together. It’s different than other places, different than other bars.”

Among the new upgrades they are planning is getting more music in house, currently they have music every third Thursday

of the month by working with Waupaca Local Live. A band will play at the city hall recording studio for an hour and then come to the Grand National Lounge and do another hour of music.

“We’ve had bands in here and the acoustics in here are great,” said Atkins.

They have also set up a couple guitars and a microphone as well as an amp for anyone feeling the itch to get up and perform.

They are also hoping to build an extra bar in the back room for beer and wine for music nights to help accommodate guests, then when there is not a band it would be another place for people to sit.

They would also like to have a mocktail menu that will have five to seven mocktail options, they are also working on a more extensive martini menu that they hope to release soon.

Beland said they want to concentrate on local as they plan to get Central Waters Brewery beer available as well as coffee from Java Jive Roastery in Waupaca.

Atkins said customers have been asking for snacks, so they are talking about bringing in some snacks such as charcuterie trays to satiate hungry patrons.

Beland said they plan to allow the back room to be rented for parties or gatherings, as well as being open

for events with that are happening in the downtown area.

They also plan on being open for special events such as St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 with traditional Irish music from Gearoid Sexton.

Overall they are looking forward to the future of The Grand National and making a new gathering spot in the community.

The Grand National Lounge is open Wednesdays and Thursdays 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. as well as Fridays and Saturdays 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. They can be found on Facebook at The Grand National Lounge GNL or on Instagram at The Grand National Lounge.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Human Body Design

Dear Reader,

When we stop to think about the design of the human body, we might find ourselves wondering if it could have been crafted more efficiently. Consider the everyday processes of hydration and nutrition: why must we spend so much of our lives urinating or expelling waste from our bodies? Couldn’t we have been designed to hydrate through the skin, or metabolize food directly into energy without the need for waste?

It’s a curious thought experiment—imagining a body that functions without the need to “offload” its excesses, freeing us from the sometimes inconvenient realities of biological maintenance. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to live unencumbered by these daily rituals, focusing solely on the higher pursuits of life?

Yet, when we reflect more deeply, we realize that the human body as it is designed is nothing short of miraculous. It’s a complex, harmonious system where countless processes—digestion, circulation, respiration—work in synchrony to sustain us. These so-called inefficiencies might actually be part of the greater design, teaching us humility and grounding us in the rhythms of life. They remind us of our interconnectedness with nature and the delicate balance we inhabit.

Could there have been a “better” design? Perhaps. But then, would we be the same creatures we are now—resilient, adaptable, and marvelously imperfect? Perhaps the true genius of the human design lies not in its flawlessness, but in its resilience and ability to grow through imperfection.

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Waupaca NEWS

Insurance a family affair for Lokens

BY GREG SEUBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WAUPACA – Career changes for a father and son have led to a successful Waupaca business that is still going strong after nearly 50 years. David Loken gave up a teaching career in the mid-1970s to join Rural Mutual Insurance. He retired in 2016 three years after his son, Dave, joined the firm, known as C&D Professional Insurance Services at 219 W. Fulton St.

Dave is now one of three agents at the company, along with Jonathon Munoz and Sally Suprise.

David grew up on a farm north of Iola. “I taught school in Wausau for five years,” he said. “At the time, we decided it was time to make a move. I had a wife and three children and a teacher’s salary just wasn’t what it should be. We kind of wanted to move back to the area. There was an opening with a couple of different companies, but with my farm background, I thought Rural would probably be the best one.”

David joined Rural Mutual Insurance in 1976, the start of a 40-year career in the insurance industry. “The actual office was in Shawano at the time,” he said. “They called them service centers. Waupaca didn’t have a service center, so they shared one with Shawano. After three or four years, I opened an office in Iola and had my own office there for a few years. I moved to Waupaca and had another partner join me at that time.”

That partner, Chuck McDaniel, is now working for a Farm Bureau insurance company in Idaho. David said switching careers from teacher to insurance agent was a risk that paid off for him in the long run.

“The biggest change was you’re independent and on your own,” he said. “There’s nothing guaranteed, so you either do or you don’t. There’s a risk there. As most people know, there’s a high turnover in our business. There always has been because it’s not for everybody. I was successful through the years, so that always helps in the sales business. It’s a numbers game.”

David came into the business without a sales background. “I have bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education, so it was a total shift of everything,” he said. “It was a big commitment on my part. I had to be because I had a family to support.”

Big changes

David watched the insurance business evolve over the years. “We have a unique relationship because Rural Insurance is a Farm Bureau



David Loken (left) and his son, Dave, are pictured at C&D Professional Insurance Services in Waupaca. David spent 40 years as an insurance agent with the firm before retiring in 2016. Dave joined his father in 2013.

Greg Seubert Photo

affiliate,” he said. “The Farm Bureau and the county have a huge influence on the success of Rural Insurance agents. I always had a good rapport with the Farm Bureau and I think that was a key factor in my success. There’s constant change in every business,” he said. “One of the things that Rural has changed is they’ve become a much stronger company than they were when I started. We got new leadership who turned the company around. There was a time when Rural Insurance handled most of the school bus fleets in Wisconsin. They subsequently got out of that line of business, but that was a big factor in my income because I insured many bus fleets. They were very big in the group health insurance business and they have shied away from that, too. At one time, those were two parts of my income, which are both nonexistent now for Rural.”

Madison-based Rural Mutual Insurance has offices throughout Wisconsin. “Rural was mostly an auto insurance company that was formed by the Farm Bureau for farmers to get their auto insurance,” David said. “That gradually expanded into other lines of business. Our main effort toward the end of my career was the farm business, which is where it always should have been because that’s what the Farm Bureau is: it’s farmers. We diversified into commercial business because farms are commercial businesses. It’s a full, multi-line company with the emphasis on farms and commercial. Then we handle life insurance and that type of thing.”

People have plenty of options for insurance, including going online instead of meeting face-to-face with a personal agent. “A big advantage that we have is farms are intricate businesses,” said David. “If you have an understanding of the business going in and you continue to understand the business, farmers appreciate that. It’s like any business. Everything’s fine until there’s a problem. That’s when you have to have somebody that can help you figure out the problem.”

New partner

David retired in 2016 and said he did not push his son to join him. “I saw too many people come in and either totally fail or become so frustrated with the business,” he said. “I did not want that to happen to him. Dave came on a couple of years before I retired and it was a good progression at the time. There were a couple of things that happened in my life that probably had me retiring a few years before I would have. One, is we were in good hands with Chuck and Dave coming on. Two, I had a couple good friends who died suddenly at age 63. That spurred me into retirement quicker. I don’t have any regrets about that, it was just the way it was.”

Dave gave up a 15-year career in construction to join the business. “At that time, our group was kind of splitting up,” he said. “Fifteen years of roofing and construction starts taking a toll on your body. I was looking for something. It just kind of came together. It was an easy transition with my dad and Chuck here. Our office staff really made it easy. It was a lot easier than if I had just been thrown to the wolves. One thing with Rural is we do a lot of reviews and we meet our clients a lot. I was able to

Loken

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This paper pulled a couple wins

MADISON – The Wisconsin Newspaper Association honored the work of newspapers across the state during its 2024 Better Newspaper Contest Awards Banquet on March 7 in downtown Madison.

The Waupaca County Post won first place in the Best Front Page category and the award was given to designer Cody Popp and recently retired editor Robert Cloud. A

judge commented: “Tight competition, but overall, Waupaca gets my vote for breadth of coverage and design.” Reporter James Card received an honorable mention in the Environmental Reporting category for his ongoing coverage of last year’s wake boat-ing controversy on local lakes.

“The annual convention is a reunion of our newspaper heroes, the people who

work so hard to reach the community, to keep an eye on government, to tell the stories that need to be told, to connect business people with our readers, to make a difference in this world,” said Scott Peterson, President of the WNA Foundation. “You are doing the job newspapers were invented for, and, if you are here, it’s because you are among the best of the best.”

All about Martha

History from Mount Vernon

WAUPACA – The Winchester Academy will host Becky Liegl who will present “Martha Washington and 18th Century Women’s History” on March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower-level meeting room at the Waupaca Area Public Library. The program is free and open to the public.

Liegl is an educator with the school district of Waupaca, where she has been teaching K-12 for more than two decades. She currently teaches third grade at the Waupaca Learning Center. She is dedicated to ensuring

every student she teaches actively engages with the most accurate and quality education available.

In 2023 Liegl spent a week at the George Washington Teacher Institute located at Mount Vernon in New York. In her presentation she will share her experience learning about Martha Washington and the lives of women during the 18th century using primary sources, research from top female historians, and ways to engage young women and men through picture books.

Jeanne Bootz and Linda Kassera are the co-sponsors of this program. For more information visit winchesterwaupaca.org.

Community Choir and Orchestra’s April concert

62 years running; tickets on sale now

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Community Chorus and Civic Orchestra Concert will return to the stage of the Waupaca High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 6 to celebrate its 62nd anniversary. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m.

“With such a diverse range of music, I’m calling this year’s concert a ‘collage’ performance. The concert will feature an entirely new selection of music, sung mostly in

Concert

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Stevens Point NEWS

Steak, omelet, hash browns, buttermilk pancakes

All for a good cause

PLOVER – The Plover VFW Post 10262 Rifle Squad will host a steak and omelet breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 pm. The post is located at 2970 Hickory Drive in Plover. The breakfast will feature a choice of steak and omelet combo for \$12, or sausage and omelet combo for

\$9.50. The meal includes hash browns, buttermilk or potato pancakes, toast and a choice of coffee, milk, tomato juice or orange juice. A children’s plate for ages 12 and younger is \$4.75. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase equipment and uniform attire for the Plover VFW Rifle Squad and Color Guard. The unit performs military honors for fallen veterans at military funerals, conducts ceremo-

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

Elks Lodge helps local youth

STEVENS POINT – Stevens Point Elks Lodge 641 recently presented a check for \$686 from the Elks Gratitude Grant fund to the Stevens Point Fire Department for Operation

Warm, a campaign to help youth in Portage County elementary schools who are in need of warm winter coats. The Elks Lodge is a fraternal charitable organization that serves the com-

munity with thousands of dollars in monetary donations as well as working on volunteer projects. For more information on Operation Warm, contact Matt Zander at Fire Station 1.

Local bridge action

STEVENS POINT – On March 6, the duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Gene Clark and Larry Niederhofer, Sandy Davis and Jerry Hild, Emalyn Nikstad and Jim Golz. New members are welcome.

On March 7, the duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg, Mary Jacobson, Paul Barsi and Gene Clark. If you are interested in playing duplicate bridge or taking a bridge class, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.

Monogram Food offers grants

PLOVER – The Monogram Foods Loves Kids Foundation, the non-profit organization founded by Monogram Foods, will award more than \$600,000 to charitable organizations that benefit children and their families in each of the communities in which Monogram operates. Local 501(c)3 organizations

within 100 miles of a Monogram Foods’ facility are now invited to complete an application by visiting their website: <https://monogramfoods.com/what-we-value/community-outreach/>. Each location has \$60,000 to award in its community. A committee of team members from

varying roles within Monogram Foods selects recipients and amounts of the grants ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. In 2024, 126 grants were given out. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2025. Applicants will be notified of the status of the application via email by Sept. 15, 2025.



The biggest event of the year at Pacelli Catholic High School is their annual Princess and Superhero Party. The school’s Drama Club is a key organizer of the event. Olivia Coffin Photo

Superheroes and Princesses

The funnest school day of the year

BY OLIVIA COFFIN
INTERNS

STEVENS POINT – Pacelli Catholic High School hosted their annual Princess and Superhero Party on March 8. Michelle Nerren, theater teacher and head of the drama department and Emmalee Smith, a senior and co-president of the Drama Club were two of the key organizers for this event this year.

One of the highlights of this year’s event was the inclusion of games and activities that were both fun and interactive for the kids. Many of the games were donated from the community, and others had been collected over the years. “The involvement of students from different departments was key to the success of the event. We asked the art department to help with face painting,” said Smith. “Our art teacher and some students worked together to create beautiful designs for the kids. It was a true all-hands-on-deck effort, with faculty and alum-

ni involved as well. We also had some of our drama club alumni come in and help,” said Nerren. The decorations and prizes were made possible by the generosity of the community. Many of the event’s items, such as bags and stickers, were donated by local businesses and individuals, thanks to the tireless work of Aimee Rozek, a key supporter of the theater department. Rozek helped coordinate donations from the community to fund the event and provide prizes for the kids. Smith mentioned that several of her friends were involved, many of whom are also part of the Drama Club. “Pacelli is such a tight-knit school,” said Smith. “When we need something, we always have students and staff who step forward to help.” Nerren said one of her favorite parts of the event was seeing the high school students come together and work as a team. “They were helping each other with their hair, swapping costumes, and working together to make the event a success,” she said. “It’s amazing to see the theater community here in action. It really makes all the effort worth it.” While the high school students were busy preparing costumes, some even

assisting with each other’s outfits, the younger kids eagerly anticipated the chance to meet their favorite characters. The event was structured to ensure that every participant had a chance to engage. From fairy princesses to superheroes, kids had a variety of characters to choose from. This particular weekend was a busy one for the Drama Club members. Some students had just returned from a competition at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point the day before, so it was a weekend filled with events, rehearsals, and community engagement. “It’s a lot to juggle, but it’s also a great feeling knowing that we’re giving back to the community and making kids’ day special,” said Smith said. “The whole event felt like a big family effort. Watching the kids and the high school students bond through this experience made all the work leading up to it worthwhile,” Nerren said. The annual fundraiser at Pacelli School continues to be a highlight of the year, not just for the kids who attend, but for the entire community who come together to support the arts and provide an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.



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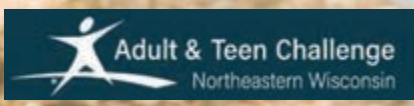
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ClintonvilleNEWS

Behnke listens to voters

Long-term care discussed

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Citizens expressed concerns about funding for long-term care for citizens with special needs at the listening session held by State Representative Elijah Behnke. It was held at the town of Mattson Community Center on March 8.

For Behnke, who represents the 6th Wisconsin State Assembly District, which includes the city of Clintonville, it was his fifth listening session held in communities he represents.

“This has been a great experience, Behnke told the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette. “My first one was in Bonduel and four people showed up, all friendly. The only one that was a little interesting was in the city of Shawano. The Democrat Party of Shawano County came and brought a bunch of members, so like a dozen people. It’s different at every town. That was kind of contentious, but they talked a lot about federal issues, which I don’t have any power over. We had civil conversations. I think people left at least knowing I’m a decent listener.”

He told those in attendance at the Matteson listening session that he has been meeting with taxpayers in his district to get a better understanding of what they would like to see in the upcoming bi-annual state budget.

“It starts with me listening to the taxpayers that I work for, and then moving up from there,” said Behnke.

After introducing himself, Behnke said, “A lot of times small communities like this don’t have a voice in Madison, so it’s kind of my mission to do a good job representing



State Representative Elijah Behnke hosted a listening session at the Town of Mattson Community Center on March 8.

Bert Lehman Photo

people like yourself.”

Proposed budget

Behnke told those in attendance that the budget proposed by Governor Tony Evers contains 1,800 pages of a lot of policy.

“So, we remove all the policy, and it’s probably going to be 550 pages when we’re (Republicans) done,” said Behnke. “The biggest expense in the state is schools, so we’re doing some auditing of DPI (Department of Public Instruction) currently. I know Milwaukee has failed an audit. So, making sure the money’s helping the kids learn, and not for these silly programs.”

Behnke said the tax hikes proposed by Gov. Evers would amount to \$3.7 billion. The proposed budget also would turn the state’s \$4 billion surplus into a \$2 billion deficit.

“He’s kind of just a nice grandpa-like figure, he says yes to everybody,” said Behnke. “Anybody who comes to ask for money, he says yes, and throws it into this proposed budget. But really, we can’t live like that. We have an amendment in our Constitution that says we can’t go into debt like the federal government has.”

Questions

Those in attendance asked a variety of questions about funding for caregivers and long-term care facilities that help citizens with special needs. Behnke said he was in favor of increasing that funding.

One attendee told Behnke that getting increased funding for long-term care would be good for the community and residents, that it would be an investment for the future.

“I just don’t understand why nothing is happening,” said the attendee.

Another attendee asked why Republicans and Democrats can’t work together.

“My experience with the new (legislative) maps, you’re getting a little more friendliness (between the two parties), because the majorities are so much thinner, you have to work together,” said Behnke.

He added that money is ruining politics, and corporations are “buying politicians.”

Another attendee told Behnke that there is a group of the population that relies on community-based services. “Those community-based services have not been funded adequately to keep it afloat,” said the attendee.

The attendee added that that population “largely has no vote. The majority do not vote, so their voice is limited. Most of them live in poverty.”

“These workers are essential for the quality of life for this population,” said the attendee.

Behnke said, “I definitely, just so you all know, everybody’s created in God’s image, everybody has intrinsic values, so I 100% want to help. I really do. I’ve just not had to deal with this, so I’m not familiar with the program, but I will get familiar, and we will definitely try to increase funding. How that looks and where that goes, I don’t know.”



Members of the organizations that received grant funds from the Clintonville Area Foundation gathered at The Living Room Coffee Shop & Vintage Decor in Clintonville in February for the grant distribution event.

Jeff Hoffman photo

Foundation awards \$13,350 in grants

10 charitable organizations recipients

CLINTONVILLE – The Clintonville Area Foundation (CAF) recently awarded \$13,350 in grants to 10 charitable organizations serving the Clintonville area. The grants, benefitting a range of community causes, were awarded from a variety of charitable funds within the community foundation this year.

“We are proud that the Clintonville Area Foundation will again this year be sharing funding with eleven area nonprofit organizations,” said Dirk Weber, advisory board chairperson of the Clintonville Area Foundation. “These monies will be used for better nutrition, hygiene, clothing, victim services, emergency equipment, playground equipment, children’s beds, area history and more.”

Eligible nonprofit organizations submitted grant requests through the Foundation’s annual competitive process. The Foundation’s volunteer grants committee members recommend grant recipients to the advisory board for approval.

The following grants were approved:

- The Clintonville Area Food Pantry was awarded \$3,000 to help purchase food to support families in need during the summer months when school is not in session and children are not receiving

free breakfast and lunch.

- The Clintonville Area Ambulance Servicewas awarded \$1,000 to help purchase the Masimo Rad-57 tool used for rapid and accurate assessments in emergencies such as smoke inhalation, respiratory distress, cardiac arrest, trauma and toxic exposures, making it easier to provide potentially life-saving rapid treatments

- The Community Clothes Closet in Clintonville was awarded \$2,000 to help support the 2025 Traveling Closet distribution events, which take place every 60 days, providing pants, hoodies, socks, underwear, winter gear and other essentials to children and adults in Clintonville with a demonstrated financial need.

- Goodfellows of Clintonville and Marion was awarded \$1,000 to help provide age-appropriate gifts for teen recipients in 2025 for the annual holiday distribution where there tends to be a gap in donations.

- The Compassionate Connections Incwas awarded \$3,000 to help support the growing personal hygiene and diaper pantry which provides individuals and families in need with essential hygiene items once a month and diapers/wipes once a week.

- The Embarrass Volunteer Fireman’s Association Inc was awarded \$500 to help support startup costs of an Emergency Medical Responder program in Embarrass to get life-saving equipment and personnel to emergencies

more quickly.

- Down with Milestones was awarded \$435.43, and \$564.57 from the Clintonville Education Fund, for a total of \$1,000 to help support the construction and installation of Clintonville’s first all-inclusive playground at W.A. Olen Park to ensure children of all abilities, including those with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities, can play together.

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc. of Waupaca was awarded \$600 for its “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!” initiative to help volunteers build twin beds which are delivered fully-furnished to children ages 3-17 who do not have a bed.

- The Clintonville Area Historical Society was awarded \$250 to help celebrate the historical society’s 50th anniversary with trolley car tours of historical Clintonville businesses and homes as part of a larger event at Pioneer Park.

- The SAM25 Program was awarded \$1,000 to support general expenses of running the SAM25 Emergency Shelter from November 1 through April 30, and the Resource Center year-round to help end the cycle of poverty.

To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.ClintonvilleFoundation.org, write Clintonville Area Foundation c/o Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, 4455 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton, WI 54914 or call 920-830-1290.

Waupaca County Sheriff's

March 3 – A Clintonville woman on Old CC reported a juvenile was calling people names and grabbing people inappropriately. The dispatcher heard the juvenile call someone a whore and say, “You don’t scare me.”

March 3 – A Waupaca woman on Old Highway 22 reported a juvenile was being harassed by other juveniles on social media.

March 3 – A Bear Creek woman on Blueberry Road reported she was getting harassing text messages from her daughter’s father.

March 3 – A Waupaca man on King Road reported high school students were “tearing out of the parking lot.”

March 3 – A Manawa woman on Walnut Street reported her boyfriend was hitting her and smashing her things.

March 3 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile was having suicidal thoughts and had a sharp object he intended to use for harm.

March 4 – An Iola woman on Water Street reported her neighbor starts playing music at 7:30 a.m. and it is so loud it shakes her wall.

March 4 – A female caller reported an elderly man was hitchhiking and wearing a Green Bay Packer jacket near US 10 and State Highway 22.

March 4 – A Fremont man on Alpine Road reported his wife was at a hotel. She told her sister that she was done and to take care of her child. She was despondent and alcohol was involved.

March 4 – A Waupaca woman on Lambs Quarters Lane reported the death of a male tenant that rented from her. Rent was late which was unusual and she called and emailed and there was no answer or reply.

March 4 – An unknown caller reported a woman has ideations of killing her 88-year-old mother and herself.

March 4 – Rawhide Youth Services reported a juvenile punched a staff member twice.

March 4 – A male caller reported he was kicked out of his parent’s house, has no money and was looking for places to stay.

March 5 – A female caller reported she was a manager of some storage units. She noticed that all of the service doors have pry marks. It appeared that no one gained entry.

March 5 – Canadian National Railroad reported a suspicious man was walking the tracks.

March 5 – An anonymous caller reported a man out on bail from Brown County was drinking at a bar and was driving a BMW.

March 6 – The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported getting a suspicious email from a man staying at the local Econolodge. It stated, “The war is coming for you,” and something about finding his dead parents in Hollywood.

March 6 – An Iola woman on King Olavs Lane reported an out-of-control juvenile

smashed the windshield on her vehicle.

March 8 – Law enforcement officers escorted Weyauwega-Fremont wrestlers returning from the state tournament.

March 8 – A New London woman on Everts Road reported a suspicious small red vehicle parked across from her house for the past four hours.

March 9 – A Waupaca woman on Bartlett Street reported a female grabbed her hair and started fighting her.

March 9 – A Weyauwega woman on White Lake Road reported the illegal dumping of car tires, bicycle tires, a shop vacuum and auto parts on her property.

March 9 – A Manawa woman on North Water Drive reported she is leaving her husband. He is asking her for the key to the gun safe. She believes that if she leaves him, he will kill himself.

March 9 – A woman on Spencer Lake Road reported the death of a 64-year-old person.

There were 13 deer-related calls during this period. Thirty three controlled burns were called in. There were an above-average number of motor vehicle crashes on March 5, including one jack-knifed truck and trailer. A Pine River woman reported a caregiver was bitten by a dog. A man on Akron Road reported an aggressive German shepherd. A woman on Emmons Creek Road reported she gets rushed by the neighbors’ dogs when walking along that road.



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New London & Hortonville NEWS

Board approves special committee

Focus on student achievement and growth

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The New London Board of Education approved the creation of a special committee on student achievement and growth when it met Feb. 12.

Board member Mark Grossman voted against creating the special committee. Board member Mandy Wilz was absent from the meeting. The board also agreed that district administrators should present their existing programs and processes regarding student achievement and growth at the March 12 board meeting.

Grossman initially made a motion that the board not accept the proposed special committee, but the motion failed to receive a second.

A motion was then made by board Vice President John Heideman and seconded by board Treasurer Nate Grundy for the creation of the special committee.

Leading off the discussion, Grossman said one of the things that disappointed him about the proposed special committee was the lack of inclusion of district staff, especially the principals of the schools. He said the principals would be a good source for the board to find out what is happening in each school building.

He added that at the last school board meeting, when the special committee was discussed, he asked that the principals be contacted regarding the special committee. Since that meeting, Grossman said none of the principals had been contacted.

“I was pretty emphatic about it, that we contact them, at least as a starting point to figure out what’s going on right now,” said Grossman said. “All of them have said they have not been contacted by you [Board President Chris Martinson].”

Grossman added, “All you had to do is ask, that’s it.”

Creating a positive culture should be important to the district, Grossman said.

“I’ll tell you what, going ahead with this is not go-

ing to do anything to help get a positive culture in our school district,” said Grossman.

He said creating a special committee would show the district’s teachers and administrators that the board doesn’t have any interest in what they think.

Martinson told Grossman that it’s alright to not agree with the idea of a special committee, but it’s not alright to attack a board member’s motives. Martinson said if a special committee were to be formed, it would show the district is engaging the community with the issue of student achievement and growth.

“This is not something that should be looked at in ways as outsiders coming in and telling us what to do,” Martinson said. “Nothing’s going to get through here unless the people that work for us are treated right.”

Grossman told Martinson he disagreed with him, adding that district staff should have been allowed to address Martinson’s concerns at a board meeting.

Martinson said that had been done.

Grossman disagreed.

Martinson said promoting community engagement with the formation of the special committee would be a “win-win” and would not be hostile toward the district’s staff.

New London Superintendent Scott Bleck said a special committee does present an opportunity, but recommended that the board take a “pause” to allow the district’s administrative team to further inform the board about what their efforts have included to improve student achievement and growth in the district.

He added that if the administrative team were given time to assemble an overview of what their initiatives are, it would help the board understand where opportunities are regarding the matter.

As he said at the previous board meeting when the creation of a special committee was discussed, Martinson said he’s seen special committees work in the private sector.

Before the vote to create the special committee, Grossman recommended the board “put this motion on pause until we hear from the staff what’s going on.”

Mathewson Monuments owners Cody Kallas and Greg Mathewson presented a \$10,000 donation to volunteers Joe and Lori Dehlinger Van Alstine for the New London Community Fund. The Fund has been established to provide a permanent source of grant dollars for charitable organizations working to improve the quality of life in New London and is within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region in Appleton. Donations may be made online at www.cffoxvalley.org.



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New Dublin’s Irish events

- Monday, March 17 – Leprechaun Day
- Leprechauns change the name of the town to New Dublin for the week, entertain kids, visit the elderly and appear at various businesses.
- Tuesday, March 18 – Hooligan Day
- Corned beef and cabbage is served during the week at Pup’s Irish Pub in North Dublin (Northport) and several fine establishments in New Dublin (New London).
- Wednesday, March 19 – Irish Caroling. At 5

p.m., Irish caroling begins at St. Joseph Residence, the Washington Center and Trinity Terrace. Song sheets are provided. A great way to learn traditional Irish sing-a-longs while entertaining senior citizens. Meet at the St. Joseph’s chapel entrance.

- Thursday, March 20 – Irish Entrainment. Talented New Dublin area artists present Irish entertainment featuring songs, dances and humor or Ireland at 7 p.m. in the New London High School auditorium. The Irish Man and Irish Rose

Don and Connie Laughlin, Grand Marshals April Kopitzke and Chad Hoerth and Irish Lad and Lassie will be recognized. Enjoy great family entertainment with free admission.

- Friday, March 21 – Irish Ceili. At 7 p.m. an Irish Ceili (Kay-lee) is free and open to the public at Crystal Falls Banquet Facility. This is a traditional gathering of friends and family for music and dance. Learn Irish dance steps or watch as an authentic Irish step caller, Bob Pillsbury, and Flip O’ The Coin per-

form. Finnegan’s Wake will also be out at several local establishments.

- Saturday, March 22 – Grand Parade and Irish Fest. The Grand Parade on Pearl and Water Streets begins at 1 p.m. downtown. Over 100 units including extensive line up of bagpipe and marching bands, festive clowns, specialty units and clan business floats and more. Bands in the big tent begin at 11 a.m. with Shemus, 1 p.m. Band O’ Barley and at 3 p.m. The Scrubbers. Entrance to the tent is \$5.

Wega-Fremont NEWS

WARHAWKS AT STATE



The Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks wrestling team finishes their season in second place at state.

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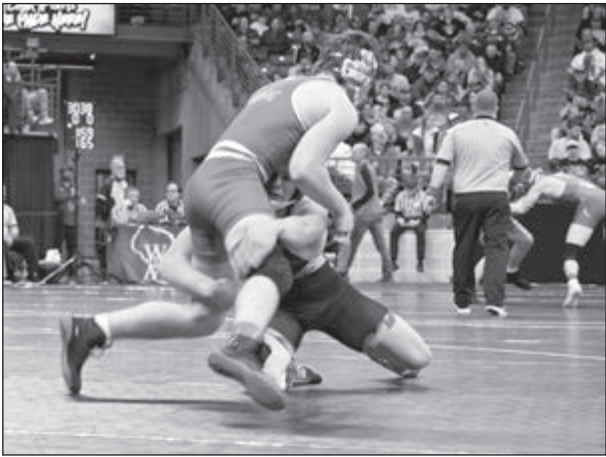
Jaydon Le Noble takes second in the 106-lb division at state.

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175-lb Carter McDaniel finishes 6th to receive All-State recognition.

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Warhawks had 10 wrestlers compete in the WIAA individual wrestling tournament.

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All about ATV/UTV operation

WEYAUWEGA – On Thursday, March 20 at 6 p.m. Warden Mulrooney will be at Weyauwega City

Hall’s community room giving an ATV/UTV safety talk. He give a presentation and will be available

for questions afterwards. This presentation is free and open to the public. He will discuss common violations, safety concerns, what roads an ATV/UTV can legally

operate on, juvenile laws, legal requirements, exemptions for hunting and fishing and alcohol use while operating an ATV/UTV.

Construction is coming

WEYAUWEGA – TC Energy and its contractors will be working the Weyauwega area on the ANR pipeline as part of the Wisconsin Reliability Project. Residents will see an increase

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Application forms may be obtained at the office of the Guidance Counselor, Weyauwega-Fremont High School, or by calling 920-867-8980. Applications must be received by **1:00 PM on April 4th, 2025.**

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Manawa NEWS

Fish mounts offered at sport shop

Also hosting Little Wolf species slam

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Little Wolf River Outfitters located in downtown Manawa has recently started offering the service of fish taxidermy for customers. Rick Zemple, owner of Little Wolf River Outfitters, started offering the services last fall; however, the service is still somewhat new to the shop.

Zemple said he learned about taxidermy in high school when he worked for his uncle’s taxidermy service. There are two separate types of taxidermy service that he is offering, that is skin mount and replica mounts.

The skin mount uses the fish skin. The flesh of the fish is removed and is replaced with a foam body. A replica mount allows for anglers to release the trophy fish they catch and if they take the measurements, length and circumference, as well as a picture of the of the fish, Zemple can buy a matching-sized replica and paint it according to the picture.

Zemple said he is able to do both types of taxidermy for fish and the cost will vary.

The cost of a skin mount is \$10 per inch, while the replica can vary on price. It is a case-by-case basis. He estimates the cost to be around \$20 per inch.

Another service he is offering is repairing and restoring mounted fish that have been damaged. The cost for this is also on a case to case basis.

This is just one of many of the things Zemple is doing through his shop since opening April 2024. He has also created various programs for youth to learn how to fish and able to compete for prizes.

He said he will be holding the same fishing contest he held last year, which challenges kids to catch all 12 species of fish found in the Little Wolf River.



Little Wolf River Outfitters in downtown Manawa now offers taxidermy for fish, with the option of either a skin mount or replica.

Emily Doud Photo

These species include northern, walleye, small mouth bass, largemouth bass, rock bass, sheepshead, trout (brown or brook), crappie, any species of catfish, bullhead, bluegill or sunfish and perch.

Zemple said they just need to take a picture of the fish they caught and bring it in to log it, if they catch all 12 species they get a \$50 gift card to use at Little Wolf River Outfitters, if they get at least ten they will receive a \$20 gift card.

Zemple said he also gauging interest in hosting a fly fishing class this summer down by Lindsay Park, where an instructor would come in to teach kids, at least 12 and older, how to fly fish.

Zemple said he has three kids signed up so far, if you know of a child that is interested you can stop down to Little Wolf River Outfitters to sign up.

For more information on taxidermy or upcoming fishing events you can find Little Wolf River Outfitters is located in downtown Manawa. Email Zemple at lwriveroutfitters@gmail.com, call them at 920-596-2002 or find them on Facebook at Little Wolf River Outfitters.



The shore stabilization project recently wrapped up in Manawa as the city prepares for the spring thaw.

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president, citing a Wisconsin Statute.

The Wisconsin statute in question is statute 19.90, which states: “The open meetings law requires a governmental body to make a reasonable effort to accommodate any person desiring to record, film, or photograph its proceedings in open session.”

Schustek said that the manner in which he was recording created a disturbance and interfered with the effective functioning of the meeting.

“His actions appeared to be aimed at creating a ‘gotcha’ moment, rather than recording a respectful and productive environment,” she said. “Given this disruption, it was determined that his recording fell outside of the bounds of the statute at the time.”

She went on to say, people will be allowed to record meetings as long as it does not cause a disturbance.

“We value transparency and community engagement, and encourage all interested

individuals to record our public meetings, provided they do so respectfully and in accordance to the law,” she said.

McCoy said he is planning on recording meetings, saying he wants people to find out what is going on in public meetings.

“The reason why I recorded the meeting and will continue to now is because they pick and choose what they write in the minutes,” McCoy said. “They misquoted everybody; they picked apart five sentences and then just add the first sentence and the last sentence. Makes you sound like an idiot.”

Parks read a statement at the conclusion of the public comments portion of the meeting the following statement:

“After considering the comments made at February 5, 2025, public meeting of the Iola Village Police Committee and complaints made by Sherri Miller in a letter to the Police Committee chair, members of the Police Committee have determined that the officers of the Iola Village

Police Department do not target the bars and their patrons during the course of their duties. Further, the Police Committee has determined that specific issues raised were not supported by verifiable facts or data. To illustrate, a complaint that nine people were pulled over within sight of Thirsty Perch during the course of one evening on a specific date had no basis in fact as there were not traffic stops at all on the date in question. The Iola Village Police Committee believes the taxpayers of Iola get good value for their tax dollars through the operation of our police department. Unless we receive a sworn affidavit alleging specific incidents that can be independently verified, the Police Committee considers the matter of these bar owner complaints to be closed.”

Reporter’s note: The notion of disbanding the Iola Police Department was brought up at these meetings as well as in a letter to the Village. These issues and concerns will be highlighted and followed up on in the Waupaca County Post next week.

Opinion

Petersen authors Bill AB25 to limit utility transmission competition

Republican Representative Kevin Petersen (R) has authored Assembly Bill 25 to create an electrical transmission line monopoly. Current state and federal law allow for an open bid process for any new electrical transmission lines created in Wisconsin. Under AB25 Right of First Refusal (ROFR), it would only grant these contracts to the current company that controls that portion of the electrical grid. This essentially prevents other companies to bid on the project. Recent cost analysis by the MacIver

Institute showed a 37% cost savings with competition compared to 18% higher costs when states have passed bills like Kevin Petersen’s AB25. Kevin’s bill would be a lot more creditable if not for recent reports from the State of Wisconsin Election Commission. Kevin has taken thousands of dollars from the utility companies. The Republican Assembly Campaign Committee (RACC), of which Petersen is an active member, has taken hundreds of thousands of dollars as well. As Chairman of the

Waupaca County Republican Party, it is important to inform the public and be transparent unlike Kevin Petersen. So, when you see your utility bill go up next year you can thank your Assembly Representative Kevin Petersen. Call Kevin Petersen and tell him to withdraw anti-competitive AB25. The elimination of competition is never a good thing for consumers, no matter how Kevin Petersen spins it!

Joel Bartel
Waupaca County
Republican Party Chair

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Obituary Notices

Brunner, Steven



Steven Donald Brunner, age 71, of Waupaca, WI, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at ThedaCare Medical Center in Berlin, WI. He was born on June 17, 1953 in Manitowoc, WI, the son of Donald and Florence (Gosz) Brunner.

The Brunner family moved from Brillion, WI to Waupaca in 1955.

Steve built a wonderful life filled with hard work, fun, mischief, and laughter.

Above all Steve was devoted to his family.

He graduated from Waupaca High School in 1972 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI.

On August 20, 1976 Steve married the love of his life, Debra M. Brodnicki, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Together, they made Waupaca their home, creating a lifetime of treasured memories both at home and boating on the Chain 'O Lakes.

Steve spent his entire working career as an Industrial Engineer Manager with the Waupaca Foundry. Retiring in 2017 after 38 years.

Steve was a man of deep faith, love, kindness, and generosity. A devoted husband, father, son, brother, and Papa, he found his greatest joy in raising his two children, Nicholas and Emily, and spending cherished time in his workshop working together on numerous projects. One of his greatest roles was that of Papa to his two beloved grandsons, Bo and Baron, with whom he shared an unbreakable bond.

Steve was a caregiver to all, a prince among men, and a steadfast friend. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and the many lives he touched.

He is survived by his best friend, teammate and wife of 49 years, Debra Brunner of Waupaca; his children, Nicholas Donald Brunner of Waupaca and Emily Rose (William "Billy" Clifford IV) Rodgers of Minnetrista, MN; two cherished grandsons, William "Bo" Clifford Rodgers V and Baron Donald Rodgers; and his siblings, Susie (Bill) Stark of Madison, Tom (Lynn) Brunner of Wausau, Mary Jo Brunner of Manitowoc, and Patrice (Bob) Klimoski of Sturgeon Bay. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Donald (Margaret) Brunner; his mother, Florence Brunner; and in-laws Victoria and George Dobson.

A Funeral Service for Steve will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 12:00 Noon at Calvary Catholic Cemetery & Chapel Mausoleum, 2601 South 14th Street, Manitowoc, WI, with Father Doug LeCaptain officiating. Visitation will take place on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of service. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Wendt, Andrew O.



Andrew "Andy" O. Wendt, age 83, of Waupaca, WI, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 7, 2025. Andy was born October 31, 1941 in New London, WI; son of the late Roy and Elda (Strey) Wendt. He had many friends and loads of fun during his childhood years in Weyauwega while attending Public and St. Peter's schools. In 1955, his family moved to Waupaca and he lived his teenage years there, graduating from High School

with the class of 1959. Andy continued his education at Madison Business College where he met Karen Robinson, whom he later married in Mauston, WI in 1963. At the time of his death, they had been married for 62 years. They returned to Waupaca the following year, and Andy joined the family Ford-Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealership and retired from there after 38 years.

Andy was a former member and past president of the Waupaca Jaycees and also a member and past president of the Waupaca Lions Club. He was the recipient of the Lions prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship award in 2018, which honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional service within local clubs. He was especially fond of serving at the Lions pancake breakfast during the annual Fly-In at the Waupaca airport each year.

Throughout his life, Andy enjoyed spending time on the Chain-O-Lakes, camping with family and participating in community and church events. He led the dealership's sponsorship of the local Punt, Pass and Kick events and furnished cars for driver's education, and was an usher at church for many years. He was a proud supporter of the Comets, Brewers and Bucks, and never missed a Packers game. He was a sharp card player, with sheephead and cribbage being two of his favorites.

Andy is survived by two daughters, Holly Wendt (John Dykhoff) of Minneapolis, MN; and Kim Knutson of La Crosse, WI; two grandsons, Sam (Cara) Kinderman of Wauwatosa, WI; and Ross Kinderman of St. Paul, MN; one great-grandson, Simon Kinderman; siblings, Mary Johan Knecht of Waupaca, WI; David (Jo) Wendt of Chevy Chase, MD; and Steven (Vickie) Wendt of Waupaca, WI and Naples, FL; also many other relatives and countless friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waupaca. Rev. Ron Siemers will officiate. Visitation will be held from 1:00 PM until time of service at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church's Emergency and Relief Fund or the Waupaca Lions Club. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Grundman, Penny Ann



Penny Ann (Rossman) Grundman, 75, passed away on March 6, 2025, in Waupaca, Wisconsin.

Born on May 15, 1949, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Penny dedicated her life to her family, faith, and community. She retired from the Weyauwega-Fremont School District working both in the cafeteria and as a custodian. She loved her job and took great joy in seeing all the kids each day. Her warm presence and kindness left a lasting impact on those she encountered.

Penny's faith was central to her life. She loved the Lord with all her heart and made it a priority to teach her children and grandchildren about God. Her unwavering devotion was evident in the way she lived—always with love, kindness, and an open heart for those around her.

She was known for her infectious laughter and positive personality. A devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Penny cherished time spent with loved ones. She found happiness in sunshine-filled days and treasured moments with her many friends. Her beloved dog Buddy was always by her side, bringing her additional joy and companionship.

Penny is survived by her daughter Teresa Lider; stepsons Chris (Mae) Grundman and Marko Grundman; grandchildren Alyssa and Blake Lider, January Jewel and Avril Arella Grundman, and Garrett Grundman; sister Sharon Krueger; brother William Rossman; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Betty Rossman, her brother Scott Rossman, and former husband Steve Grundman.

Penny's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. May the warmth of her spirit continue to bring comfort to all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

A special "thank you" to all the caregivers and staff at Bethany Home of Waupaca.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Weyauwega from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. A memorial service which will celebrate Penny's life will begin at 4:00 pm with the Rev. Philip Thompson officiating. The celebration will continue afterwards with food and refreshments.

Stout, Andrew



Andrew "Andy" T. Stout, age 56, of Weyauwega, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes, at home Friday, February 28, 2025. He was born in Beloit on April 8, 1968 to Loren and Ruth (Chitwood) Stout.

Andy loved spending time with family and friends, enjoyed rock music and attending concerts. His greatest passion was shooting pool and he had played in several different leagues. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening and

playing in bar league softball. Andy had a big heart until he was mad, then it was on!

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by sisters: Jane (Mark) Nowak of Amherst (formerly Heffron) and Gail (Pat) Inda of Wild Rose; niece, Leah Stout of Amherst; half-brother, Bill (Holly) Reyes and their children: Sasha Reyes, Carla Reyes and Brandon Jensen. Though he had no children of his own, he treated Reba Carter as his daughter and accepted her children, Tommy Boyce and Kaylee Frailing, as his own grandchildren. Andy will also be missed by his best friend "brother", Jay Luce, and beloved friend, Dana Carter.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Aaron Dombrowski.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Raisin' Cain (formerly Heffron Tavern). There will be a private burial at a later date. The Maple Crest Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Wendt, Karen A.



Karen A. Wendt change of Memorial Service Times

Due to Karen's husband, Andrew Wendt's passing, Karen's Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca. Visitation will begin at 9:30 AM until time of services at 11:00 AM at Holly's.

Schoepke, Nancy L.

Nancy L. Schoepke, age 77 of the Town of Richmond, Shawano County, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025.

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Mexican, located at 116 E Main Street, Weyauwega, WI; and **LET IT BE FURTHER NOTED** that the above license application will be reviewed and acted upon by the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega at the regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Weyauwega City Hall located at 109 E. Main Street, Weyauwega, WI. Rebecca Loehrke City Clerk Published March 13, 2025 WNAXLP

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC Plaintiff, vs. SHANE HOOEY Defendant.

Case No. 25CV000010 AMENDED SUMMONS TO: SHANE HOOEY N2236 S OLD MILL RN WAUPACA WI 54981-8265 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within Forty (40) days after March 13, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY, 811 HARDING ST. WAUPACA WI 54981 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin February 24, 2025. KOHN LAW FIRM S.C. ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/JOSEPH R. JOHNSON JOSEPH R. JOHNSON State Bar No. 1053052 Attorney for Plaintiff Published March 13, 20 & 27, 2025 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION WAUPACA COUNTY Plaintiff, vs. JAMES ANDERSON N7176 FITZGERALD RD NEW LONDON, WI 54981 SHELLY KRUEGER N7176 FITZGERALD RD NEW LONDON, WI 54961 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES ANDERSON N7176 FITZGERALD RD NEW LONDON, WI 54961 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHELLY KRUEGER N7176 FITZGERALD RD NEW LONDON, WI 54961 Defendants. SUMMONS Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Case No: 2024CV000319 Honorable Troy L. Nielsen Case Code No. 30404 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To the following party named as defendants herein: SHELLY KRUEGER AND THE SPOUSE OF SHELLY KRUEGER. You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within forty 40 days after February 27, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Waupaca County Circuit Clerk 811 Harding Street Waupaca, WI 54981 and to Sara Schmeling/Marinosci Law Group, P.C., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. 16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333 Brookfield, WI 53005 Tel: (414) 831-9723 Fax: (920) 221-7719 E-mail: MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlg-defaultlaw.com You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 18th day of February, 2025. /s/ Sara Schmeling Sara Schmeling / MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. State Bar No. 1086879 16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333 Brookfield, WI 53005 Telephone: 414-831-9723 Facsimile: 920-221-7719 **Marinosci Law Group, P.C. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.** Publish Feb. 27, March 6 & 13, 2025 WNAXLP

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NEW LONDON, WI 54961 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES ANDERSON N7176 FITZGERALD RD NEW LONDON, WI 54961 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHELLY KRUEGER N7176 FITZGERALD RD NEW LONDON, WI 54961 Defendants. SUMMONS Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Case No: 2024CV000319 Honorable Troy L. Nielsen Case Code No. 30404 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To the following party named as defendants herein: SHELLY KRUEGER AND THE SPOUSE OF SHELLY KRUEGER. You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within forty 40 days after February 27, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Waupaca County Circuit Clerk 811 Harding Street Waupaca, WI 54981 and to Sara Schmeling/Marinosci Law Group, P.C., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. 16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333 Brookfield, WI 53005 Tel: (414) 831-9723 Fax: (920) 221-7719 E-mail: MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlg-defaultlaw.com You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 18th day of February, 2025. /s/ Sara Schmeling Sara Schmeling / MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. State Bar No. 1086879 16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333 Brookfield, WI 53005 Telephone: 414-831-9723 Facsimile: 920-221-7719 **Marinosci Law Group, P.C. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.** Publish Feb. 27, March 6 & 13, 2025 WNAXLP

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is located in Sections 03, 04, 09, 10, 15, 16, 21, and 22; T21N, R12E, Town of Lind, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. The proposal is for the professional engineering, surveying services, and land acquisition required to prepare construction plans and a right-of-way plat. This includes all necessary documents to and for acquiring required lands and interests for the project. Utility coordination for this project will also be part of the scope of engineering services provided.
Project Scope
Waupaca County plans to design, acquire right-of-way, and reconstruct this highway over a three (3) year period. Design in 2025-2026, utilities and ROW acquisition in 2026, construction in 2027. Funding for the planning, engineering services, right-of-way purchases, and construction/paving will be completed through the 90/10 cost share **ARIP** funding. Following engineering design completion and utility relocates and ROW acquisition, Waupaca County Highway Department intends to perform the work. The ARIP Committee will need to approve the work to be performed by Waupaca County Highway.
The CTH A highway improvement is to reconstruct according to current highway design standards. The new roadway is to have a twenty-eight (28) foot wide asphalt pavement, 12' travel lanes with 6' shoulders (2' paved, 4' gravel). Roadway width will be 36' shoulder point to shoulder point. Road right-of-way width to be 80' after acquisition is completed.
Description of Engineering & Professional Services
1. **Reports and documents** shall include but not be limited to:
• Plan sheets to include:
• Title
• Typical Sections and Details
• Miscellaneous Quantities
• Right-of-Way Plat
• Erosion Control Plan
• Plan and Profile
• Standard Detail Drawings
• Computer Earthwork Data
• Cost estimate in Excel
• Cross Sections
• Intersection Detail
• Super Elevation Table for any curves (if any)
2. **Reports and documents** (continued) shall include but not be limited to:
• Environmental Documentation and Agency Coordination (including all applicable DNR and COE permits) including potential borrow site locations added to permits
• Right-of-Way Plat and Relocation Order
• Right-of-Way Documents
• Temporary Interests and Permanent Limited Easements
• Utility coordination – Review utility plans and coordinate with all utilities
• Review intermittent stream crossing north of Galilee Road and require hydraulic analysis. Drainage calculations to be completed for entire project ensuring culverts are sized correctly and placed at locations to prevent flooding of roadway. Exclude B68-047 stream.
3. **Field survey** shall consist of land surveying services necessary to prepare a complete roadway design and right-of-way plat. The location surveys shall include but not be limited to the following:
• Topographic Survey *To be completed by the Waupaca County

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NOTICE

TO ALL WAUPACA COUNTY DOG OWNERS!

You are hereby notified that in accordance with Chapter 174.05 and 174.07 of the Wisconsin statutes rabies vaccinations are required for all dogs aged 4 months or older and licenses are required for all dogs 5 months old or older.

The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains a dog or brings a dog into this state after the dog has reached 4 months of age, said dog shall be vaccinated within 30 days unless evidenced by a current certificate of vaccination. All older dogs must be revaccinated when the certificate expires, or, if no date is specified, within 3 years after the previous vaccination.

The veterinarian who vaccinates a dog against rabies shall complete and issue the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination and a rabies vaccination tag. The owner shall attach the tag to a collar, which shall be kept on the dog at all times. Certificates of current vaccination must be presented when obtaining dog licenses.

The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the dog license tax and obtain a license. **Please check with your local Treasurer as license fees may vary.**

PENALTIES
Licenses are issued for January 1 thru Dec. 31 of each year. A late fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed the owner of each dog 5 months of age or over who fails to obtain a dog license before April 1. An owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required by statutes may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$100.00.

Dog licenses must be obtained from your local treasurer.
For your convenience, you may clip and mail the following application with proof of rabies vaccination (if necessary) to your local treasurer.
By: Kristy K. Opperman, Waupaca County Clerk

WAUPACA COUNTY DOG OWNERS

MAIL IN APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE TO YOUR LOCAL TOWN, CITY OR VILLAGE TREASURER. FEES MAY VARY. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TREASURER.

OWNERS NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
MUNICIPALITY _____
Phone No. _____
Name of Animal, Breed & Color _____

Male _____ Neutered: Yes or No (Circle One)
Date of Rabies Vaccination _____ Expires _____
Female _____ Spayed: Yes or No (Circle One)
Date of Rabies Vaccination _____ Expires _____
Complete this application and mail with the rabies certificate and check or money order (made payable to your local treasurer).
Do not send cash. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your rabies certificate and license will be returned.

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6. **Other Services and Considerations**
• Plans and ROW to be acquired by Fall 2026 so utilities can get relocated. Construction to begin spring of 2027 by Waupaca County Highway Dept.
• Consultant will attend at least two preliminary design meetings, and host a public information meeting at the Waupaca County Highway Facility.
• Engineer shall be responsible for contracting geotechnical services and providing documents for geotechnical services bids. Borings in the wetland areas are necessary to determine soil conditions and construction techniques.
• There is also a very popular artesian well used in the Northwest Quadrant of CTH A and CTH EE that Waupaca County is anticipating leaving alone and not disturbing. It is owned and maintained by the Town of Lind.
Submittals
The proposal should include:
1. Name and address of firm with six (6) copies of the proposal.
2. A work program or description of specific services to be provided (if different from the service request) and a proposed work schedule showing target dates for completion.
3. Resumes of individuals directly responsible for these projects.
4. Engineering & Professional Services proposal amounts should be total amount in numbers with written amount following.
Total Bid Proposal Amount \$ _____
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Waupaca County reserves the right to modify, add, or delete items during final negotiations with the selected engineering consulting firm.
7. If you would like to schedule a meeting prior to bid submittal, please email Casey.Beversdorf@co.waupaca.wi.us
Sealed bids will be received by Waupaca County Highway Department up to 1:00 p.m., April 10, 2025 at the Waupaca County Highway Department located at 2670 County Road A, Waupaca, WI 54981.
The bids will be opened and read aloud shortly after 1:00 p.m. Final approval will be made April 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Committee Room located at 2670 County Road A, Waupaca, WI 54981. Bid envelopes not properly marked may be rejected. Bid envelopes shall be marked as follows:
BID ENCLOSED
CTH A - ARIP Project
(2670 CTH A – 1100' South of Lind Center Lane)
Waupaca County Highway Department
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The Village Board for the Village of Iola, Waupaca County, is requesting Bids for a proposed road improvement on West McKinley St, Fairway Drive and East Taylor Park Roadway, for paving and adding gravel shoulders. **Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time, April 3, 2025**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of New London

FFP-24-22

Separate sealed bids for the Library Renovation Project for a two story remodel will be received by the City of New London at the office of City Hall on April 2, 2025 until 2:00 p.m. and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud on/at this date and time.

Mail to:
New London City Hall
Attn: LIBRARY BID
215 N Shawano St
New London, WI, 54961

Hand Deliver to:
Attn: LIBRARY BID
215 N Shawano St
New London, WI, 54961

The information for bidders, form of bid, form of contract, plans, specifications, and forms of bid bond, performance and payment bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following location(s): Blue Print Services. (www.blueprintfdl.bid)
Existing conditions can be viewed utilizing the following link:
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=uftuqzNbEdxt>
There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting at the existing building located at 113 W North Water Street, New London, WI, 54961, at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.
Bidders will perform all work in accordance with the Construction Progress Schedule in Section 00 72 50 – Construction Schedule. Any modification/ deviation from original schedule shall be included with Bid.
Prequalification of bidders will be required and be submitted 5 days prior to bid opening at New London City Hall.
Digital Copies may be obtained for Free. Hard Paper Copies may be obtained at the website of Blueprint Services located at www.blueprintfdl.com upon payment of \$500 for each set. Any successful bidder, upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his/her payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning such set will be refunded \$100. Documents are made available only for the purpose of obtaining offers for this project. Their use does not grant a license for other purposes. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.
Questions regarding the plans and specifications will be received by email only to the architect / construction manager up to Tuesday March 25 until 5:00 p.m. Immediately notify the construction manager by e-mail at dfjanigan@kellerbuilds.com upon finding discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Documents and with questions while preparing bids. Questions regarding the plan and specifications should be addressed to the Construction Manager via e-mail only. No phone calls regarding the plans or specifications will be received or returned other than via e-mail. Questions regarding the plans and specifications will be received by the construction manager up to Tuesday, March 25 until 5:00 p.m.
Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, an amount to secure the bid and subject to the conditions provided in the information for bidders, in accordance with bidding requirements set forth in Wis. Stats. § 66.0901 and § 62.15.
The contract shall be subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA), 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, and DOL (29 CFR Part 5); Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); and fair labor practices and wage standards for the program under which the contract is funded, and subject to the federal and state equal opportunity provisions, as specified in the bid packet. Small businesses, minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises (MBEs, WBEs), disabled veteran-owned businesses (DVBs), and firms in labor surplus markets are encouraged to participate in the bidding.
No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the date of the opening thereof.
Contracts awarded under this advertisement for bids may be funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Capital Project Fund through a grant awarded to the owner named above from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Flexible Facilities Program (FFP), and will be subject to all program requirements specified in the bid packet.
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Send Bids to: Village of Iola Clerk
Laura Krogwold
P.O. Box 336
Iola, WI 54945

ALL BIDS SHOULD BE LABELED
"Village of Iola Road Improvement 2025" with name and address of bidder incorporated on outside of envelope. Envelope shall be sealed.
Projects proposed consists of pulverize existing asphalt pavement from South Jackson to termination of West McKinly Street; Fairway Drive, from a starting point 865 feet from Water Street to termination, including cul-de-sac; East exit road of Olson park from east end of parking lot to Water Street. Fine grade, water and compact the remaining pulverized/base course material. Provide traffic control, signage and flagging as needed. Saw cut existing pavement. Village of Iola will provide truck and loader and haul away excess pulverized material if needed. Due to a variety of bids please contact the village clerk's office for bid sheets for each project at 715-445-2913. Hot Mix Asphalt using type 4LT58-28 at 2.5 inches thickness. Driveway openings shall have a 1" asphalt approach placed at each entrance. Shoulders will be placed 2 feet wide on each side of the newly paved roadway on Fairway Drive only. Driveway approaches shall have ¾" gravel placed to blend the driveways into the newly placed shoulder material. The Village of Iola will publicly open bids thus received at Village of Iola Hall, 180 S. Main St, Iola, WI 54945 at 10 a.m. local time on April 4, 2025.
A performance bond made out to the Village of Iola will be required. Contractors must also provide the Village of Iola with a Certificate of Insurance.
All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to the (10%) of bid payable to the Village of Iola.
The Village of Iola reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to the contractor who in the judgement of the Village of Iola will best serve the interest of the Village of Iola. The letting of the described herein project is subject to the provisions of Section 62.15 and 66.29 Wis Statutes.
Dated: March 4, 2025
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CITY OF WEYAUWEGA VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT
APRIL 1, 2025 SPRING ELECTION
Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:
• will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
• has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days

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before the election.
The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued".
Marking application to receive an absentee ballot by mail
Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.
Your written request must include:
1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification"
The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:
5 pm on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 27, 2025"
"Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.
**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.
Voting an absentee ballot in person
You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.
REBECCA LOEHRKE, CITY CLERK
920-867-2630
109 E. MAIN STREET
WEYAUWEGA, WI 54983**City Hall**
Open Hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
The first day to vote an absentee ballot in-person in the clerk's office is: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
The last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person in the clerk's office is: Friday, March 28, 2025 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.
No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 1, 2025. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.
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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 **March 26th, 2025, at 1:00pm** on the Imagecast Evolution (ICE) machine in preparation for the **Spring Election to be held on April 1st, 2025**. It will be held at the Farmington Town Hall, E913 Prairie View Lane.
s/Anjela Hamm
Clerk
Posted on 3/4/2025 at E913 Prairie View Lane and on our website, www.farmingtonwaup.gov
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TOWN OF HELVETIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING FOR THE ICE VOTING EQUIPMENT, FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2025, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HELVETIA TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M.
DOUGLAS HINES,
TOWN CLERK
Published: Waupaca County Post
www.townofhelvetia.com
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Town of Mukwa
E8514 Weyauwega Rd,
New London, 54981
Phone: 920.982.9890
clerk@mukwa.us
NOTICE TOWN OF MUKWA RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF: April 1, 2025 Election LOCATION & HOURS OF POLLING PLACE
At the Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 in the Town of Mukwa, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated (if you are unsure of your Ward or Polling Location, or would like an Absentee ballot; please go to www.myvote.wi.gov or contact Clerk Zielinski by email: clerk@mukwa.gov or by phone: 982-9890):
Location Wards 1 and 2
Mukwa Town Hall
E8514 Weyauwega Rd, Northport
Location Wards 3, 4 and 5
Bean City Bar & Grill
N2505 Bean City Road
Polling Places will be open from 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
All Polling Places are Accessible to Elderly and Disabled Voters.
Questions? Voter Registration Applications & Absentee Applications/Ballots are available by contacting:
Clerk, Jeannette Zielinski at clerk@mukwa.us or 982.9890 (please leave message-M-Fr & weekends or in person 6-8 Monday thru Friday & by appointment on Saturday).
Please Remember:
Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot

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The City of New London hereby gives notice of the taking of Bids for the restoration of storm windows at the New London Public Library and Museum. The project consists of the removal, repair, refinishing and installation of existing wood storm windows by a Historic Treatment Specialist. A qualified firm has completed three historic exterior wood restoration projects of at least \$50,000 contract value within the last three years and has been in business for at least 10 years. Bid documents will be available on March 6th, 2025 through the Quest Construction Data Network, (questcdn.com) Project #9569694. Bids will be received on Thursday, March 20, 2025 until 2:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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The Village of Junction City is requesting bids for a Street Reconstruction and Paving Project449561

The project will involve the reconstruction and paving of Joe's Court LRIP Project beginning at West Second Street for 355 feet including cul-de-sac.

Specifications can be obtained by contacting Peter Mallek, Village President, PO Box 93, Junction City, WI 54443 or by calling 715-457-2353.

Sealed bids must be received by the Village Clerk, Betty Bruski Mallek, PO Box 93, Junction City, WI 54443, clearly marked "sealed bid" on the outside of the envelope no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2025 or delivered in person at the Village Hall, 972 Main Street, Village of Junction City by 5:00 p.m. deposited in the utility drop box at the rear of building. Bid will be awarded on Monday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. at a Special Meeting of the Village Board. Work must be completed by Friday, June 13, 2025.

The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to adjust quantities in the best interest of the Village.

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CITY OF STEVENS POINT

STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – WASHINGTON AVENUE PROJECT 25-101

General Notice
City of Stevens Point (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – WASHINGTON AVENUE PROJECT 25-101
Electronic bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the City of Stevens Point until **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 10:00 AM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bid results will be posted to the designated website following bid closing and acceptance.
The Project includes the following Work:
Reconstruction of approximately 6,020 linear feet of roadway including approximately 9,150 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter; approximately 20,050 tons of dense graded base; approximately 4,155 tons of asphaltic concrete pavement; approximately 44,420 square feet of concrete sidewalk; approximately 3,740 linear feet of sanitary sewer piping; approximately 5,150 linear feet of storm sewer; approximately 3,500 linear feet of C900 PVC water main, water and sanitary sewer services, common excavation, restoration, appurtenances, and miscellaneous items.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the online Bidding button at the top of the Advertisement. Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.stevenspoint.com/dpw> or <http://www.questcdn.com> for a fee of \$22.00. You may download the digital Bidding Documents by inputting QuestCDN ebidDoc Number 9586416 on the website's project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information.
Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **City of Stevens Point**
By: **Scott Beduhn, PE**
Title: **Director of Public Works**
Date: **March 13, 2025**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – MADISON STREET PROJECT 25-102

General Notice
City of Stevens Point (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
2025 Street Improvements – Madison Street Project 25-102
Electronic bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the City of Stevens Point until **Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bid results will be posted to the designated website following bid closing and acceptance.
The Project includes the following Work:
Base Bid - Reconstruction of approximately 4,350 feet of roadway, 3,675 linear feet of watermain replacement, 1,875 linear feet of storm sewer replacement, and 2,730 linear feet of sanitary sewer replacement. Street reconstruction includes replacement of all curb, sidewalks, and curb ramps.
Additive Alternate 1 – Reconstruction of 300 feet of roadway (Wyatt Avenue between Madison Street and Dixon), 420 linear feet of watermain replacement, 80 linear feet of storm sewer replacement, and sanitary sewer service replacement. Street reconstruction includes replacement of all curb, sidewalks, and curb ramps.
Additive Alternate 2 – Reconstruction of 300 feet of roadway (East Avenue between Madison Street and Dixon), 410 linear feet of watermain replacement, 240 linear feet of storm sewer replacement, and 240 linear feet of sanitary sewer replacement. Street reconstruction includes replacement of all curb, sidewalks, and curb ramps.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the online Bidding button at the top of the Advertisement. Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.stevenspoint.com/dpw> or <http://www.questcdn.com>. Prospective bidders may download the digital Bidding Documents by inputting QuestCDN ebidDoc Number 9586420 on the website's project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information.
Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
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Owner: **City of Stevens Point**
By: **Scott Beduhn, PE**
Title: **Director of Public Works**
Date: **March 13, 2025**

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may be issued.

The deadline for making application to vote absentee by mail is 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, (Thursday, March 27, 2025).

Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact Clerk Zieliński regarding deadlines for requesting & submitting an absentee ballot.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the Clerk's Office is: Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in the Clerk's Office is Saturday, March 29, 2025 (by appointment).

The Municipal Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before THE POLLS CLOSE ON (Tuesday, April 1, 2025). Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Please contact Clerk, Jeannette Zieliński at clerk@mwukwa.us or 982.9890 if you have any questions. /s/Jeanette Zieliński, Municipal Clerk Town of Mukwa

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Voting by Absentee Ballot for the Spring Election

to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any US citizen who will be 18 years or older on Election Day, who has resided in a ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN WRITING.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail or in person.

MAKING APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M., ON THE FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to a home or care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON

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

THE FIRST DAY TO VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025. THE LAST DAY FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025. NO IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING MAY OCCUR ON A WEEKEND, LEGAL HOLIDAY, OR THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.

THE MUNICIPAL CLERK WILL DELIVER VOTED BALLOTS RETURNED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO THE PROPER POLLING PLACE OR COUNTING LOCATION BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025. ANY BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER THE POLLS HAVE CLOSED WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Ashley Janke- Clerk
715-752-4356

Village of Bear Creek
PO Box 28
Bear Creek, WI 54922
Monday-Friday
By Appointment
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Voting by Absentee Ballot Spring Election – Type E Notice Tuesday, April 1st, 2025

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote by an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued".

- You can check your registration status at www.MyVote.wi.gov.

Making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail:

- Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the spring election or both. You may make a written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email, or at www.MyVote.wi.gov.

Your written request must include these four things:

1. Your voting address (must be within the municipality where you wish to vote)
2. The address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. Your signature must be on your request
4. A copy of your photo identification"

The deadline for making applications to receive an absentee ballot by mail, online, email, or fax for the Spring Election is Thursday, March 27th, 2025, by 5:00pm

Voting an absentee ballot in person:

You can also request and cast an absentee ballot in person at the clerk's office during the specified days and hours listed below.

Town of Farmington Town Hall
E913 Prairie View Lane
Waupaca, WI 54981

Early Voting Hours: Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

ONLY for dates 3/18/2025 to 3/28/2025

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:
Tuesday, March 18th, 2025.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:
Friday, March 28thby 1:00pm.

Anjela Hamm, Town Clerk
clerk@farmingtonwaup.gov
Town Hall Phone: (715) 258-2779

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025. All ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

"Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot."

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding

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deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

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Agenda of the Hortonville Historical Society Annual Meeting 3/27/2025 at 6:00pm

Hortonville Municipal Service Center
531 N Nash Street
Hortonville, WI, 54944

Nathan Treadwell will preside over this meeting and minute taker will be Lauren Prochnow until duties are assigned at the Board of Directors Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

- Call Meeting to order
- Introduction into the current state of the Hortonville Historical Society
- Elections of the Hortonville Historical Society Board – 7 Open Spots
- Slate of Candidates
 - Lorrie Bellie
 - Reed Schneider
 - Garth Schneider
 - Claire Abitz
 - Julie Arendt Vanden Heuvel
 - Geoff Holz
 - Justin Duff
- o 2 spots for a 1-year term
- o 2 spots for a 2-year term
- o 3 spots for a 3-year term
- Topics for future agenda
 - o IRS Number is outdated and needs to get back in good standing
 - o Wisconsin Historical Society Membership needs to get back in good standing
 - o Review and Amend the Hortonville Historical Society Bylaws
 - o Storage of Current assets
 - Set date for next meeting
 - Adjourn (motion)

Agenda of the Hortonville Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting 3/27/2025 at 6:15pm

Hortonville Municipal Service Center
531 N Nash Street
Hortonville, WI, 54944

Nathan Treadwell will preside over this meeting, Minute taker will be Lauren Prochnow

- Call Meeting to order
- Appointment of officers – One-year
- Appointments
 - o President
 - o Vice President
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer
- Appointment to Bank Accounts
 - o 1st Officer
 - o 2nd Officer
- Adjourn (motion)

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Farmington Town Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:30pm

E913 Prairie View Ln
www.farmingtonwaup.gov

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Meeting Statement: This meeting and all of the meetings of this Town Board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, so the citizens may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting.

Roll Call

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of February 17, 2025

Approve Minutes of March 12, 2025, Special Board Meeting

Approve Financial Report

Committee Reports Public Input

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Resolution 3/17/25 A (2025) Appointment of Commissioner #2 to Chain O'Lakes Sanitary District #1.
2. Accept the resignation of Jack Fulcher (Chair), Eugene Engbretson and Caroline Murphy as members of the Town of Farmington Plan Commission.
3. Ordinance 3/17/25 (2025) Amending Ordinance 7117/06 (2006) Creating a Town Planning Commission (Amendment to the Make-up of Members)
4. Resolution 3/17/25 B (2025) Appointment of Plan Commission Members-
 - a. Robert Karpinski: 3-year term
 - b. Richard Kasza: 3-year term
 - c. Craig Nelson: 3-year term
 - d. Thomas Hanson: 2-year term
 - e. Steve Rawson: 2-year term
 - f. Dennis Trinrud: 2-year term
 - g. Alison Dunham: 1-year term
5. Resolution 3/17/25 C (2025) Appointment of Members to be Chair and Vice-Chair of the Town of Farmington Plan Commission.
6. Rural Mutual Insurance policy from April 1st, 2025, to April 1st, 2026
7. Consideration of Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance Change(s)
8. MOU with Town of Dayton for boundary adjustment
9. John's Lawn Care Ditch Mowing Service Agreement for 2025
10. Liquor license application(s) received in Clerk's office
11. Land Use Permit application(s) received from Zoning-informational
12. Intent to Cut Wood Products- informational
13. Culvert/Driveway/Fire Number Application(s) – informational
14. Roads- Informational
15. Issues/Projects Discussion (30 minute maximum)-No Action Required
16. Communications and Recommendations of the Chair
17. Bills

Adjournment

Posted March 10, 2025, at Farmington Town Hall & Website
www.farmingtonwaup.gov

The Town Board may conduct a roll call vote, a voice vote or otherwise decide to approve, reject, table or modify any item on this agenda.

If special accommodation is necessary, please contact the Town Clerk at 715-258-2779 to make arrangements 24 hours prior to meeting.

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MINUTES OF UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

February 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the New London Utility Commission was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Vice President Schmidt at the Utility Offices at 400 East North Water Street, New London WI.

Members present were Schmidt, St. Marie, Barrington, Coppersmith and Bessette. Steingraber not present.

It was moved by Barrington and seconded by Schmidt that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Coppersmith and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by St. Marie and seconded by Coppersmith to approve vouchers 52538 through 52586 in the amount of \$1,413,113.56 as listed to be paid. Motion carried.

The General Manager updated the Commission on continuing work by Electric and Water crews.

The next meeting will be on March 4, 2025, 8:00 A.M. at the Utility Offices.

It was moved by Barrington and seconded by Coppersmith that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mike Barrington, Secretary
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MINUTES OF UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

February 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the New London Utility Commission was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by President Steingraber at the Utility Offices at 400 East North Water Street, New London WI.

Members present were Steingraber, Schmidt, St. Marie, Barrington, Coppersmith and Bessette.

It was moved by Barrington and seconded by Schmidt that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steingraber and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steingraber and seconded by St. Marie to approve vouchers 52496 through 52537 in the amount of \$97,387.26 as listed to be paid. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barrington and seconded by St. Marie to approve purchase and installation of generator not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carried.

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The Commission reviewed a proposal for phone service from AT&T. No action was taken.

The Manager reviewed with the Commission the bids for watermain construction on Oshkosh St.

The Manager updated the Commission on his attendance at the Capital on Feb. 5, 2025.

The General Manager updated the Commission on continuing work by Electric and Water crews.

The next meeting will be on February 18, 2025, 8:00 A.M. at the Utility Offices. It was moved by Steingraber and seconded by Coppersmith that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Mike Barrington, Secretary
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING For: Village of Embarrass, Waupaca County, WI Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application

Embarrass Village Hall, 130 Depot Street, Embarrass, WI 54933 (Zoom meeting access available upon request)

Wednesday - March 26, 2025 - 4:00PM

The Village Board of the Village of Embarrass will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities (PF) program funds. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, provide input on community development and housing needs, and comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

Agenda for the public hearing:

1. Identification of total potential funding available
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs
4. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
5. Resident input regarding community development and housing needs, the proposed CDBG project, and other CDBG activities

Residents of the Village of Embarrass, including residents with low and moderate incomes that may be impacted by the project, are encouraged to attend.

The meeting room is ADA accessible. If you wish to request virtual access to this public meeting or require translation or transcription assistance during the meeting or of the Citizen Participation Plan, or need additional accommodations please contact the Village Clerk at 715-823-8525 or email: embvil@charter.net.

Joann Polak
Village Clerk / Treasurer
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CITY OF WAUPACA

ABRIDGED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL
(with the option to attend virtually via video / teleconferencing)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2025 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to regulations, the Common Council of the city of Waupaca met on the above date and time.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CLERK TO READ OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Barb Nowak, City Clerk stated this meeting and all meetings of the Common Council are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the Media, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes so that the citizens may be aware of the time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Brian Smith, Alderpersons Collin Dykstra, Paul Hagen, Eric Halverson, Dmitri Martin, Paul Mayou, Cory Nagel, Eric Olson, Dave Peterson, Scott Purchatzke and Henry Veleker

Absent:

A quorum was declared.

Also Present: Aaron Jensen, City Administrator, Barb Nowak, City Clerk, Mat Klatt, Klatt Aero, Eric Bailey, Library Director, Stephanie Reif, Finance Director, Justin Berrens, Director of Public Works, Pete Kraeger, Police Chief and Josh Werner, IT Community Media Director.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member or City staff so requests it, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Regular Agenda. The items selected for the Consent Agenda are as follows: Regular and Special Meeting Minutes, Monthly Income Report for the Parks and Recreation Department, Airport Hangar Reports, Monthly Department Head Reports, Payrolls and Bills, Quarterly Weights and Measures Reports, Quarterly Room Tax Reports, Second Reading of Ordinances, if received a unanimous recommendation at the previous meeting, project invoices for projects previously approved by City Council, any low bid budgeted operating or capital expenditure under \$25,000 approved by the appropriate Board or Committee and any expenditure of non-city funds that received a unanimous recommendation.

A) MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Airport Manager's Report
2. Library Director's Report
3. Community and Economic Development Director's Report
4. Finance Director's Report
4. Director of Public Works Report
5. Parks & Recreation Department Report
6. Police Department Report
7. IT & Community Media Director Report
8. City Clerk's Report
9. City Administrator's Report

B) MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/ANNUAL REPORTS:

C) APPROVAL OF BILLS – CITY GENERAL WATER, SEWER, AND SPECIAL FUNDS

D) MEETING MINUTES: COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting on February 4, 2025

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting on January 28, 2025

MOVED by Ald Olson **SECONDED** by Ald. Dykstra, Council **APPROVES** of the Consent Agenda as printed.

10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

6. REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED by Ald. Peterson, **SECONDED** by Ald. Dykstra, Council **APPROVES** of the Regular Agenda as presented. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

A. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. ANNUOCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Presentation-Certificate of Appreciation to Nate Smith for 10 years of service to the City

2. PUBLIC INPUT-informational

3. COMMUNITY / DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Liz Kneer is reporting on the Waupaca Area Public Library for the Waupaca Area Arts and Culture Network (WAACN)
- Dan Wolfram is reporting on the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival for the Waupaca Area Arts and Culture Network (WAACN)
- Waupaca Area Fire Department Monthly Report and 2024 Annual Report
- Department Head reports were included in packet, no report updates at council

B. ISSUES/PROJECTS DISCUSSION (30 MINUTES) MAXIMUM – NO ACTION REQUIRED

- Rec Center Expansion Update by Berners Schober

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. License Report No. 1708 – "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage License, GNL, LLC dba Grand National Lounge, 106 W Union St, Jenny Boland Agent – Barb Nowak, City Clerk

MOVED by Ald. Hagen, **SECONDED** by Ald. Veleker, Council **APPROVES** License Report No. 1708 –"Class B"

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Intoxicating Liquor License and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License, GNL, LLC, dba Grand National Lounge, Jenny Boland, Agent. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

2. Resolution No. 1572 -A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not to Exceed \$3,965,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes – Stephanie Reif, Finance Director

MOVED by Ald. Olson, **SECONDED** by Ald. Veleker, Council **APPROVES** Resolution No. 1572 – A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not to Exceed \$3,965,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. **ON A CALL OF THE ROLL** Ald. Mayou, Nagel, Veleker Halverson, Peterson, Dykstra, Martin, Hagen, Olson and Purchatzke, voted aye, 0 nay, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

3. Resolution No. 1573 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not to Exceed \$3,995,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds – Stephanie Reif, Finance Director

MOVED by Ald. Hagen, **SECONDED** by Ald. Nagel, Council **APPROVES** Resolution No. 1573 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not to Exceed \$3,995,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. **ON A CALL OF THE ROLL** Ald. Hagen, Olson, Veleker, Mayou, Peterson, Dykstra, Martin, Nagel, Halverson and Purchatzke voted aye, 0 nay, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

4. Captive Fixed Assets Policy – Stephanie Reif, Finance Director

MOVED by Ald. Peterson, **SECONDED** by Ald. Olson, Council **APPROVES** of updated Captive Fixed Assets Policy. **ON A CALL OF THE ROLL** Ald. Dykstra, Hagen, Veleker, Olson, Peterson, Mayou, Martin, Nagel, Purchatzke and Halverson voted aye, 0 nay, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

5. Design Firm Selection for Fulton and Bridg Planning and Design – Justin Berrens, Director of Public Works

MOVED by Ald. Purchatzke, **SECONDED** by Ald. Veleker, Council **APPROVES** going into contract with Strand Associates of Madison, WI for an amount not to exceed \$477,800 for the planning and design of Fulton Street and Pedestrian Bridge. Funding from General Obligation Bonds

- 2025 & 2026 already secured by council resolution
- 2027 & 2028 to be acquired in per 5-year capital plan

ON A CALL OF THE ROLL Ald. Olson, Mayou, Nagel, Dykstra, Purchatzke, Veleker, Halverson, Martin, Hagen and Peterson, voted aye, 0 nay, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

6. License Report No. 1709 – Operator Licenses – Barb Nowak, City Clerk

MOVED by Ald. Hagen, **SECONDED** by Ald. Purchatzke, Council **APPROVES** License Report No. 1709 – Operator Licenses. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

7. License Report No. 1710 – Dance Hall Licenses – Barb Nowak, City Clerk

MOVED by Ald. Peterson, **SECONDED** by Ald. Nagel, Council **APPROVES** License Report No. 1710 – Dance Hall Licenses 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ald. Hagen, **SECONDED** by Ald. Olson, Council **ADJOURNS** until the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday March 4, 2025, subject to call. 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:13 P.M.

Paul Mayou, Council President

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025 Special Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brooks at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Brooks, Steve Klismet, Betty Manion, Molly McDonald, Dale Feldt, Bob Adams, and Lori Verhalen.

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Craig Gerlach.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Bob Adams to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Review of Board Meeting Norms:

The Board reviewed their collective commitments.

Adjournment into Closed Session:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Lori Verhalen to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to determine the final candidate for the District Administrator position. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 5:02 p.m.

Board member Dale Feldt left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Action on Matters from Closed Session:

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Steve Klismet and seconded by Bob Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Date

Ron Brooks, President
Board of Education
Betty Manion, Clerk
Board of Education
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, the regular Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room and live streamed via YouTube. The meeting was also broadcast on TV Channel 991.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click here.

President's Comments and Pledge of Allegiance:

Ron Brooks welcomed everyone.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brooks at 5:29 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Brooks, Steve Klismet, Molly McDonald, Betty Manion, Dale Feldt, Bob Adams, and Lori Verhalen.

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Craig Gerlach, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Austin Moore, Jennifer Erb, Kyle Scherwiniski, John Meyer, Lisa Garf, John Erspamer, Jody Pankratz, Carrie Naparalla, Alec Olson, Jay Seefeldt, Melissa Durrant, Marsha Purchatzke

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Go-Riteway, David Minch of KerberRose SC, and members of the community.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. However, Board President Brooks advised that he is moving item XI.A up on the agenda so that Mr. Minch does not have to stay until later in the meeting to present the financial audit.

Magic Minute:

Each of the Board members as well as the Student Representative shared a positive comment or event.

Public Comment:

None.

Review of Board Meeting Norms:

The Board reviewed their collective commitments.

Monitoring:

Financial Audit:

Mr. David Minch from the independent audit firm of KerberRose SC provided a review of the annual financial audit. They audited the financial statements and fund information of the District for the year ending June 30, 2024, and in their opinion they present fairly the respective financial position of the activities, each major fund, and aggregate fund information of the District. The District received a clean unmodified opinion which is the highest level KerberRose can provide.

Mr. Minch specifically reviewed the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, as well as Notes to Financial Statements He noted that the General Fund 10 balance is in a very good operating position. Although it had a \$1.5 million decrease, there is nothing alarming with it being off from the budget. In addition, the overall decrease of \$5.5 million was due to capital projects, a planned decrease in the overall fund balance. The District is well below the authorized legal limit of debt.

Mr. Minch advised that there were three findings of material weaknesses which will be addressed by Director of Business Services Austin Moore. They were:

- 1) financial reporting (management is responsible for the fair presentation),
- 2) preparation of schedules of federal expenditures and state financial assistance, and
- 3) material account adjustments. Overall it is a clean report regarding federal or state grants. Nothing else warranted additional concern.

Board Reports:

Student Representative Report:

Alec Olson advised of the Student Council's activities, including an upcoming blood drive. He also shared that the dance team won first place in pom and third place in jazz at the recent state competition held in La Crosse, and the girls and boys hockey teams were seeded for the state tournament. Finally, the school play will be presented soon.

Approval of Minutes:

January 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

January 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting

February 6, 2025 Special Board Meeting

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the Minutes of the three meetings listed above as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Upcoming Meetings and Other Activities:

The Board was reminded of the following upcoming meetings and other activities:

February 18, 2025 - Instructional Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

February 18, 2025 - Personnel Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

March 11, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

Completion of Board Member Availability Calendar:

The Board members were asked to complete their availability calendars through March.

School Visits or Other Board Reports:

Board member Betty Manion shared that she went to 4K at both the CEC and WLC. Board member Dale Feldt shared that he visited with the WLC Principal and Associate Principal and attended the art show in the library.

Board member Molly McDonald gave a shout out to the girls basketball team for their great improvement shown on the court as well as for their activities off the court. She also thanked the community for their support of the dance team in La Crosse.

Board President Ron Brooks advised that the District received the Facelift Award at the recent Chamber Awards event for all of the safety renovations completed.

CEC Liaison Report:

CEC Liaison Betty Manion advised that she attended the CEC Governance Council meeting last Friday. A report was given regarding the Valentine's Day fundraising project as well as a PBL update. CEC Administrator Carrie Naparalla reported that it is open enrollment and the open seats are filling up quickly. Mrs. Manion shared that both the Suzuki Concert and game night were very well attended.

The CEC also received a donation that will be used for a Sources of Strength project, and Steve and Mary Klismet donated a sign which is along Highway 10. They received a grant which will be used to purchase books for the vending machine and they are writing a Rotary grant for playground equipment. The Chain Garden Community made a presentation requesting funds at a community women's event and won, so those funds will be used to purchase items for the garden.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Molly McDonald to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Feldt recognized the retirees.

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable for January 2024
Cash Receipts
Year-to-Date Financial Update - Budget to Actual Comparison by Fund Groups as of 1/31/2025:
Fund 10 Ending Balance: -\$636,713 [2023-2024: \$8,640,427]
Fund 21 Ending Balance: \$300,441 [2023-2024: \$391,403]
Fund 27 Ending Balance: -\$1,644,612 [2023-2024: -\$1,478,219]
Fund 50 Ending Balance: \$172,561 [2023-2024: \$556,824]
Staffing Changes for the 2025-2026 School Year
Retirements - End of the 2024-2025 School Year
Nancy Pulvermacher - WMS 7th Grade ELA Teacher
Monica Reeves - WHS English Teacher and Drama Advisor
Kathy Jensen - Physical Therapist

Resignations:

Bridgit Hill - WLC Custodian
Cheri Barlow - WMS 5th Grade Teacher
Jaki Golling - WLC 4K Ed. Asst.

Hires – 2024-2025 School Year:

Catherine Carpenter - Part Time Spec.
Ed. Bus Monitor
Ashley Henke - WHS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.

Transfers/Changes - 2024-2025 School Year:

Charles Melk - 1.0 FTE WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed. to 4 FTE WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.

Job Share Agreements - 2025-2026 School Year:

Andrea Fossum-Grall and Kristie Tripp - WLC 1st Grade Teachers
Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors – 2024-2025 School Year:

WHS Coaching Positions:
Matthew Schiederemayer - Girls Track Assistant
WHS Volunteer Advisor Positions:
Gregg Helgeson - Trap and Skeet
Salary Step Changes:
Ethan Dayton - 6B0 to 6B6
Shana Rogney - 22M6 to 22M12
Brittany Schnobrich - 10M18 to 10M24

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Communications:

Recommendations:

Board President Brooks advised that last week was School Counselor Recognition Week and this week is School Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Next week is National FFA Week and the week after is Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week. The month of February is also Career and Technical Donations.

Mr. Brooks shared there was an anonymous donation made to WHS Boys Soccer, as well as donations made

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by the Forseth and Feely families to the CEC. A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Molly McDonald to accept, with gratitude, the donations as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

2024 Holiday Giving Program Report:

Director of Business Services Austin Moore shared the annual report by the District's School Social Workers, indicating that it was another outstanding year of giving. The program provided donations to many individuals and households throughout the District through several different school and community organizations and activities. The report also recognized the many staff and community members for their generosity and support provided to families in need during the past holiday season. This is a yearly holiday tradition and is just one example of how the community and school are committed to reach families in need.

Administration:

2nd Friday in January Enrollment Count:

Mr. Moore provided the 2nd Friday in January enrollment report which is required by the DPI. Enrollment increased by 26 additional students, however most of them were in 4K so they do not count at 100%, but there was a total increase of 7 FTE students from the fall.

Current and Projected Student Enrollment:

Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten provided the annual current and projected student enrollment report which is used to make sure that core staffing levels are appropriate. There continues to be a steady decrease of students enrolled across the state, however the District has bucked that trend. He shared a breakdown of the current class sizes in each grade level at each school as well as what is projected for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. He noted that the highlighted numbers are projected based on a seven year average. They are not recommending any reductions in staffing in core classes based on enrollment for next year.

Mr. Flaten also shared data regarding the number of students who have changed their enrollment during the past seven months along with data relating to the number of EL students enrolling in/out. The mobility of students continues to increase along with the number of EL students. Mr. Gerlach added that students leave for a number of reasons, most of which are out of the District's control.

Mr. Flaten pointed out that after the middle and high school students finish selecting their courses for the 2025-2026 school year, there may be staffing adjustments required. He will continue to monitor the enrollment numbers to make sure we have the appropriate staffing and will continue to provide the Board with monthly staffing updates.

AGR Reports:

Mr. Flaten advised that these are standard reports that have been presented in the past for the WLC and CEC. They provide information on how our students are progressing, indicating the percentage of students at or above or below grade level and the number of students who have made gains.

Approval of School Handbooks for the 2025-2026 School Year:

WHS Associate Principal Jenifer Erb advised that there was a revision made to the WHS handbook referencing the correct Board policy. Other than that, no other substantive changes were made. Each of the other Principals also advised that there were no significant changes made to their handbooks for

Name Change

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DATE: 03/03/2025
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 25-CV-163

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Melanie Ann Dankert
By (Petitioner) Melanie Ann Dankert
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.
From: Melanie Ann Dankert.
To: Ryan Melanie Ann Luckow
Birth Certificate: Melanie Ann Luckow
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Raymond S. Huber
Place: Branch 3, 811 Harding St. Waupaca, WI 54981
Date: 04/16/2025
Time: 11:30 AM
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-258-6460 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 County Post or New London Press Star a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin.
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Notice To Creditors

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DATE SIGNED: February 25, 2025
Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver
Deputy Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert E. Ropel
Date of Death October 21, 2024

☒ Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 103

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 27, 1941 and date of death October 21, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of E496 Rustad Road, Iola, WI 54945.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 27, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Patrick T. Arendt, Noonan Arendt LLP
2740 Stanley Street, Suite B
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Telephone 715-344-9437
Bar Number 1045295
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DATE SIGNED: February 25, 2025
Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver
Deputy Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GENE W. ANDERSON

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR17

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/20/1939 and date of death 1/26/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N2343 Long Cover Dr., Waupaca, WI 54981.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 27, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room probate office.
Form completed by:
Attorney Kaye E. Anderson
112 S. Main St., Ste. 2
Waupaca, WI 54981
Telephone 715-258-9300
Bar Number 1020246
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DATE SIGNED: February 25, 2025
Electronically signed by Jessica Vandiver
Deputy Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
VICTORIA HELEN MEROW
DOD 07/10/2024

☒ Amended
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 08/08/1952 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 May 27, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Jeremy R. Dobbe
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
Telephone 920-779-4140
Bar Number 1059024
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DATE SIGNED: March 6, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR18
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GORDON RICHARD ZACHOW
DOD 02/06/2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/28/1933 and date of death 02/06/2025, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 38 N Main St. Apt #207, Clintonville, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 9, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Jeremy R. Dobbe
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
(920)779-4140
Bar Number1059024
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DATE SIGNED: March 7, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Angela L. Hahn

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth December 3, 1977 and date of death December 30, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N2665 County Rd. QQ, King, WI 54946.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 9, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding St. Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
John M. Blazel, Smits & Blazel Law Office
PO Box 191

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Activities and Meetings

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Freedom is never given, it is won: What would it take for you to start showing up to city council meetings? To start taking an active role in local politics? With the changes in America at a Federal level we need now more than ever to be present at our local levels. SilenceDo-GoodWI@yahoo.com

Sporting Goods

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GUN SHOW: March 14-16, 2025
Washington County Fairgrounds,
3000 Hwy PV, West Bend, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. \$8 (Under 14 FREE) 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

Miscellaneous Merchandise

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Wanted to Buy

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

WANTED TO BUY: Looking for Cast Iron Pots, Pans, Kettles

Call Jerry 715-366-2574

Cats

7270

Snow Shoe Siamese! 12 wks, M&F, 300.00, 715-421-3667

Dogs

7272

German Shepherd Puppies: Purebred, Good temperament, great dogs, parents on site. \$500 Also, German shepherd-mix puppies \$250. All are ready to go! Please call 715-445-1636

Apartments for Rent

7400

FOR RENT: 1-2 Bdrm. \$625-\$725 per month. Clintonville apartment. Very clean & quiet, includes heat, water, sewer, garbage pickup, laundry available. No pets. No smoking. 920-284-6477.

Homes for Rent

7409

Waupaca Home on 1 wooded acre near Hartman Creek State Park, \$1350/month, incl. water, septic, & garbage p/u. No pets, no smoking. 920-562-8931

Church DIRECTORY

New London

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Emanuel Lutheran Church (WELS) 200 E. Quincy St., NL. Sat 5:15, Sun 8 & 10:30, Mon 6:30
Pastors Bill Heiges, Marcus Schulz & Mark Tiefert. Youth & Family Counseling. Lutheran School: 3-Pre - 8th Grade. 920-982-5444 www.EmanuelNL.org eman@EmanuelNL.org

Waupaca Area

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Emmaus Lutheran Church Town of Lind, N180 Cty. Rd. A, Waupaca. Rev. Kurt Schilling. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 am. A Missouri synod church. Visitors welcome.

Immanuel Lutheran Church WELS 1120 Evans, Waupaca. 715-258-0204. Sunday Worship: 8:00 am & 10:30 am, Thurs 7 pm
Pastors Ron Siemers & Ben Kempfert. Sunday Radio Service 8:00am (WDUX 92.7) www.immanuelwaupaca.com

Sports

W-F wrestling places second at state

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

MADISON- The top-ranked Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks wrestling had their best finish in school history as they placed second in the Division 3 WIAA wrestling team finals on Saturday, March 8, at the University Of Wisconsin Field House in Madison.

The Warhawks were the top seed in the four-team tournament and faced fourth-seeded Oostburg in the semifinal at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

It was a dominant performance by the Warhawks,

as they dictated most of the dual meet matchup. Oostburg only had three winners in head-to-head matches as 165-lb participant Liam Richards defeated Warhawks Conner Johnson by 17-12 decision, 190-lb Nash Banko defeated Wyatt Wetzel by pinfall and 132-lb

Rigoberto Tellez got a pinfall victory over Ezra Balthazor. The other three victories for Oostburg were by forfeit. Weyauwega-Fremont pulled away from Oostburg with five pinfall victories, 175-lb Carter McDaniel over Axel Dock, 215-lb Tellyer Alix

defeated Tanner Zehel, 285-lb Cashten Hoffman pinned Gus Williamson in 13 seconds, 113-lb Josue Azuara pinned Landon Holschbach and 138-pound Carter Birdyshaw got a pinfall over Levi DeZoute.

Three more Warhawks won by technical fall: 106-lb Jaydon Le Noble won 18-2 over Joan Tellez, 120-lb Riley Scherg defeated Blake Lentz 21-6, and 126-lb Jake Buss secured a 17-2 victory over Matthew Wilterdink. The Warhawks defeated Oostburg 45-33 to move on to the championship final.

Weyauwega-Fremont met second-seeded Mineral Point at 3 p.m. A pinfall by Birdyshaw over Easton Brunnett, a 14-5 major decision victory by 150-lb Collin Hamm against Jacob Dannenberg, four decision wins by Wetzel, Hoffman, Azuara and Scherg and a forfeit victory for Alex Loehrke were not enough to overcome Mineral Point.

Mineral Point had two pinfalls, two technical falls, two victories by decision and a major decision win to defeat the Warhawks 32-28 and take home the 2025 WIAA wrestling championship.

Nolan Skebba ends career at the top

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Ending your high school career with a state championship is the dream of any young athlete, but accomplishing it is much easier said than done.

Hortonville's Nolan Skebba walked the walk as he finished his senior season with the Polar Bears on top.

Winning the WIAA Division 1 individual wrestling 150-lb state championship on March 1 was Nolan's third consecutive trip to state, each season getting closer to his goal.

In his sophomore season, Nolan qualified for state, and in his junior season placed third in the 132-lb weight class before breaking through in 2025 to sit at the top of the podium.

Following in his older brother's footsteps of becoming a state champion, Nolan started wrestling at four, "my brother brought home a flyer, and my parents had both of us try wrestling."

Nolan has blazed his trail in the sport and has multiple reasons to love wrestling, "one is the bonds and friendships formed, and the other one is that it is a demanding sport and success

Hortonville's Nolan Skebba stands at the top of the podium after winning the his first WIAA state championship. Submitted Photo

depends on you and how you live your life. This sport has given me friendships I'll never forget and brought me closer to people I never thought I would be close with. Most importantly, God has blessed me with the health and opportunity to wrestle, so ultimately thanks to him. I'm blessed to live this life for him, following him. The sport is difficult so it is also great because you can find out who is about it and who isn't about it; you can take people to deep waters and break them, which is something I love."

Knowing his value as a teammate and on the mat

has set Nolan apart, "I think team-wise I bring a good leadership role or try to at least. On the mat, I think my biggest asset is my pace. I try to go out there constantly looking to score, and I feel like most guys can't keep up with it."

Being part of a successful Hortonville team through his four years gives Nolan a sense of appreciation, "Wrestling in the state finals was an amazing experience I've always wanted to do, so that's up there. But also, the home duals with my team were something I always loved. I would do anything to go to war with my broth-

ers from Hortonville again and will miss wrestling at Hortonville with the home crowd and my brothers."

Ending his career with accomplishments, including a 127-31 record, has helped give Nolan perspective on his time in school, "Very bittersweet I would say. I'm extremely grateful to the community of Hortonville and my family and friends for helping me become the person I am today. Looking back, I wouldn't be where I am without them all. The growth I've experienced throughout high school is hard to fathom because I went from this unconfident and just passive kid to a confident wrestler and person. I'll speak my mind, and I'm not afraid to do it. This growth is not only thanks to the Hortonville community, but also our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ without him none of this is possible."

Nolan names a few of his many teammates and coaches who helped him along the way, "Special thanks to Coach G, my dad, Dewey Krueger, Josh Wagner, Max Askren, my brother, and all of my Hortonville teammates I've had the privilege of being teammates with."

SPASH gymnastics compete at state competition

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – In the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School Field House, the Stevens Point gymnastics team finished their season in the team competition on March 7 and the individual competition on March 8.

In the team competition, Stevens Point finished seventh, as they totaled a score of 136.967, scoring 33.800 on the vault, 34.133 on the bars, 33.667 on the beam and 35.367 on the floor exercise.

In the team competition, Ruby Christianson scored the highest for Stevens Point on the vault

with an 8.650, Cheyenne Cornell scored a team-high 9.100 on the bars, Nora Wroblewski scored a team-best 9.133 with her floor routine, and Riley Mueller scored the highest on the beam with an 8.700 and had the highest overall score for her team with a 34.317.

In the individual competition, Christianson represented Stevens Point in the vault, posting a score of 8.733. Cornell finished 16th in the bars with a score of 8.60 on the beam, Christianson finished 25th with 8.217 and Mueller finished 27th with a 7.817. In the floor exercise, Mueller finished 21st with an 8.783.

Hortonville's Ethan Joling rocks the rim on a fast break dunk against Neenah on March 7. Nick Griesbach Photo

Polar Bears Boys eliminated in regional

BY NICK GRIESBACH
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HORTONVILLE – In a home playoff game, the Polar Bears could not knock off Fox Valley Association rival Neenah as early back-and-forth action went in the Rockets' favor.

Hortonville went up 12-6 as the Rockets took the early timeout after Polar Bears Ethan Joling had a steal that led to an emphatic break-away dunk that gave his team early momentum.

Neenah came out of the timeout and began to slow down the Polar Bears as they went on an 11-6 run to take

a 17-16 lead.

Neenah would go up 29-28 as they went into the locker room after a three-pointer by Joey Daun connected before halftime.

Joling has 16 first-half points for the Polar Bears.

Hortonville took back the lead, going ahead 32-29 after halftime, but Neenah would take back the lead and not relinquish it as they closed out the game with a final of 71-62 as the Polar Bears were eliminated from the playoffs.

Joling finished with a game-high 24 points for the Polar Bears.

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Senior Spotlight

Dayden Koback-SPASH

Another appearance at the Bowling Club State Championship this season adds to the accolades that Dayden Koback has already produced on the lanes in his time at SPASH.

Dayden, finished his junior season with the 2024 State Championship after beginning his bowling career at nine. 2025 was his fourth year competing at the State Championship level.

After having success in all four seasons of play, Dayden feels that he has made strides in his game.” It feels good to know that I Improved as a bowler both in skill and my mental game,”

Dayden believes that his self-confidence is his defining attribute while competing.

Dayden gives a shout-out to the coaches and teammates who have helped him in his career, “Coach Devin Koback, Coach Bobby Opiola, former teammate Deacan Koback and former teammate Josh Opiola.” Dayden’s favorite part of bowling is catching up with people he met through bowling, “Being able to interact with and see a bunch of friends around the state.”



One and done for Waupaca boys

BY GREG SEUBERT
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WAUPACA – There were plenty of bright spots for the Waupaca boys’ basketball team this season, including an overall winning record, a fourth-place finish in the North Eastern Conference standings and a home game for the first round of the WIAA state tournament.

Unfortunately, the tournament opener didn’t work out for the Comets. Their season ended March 4 with a 92-61 loss to Menasha in a Division 2 regional quarterfinal at Waupaca High School.

Waupaca headed into the

tournament with a No. 7 seed while the 10th-seeded Bluejays never trailed and had five players in double figures.

Menasha’s JC Mukome set the tone seconds after the opening tipoff with a dunk that gave the Bluejays an early lead. Although Waupaca tied the game twice in the opening minutes, the Comets never had a lead.

The Bluejays used a 15-0 run to take a 31-14 lead, led by as many as 22 points in the first half, and took a 52-34 lead into the locker room at the break.

Waupaca never got any closer than 16 points in the

second half, and the Bluejays led by as many as 33 points late in the game.

Aaron Wolff scored a game-high 23 points in his final basketball game for the Comets, while Kanye Bessman and Westen Lauritzen added 19 and eight, respectively. No other player finished with more than four points.

Josiah Hibbler led Menasha with 22 points. Trayveon Lockridge added 18, CK White scored 11 and Mukome and Tayden Wilke chipped in with 10 each.

Waupaca ended its season with a 13-12 record and an 11-7 mark in conference play.

CONCERT

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English— with one small exception. We’ll be showcasing Broadway hits, powerful spirituals, and fresh stand-alone pieces that will challenge us as singers and stretch our creative boundaries as artists,” said Director Dan Wolfgram.

“The orchestra will also take center stage in a musical theater selection featuring songs from the popular show, The Music Man.”

The 100-voice choir will also feature familiar songs such as, The Impos-

sible Dream from Man of La Mancha, Bring Him Home, and Do you Hear the People Sing? from Les Miserables, as well as a medley of favorites from The Sound of Music. Traditional spirituals such as Ain’t that Good News, Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel and Deep River will also be featured.

“I have always believed the following: audiences don’t know what they like, they like what they know! This concert offers a little bit of something for everyone!” said Wolfgram. The choir is sponsored by the Waupaca

Fine Arts Festival.

Tickets can be purchased at the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, from Waupaca Community Choir members, and at the door. Tickets for adults are \$15 and \$10 for students. Patrons will be able to use their credit or debit card to make a purchase at the box office window on the day of the concert. Seating is on a first come first served basis. Additional information about the choir and the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival can be found at www.fineartsfestival.org.

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go along and get a good idea from sitting there and doing reviews on farms. Learning on the job made that transition pretty easy.”

Dave didn’t grow up on a farm, but was able to make a smooth transition. “We’re very focused on customer service,” he said. “That’s the make-or-break here. We may not always be the cheapest, but there are not a lot of places that you can walk into and pay your bill. Rural’s motto is, ‘Premiums paid here

stay here to keep Wisconsin strong.’ We’re not having claims paid out or adjusted by people from Nebraska. It’s all local.”

Although farming activity picks up in the spring, Dave said the Waupaca office is busy year-round and serves about 800 clients. “From Thanksgiving to March 15 or so, I do about 90% [policy] reviews,” he said. “As spring starts, we may have to deal with some more claims and issues. This is when you have to get out and talk to (farmers) because the potato guys will be putting potatoes in

the ground April 1. They’ll get harder to talk to.”

“Farmers are business people and they do a lot of business in December,” David said. “One, they have time. Two, if they’re buying new equipment, they can use it for depreciation that year. Their tax guy says, ‘Well, we should get rid of some money.’”

Dave said Rural Mutual is a state leader in farm and commercial insurance. “We’re No. 1 in farms and No. 3 in commercial in Wisconsin,” he said. “A lot of people don’t know that.”

Home court doesn’t help Thunderbirds

BY GREG SEUBERT
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IOLA – Iola Scandinavia had plenty in common with its first opponent in the WIAA state boys’ basketball tournament.

The Thunderbirds and Algoma headed into their Division 4 regional semifinal at Iola-Scandinavia High School March 7 with identical 18-5 overall records and a second-place finish in their respective conference.

Although Iola-Scandinavia held the Wolves to 22 points in the first half, Algoma scored 49 in the second half and returned home with a 71-58 win that ended the Thunderbirds’ season.

A No. 3 seed gave the Thunderbirds a bye in the first round of the tournament, which kicked off March 4, while the sixth-seeded Wolves advanced to the second round with a 67-59 win over Weyauwega-Fremont.

The Thunderbirds never trailed in the first half and took a 24-22 lead in the locker room at the break despite getting points from only three



Charlie Tappa and the Iola-Scandinavia boys’ basketball team saw its season end March 7 with a 71-58 home loss to Algoma in the second round of the WIAA state tournament.

Greg Seubert Photo

players.

Algoma took its first lead - 30-29 - early in the second half on a three-pointer from Charlie Prokash. That basket was part of an 8-0 run that turned a five-point deficit into a three-point lead.

Iola-Scandinavia’s Landan Fuhs broke a 32-32 tie to give the Thunderbirds a two-point advantage, but it turned out to be the team’s last lead of the game. Chase Romdenne scored to give Algoma a 36-34 lead and the Wolves never

trailed again.

A three-point play and three-pointer from Parker Lischka and a pair of three-pointers from Prokash helped give the Wolves a 52-42 lead. The Thunderbirds trailed by as many as 14 points down the stretch and never got any closer than nine points.

Free throws turned out to be a factor in the game. After missing four of six attempts in the first half, the Wolves connected on 16 of 19 shots in the second half and made 12 of 14 after taking their first 10-point lead.

Alex Robbins scored 15 of his game-high 22 points in the first half to lead the Thunderbirds. Fuhs, Korz Loken and Jaric Thulien added 12, 11 and 10, respectively.

Algoma also had four players in double figures, as Romdenne and Lischka led the way with 16 each, Braeden Leist scored 15 and Cody Kirchman finished with 11. The Wolves advanced to a regional final March 8 against Southern Door. Both teams compete in the Packerland Conference.

Buzzer-beater sinks Panthers

BY GREG SEUBERT

The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat.

That well-known quote from ABC’s Wide World of Sports could describe the Stevens Point girls basketball team’s state tournament matchup with Appleton East.

Ella Sweeney’s three-pointer with two seconds left gave the Patriots a 75-72 overtime win over Stevens Point on March 6 in a WIAA Division 1 sectional semifinal at D.C. Everest High School.

The Panthers ended their season with a 22-5 record. The Patriots advanced to a sectional final March 8 against top-seeded Eau Claire Memorial. Stevens Point entered the tournament with a No. 2 seed,

while the Patriots were the No. 6 seed and advanced to sectional play with a 59-50 win over third-seeded Hortonville in a regional final.

The game was close from the opening tipoff, as neither team led by more than five points. The lead changed hands nine times before the Panthers headed to the locker room at halftime with a 34-30 advantage.

Jada Seubert’s third of her six three-pointers gave the Panthers a 37-32 lead early in the second half.

The lead later changed hands on six straight possessions.

The teams headed to overtime tied at 63-63, and

Lindsey Weiler’s basket gave Stevens Point its final lead - 65-63.

Appleton East answered with a 7-2 run to go up by three points before Ellie Strong tied the game at 72-72 with 45 seconds remaining.

The Panthers never had the ball again, as the Patriots ran the clock down until Sweeney’s game-winner from the top of the key.

Seubert accounted for half of her team’s offense, she led all players with 36 points. Weiler and Strong also finished in double figures with 14 and 11, respectively.

Sweeney led the Patriots with 23 points, while Torie Neubauer added 16.

WOOLSEY

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a 2001 Waupaca High School graduate.

“Randy’s dad Ron used to work here and Randy was my plumbing instructor,” he said. “He knew I had a background in septic systems. He was doing other projects with them, but wanted to do something with the septic systems because there are a lot of failed systems there.”

“He called me up and asked if I’d go down there and do some soil evaluations because there’s nobody down there that does that, especially to Wisconsin standards,” he said. “I agreed and in talking with my dad and wife, it’s an opportunity I shouldn’t let go. I jumped on it.”

Woolsey eventually took four one-week trips, two in 2023 and two last year, to the reservation, located about an hour west of Albuquerque in western New Mexico.

“They’re putting in in-ground systems, which don’t work,” he said. “The wastewater is pooling on top of the ground and causing health hazards. I did some soil evaluations with the help of an organization called Dig Deep. They dug some holes for me, I evaluated the soil and determined that mound systems would be appropriate to install down there for adequate wastewater treatment.”

Above-ground mound septic systems are common in rural Wisconsin. Woolsey volunteered his time for the project and said he’s glad he did.

“I did it as a volunteer,” he said. “They paid for my flight down there, my meals and stay, and flew me back. I went down there in April of 2023 to do the initial soil test and I did 15 of them. I went back in August of ’23 and did two mounds for residences. They were experimental because we were working with the EPA of the Navajo Nation to say, ‘Here we are, this is what we can do to help.’ The following year, I went back down and we put in two mound systems,

one for the BACA Chapter House, which is like a town hall, and the senior center. They were right next to each other. We did a total of four mounds.”

Woolsey said he never had second thoughts about his involvement with the project, which still isn’t finished.

“I was scared to death going out of state and never being there before,” he said. “I didn’t know what I was really getting into until I got down there. The biggest sacrifices were my family and the business here. My wife was very big in supporting me going down there. I went down there by myself. I worked with the natives. They helped me out and taught me some things about some areas that were sacred. I took what I knew as a plumber here in Wisconsin and applying what I knew down there.”

Woolsey designed the mound systems himself based on his recommendations. “I do it the old-fashioned way with pencil and paper from what I was taught by my father and school,” he said. “Based on the flow going from the building and the soil type on the site, I figure out by math and formulas how the system has to be.”

He said he never thought he wouldn’t be able to make the project work. “I thought, ‘No matter what, I can make this work, I just have to figure out how to make the mound fit on this site,’” he said. “At no point did I think this was way out there. I didn’t want to let anybody down, but I also didn’t want to let myself down.”

Woolsey plans to return to the reservation soon. “I’m going back in April to modify a system that didn’t quite work,” he said. “They wanted us to do one system their way, it wasn’t at all to the specs I originally picked and I knew it wasn’t going to work. It’s not working, so I have to fix it. I found what wasn’t working and I insisted that I go back down and fix it because I stand behind everything I do. I’m not letting them down. I will fix it.”

The project isn’t much different than the projects Woolsey oversees as part of his business.

“It’s no different other than it’s a long commute,” he said.

It didn’t take long for Woolsey’s volunteer efforts to be recognized on a national level. He was invited to attend an International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“IAPMO writes the code books for the Uniform Plumbing Code,” Woolsey said. “We have our own state plumbing code for Wisconsin. They didn’t have mound systems in their code. Randy Lorge, working for IAPMO, couldn’t propose a code change. Through all this, I became a member of IAPMO and I could propose a code change to add mound systems, so I did. I got the ball rolling and was told there was a convention in late September and I would have to go there and defend the code change and why it needed to be done.”

“I did a lot of research and was ready to take this on,” he said. “I’m not a very good public speaker, but I said I’m going to do this. The day I thought I was going to do that, they sat me down and there was an audience of I don’t know, 300 or 400 people. Instead, they gave me an award for all my volunteer work for designing the mound systems for this project. I was speechless. I thought I wasn’t deserving of an award. I was just doing what I normally do. Just helping them is an award.”

Woolsey didn’t rule out another volunteer project if it fit his schedule.

“I was outside my bubble,” he said. “I got a grasp on what I was doing and didn’t realize how much of a difference this was going to make to these people.”

“It’s all about treating wastewater,” he added. “The plumber protects the health of the nation. Because of Randy pushing me, I was out there protecting the nation.”

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