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Leprechauns from left, Ryan Malliet, Connor Loughrin, Colin Loughrin and Ryan Stedman change the signs New London to New Dublin Monday, March 17 beginning the week's long Irish festivities for the area. Read more about this Saturday's Parade Grand Marshals on page below. John Faucher Photo

Human remains discovered

WAUSHARA COUNTY – On Thursday, March 13 at 5:19 p.m. the Waushara County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a call about skeletal human remains found in the area of County Road EE between Blackhawk Ave and 26th Court in the Town

of Leon in Waushara County. This area is south of Pine River and west of Poy Sippi.

The Waushara County Sheriff's Office is leading the investigation and is being assisted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of

Criminal Investigation, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Crime Laboratory, and the Waushara County Medical Examiners Office to identify the individual. Sheriff Wally Zuehlke said his office will release additional information as it becomes available.

Parade Grand Marshals lean on each other

New Dublin gears up for big event

BY JOHN FAUCHER
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The Shamrock Club of New Dublin's 2025 Parade Grand Marshals are two peas in a pod.

New London Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director April Kopitzke and New London City Administrator Chad Hoerth work together year-round on numerous economic development efforts for the city of New Dublin.

"We're constantly in discussions, networking with business leaders, brainstorming ideas to attract new businesses, and identifying available properties for entrepreneurs looking to start something new," said Hoerth.

"Even though the Chamber is not technically a city department, the New London Area Chamber of Commerce, led by April, India, and Sofia, is half of our city's "Economic Development" team. It's great to highlight their importance and celebrate the successes of our strong Chamber," he said.

Kopitzke, a New London native and graduate of the New London High School class of 1998, returned to her hometown to pursue



New Dublin's 2025 St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshals are New London Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director April Kopitzke and New London City Administrator Chad Hoerth. John Faucher photo

her professional career. She celebrated eight years as Executive Director of the Chamber in February.

Hoerth graduated from Chilton High School in 1994. He attended UW-Lacrosse where he earned two bachelor's degrees related to Sports Management, Fitness and Business.

He served a year in the Recreation and Sports Department at the University of Notre Dame before returning home and landing a job as City of Brillion Director of Parks and Recreation/Facilities.

In 2007, he accepted the job in New London as Di-

rector of Parks and Recreation and Facilities. Since he has served multiple roles within the city of New London.

By 2020 he had advanced to the role of city administrator.

He and April have worked diligently to recruit new businesses and development in New London as evidenced by the current downtown riverfront development under construction on the south side of the Wolf River.

Hoerth says, "New London hits that sweet spot—it provides a wide variety of city services, has a good

commercial and retail presence, offers a plethora of recreational opportunities and has a great school district. All while maintaining a rural hometown feel."

Hoerth grew up on a farm in the country and he appreciates the rural setting New London has to offer while still being a medium sized city.

Parade memories

From a young age, April can remember the St. Pat's parades in New London.

"I loved the crowds and how happy everyone seemed during the week of St. Patrick's Day," she said.

"We used to live on Shawano Street so it was always fun to wake up and see all the cars start filling the streets. We would walk to and from the parade which was nice and convenient."

April says as far as she knows she's not Irish, but during this special week, she at least enjoys pretending to be Irish.

She married her sweetheart (since 1999) Adam and they began their own family 14 years ago when they were married.

"We have many memories celebrating St. Pat's together," she said.

They've been bringing their son Jameson to the parade since he was a baby.

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Amherst man shot, another arrested

AMHERST – On March 16 at 8:07 p.m., an argument broke out on 320 Mill St. and turned physical. During the altercation, a 43-year-old Amherst man, identified as Ryan Wojtalewicz, sustained a gunshot wound. He was transported by Amherst Ambulance to the Stevens Point Airport

where Medivac flew him to Wausau. He is currently in serious condition.

Portage County Sheriff deputies arrested 42-year-old Justin Wojtalewicz of Amherst. They brought him to the Portage County Jail and Wojtalewicz was charged with attempted 1st degree intentional homicide. The investigation is ongoing.

Bar owners call for police dept. closure

Wilz supports Iola cops

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The need for a police department in Iola has been questioned by audience members at recent village meetings, starting with a village board meeting on Jan. 14 where bar owners within the village came to voice concerns over law enforcement targeting their businesses.

Since then there has been two police committee meetings and another village board meeting to address claims and concerns that have arisen amongst bar owners in the community.

The March 4 police committee meeting lasted about 15 minutes, with people in the audience both speaking both for and against the disbandment of the local police department, overall the conclusion the police committee came to was that the police are not targeting bars and that claims made were not backed up with evidence.

Sheri Miller, the owner of the Thirsty Perch, said she did not start the notion of the disbandment of the Iola Police Department, instead saying the issue she has is with Police Chief Paul Zierler.

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Local SWAT teams honored

Teamwork resolves Amherst shootout

WAUPACA/POR-TAGE COUNTIES – On Tuesday, March 11, tactical teams from the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Stevens Point Police Department, Marathon County Sheriff's Office and Waupaca County Sheriff's Office were jointly recognized as the SWAT Team of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of SWAT Personnel (ASP) at their annual conference.

The award was given for their response to an armed and barricaded man in Amherst in July 2024. It started when a Sauk County deputy did a routine traffic stop in Sauk County. The subject took off and the officer pursued him. The suspect crashed and fired several shots at

the deputy before escaping into the woods. The deputy was shot and injured and the suspect evaded capture. Days later, investigators learned that the suspect was at a residence in Amherst.

The Portage County Special Response Team (SRT), Stevens Point/Plover Police SWAT, Marathon County SWAT and Waupaca County SWAT responded to peacefully and safely execute an arrest warrant. The suspect had other ideas and fired many shots at the officers on the scene. This turned into a 26-hour standoff. Later the subject was found dead in the attic. Not a single person was injured during this operation. Members of all four tactical teams relied on their extensive training and experience and worked as one cohesive unit, under extremely challenging conditions, to safely resolve the incident, and that earned these teams this well-deserved award.

MREA drops Energy Fair

CUSTER— The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) announced that it will not host the Energy Fair in 2025 due to rising costs and declining participation. The MREA and its board of directors decided to put the event on pause to ensure the longevity and impact of its other programs.

The fair was launched in 1990 when a group of friends, inspired by Home Power Magazine, organized the first event. It led to the MREA's founding and the fair brought together thousands of people to learn about sustainability, clean energy, and practical solutions.

The MREA will continue its efforts in accredited renewable energy training, affordable solar group buy programs, solar training scholarships for underserved communities and solar grant opportunities for Wisconsin public schools.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Luck O’ The Irish

Dear Reader,

Another Saint Patrick’s Day is upon us, and for one day, everyone — Irish or not — joins in the celebration. On this day, we revel in the so-called “luck of the Irish” and pass it along to everyone we meet.

But what is luck, really? Some see it as pure serendipity — good fortune striking at random, being in the right place at the right time. Luck, in this sense, feels fleeting, unpredictable, something that happens to you rather than something you create.

Yet, there’s another kind of luck — the kind that isn’t random at all. It’s the luck that comes from hard work integrity, and a commitment to doing what’s right. This kind of luck isn’t just stumbled upon; it’s earned. It’s built through perseverance, through lifting others up rather than stepping over them. It’s the luck that carries not just the fortunate individual but those around them as well.

Of course, there’s also another version of luck — the kind that comes at the expense of others. The luck of those who cut corners, take advantage, and push others down to climb higher. But that kind of luck is hollow, fleeting, and never truly fulfilling.

So this Saint Patrick’s Day, may you find yourself on the right side of luck — the kind that brings joy, kindness, and goodwill to all. May your blessings be many, your troubles be few, and your heart be as full as a pint of Guinness.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

GRAND MARSHALS

FROM PAGE 1

“We love showing him all the special things that we remembered growing up with. The big one for him was seeing the ‘wheel guy’ for the first time. He also loves the little round scooter guys that race around,” said April.

This year’s parade features around 100 entries with a first time appearance slated for the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies, along with favorites like the Echoes of Camp Randal and numerous bagpipe and drum bands.

Since starting at the Chamber of Commerce April says she has a newfound respect for the Shamrock Club of New Dublin.

“I had no idea the entire event was facilitated by a group of passionate volunteers. The amount of time, effort, energy and heart they put in is unbelievable,” she said.

“People don’t realize all

the behind the scenes work and planning that takes place. I also didn’t realize how strategic the entire week is planned out and how much they incorporate family-friendly options until I started working with the Chamber.”

Chad’s first St. Pat’s parade experience came a bit later in life than April’s.

“I will remember my first New London St. Patrick’s parade for the rest of my life,” said Chad.

It was 2008 and he was helping NL public access channel producer Dick Johnson record the parade. Johnson was behind him recording from the dignitary booth and Chad was on the street level with a camera.

Finnegan’s Wake rolled up and Chad had no prior knowledge of the float’s usual skit.

“That year the car died right in front of me. The hood flew open and people started yankin wires out of the engine. I’m thinking ‘what the heck is going on?’

They slammed the hood shut and one actor stood on the side of the car with his hand on it. All of a sudden the car started, bolted forward, and all heck broke loose.

The actor went flying toward me, rolled on the ground and slammed into my tripod—yep I was sucked in,” said Hoerth.

“Thinking he had actually been hit by the car, I bent down and seriously asked if he was okay.

He got up, shook his head and ran off,” said Hoerth.

When he turned around and looked at Dick, Johnson was laughing so hard he nearly fell off the booth.

Chad and his family have enjoyed many years of the parade since, only now a bit wiser.

He has spent many of those years helping to film the event for the city, while his wife Julie and children Samantha and Nora watch as spectators.

Neither Chad nor April has ever had the opportuni-

ty to see the parade from the inside, as they will this year, riding through the route as dignitaries.

“It’s truly an honor,” said Chad.

He feels humble for being recognized.

“If the Grand Marshal car were big enough I’d love to have our entire city staff on board to show that it’s truly a team of people making New London great,” said Chad.

April agreed.

She said she was honored and touched when she received the call informing her she was named one of this year’s Grand Marshals.

She thanked the Shamrock Club of New Dublin for creating the event 41 years ago, and for putting in the time and effort to help so many people over the years.

“Your hard work does not go unnoticed and we deeply appreciate what you are doing to keep this incredible event going,” she said.

“Thank you!”

Waupaca County Sheriff’s report March 16

• March 10 – A Clintonville woman on Cass Road reported a suspicious blue car. A male inside said he needed help but it was unclear what kind of help was needed.

• March 10 – A Waupaca man on Carmany Lane reported his ex-girlfriend entered his residence and possibly stole two keys and a handgun.

• March 10 – A Weyauwega man on Alfred Street reported someone removed the lock on his storage unit and took some items.

• March 10 – A New London woman on Otto Road reported a female was feeling suicidal and wanted to talk to someone.

• March 10 – Econoldge in Waupaca reported a man had his door open and was yelling.

• March 11 – A Waupaca woman on Christmas Tree

lane reported two suspicious men near her property with a rake.

• March 11 – A New London woman on County Trunk O reported the death of a 59-year-old male.

• March 11 – A woman on Lind Center Road reported a fraudulent transaction involving a curio cabinet.

• March 11 – Dupont Cheese in Marion reported the theft of 50 pallets.

• March 11 – A New London woman on Huntley Road reported her ex-husband was sending her and other people letters. He said he does not respect her because she voted for Trump.

• March 11 – An Iola woman on Iola Street reported she was told by her son that a man threatened to kill her and her daughter.

• March 11 – An Ogdensburg woman on County Trunk E reported a bull was shot on the property next door and it was lying by a fence.

• March 11 – A Manawa man on Progress Road reported he had not slept in four days. He ran out of his prescription medication. His heartbeat was irregular.

• March 11 – A Fremont woman on Waupaca Street reported a child was running around naked. There were no parents around.

• March 11 – Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office reported a woman was feeling suicidal and hard sharp objects in her purse that she could use to hurt herself.

• March 11 – An Iola woman on Division Court reported a suspicious vehicle was parked in front of her house and two men were walking around her house with flashlights.

• March 11 – A Weyauwega man on Sumner Street reported his father is accusing his stepfather of stealing money from him [the caller].

• March 12 – A Clintonville man on Pioneer Road called multiple times re-

quested they arrest his wife.

• March 12 – An anonymous caller requested a welfare check on a man suspected of having a mental breakdown.

• March 12 – A Kenosha man reported adults smoking marijuana in a car with a child. The joint was visible and he could smell it.

• March 12 –A Fremont woman on Pine Valley Lane requested a welfare check on a man who believed he was poisoned. The caller said he has mental health problems.

• March 12 –A Clintonville woman on Lakeshore Road reported she has a video of her male neighbor saying things to her. She wanted an officer to see the video of her neighbor calling her “a thing.”

• March 12 – A Clintonville man on State Highway 156 reported his neighbor was shooting at his house and walking up and down the shared driveway with a loaded gun and looking into their windows.

• March 12 – Kwik Trip on County Trunk QQ in Waupaca reported a man came into the store slurring his words, and smelling of alcohol. He had red eyes and could not stand still. He left in a red Impala towards King.

• March 13 – A New London man on Division Street reported someone hit him on the head because his music was too loud.

• March 13 –A Marion man on 2nd Street reported a woman made suicidal comments twice this week.

• March 13 – A Waupaca woman on West Road reported her ex-husband called her and made threats.

• March 13 – An unknown caller requested an ambulance for a 70-year-old man choking on a piece of food. A person was attempting the Heimlich maneuver. He was turning blue.

• March 14 – A Manawa woman on Wolf Road reported she was scammed while using her computer. A message came up with a 800 number to call. She ended up taking out \$16,000 and depositing it into a Bitcoin machine

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Waupaca NEWS

Free concert on March 20

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Middle School and High School Music Departments will host a joint concert to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month on March 20, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the Waupaca High School Gymnasium. The event is free to the public but donation will also be accepted for the music departments.

The concert will feature all of the school district’s band and choral ensembles which are directed by Shana

Rogney, Emily Natzke, Holly Saunders, Brianna Backhaus and Anna Lussier. The ensembles will begin with a combined presentation of the National Anthem. The running time for this event will be about one hour.

“We are so excited to be able to offer this combined performance to our community. Music is such an integral part of educating the whole child and we are proud of the music program here in Waupaca,” said Shana Rog-

ney, the middle school band teacher in Waupaca.

For 40 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music Education across the United States. The purpose of Music in Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the importance of music—and to remind citizens that school is where children should have access to Music Education.

Set out some pinwheels

WAUPACA – The Guardians of the Children Wolf River Chapter is hosting Pinwheels for Prevention on Sunday, March 29 at 10 a.m. at the Waupaca County Sheriff’s Office on 1402 Royalton St.

Every year, in support of National Child Abuse Prevention month in April, the group plants one pinwheel for every confirmed

case of child abuse and neglect. Pinwheels represent “childlike whimsy and lightheartedness. The Guardians of the Children’s vision is for a world where all children grow up happy, healthy, and prepared to succeed in supportive families and communities. Light refreshments will be provided.

Guardians of the Chil-

dren are a motorcycle organization that helps victims of child abuse. Their mission is to recognize and react to child abuse and to educate the public to do the same; to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis; and to be the answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection.



The paranormal thriller “Aberration” was filmed in Waupaca with many scenes shot at the Expo Center and at Waupaca High School. Throughout the film there are many Waupaca landmarks and signs in the background.

James Card Photo

Waupaca in the movies A retro review of “Aberration”

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WAUPACA – “This is a quiet town and I want to keep it that way!” said Waupaca Chief of Police Howard Dixon as he investigated a possible murder at Waupaca High School. It appeared the victim might have been strangled and then hung in a bathroom stall to make it look like a suicide.

That is the instigating scene that sets the plot for the 2007 psychological thriller “Aberration” that was filmed in the city of Waupaca. It was directed by Douglas Elford-Argent and written by Wendy Elford-Argent. It was originally titled, “Afterthought.”

The film has an Internet Movie Database rating of 2.7 and can be checked out through any library in Waupaca County via InfoSoup, the inter-library loan system.

The main character is Christy Dawson, a teenage girl that has a paranormal skill to communicate with the dead. She has visions of a small boy whose eyes are blacked out. This character is played by a young Max Hauser from Iola who later studied at UW-Oshkosh.

“From age six [2000] to about 2014, I was a regular actor in the Midwest. I would miss about 120 days of school a year traveling to Minneapolis and Chicago from Iola to act in various films, commercials, plays—as as long as I had good grades!” wrote Hauser in an email to the Waupaca County Post.

Hauser continued his film career and last year he debuted as a director. His documentary, “Back on Track: Rebuilding the Waupaca Depot,” follows the story of Mike Kirk, a train enthusiast and history buff, restored the long-abandoned train depot that is located on 525 Oak St.

“The director was married to a woman from Waupaca, so when they wrote the movie they decided to shoot it there. It was a pretty big production for the city and used a lot of locations like the school and expo center,” wrote Hauser.

Watching “Aberration” is worth it for the local scenes. The film opens with the Waupaca River at dusk. The lockers and hallways in Waupaca High School are recognizable to anyone that went to school there.

The ice rink at the Expo Center gets a lot of screen time during the shooting of the hockey scenes. Look past the actors and look for the signs of local businesses such as Culver’s and Brian Smith Accounting. The Zamboni is sponsored by Noffke Lumber and Waupaca Mobil. In the movie the Comets are renamed as the Ice Dogs but there is Comet signage in the background, such as the scoreboard. It is a film Waupaca hockey fans will enjoy.

There are shots of Main Street and the Danes Hall back when it used to be antique store. There is one shot with a Waupaca Bowl event flyer taped on the wall.

When the dead body is

found at the high school, school is cancelled and local first responders are on the scene. There a recognizable names of Waupaca firefighters on the backs of their fire-proof jackets.

It is the ultimate sleepover film for Waupaca High School students. There is a creepy scene where the hallways of the high school turn to shadows. There is a scene where Dawson visits the Shearer/Christy House, the restored landmark home that features Queen Anne architecture. She meets a friend of her father, a professor who happens to be an expert is parapsychology. He tells next to the crackling fireplace that she has a gift and she can visualize and interact with ghosts. He said her abilities with the spirits will escalate.

When a hockey player is murdered and another attacked, Dawson solves the mystery by digging into the archives the Waupaca County Post. In a September 24, 1998 issue of the newspaper, she finds a clue to the identity of the boy with the blacked-out eyes and who might be responsible for the murders. The film’s final scene closes with dinner at Simpson’s Restaurant.



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Learn about lost dugout canoes

WAUPACA – The Winchester Academy will host by Sissel Schroeder, PhD, and Tamara Thomsen and they will present “From Wood to Watercraft: Dugout Canoes of Wisconsin” on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Waupaca Area Public Library in the lower-level meeting room. It is free and open to the public.

Schroeder, a professor of Archaeology at UW-Madison, along with Thomson, a maritime archaeologist with the Wisconsin Historical Society, will highlight the persistence of indigenous cultural traditions and technological ingenu-

ity of Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Dugout Canoe Project embodies the Wisconsin Idea by engaging local and national museums, historical societies, tribal museums, and tribal partners as well as documenting an important, yet relatively rare, form of material culture.

Schroeder’s research focuses on cultural-environmental systems and the archaeology of climate change on ancient peoples of the Midwest. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has received multiple awards that recognize

her excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Thomsen is a Maritime Archaeologist with the Wisconsin Historical Society’s Maritime Preservation and Archaeology program. Her research has resulted in the nomination of more than 60 submerged sites to the National Register of Historic Places. She has received awards from the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History, and the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society.

Dick Hansen is the sponsor of this program. For more visit <http://winchesterwaupaca.org>.

Arts Hub celebrates anniversary

Huge growth in four years

WAUPACA – The Waupaca Community Arts Hub, a program of the Waupaca Community Arts Board, is celebrating its fourth anniversary. Originally the group offered a small selection of music and art classes, now it serves nearly 200 students weekly and provides a broad range of programs including music, art, improv, digital art, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math), and community outreach.

Their programming has been so successful that the Arts Hub has run out of space in its current location at First United Methodist Church (FUMC).

“We are grateful to First United Methodist Church - without them, the Arts Hub would never have gotten its start. Moving to a new home, the Arts Hub will build on its current

programming and provide more opportunities for community engagement. The Arts Hub will soon launch a 1.5 million dollar comprehensive campaign that will enable us to purchase a building, build-out, equip, and operate the new space. We’re excited to take this next step in the Arts Hub’s journey,” said Marci Reynolds, co-founder of the Arts Hub. “This campaign will allow us to expand our reach and continue fostering creativity and community engagement in the Waupaca area.”

The Arts Hub remains committed to making the arts accessible to all. By providing tuition assistance and after-school transportation for students in the School District of Waupaca, they ensure that financial barriers do not prevent young people from engaging in creative activities.

Anniversary events

In celebration of its an-

niversary, the Arts Hub invites the public to join in the festivities at two events. For more information about the Arts Hub’s future plans, please visit WaupacaArtsHub.org.

- Open House at The Arts Hub

Located at the First United Methodist Church, Waupaca, second floor. 720 Demarest Ave, Waupaca.

April 3, 3–5 p.m.

Experience the excitement firsthand, enjoy refreshments, and participate in creative activities at this free event.

- Arts Hub Fun-Raiser at Waupaca Country Club

April 26, 6:30–10 p.m.

An evening of live music by BoomBoxx, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit tuition assistance programs to help make arts education accessible to all. Tickets are available in advance at <https://www.waupacaartshub.org/artshub-4th-birthday-2025> or the door.

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Stevens Point NEWS

Made-in-Point book gets NYT review

Kudos for author, UW-SP press

BY KATIE SCHIMKE
STAFF REPORTER

STEVENS POINT – University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point’s Cornerstone Press recently published Bob Johnson’s short story collection, “The Continental Divide,” and it received a glowing review in the New York Times Book Review.

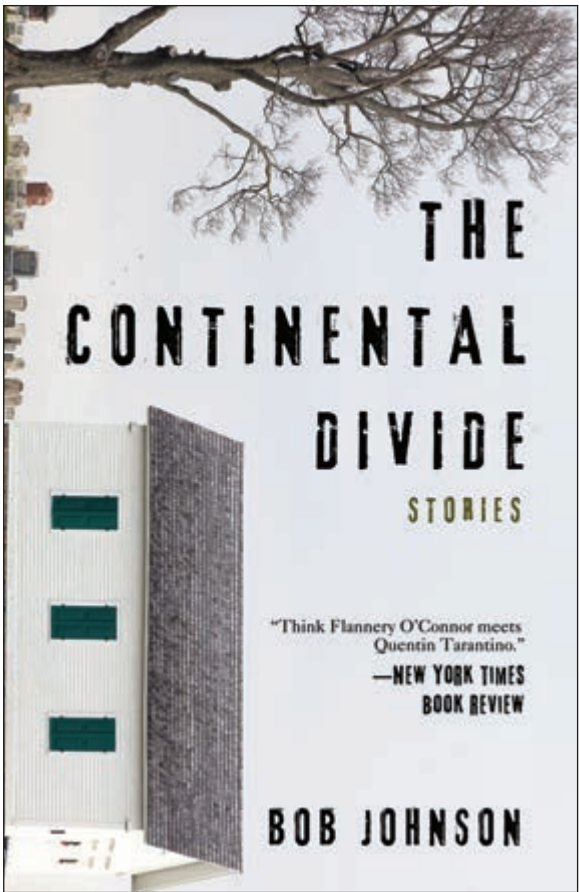
Cornerstone Press operates almost entirely by a staff of undergraduate students who work in editorial, media, sales, and production design. It is led by publisher and director Professor Ross Tangedal.

Johnson’s review in the New York Times places his short story collection published by Cornerstone Press among books released by large publishers such as Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins and Macmillan.

Johnson’s writing tells stories in and around the St. Lawrence Divide in Indiana, focusing on the subgenre of Midwest Noir. “Johnson’s way with action and dialogue is skillful enough to be a stylistic signature,” wrote reviewer Stuart Dybek.

The significance of having a book worked on by almost an entirely undergraduate staff in company with major publishers does not fall lightly on Tangedal.

“It’s really impactful. Our students on staff work hard, they’re all taking other classes and have



lives of their own outside the work they put into our press,” said Tangedal. “This is all a testament to Bob as an author. Bob has a very strong voice; his characters are all very believable. The situations, while they can be violent or grotesque, there is still such humanity that draws through his stories that is the linchpin for all of them.”

For Johnson’s book, Tangedal designed the cover himself with consultation from his design team. Brett Hill, who started work on the press as a student before graduating, edited The Continental Divide with student staff assisting in copyedits. Student staff members promoted

the book through social media and worked closely with Johnson’s publicist.

“In my eight and half years and over one hundred books published—the authors have been impressed and super receptive of the student staff from editorial to production. I tell the staff the only rule is they have to work hard, because if they work hard good things happen,” said Tangedal.

Cornerstone Press was established in 1984 and Tangedal took the helm in 2016. The press is preparing to host campus events for newly released books in March, April and May, with authors coming from all over the United States to celebrate the book launches in Stevens Point. Cornerstone is also preparing to send three students and a senior staff member to the Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference in Los Angeles, the largest writing conference in North America.

World’s largest trivia contest is back

STEVENS POINT – The world’s largest trivia contest is back for its 55th year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The student radio station, WWSP 90FM, will host a 54-hour trivia contest from April 11-13. WWSP is one of the largest student-run radio stations in the Midwest and was recently recognized as one of the best student broadcasting organizations in the state by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

How it works

Eight trivia questions will air each hour, giving teams two songs worth of time to call in with the correct answer and score points. Two ongoing questions will challenge players to venture into the community to find the answers, while music montage and scavenger-hunt-style questions will also feature throughout the weekend. The top teams will earn trophies and bragging rights.

Teams from around the world will spend the entire weekend putting their

knowledge, observation skills and reflexes to the test. With teams ranging from experienced veterans who’ve been playing since 1970 to newcomers just starting this year, the trivia contest is a chance for family and friends to reunite, have fun answering quirky questions and create lasting memories along with earning points.

“The theme for the 2025 World’s Largest Trivia Contest is a look back at how the past envisioned the future. This retro-future theme showcases stunning visuals that make you wish the future imagined by the past were possible,” said Dave Coulthurst, 90FM trivia coordinator.

Register to play

Teams must register at the station Monday through Thursday, April 8-11, between 3-7 p.m. or on Friday, April 12, between noon-6 p.m. Out-of-town teams will find forms and information at <https://www.90fmtrivia.org/>.

On-site registration is \$40 per team, with proceeds benefiting the general main-

tenance of the radio station and scholarships for its student volunteers and staff. Trivia-themed merchandise, such as shirts, hats and mugs, will be available for purchase during registration and on the website.

More events

Contest festivities will kick off with showings of a surprise film and a parade of teams through the UW-Stevens Point campus.

The Trivia kickoff movie will be offered on Friday, April 4, and Saturday April 5 at 10 p.m. at Rogers Cinema, 2725 Church St., Stevens Point. Admission is \$3 at the door. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.

The Trivia parade will begin on Maria Drive north of campus at 4 p.m. Friday, April 11, with questions beginning at 6 p.m. The Trivia contest will be played until midnight, Sunday, April 13. For more information on the parade route and how to register visit <https://90fmtrivia.org/parade.html>.

Apply for community grants

STEVENS POINT – Applications are being accepted for the Stevens Point Area Retired Teachers’ Association (SPARTA) community grant program. Grants support local non-profit groups and organizations that directly benefit area children, seniors and families. Programs with limited resources supporting educational activities or cultural

and enrichment events are encouraged to apply.

The grant program is one way the group helps local service organizations. “As educators we know and truly appreciate the work of all who collectively make our society, our towns, and our homes richer and better places to live. This is our way of supporting those charitable organizations,”

said SPARTA President Carol Colby.

The application form is available on the SPARTA website: www.stevenspoint-retiredteachers.org It is due on or before May 1.

SPARTA was formed in 1969 and represents retired educators from the Almond-Bancroft, Rosholt, Stevens Point and Tomorrow River school districts.

Get rid of consumer junk

STEVENS POINT – Portage County Solid Waste will be hosting an electronic and small appliance recycling collection event at the Portage County Transfer Facility in Plover on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thanks to funding from the manufacturers of electronics, Portage County Solid Waste is able to offer this event at an extremely discounted rate of \$20 per vehicle with a maximum of 25 items per vehicle. To help keep traffic moving, the organizers ask people bring exact change or have checks prewritten out to PCSW or Portage County Solid Waste. They will not accept credit or debit cards.

This event is for residents of Portage County only. Businesses of any size will be turned away. To reduce traffic congestion and wait times, all participants must pre-register by midnight on April 9th.

Register online at www.co.portage.wi.gov/activi-

tiesor by calling (715) 343-6297. Appointments are offered every half-hour starting at 8:00 a.m. Participants must arrive on time; no more than 15 minutes prior or after your registered time. This will keep wait times to 30 minutes or less. To maximize participation, there are a very limited number of weekday appointments leading up to the main event.

On the day of, follow signs to County Road R which will direct traffic around the block to Black Oak Drive to Twin Towers Drive and then west onto Moore Road. Any traffic entering off Apache Drive will be rerouted. As a reminder, trash, bulbs, tires, or other items normally collected at the Transfer Facility will not be accepted. The facility will be closed for those types of wastes that day.

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corders, cell phones/PDAs and charges, clocks, coffee makers, copiers, printers, scanners and fax machines, desktop computer towers and peripherals, docking stations, DVD/VHS/Blu-Ray players (no discs), external drives (all types), fans, hair dryers, landline phones, laptop computers and peripherals, monitors (all types), MP3 and iPod players, microwaves, projectors, radios, satellite dishes and receivers, servers, stereos & speakers, toasters, TVs (all types), UPS and jump starters, vacuum cleaners, video game consoles and controllers.

Not accepted

Ballasts, batteries, bulbs/lamps, capacitors, dehumidifiers, dryers, gas cylinders, ink and toner cartridges, holiday lights, liquids, medical & radioactive wastes, medical & lab equipment, refrigerators, smoke detectors, stoves, vape pens, and washing machines.

Local bridge action

STEVENS POINT AND WAUPACA – On March 10, the social bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Mark Thomas, Mark Heimlich, and Jeanette Hirsch. Call Rose Marie at 715-341-1654 by Wednesday to play.

On March 11, the social bridge winners at the Inn were Joan Platt and Karen Martzahl.

On March 13, the duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Jean Singh and Dan Stoil, Jim

Golz and Emalyn Nikstad, Bob Alexejun and Art Flashinski. New members are welcome.

On March 14, the duplicate bridge winners at the Lincoln Center were Nancy Quick and Gene Clark, Sandy Davis and Barbara Ringberg, and Mary Jacobson and Debbi Martin. If you are interested in playing duplicate bridge or taking a bridge class, call Sandy Davis at 715-252-3365.

The next duplicate game in Waupaca will be held

on Friday, April 11. Bridge players are encouraged to attend the sectional bridge tournament in Appleton on March 27-29.

Placing at the Waupaca games on March 14 included first place going to Eric McVickar and Larry Peterson of Appleton. Placing second was Ann Linden and Georgia Calvo of Waupaca, and tied in third place were Sue Heideman and Karen Holly of Waupaca, and Janet and Terry Liska of Wautoma.



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ClintonvilleNEWS

Four candidates, two school board seats

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – In what started as seven candidates vying for two seats on the Clintonville Board of Education, four will face-off on the April 1 ballot of the spring election.

Board members up for reelection include Laurie Vollrath and Mark Zachow. They are being challenged by David Battenberg and Christopher Hoffmann.

The Clintonville Tribune-Gazette introduced the candidates to voters in the Feb. 6 issue, as they answered several questions regarding the Clintonville School District. In an effort to provide voters with as much information about the candidates as possible prior to the election, each of the remaining four candidates were sent two additional questions to answer. Their answers are listed below.

The district has a lot of long-term financial issues coming up. Without referring to other candidates in your answer, why are you the best candidate to help plan the school district's long-term financial future?

• David Battenberg: The Clintonville School District not only funds the district's schools, it also funds a community day-care and rec center. This poses special challenges. The school funding is driven by student numbers and the Wisconsin school funding formula. This formula has a statute induced cap. This cap often doesn't allow schools to keep up with the cost of education and forces the district to consider an operational referendum. An operational referendum doesn't necessarily increase property taxes. I have been involved with operational referendums in Tigerton and Bonduel as an administrator and a teacher, so I am confident in my ability to consider the positives and negatives of them. Community facilities like the day-care and rec center are funded through Fund 80 which is a separate tax process. Clintonville's day-care and rec center are integral to the functioning and quality of life for the local community. Because of this, I believe the funding of these important programs is best determined through a process which includes the school board and the leadership of the city and townships they serve. My experience working with schools and municipalities will help develop this long-term plan.

• Christopher Hoffmann: I have sales project management experience, which brings valuable experience in budgeting, forecasting, and managing resources efficiently. These skills directly transfer to helping plan the school district's long-term financial future. I have a proven track record of managing complex budgets, ensuring financial goals are met while maximizing avail-



Hoffman



Battenberg



Zachow



Vollrath

able resources. I'm skilled at analyzing data, identifying trends, and making decisions based on solid financial insights. This will be crucial when addressing the district's financial challenges. Additionally, my experience in project management has enhanced my ability to prioritize and allocate resources effectively, ensuring that funds are used where they'll have the most impact. I am experienced in identifying potential risks and finding solutions to mitigate them, which is essential for long-term financial sustainability. I understand the importance of balancing short-term needs with long-term goals. I also have strong communication and collaboration skills, which would help me engage staff, parents, and the community. This is crucial to develop and adhere to sound financial strategies. Ultimately, my goal would be to help ensure that the district's financial decisions are well-informed, transparent, and aligned with the needs of students and the community.

• Laurie Vollrath: Being on the board for seven years, I have a pretty good idea on how the school finances work. We were very fortunate that some big items were covered with the last referendum. We have hired CESA to help with the business operations of the district. Going forward we need to have a priority list with needs versus wants. Doing this should involve community stakeholders. Just like other districts in our area, eventually we may have to have an operational referendum, which should also include a community focus group. I am ok with that, but like the last referendum, I do not want to raise taxes.

• Mark Zachow: Incumbent school board members have the knowledge and experience to understand an annual budget. It's very important to keep spending within the yearly approved budgeted amount. School districts don't find out their yearly per student aid from the state until the fall, when districts need to determine the upcoming year's budget. Our district also needs to become more competitive with other area school districts with our employee compensation. This is a very important issue to our district, so we don't lose valuable employees to other districts. Being on the board for nine years, I understand the history of the district's

financial decisions. This will help in making the correct upcoming budget decisions.

If you are elected to the board, how do you see your role on the board as important and controversial issues come before the board?

• Battenberg: The Clintonville School Board is made up of seven members who represent the people of the school district. I believe it is a board member's role to listen to the constituents and bring these views to the board. I also believe it is my role to share my educational experiences with the board. During board discussion it is my role to be a listener first. I've learned through experience it is important to first seek to understand, then be understood. It is my role to always be prepared by reading the board documents and asking for clarity before and during meetings. During board discussion it is my role to share my thoughts and ideas in a thoughtful, focused manner. I want my fellow board members to focus on my ideas, just as I will focus on theirs. When the vote is over, it is my role to ensure that the board stays positive and professional. I believe the school board's consistent message to the district must be: We sometimes agree, we sometimes disagree, but we respect each other and will continue to make the best decisions we can for the district.

• Hoffmann: My role would be to bring a solution oriented, collaborative approach to even the most contentious issues. I'm accustomed to handling differing opinions and navigating complex challenges to find common ground. As strong opinions emerge on difficult topics, I believe it's important to promote respectful, solution driven discussions with all members. I would

guide conversations toward productive outcomes with an emphasis on student success and community needs. I understand that conflict is often a part of decision-making on important and controversial issues. My ability to manage multiple stakeholders, balance competing priorities, deescalate tensions, and maintain focus on the big picture would help the board make informed, balanced decisions. My goal would be to turn disagreements into opportunities for growth and progress, ensuring that despite differing views, we remain united in our commitment to educational excellence.

• Vollrath: I offer a very diverse perspective. I have adult children that graduated from Clintonville, as well as two children that currently attend Clintonville Public School. I am a volunteer with several community organizations. I believe in service over self. I realize that one board member cannot make decisions, it has to be the board as a whole or a majority. I know that everyone is entitled to their own opinions and beliefs. But at the end of the day decisions should be made with the best interest of the entire district and community in mind.

• Zachow: As a member of the board for the past nine years, I have the experience that will help understand controversial issues that come before the board. I am also a person, who if I don't understand, is not afraid to ask questions. I've been involved in numerous difficult conversations over the years, and I feel I have always done what's in the best interest of the district, students and taxpayers. As a lifelong member of living and serving in this community, my passion will always be to continue to make moral and ethical decisions for the betterment of the schools and the community.



Lederer



Schley

Two candidates for D-4 seat

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – Former common council member Jeannie Schley and current common council member Tom Lederer are both running for the Clintonville Common Council seat in the April 1 election to represent District 4 in the city.

The Clintonville Tribune-Gazette recently sent a list of questions to the two candidates to get their views on issues important to the city.

To help inform voters on where the candidates stand on these issues, the questions and their responses are listed below.

Why do you want to be a member or remain a member of the Clintonville Common Council?

Tom Lederer: I care about Clintonville's future and its residents – citizens who live and work here of ALL AGES. We have a strong government team here – including administration, department heads, employees and elected officials. They all try to focus on the positive. All are trained, experienced, and seek guidance from outside sources as needed. Why change that?

Jeannie Schley: I have been attending council meetings and committee meetings for the last year. I think changes need to be made to better serve the taxpayers of the community. "Let's make the city work for the people."

What are your qualifications to serve on the common council?

Lederer: More than 20 years ago I was on the

council along with working a full-time job as a store manager and raising a family of six. I now have a household of two, and Peanut. I am not an expert on anything, but I rely on our department heads to make the right decisions that serve the best interests of the community. I listen, I hear, and I communicate. If a conflict arises, I will do my best to try and resolve it with the resources I have.

Schley: I have served on council in the past for a number of years, and currently serve on the Utility Committee. I have always been interested in the community and the direction it is taking.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the city of Clintonville, and how would you try to fix that issue?

Lederer: Maintaining our city depends on the budget. There are a lot of moving parts – roads, industrial development, housing, etc. and the city needs to come up with creative ways to make all this happen. They work on getting low interest loans and grants; however, we need to continue to be creative in making sure all of the issues are fixed efficiently.

Schley: Our streets are in very poor condition. I have attended Public Works Committee meetings on this topic. At the current rate of repair, we are going backwards. Something needs to be addressed on this subject. I am "all for" in-house projects with roads, cement work, etc., but if we don't

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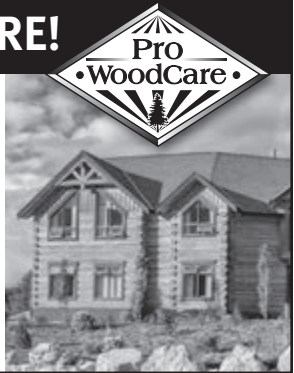
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New London & Hortonville NEWS

Schlueter says ‘farewell’ after 29 years

Chief’s last day was March 14

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – After 29 years of serving the city of New London as a member of the New London Police Department, the last 15 years as police chief, Jeffrey Schlueter officially retired from the department March 14.

It’s a career that almost didn’t happen, as Schlueter said he originally went to college at the University of Minnesota to study mechanical engineering.

“I just didn’t feel like that was going to be my career goal, my career path that I wanted to take, so I started switching my majors up and eventually graduated with a double major from the University of Minnesota,” said Schlueter. “One major was political science. The other major was called Law, Criminology, and Deviance.”

After a short stint working in law enforcement in Minneapolis, Schlueter found his way back to his hometown of New London. He was hired as a patrol of-

ficer for the New London Police Department in January 1996.

“The timing was just right. They had a vacancy open,” said Schlueter.

Schlueter eventually was promoted to sergeant of the night shift, and was named police chief of the department in 2009.

“It was in the back of my mind that maybe someday I could work my way through the ranks (to become police chief) and have the possibility to help the department grow and develop and create a good foundation for future leaders to come,” said Schlueter.

Even though Schlueter has retired from the New London Police Department, he is not done working. He will be starting a job as a protective service risks specialist for Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) on March 31.

“I’ll be assisting a bunch of agencies insured by CVMIC throughout the state, working with law enforcement to help them, act as a risk manager and reduce risk for them, and kind of advise them on what they can do to make it safer for officers out there,” said



Jeffrey Schlueter retired from the New London Police Department on March 14 after serving 29 years, the last 15 as police chief. John Faucher photo

Schlueter.

He said the same job was open a couple of years ago.

“It was something of interest to me at the time, but I wasn’t quite ready to leave the profession of law enforcement because I enjoy it so much,” said Schlueter. “The opportunity became available again. I put my application in to see if I had a chance at it. They ended up picking me.”

He added, “I’m at the age right now, I’ll be turning 53 in May, and I figured that if

I ever was going to start another career, that I better get going before I get too old. Hopefully it will be a successful career for awhile that I can enjoy, and help other law enforcement officers throughout the state.”

The decision to retire was difficult, Schlueter said.

“The New London Police Department has been great to me,” said Schlueter. “The citizens have been great to me. The people I work with are unbelievable. And the support we have received

at the New London PD has been incredible over the years. It was a very difficult decision because I enjoy my job so much. I enjoy all aspects of it. Working with people through good times and bad times, and helping them through different situations. It wasn’t taken lightly – the decision, but for my family, and having the opportunity to try something different before I’m completely retired, I just felt that at this time it would be a good opportunity for me to try something new.”

Schlueter said he is confident the police department will be able to move forward after his retirement without missing a beat.

“I believe that I’ve had the opportunity to do that, to create a great foundation for them,” said Schlueter. “I’ve had the opportunity to hire numerous officers at the police department, that I think we have some great young talent that will actually be great for the city of New London in the future, and will be able to provide all the services that they need.”

Schlueter said he also believes the New London Police and Fire Commission

will pick the best available candidate to replace him.

“But I also believe that our city has numerous officers that act as leaders within the department and have specialized in numerous different things to be able to help move the department forward, to take care of our citizens, help get the problems resolved when they need to get them resolved, and to get the job done,” said Schlueter.

The everyday interaction with members of the community, city organizations, city employees, and the school district is something that Schlueter said he will miss.

“It’s really become a big part of my life, and with New London being my hometown, I take a lot of pride in it,” said Schlueter. “I’m going to miss everybody that I work with and everybody that I serve.”

He added, “This position’s just been a great honor to serve the citizens of New London, and I really appreciate it, and I’ve enjoyed it. I’m still going to be a member in the community, and I’m sure I’ll see people around all the time.”



Three New London High School students were recently recognized as this year’s top writers in the American Legion Auxiliary’s 2025 Americanism Essay Contest. Americanism is defined as promoting an understanding and appreciation of American government, the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, and activity in the American way of life. Shaye Allen (3rd place, left), Tyson Luedtke (2nd place, right), and Djunie Langel (1st place, center). Submitted Photo

Part-time grant writer approved

Will work for city, school district and chamber

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – The School District of New London and the city of New London have approved a memorandum of intent (MOI) to hire a part-time grant writer to be shared between them, as well as the New London Chamber of Commerce.

The New London Common Council approved the MOI at its Feb. 19 meeting. The New London Board of

Education approved it at its Feb. 12 meeting.

According to the MOI, the grant writer position will be part-time. The position will be an employee of the New London Chamber of Commerce and contracted to work with the chamber, the city, and the school district to identify grant opportunities for each entity.

The grant writer will be expected to work flexible hours during the week, up to 25 hours per week. Each of the three entities will pay \$15,000 for the grant writer position.

The employee agreement will be two years in length. Joint annual and semi-annual reviews will be admin-

istered by the school district administrator, city administrator, and chamber director. It was stated in the job description for the position that, “This position’s success will be measured upon revenue generation.”

“Hopefully we see some of the same successes that the city of Waupaca saw,” said New London City Administrator Chad Hoerth at the Feb. 5 New London Finance & Personnel Committee meeting. “They’ve seen multiple of millions of dollars of grants that they’ve been able to secure because of their grant writer. If we get a portion of that as well, that’s a bonus.”

Facade Improvement Grant returns

Five-year requirement removed

BY BERT LEHMAN
STAFF REPORTER

NEW LONDON – Businesses in the city of New London will once again have the opportunity to improve their building facade through the Facade Improvement Grant program in 2025.

At its Feb. 19 meeting, the New London Common Council renewed the Facade Improvement Grant program for 2025, and allocated \$40,000 from the Economic Development Assigned Fund balance for the grant program.

Committee meeting

At the Jan. 28 New London Economic Development Committee meeting, the committee discussed the renewal of the grant program. The committee agreed to remove the stipulation that businesses can apply for the improvement grant only one time every five years. It also agreed that priority for the grant should go to previous non-grant recipients.

During the discussion, New London City Administrator Chad Hoerth told the committee that the city had budgeted \$40,000 for the Facade Improvement Grant program in 2024,

and the city received applications from nine city businesses. He said two applications were not initially approved because those two applications were submitted after the work was already completed. According to the grant guidelines, the application needs to be approved before improvement work begins.

The other seven grant applications in 2024 were approved, but only five businesses submitted reimbursement paperwork. Overall, the city paid out grant reimbursements totaling \$15,570. The total of the investments for improvements to those five businesses totaled \$29,040.

The committee was told by Hoerth that the city approves the Facade Improvement Grant program on an annual basis, and wanted to discuss the grant program for 2025. He said he already had three property owners inquire about the grant for 2025. The program could be approved as it was in 2024, or the committee could make changes.

Prior to 2024, businesses were eligible to be awarded the grant only once every five years. Last year an exemption was approved, which exempted any business in the downtown construction area from that eligibility requirement.

To encourage more

improvement along the construction route,” said Hoerth. “So, it’s up to the committee if you want to do that.”

Hoerth said the city hasn’t used the total amount budgeted for the grant program the last few years, so to committee could consider reducing the eligibility requirement to once every three years.

“Do you want to reduce that requirement to just encourage people to do developments over and over?” asked Hoerth.

Hoerth was asked if the improvements have to take place on the front of a building, or could the improvements also be done to the backside of a building.

Hoerth said improvements proposed for the back of a building would qualify for the grant.

Ald. BaLynda Croy said the city should consider modifying the eligibility requirement for 2025 regarding how often a business can receive the grant.

“We have a lot of businesses who have not taken advantage of this, who, now that the downtown is done and they’re not dealing with construction and they know what happened down there, what it looks like, may want to take a look at this,” said Croy. “Or, may want to do more with their buildings at this point.”

Wega-Fremont NEWS

Four incumbents, all unopposed

BY JAMES CARD
EDITOR

WEYAUWEGA – The ballot for the April 1 election for Weyauwega’s city government is very uninteresting. There are four candidates up for reelection:

Mayor Rich Luedke, Shani Appleby (alderperson for District 1), Chris Gunderson (alderperson for District 2) and Meta Berg (alderperson for districts 3-4). There are no other candidates running against them other

than the possibility of some write-in candidates on Election Day.

Other members of the common council that are not up for election this year are: Pat Gorchals, Austin Baehnan and Cameron Looker.

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Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

Blood drive in Iola

IOLA – The Iola Lions and American Red Cross will co-sponsor a blood drive on April 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iola-Scandinavia Fitness & Aquatic Center on 445 South Jackson Street.

The Iola Lions will be serving sloppy joes, chips and snacks, as well as water and juice.

Donors of all types are needed and welcomed to donate, especially those with an O positive blood type.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, which is approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells needed every day in the U.S. to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. The drive is a call to spring into action and give patients a fighting chance.

Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, 1-800-733-2767,

or you can schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org.

The American Red Cross and Iola Lions ask to please remember to drink a lot of water and keep caffeine consumption to a minimum before your donation.

If you want to save time after registering, but before you show up on that afternoon, complete and print a RapidPass online health history questionnaire on your computer or complete it on a smart phone that day before you come; the site is www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

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

If you are a high school student, or any donor 18 years of age and younger you will have to meet certain height and weight requirements and need parental permission to donate.

Homeless students in school district

Very few but very real

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA-SCANDINAVIA – Pupil services were on hand at the March 10 Iola-Scandinavia School Board meeting to discuss homelessness and how it is addressed in the district.

Kimberlisa Przychocki, the director of pupil services and special education, led the presentation to the board along with Megan Driebel, the school counselor.

Przychocki said that less than one percent of the students in the school would qualify as homeless if the protocol to recognize homelessness is followed.

They began with what measures they use to determine if a student is homeless which can be any one of the following or a combination of them, including lack of fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, such as at places like hotels or motels, any public or private places that is not designated for residency.

Some of the causes of homelessness could be the lack of affordable housing, poverty, health concerns, lack of health insurance, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, natural disasters, abuse, neglect and family dysfunction.

“The reason we bring this to your attention is it's really a heartstring

issue,” said Przychocki. “Somebody's coming in and they're having family problems. They may be living with an aunt or uncle, and we need to decide are they homeless, are they going to get some school supports and county supports or not?”

Identifying homelessness is not always cut and dry, Przychocki said. It's not as simple as yes, they are homeless or no, they are not.

Przychocki said once a student is annotated as homeless in their system, they stay in the system as such for the remainder of the year, even if they were to find fixed and stable housing.

Chris Nelson, the Iola-Scandinavia district administrator, said

statewide homelessness amongst students is widely underreported.

Nelson said there was an uptick on reported cases of homelessness during Covid because as staff were delivering things to students they were able to identify more students that were lacking sufficient housing.

“We have information in the entryways of each school, on the district website, the public notice of educational rights, those have to be posted,” said Driebel. “So we do what we can on our end, but a lot of it just comes down to word of mouth, and people letting us know and then us checking in.”

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She said she believes common ground could be reached through transparency and honesty, wanting to know what calls the police are responding to and how the budget is getting spent.

She said she grew up in Iola, but feels because she currently resides outside of the village limits that she is made to feel as if her voice isn't being heard.

“I graduated from Iola High School. I have lived here since I was ten years old. My heart, soul, and roots are in that town, in that community. I am doing everything I can to help that community thrive,” she said. “And to be treated like I don't have a say because my physical address isn't the Village of Iola, but I pay more taxes than probably two homes combined because I own two properties.”

Compared to Fremont

Both Miller and Mark McCoy, owner of Mark McCoy's Flat Tracker Tap, have both voiced that they would

like to see Waupaca County take over law enforcement in the Village of Iola, citing the size of the annual police budget.

The Iola Police Department has the lowest budget in the County at \$325,357 for 2024, this includes all expenses that incurred over the year, with the police chief and officers the lowest paid of all police departments in the county.

The March 2024 disbandment of the police department in the Village of Fremont came up several times throughout the recent meetings.

The Village of Fremont has a population of just under 700 and a police department that had only one officer prior to the disbandment, said Village Clerk Megan Wunderlich. She said it rotated between one to three officers generally when they did have a larger department.

Bobbi Marks, the Village of Fremont president, said that one of the factors that led to the disbandment of the police department simply came down to not being

able to maintain officers due to the low pay and the lack of benefits.

The cost of maintaining the police department prior to disbanding in the Village of Fremont was \$152,400, which was the money allocated to the department in 2024, Wunderluch said.

The current annual contract and budget for law enforcement in Fremont is now \$109,262.40, which Wunderlich said got them one dedicated officer.

According to the contract between the Village of Fremont and Waupaca County, the officer works a total of 80 hours throughout a 14-day rotation that include mostly 12 hour shifts.

Marks said the set up with the county is working well for the small village and they are happy with the decision the board had made last spring.

“[The dedicated officer] has an office in our village hall, but when he is off duty then it's the same as everyone else, the county still answers the call,” Marks said. “I haven't heard, as far as I am concerned, I think the

response time is fine.”

McCoy said he would be more than happy to have one dedicated officer on, believing that to be adequate for Iola, citing that Amherst does not have a police department, but they are bigger and it is not a lawless town.

“I think the people that are all behind the Iola Police Department, which I'm not actually in favor of getting rid of it ... if we have one officer for eight hours a day at a cost of \$100,000, I think that's fine,” said McCoy. “I own several buildings in town. I don't want anything to happen to them, either. I don't have a problem with the officer, but most of the people that are stuck on this think there'll be a vacuum here where it'll be lawless.”

Police presence

McCoy said the fire and ambulance departments are much more critical in an emergency and that an excess in budget could be allocated to them instead.

Jennifer Schustek, the village president, said she has an unwavering support for

the Iola Police Department, believing it to be essential in maintaining safety.

“I believe that there is always potential for reconciliation, but it will require a commitment to moving beyond past misunderstandings and working toward a respectful and constructive resolution,” she said. “These views reflect a broader political stance that is in direct opposition to the support I and many others have for the men and women of the Village of Iola Police Department.”

The officers present at the drop off and pick up areas of the school can also vary from county or Iola officers, with an officer at each school being mentioned at a recent meeting as well, citing that the county is in the village doing what local law enforcement should be doing.

Chris Nelson, the district administrator for the Iola-Scandinavia school district, said the schools and police have a collaborative relationship when dealing with situations that could arise within the community.

Nelson said these things include safety and crisis response and the need for fast response times in urgent situations, assisting with community events such as sports, dances and parades, student support that could include their welfare and safety and legal matters such as illegal substances and threats.

“We strive to balance maintaining a positive school climate with ensuring appropriate and timely responses from our local police officers,” said Nelson.

The matter continued into the March 11 village board meeting, where Schustek relayed a message from Waupaca County Sheriff Timothy Wilz in an effort to set the record straight.

“He wanted me to share with the board how proud he is of the officers in Iola and their work that they are doing here. It is their job as officers to serve and protect and because we have a viable police department he would not consider taking on the Village of Iola,” said Schustek, saying the matter should be considered officially put to rest.

Manawa NEWS



Dwight Shanak, operator of the powerhouse on the Manawa dam, explained to the city that the dam was timber crib dam, built similar to a log cabin and filled with rock and concrete. An underflow formed underneath the dam and Shanak said the dam's lifespan ran out 50 years ago.

Emily Doud Photo

Dam operator meets with city

Reality check on rebuild options

BY EMILY DOUD
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – The City of Manawa sat down March 12 with Wisconsin8, LLC, the operator of the Manawa dam prior to its demise last July, and began a conversation on moving forward.

There are three options that the city is looking into for the rebuilding of the dam.

The first was to re-negotiate the current contract with Wisconsin8, LLC to allow for a larger percentage to flow back into the city.

The current contract called for the city to receive six percent from the electricity made, which in 2024 garnered \$3,811.82, said Logan Hass, the city clerk.

The city could also move forward on their own without Wisconsin8, LLC, bringing in 100 percent of the revenue.

With this option the city would take over the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing, they would also need to buy the power house from Wisconsin8, LLC.

With both of these options comes a larger expense with building a dam with hydroelectric capability. It's a larger expense but the city would also be bringing in yearly revenue.

There is also the option of not rebuilding with hydropower and building a spillway dam, which would cost much less and would also give the city the option to add hydropower at some point in the future.

With this option the city would not be under federal jurisdiction, but instead it

would be under state jurisdiction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), this means that the DNR would make sure the dam is following all safety guidelines and in working order.

Dwight Shanak, the dam operator for the Manawa dam from Wisconsin8, LLC, spoke with city officials and had a roundtable discussion about the dam future on March 12, marking the first time the two entities have come to the table for an informational meeting.

Shanak said the entire dam needs to be replaced, mostly due to the timber crib structure at the head of the dam.

A timber crib dam is a dam erected with heavy timbers like the build of a log home and filled in with rock, however timber begins

Dam

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Snodeo recap

Notes and numbers

MANAWA – With ideal ice conditions, the 18th annual Manawa Snodeo successfully hosted a record number of participants and spectators over the weekend. Here are the racing highlights:

One of the biggest events of the weekend was the Decker Triple Crown Feature Race held Feb. 16. This event brought together top-tier racers competing for valuable points in the prestigious series, further cementing the Snodeo's reputation as a premier racing destination.

Manawa's ice held strong under the weight of approximately 230 race trucks and trailers, including large tri-axes, ensuring smooth operations for all racing divisions.

Pro-Vintage Racing brought in an impressive 150 racers, adding to the competitive excitement.

USSA Racing featured 50 top-tier racers, showcasing the best of the sport.

Kitty Kat Racing State Championship saw 100 young racers and their families cheering on the next generation of competitors.

Radar Runs and Ice Drags welcomed about 100 entries, bringing top speeds and thrilling moments to the event.

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Mandi Genord, Miss Wisconsin and Ella Bey, Miss Teen Wisconsin, were present at the 18th Manawa Snodeo.

Deb Sarna Photo

Waupaca County Veterans Benefit Expo

Friday March 28, 2025

10am to 2pm

Par4 Resort – 201 Foxfire Dr., Waupaca, WI 54981

Free and open to the public
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Obituary Notices

Smith, Rawley



Rawley DeWitt Smith peacefully passed away on March 9, 2025, in King, Wisconsin. He was born in Los Angeles, California, on August 25, 1935. Rawley attended high school in Mill Valley, CA, before going on to study at the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

In 1957, Rawley joined the Army, achieving the rank of E-3 as a PFC and an expert rifleman. After his service, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and worked for Beckman Instruments. While in Colorado, he met his future wife, Bettie Blum, and they married in 1965. Shortly after, Rawley accepted a job at a bank in California, while Bettie worked as a kindergarten teacher for the Los Angeles school system. During this time, Rawley pursued and obtained his master's degree in Business Administration. They welcomed their son, Jeff, in 1968 and their daughter, Michelle, in 1971.

In 1972, Rawley and Bettie moved their family to Wisconsin, where Rawley joined his father-in-law's Christmas tree business in Waupaca. As the business evolved into real estate development, Rawley transitioned into home building. In 1983, he became a real estate appraiser, later earning his commercial appraisal license. He continued his career in commercial appraising until his retirement in 2017.

Rawley and Bettie became "snowbirds," purchasing a mobile home near the Peace River, close to the Gulf of Mexico. They loved to travel and explored many countries through Road Scholar programs. Rawley had a deep passion for aviation, volunteering at EAA AirVenture for 30 years, selling tickets. He even had the opportunity to ride the Concorde to Canada, breaking the sound barrier, and flew in a B-17.

Beyond his professional and aviation interests, Rawley loved gardening and cherished his 1972 GMC pickup truck, "Old Blue." He enjoyed taking family and friends to the Chain O' Lakes for kayaking adventures. Rawley was also a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 47 years. Even in his later years, he remained dedicated to serving others by volunteering for Meals on Wheels and driving people to their doctor appointments in Appleton.

A man of deep faith, Rawley was a devoted Christian who believed in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He and Bettie attended Faith Community Church in Waupaca.

Rawley is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Bettie; son, Jeff Smith (Noreen); daughter, Michelle "Missy" (Trace); granddaughters, Lindsey, Taylor, and Lilit "Cat"; sister, Janice Condit (Jerry); sisters-in-law, Barb Luebke and Mary Dombrowski (Len); as well as many nieces, nephews, and countless friends, including those from his AA community.

A memorial visitation will be held for Rawley from 9-11 AM on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Faith Community Church, N2541 County Rd K, Waupaca, WI 54981 with a memorial service to follow at 11 AM. Rawley will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Appleton, WI. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in his name.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the many caregivers at AMC, ThedaCare Hospice, and the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King for their incredible kindness and support.

Lehman, Linda



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Linda May Lehman on Friday, March 14th, 2025. She was a loving and compassionate wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt & friend. Linda was born on December 7, 1944 to Harold and May (Noack) Kitowski. She was united in marriage on May 7, 1964 to the love of her life Calvin W. Lehman. Her life and career were founded on her passion of helping and serving others. In the early

years of her career, she worked at New London Hospital and St Joseph's Residence caring for patients. During her time there she acquired many lifelong friends. From a desire to better her community, she served several terms on the city council of New London. During her time as an alderman, she focused on improving the parks and recreational programs. She left her mark on the city of New London by establishing Anchor Park. In partnership with her husband Cal, they founded Master Electrical Services in 1991. The business continues to serve the community to this day. Linda was a talented artist, whose skills with a paint brush took our breath away. One of her specialties was painting Santas on wood cypress knees. The most important part of Linda's life was those she shared it with. Spending time with her husband, daughters, grandchildren, family, friends and pets brought her immense joy.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Joelle (Tom) Meilinger; three grandchildren, Karter Lehman-Meilinger, Kassandra (Zachary) Voelz and Konor Lehman-Meilinger; a brother, Jack (Judy) Kitowski and a son-in-law, Joel Woodliff.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Cal and daughter, Arryn.

She made a profound impact on many lives. She will forever be missed & loved.

The Funeral Services for Linda will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20th, 2025 at Cline & Hanson Funeral Home in New London with Rev. Seth Dorn officiating. Visitation will take place from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service. The burial will take place at Noon on Friday, March 21, 2025 at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Hupke, William



William "Bill" C. Hupke, age 91 of Clintonville, passed away on Monday March 10, 2025 at Cottonwood Manor Assisted Living, Green Bay.

William "Bill" Clemeth Hupke was born June 11, 1933 in Clintonville, WI, son to the late Clemeth & Margaret (Dumke) Hupke. He was raised on the family farm and attended Clintonville Schools, later graduating with the class of 1951. He was drafted into the U.S. Army shortly after, and served with his unit in Alaska, where he was a mechanic and operated the tow-truck in the motor pool. After his honorable discharge, Bill returned to Clintonville and started his career as a welder with the F.W.D./Seagrave Corporation. He built many trucks over the years and did service calls throughout the country repairing the same equipment when service was needed. Bill was united in marriage to Eudine Rihm on February 22, 1958 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Clintonville; which later merged with the Methodist Church, becoming the United Methodist Church, Clintonville, where he was a devoted member. As an elder and caretaker of the church for many years, Bill was always involved offering guidance and using his skills to keep the building and grounds running at its best. In his younger years, he enjoyed bowling, taking his boys fishing in summer and winter, and rabbit hunting. He built a nice ice shack complete with a cooktop, and also hand-made smokehouses for fish and other meats. As Bill had a wealth of knowledge of the F.W.D. and many of the trucks produced over the years, he enjoyed curating the F.W.D. Museum and gave many private tours of the exhibits. When the Smithsonian came to Clintonville to film a documentary, Bill was involved in the process, operating the trucks and offering his insight. He could also be seen driving the old trucks he worked on during most every parade in Clintonville. He enjoyed helping his son Bill with car projects: restoring his father's 1938 Dodge, and working on the Trumbull over the years. They also attended the Iola Car Show together yearly since its inception in 1972. He taught night classes in welding at the Clintonville High School for many years, and often helped friends and family with projects with no need for anything in return. Bill's devotion to Eudine was evident throughout their marriage, they rarely left each other's side doing most everything together. They were true soul mates in every sense. Bill will be remembered as a quiet, humble man, who put his family first and used his gifts to help others.

Bill is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eudine
Sons: William "Bill" Hupke Jr., Combined Locks & John (Sharon) Hupke, Green Bay

Grandchildren: David (Brittany) Hupke & Alex (Elizabeth) Hupke, both of Green Bay

Great-grandchildren: Wyatt, Elaina, Willa, & Edward

Sister: Mary Trout

Brother-in-law: Ed Phillips

Cousin: Arlo (Susan) Dumke

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Myra Phillips & Kay Koeppen; and brothers-in-law, Donald Trout & Richard Koeppen.

Funeral services were held at 11 AM Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the United Methodist Church, Clintonville, with the Rev. Diana Ziegler officiating. Military honors were conducted at the church by VFW Post #664, American Legion Post #63, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63, all of Clintonville following the service. Interment will take place at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville.

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

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville is assisting the Hupke family.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Hecht, Barbara



Barbara Jean Hecht, age 78, of Weyauwega, WI, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at New London Medical Center in New London, WI. She was born on August 8, 1946, in Geneva, IL, daughter of the late Lawrence and Doris (Read) Lauck.

Barb, as she was lovingly known, lived a life dedicated to education and helping others. She spent her formative years in various cities throughout Illinois before making her final move to Weyauwega in 1990.

For many years, Barb served as an elementary school teacher in Illinois, nurturing young minds and instilling a love of learning. Her passion for education continued when she transitioned to the School District of Weyauwega, where she became a dedicated At-Risk teacher at Weyauwega-Fremont High School. Barb was instrumental in establishing the At-Risk program, providing crucial support and guidance to students facing challenges, and helping them achieve their dreams of graduation. Her dedication extended beyond high school, as she also created the At-Risk Adult Program at Carl Sandburg Junior College. Additionally, she established a scholarship program to further support at-risk students.

Barb's impact on her community was profound, and her legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched.

Her love story with her husband, Robert D. Hecht, was one of enduring affection. Married for 57 years, they shared a deep bond, evident in their loving hand-holding and playful banter.

Barb was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her devoted husband, Robert D. Hecht; her children: Laura Hecht of Weyauwega, and Larry (Jen) Hecht of Texas; her grandchildren: Christian Hecht (US Army), Rylee Fibke Hecht (Lexus Hecht), Izaac Fibke Hecht, Madylynn Hecht, Emma Hecht, and Lucas Hecht; and her great-grandchildren: Anthony Hecht, Linkyn Hecht, and Ezekiel Hecht. She also leaves behind her sister, Claudette Harrington, and many beloved nephews, nieces, in-laws, and cousins.

A Memorial Service for Barb was held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 11:00am at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Weyauwega with Rev. Jim Harley from Victory Church in New London officiating. A gathering of family and friends took place prior to the service from 9:00am - 10:45am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to go towards a scholarship fund in Barb's name, dedicated to supporting at-risk students at Weyauwega-Fremont School District. Please direct donations in her husband's name, Robert Hecht.

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

Timm, Romilda



Romilda A. Timm, age 85, of Weyauwega, passed away at Bethany Home in Waupaca, on March 12, 2025. She was born on January 29, 1940, in Keshena, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Laverne Akey and Bernard Frechette. On December 28, 1960, she was united in marriage to Dennis Timm. Together, they had four children:

Todd (Kristine) Timm, Oshkosh. Grandchildren: Eric, Oshkosh; Kayla (Markus) Holzem, Oshkosh; and Bria (Sam) Lemery, Oshkosh. Great grandchildren: Aricka, Scott and Kinzley.

Thomas Timm, passed away on July 31, 2001. Tricia (David) Bosquez, Weyauwega. Grandchildren: Kyle (Briana) Bosquez, Weyauwega; Cole Bosquez, Fremont; Taryn Bosquez, Weyauwega; Logan Bosquez, Appleton; and Josie Bosquez, Weyauwega. Great grandchildren: Rylee, Owyn and Shea.

Timothy (Julie) Timm, Hortonville. Grandchildren: Carson, Appleton and Hayden, Hortonville. She is also survived by brothers-in-law: Russell (Diane) Schoenick, Phoenix, AZ; Orville Schoenick, Waterford, MI; Roger Schoenick, Portage, WI. Sister-in-law, Genevive Lavery, Colorado Springs, CO.

Also, numerous other nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis; son Tommy; brothers: Lyle Frechette and Mark Akey; parents, Laverne and Ray Akey; in-laws, Nora and Norman Schoenick; sisters-in-law: Sandy Akey, Patricia Frechette and Betty Schoenick; brothers-in-law: Tom Schoenick and Richard Lavery; a special cousin, Ronald Pleshek; and a nephew, Ryan Akey.

Romilda (Mel) was involved in many activities during her wonderful life. She worked as a lab technician early on and later worked for Dr. Brownlow in his optometry business. But her full-time passion was being a mother to her four children. She dedicated her life to caring for her son, Tommy. Mel was very active in the lives of all her children and grandchildren's school and extracurricular activities. Outside of the home, Mel was spending time with a large group of special friends, enjoying the regular card club group, cook outs, playing bingo at the casino and taking wonderful vacations. In her younger years, she and Dennis were involved in the local Jaycee's/Jaycette's. Mel was very proud of all her children and grandchildren, and she will be missed greatly by all her family and friends.

Her family would like to thank the staff at Bethany Home in Waupaca and Thedacare Hospice for all the services they provided.

The Funeral Mass for Mel will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Weyauwega with Fr. Kris Mekala officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega. A visitation for Mel will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at the Dahlke Life Celebration Center in Weyauwega from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and on Friday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

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

Shambeau, Steven



On Tuesday, March 11th — Steven Dennis Shambeau passed away at the age of 76. Born in 1949 to Dave and Emilene Shambeau of Waupaca, Steve will be deeply missed, and undoubtedly remembered for his involvement in many aspects of the Waupaca community, his sense of humor, and his unwavering devotion to being the best husband, father and friend he could be.

As the youngest of three, Steve and his sister, Susan

and brother, Tom all grew up in Waupaca, contributing in their own ways to the family business, Shambeau Furniture. At 14, Steve was tasked with installing drapery at a client's home. Afterward, he looked out the window at the unobstructed views of Round Lake and thought, "God, I love this house."

Fourteen years later, he purchased that slice of heaven for himself.

In the years before settling down on the Chain 'O Lakes, Steve graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1971, became a lifelong Badger fan and proud alum of his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. He also served as an Army Reserve staff sergeant till 1973.

Law school at Marquette followed, after which Steve passed the bar in 1975 and made his way back to Waupaca to practice law alongside Steve Hansen. The pair ran the business with many law partners over the years and were known for playing a daily cribbage game. After 40+ years of their morning ritual, the tally of wins and losses was pretty much even!

The house on Round Lake not only suited the lifestyle Steve loved — boating on the Chain 'O Lakes and soaking up the serenity of life on the water — but it played matchmaker in more ways than one. Steve's neighbors on Browne Lane became his lifelong best friends.

But perhaps the greatest match made on Round Lake was Christmas morning, 1984. Steve was hosting the annual "Green Drink" party, a Shambeau family tradition serving the signature Crème d'Menthe-based cocktail to spread holiday cheer and a memorable buzz! As he stood at the kitchen window, Steve watched Joe Hanegraaf open the back passenger door of his car so his daughter, Mary Jo, could step out. Steve could only describe that moment as love at first sight. A week later, he asked Mary Jo to marry him... she said yes!

In 1986, Steve and Mary Jo welcomed their firstborn, Mollie into the world. Three years later, Matthew completed their family of four. Their childhood was filled with family trips to Florida, Hanegraaf family trips to Colorado, and plenty of time tubing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, and making excuses to stop at Scoopers or the Harbor Bar.

When Mollie started high school in 2000, Steve joined the school board, and served long after his kids graduated, through 2018 — including president from 2008 to 2016. Steve was known for being a great listener who considered all sides of a situation before making decisions. This diligence and fairness extended to all he did — from the Riverside Hospital board, the Waupaca Country Club board, and the Village Inn "Board," which admittedly was just an excuse to get together, laugh and share an ice-cold Coors Light (or two!) with close friends every year.

No matter how many commitments he stacked on his plate to help better his community, Steve never wavered from his commitment to his family. He wrote daily letters to Mollie during her summers at camp, cheered (at times embarrassingly so!) for Matt at soccer games, and carved out vacation time for memorable world traveling with Mary Jo. He leaves behind a lasting legacy, plenty of goodwill, and a few good sermons from his days as the "stand-in" pastor at the Methodist Church and Camp Cleghorn. He ended a particularly passionate sermon with a quote on unity worth sharing today:

"All our little destinations in life that seem so important, when they happen, simply become a part of the journey our souls are on... A part of the master plan that God has for us. No matter what religion, what race, what gender, remember your journey is not a 'better' way, rather simply another way."

Steve is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Shambeau, their two children — Mollie Busby (Sean) and Matthew Shambeau.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 11 AM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 6th from 4 until 6pm at the funeral home, and on Wednesday, one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations will be supporting scholarships for The Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation in memory of Steve Shambeau.



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Obituary Notices

Joyce Dian Sheppard



Joyce Dian Sheppard (née Beilke), affectionately known as Dian, passed away on March 14, 2025, in Plover, Wisconsin, at the age of 81.

Born on August 20, 1943, to Karl Beilke and Joy Mouser in Mendin, Louisiana, Dian grew up with a deep love for family and a passion for bringing joy to those around her. She graduated in 1961 from Washington High School in Germantown, Wisconsin, and carried the values of dedication and warmth throughout her life. She married the love of her life, Robert E. Sheppard on July 4, 1987, in Franklin, North Carolina.

Dian was the heart of her family, always ensuring that love and laughter filled their home. She had a special talent for baking and cooking, often delighting her loved ones with homemade treats. Her garden was another source of joy, where she lovingly tended to her flowers. A devoted fan of “The Wizard of Oz”, she found happiness in sharing the classic film with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dian enjoyed taking long drives in the Corvette with her husband Bob, seeing all the beautiful sights the winding roads would lead them to.

Family was at the center of Dian’s world. She cherished every moment spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—whether making Christmas cookies together or playing board games. She never missed a family event or school function, always cheering from the sidelines with an infectious smile that brightened every gathering. Her outgoing personality made her the life of any celebration, leaving lasting memories for all who knew her.

Dian is survived by her loving husband, Robert Sheppard; her sister, Fran Lamp; brother-in-law, Paul Sheppard; sisters-in-law, Judy Stoltenberg and Nancy Sheppard; her children, Terri (Dennis Falkosky) Gessner and Timothy (Paula) Gessner; step-children Terry Sheppard and Candace Sheppard; grandchildren Ginny (Curt) Suchocki, Hannah Scheel, and Axel Gessner; step-grandchildren, Alexa Barse and Sienna Barse; and great-grandchildren, Macy Suchocki and Benjamin Suchocki.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Joy Beilke; mother-in-law, Deanie Clark; brother, Ray Gwinn; brother-in-law, Steven Sheppard; and granddaughter, Katelyn.

Dian’s warmth, kindness, and unwavering support will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May her memory bring comfort to those she loved so dearly. Per Dian’s request, a celebration of life will take place at a later time.

Shuda Funeral Chapel is honored to be assisting the family.

Engbretson, Darlene



Darlene L. Engbretson, 92, Waupaca, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025. She was born August 2, 1932, in Park Falls, Wisconsin to Carl and Emma (Perlick) Hoffman.

Darlene graduated from Waupaca High School, Class of 1950. She married Robert Engbretson November 23, 1950. She worked many years in medical records at Riverside Medical Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin. She enjoyed her work, even returned several years after her official retirement to work part time for another decade or more. She was proud to be the oldest employee at Riverside Medical Center when she finally retired – for the second time!

Darlene was an excellent seamstress who enjoyed sewing a variety of clothing: casual, formal, costumes, and even swimsuits. She shared that gift with family, friends, neighbors, and her church. Darlene also had excellent "color memory" and a real talent for interior design, which included creating her own draperies and upholstering furniture.

Darlene is survived by her daughters Susan (Michael) Janssen of Green Bay, WI and Sandra Hupfer of De Pere, WI, nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Emma Hoffman; her brother, Donald Hoffman; her sister Maria Jahnke; her former husband, Robert Engbretson, her son-in-law, Steven Hupfer, and other extended family.

Sue and Sandy wish to thank Bethany Home staff and Theda Care Hospice for their compassionate care throughout mom's lengthy journey in memory care and recent hospice care. Mom was not a complainer and retained her sense of humor until the end, frequently saying "It's a good thing gray hair and wrinkles don't hurt!" After her 2014 stroke erased most of her short-term memory, she observed "Just because I can't remember, doesn't mean I can't think." Wise words, mom. Your wit and wisdom will be missed.

A private family funeral will be held at a future date. To send condolences please go to www.Maplecrestfuneral-home.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Solberg, Leslie



Leslie “Les” Solberg has officially punched his ticket to the great fishing trip in the sky, where the beer is always cold, the fish always bite, and the Packers never lose. Born on August 18, 1951, possibly in Waupaca (but he always claimed Iola as his true homeland), Les spent his years enjoying the things that truly mattered: family, friends, and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Phyllis (Helgeson) Solberg.

Les was the devoted husband of Carol (Butenhoff) Solberg, who lovingly tolerated his stubbornness and fishing excursions for over 45 years. He was a loyal brother to Lloyd and Jayne (Dorow) Solberg, Kathy Solberg, and Joe and Vicki (Solberg) Rink, and a proud uncle to nephews Garrick, Brandon, and Collin Solberg, as well as Bob Rink, and nieces Courtney Solberg and Jessica Rink. He also leaves behind a collection of cousins too numerous to name without exceeding the word count.

Les had a true talent for enjoying life’s simple pleasures, particularly when they involved a fishing pole in hand. His best fishing buddy, Bob Dobbe, and his Canada adventure companion, Greg Loeser, now find themselves without their partner-in-crime-but hopefully with a few extra beers in his honor. Special thanks to Laura and Gretchen for allowing those many, many fishing trips to happen.

Les was a man of wisdom, particularly when it came to the best places to fish, the ideal way to grill a brat, and why the Packers were the only football team worth discussing. He had an uncanny ability to tell a story just right-always with just the right amount of embellishment, depending on the audience.

A visitation will be held at Voie Funeral Home in Iola on Friday, April 11th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. A memorial service will follow on Saturday April 12th at 11:00 AM at the Hitterdahl Lutheran Church, N8808 County J. Iola WI 54945; with the Reverend Dale Wilson, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your favorite charity or help someone close to you.

Les, we hope heaven has a stocked cooler, a well-seasoned grill, and an endless supply of fish stories waiting for you. You will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Friends may visit www.voiefuneralhome.com to share memories and condolences with Leslie's family.

Goggins, Peggy



Peggy Irene (Nelson) Goggins, age 67, of Waupaca, passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2025. Born in Waupaca to the late Helen and Harold Nelson, Peggy lived a life defined by love, selflessness, and an unwavering devotion to her family.

Peggy was an extraordinary mother, a role she embraced with her whole heart and soul. To her four sons: Shawn (Julia), Sheldon (Kelsey), Shane (Kiley), and Tyler (Haley), she was a constant source of strength, wisdom, and unconditional love. She raised them with a rare blend of tenderness and resilience, teaching them the value of hard work, compassion, and family through her own example. Whether she was cheering them on from the sidelines, sharing stories of her hunting adventures, or simply gathering them around her for a quiet moment, Peggy’s nurturing spirit left an indelible mark on their lives. Her pride in her sons extended to her beloved grandchildren: Jace, Kayleigh, Liam, Madelyn, Evelyn, Olivia, and Maddox, whom she adored with a grandmother’s boundless love.

Beyond her remarkable motherhood, Peggy was a wife to Kevin, cherished sister to Rick Nelson, Julie (Gaylon) Bucholtz, Curt Nelson, and Bonnie Mitchell and a caring friend to many, especially her dear friend Sally Belt-Mattes. Her generous spirit shone brightly in all she did, she was the kind of person who always put others first, offering a listening ear, a helping hand, or a warm smile.

Professionally, she brought that same care to her work as a dental hygienist for Dr. Twohig and as an optometrist assistant for Dr. Brueckner, where her patients knew her as both skilled and kind.

Peggy’s departure leaves a void that cannot be filled, but her legacy of love and selflessness will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be dearly missed by her husband, siblings, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, her friend Sally Belt-Mattes, and the countless lives she touched.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Haley Goggins and the ThedaCare oncology staff for their compassionate care and support during Peggy’s journey. A funeral service to celebrate Peggy’s life will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025, at Maple Crest Funeral Home in Waupaca. Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. and continue until the time of the service, offering an opportunity for family and friends to gather and honor a truly incredible person.



Carl B. Newey, (67), of Downers Grove, IL, passed peacefully on March 14, 2025, in Waupaca, WI after a long battle with heart failure surrounded by his loving son and daughter.

Carl was born on December 15, 1957, to Carl T. Newey and Arden S. Newey in Chicago, IL.

He attended Valparaiso University in IN where he received a B.A. in Business Administration. After graduating, Carl briefly worked for the US Post Office and then started his own bait, tackle and taxidermy business. He was an avid outdoorsman with fishing being his favorite pastime.

Carl was also a talented athlete and received varsity letters in wrestling and cross country as well as wrestled collegiately. He enjoyed spending his free time coaching wrestling in IL and WI and taught his own son how to wrestle.

Carl’s faith in the Lord was strong. He regularly attended church, quoted scripture, and kept up with missionaries’ work in the field. He was also an amateur artist and tried his hand at painting in a variety of mediums, with water-colors being his favorite, and did photography too.

Carl’s loving spirit is carried on by his children, Amy (Jonathan) and Carl Christopher (Morgan); his grandchildren, Olivia, Theo, Evelyn and Hattie; his brother, Mark and his sister, Ann (Johnny); along with his nieces and nephews Courtney (Jon), Lauren, Nicole, and Tyler; and great-nieces and great-nephew, Abigail, Katelyn, Bella, and Eli. Preceding him in peace were his parents, Carl Timothy and Arden.

To honor Carl’s memory, a celebration of life will be held at a later date at his lake cottage with close family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in Carl’s name.

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that F & S Grocery and Liquor Store LLC d/b/a F & S Grocery and Liquor Store has filed an application with the City Clerk’s office for a Combination “Class A” license for a period from April 16, 2025 to June 30, 2025. This request has been applied for - Agent Sandra Saint-Hilaire for location of 906 Algoma St – Unit 906, New London, WI. The above license application will be acted upon at the April 15, 2025 Common Council meeting.

Nicole Ryerson
City Clerk
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 13, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Court Commissioner in Probate
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARISSA A. MUELLER
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 25-PR-12
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth July 1, 1982 and date of death September 11, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 115 E. Madison Street, Clintonville, WI. 54929.
2. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is [Date] June 16, 2025.
2. A claim must be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, Wisconsin, Room 3054/Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Attorney Miranda M. Lamb
Nolan & Deffner Legacy La
1803 Stewart Ave.
Wausau, WI. 54401
Telephone Number 715 842-0888
Bar Number 1112872
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HLIWA: The Hatch Lake Iola Wisconsin Association is applying for a permit through the WI DNR to apply the aquatic herbicide ProcelCOR EC, to approximately 8.5 acres of Hatch Lake in Waupaca County WI. The treatment is for control of Eurasian watermilloil, an exotic aquatic plant. There is no swimming, fishing, or other recreational restrictions. Do not use water from the treated area for irrigation (gardens) for 3 days, although you may irrigate turf (grass) immediately following the chemical application. Postings in the treatment area will specify dates. The treatments will be scheduled for the spring of 2025, or when the WI DNR deems it appropriate. Riparian property owners will receive a copy of the permit application. The applicant will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. The person or entity requesting the meeting shall state a specific agenda of topics including problems and alternatives to be discussed. The request for the public

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informational meeting must be sent in writing to: Gary Doine, Hatch Lake Iola Wisconsin Association, gdoine@aol.com, and/or a copy to: the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - 1625 E County Rd E, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901 within five days after the public notice is made.
gdoine@aol.com
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Our Files:
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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 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 also be enforced by garnishment of 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
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

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Small Claims
Publication Summons and Notice
Case No. 2025SC000664
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Fox Cities, S.C.
5395 W. Michaels Dr., Appleton, WI 54913
Plaintiff(s)
-vs-
Rachel Heimes
10814 First Ave., Waupaca, WI 54981
Defendant(s)
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (920) 832-5131 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Outagamie County Telephone Number of Clerk of Court (920) 832-5131.
Courtroom/Room Number: Courtroom B
Address: 320 S Walnut St – 2nd Floor
Appleton, WI 54911 on the following date and time: March 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Date Summons Issued March 5, 2025
Date Signed: March 5, 2025
Electronically Signed by Barb Bock
Plaintiff’s/Attorney’s Phone Number: Patrick P. Gill (920) 739-1107
Attorney’s State Bar Number: 1039442
Law Firm and Address: Gill & Gill S.C. 501 S Nicolet Rd.
Appleton, WI 54914
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
Plaintiff:
Christopher Edward Okray
1060 CenterPoint Dr., #2417
Stevens Point, WI 54481
-vs-
To: Defendant(s):
Hallie Dawn Erickson
2309 Oaklane Ct. #36
Stevens Point, WI 54482
Summons and Complaint (Small Claims)
Case No. 25SC120
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-346-1364 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportations.
SUMMONS
To the Defendant(s):
You are being sued as described on the attached complaint. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place stated.
Portage County Courthouse - 2nd Floor
1516 Church Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Branch 2 Courtroom
March 25, 2025 at 9:00am
If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.
CONCLAIMT
Plaintiff’s Demand:
The plaintiff state the following claim against the defendant(s):
Eviction & Confirmation, vacation, modification or correction of arbitration award, Plus interest, costs, attorney fees, if any, and such other relief as the court deems proper, for squatting at 2401 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.
Plaintiff Chris Okray
1060 CenterPoint Dr #2417
Stevens Point WI 54481
Date: 2/28/2025
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUPACA COUNTY
Case Number: 2025CV000019
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
Julian E. Polanco
Defendant.
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the following parties named as defendants herein: **JULIAN E. POLANCO**
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after March 13, 2025, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is **811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981-2087** and to Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC, Plaintiff’s Attorney, whose address is 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago IL 60602. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of seizure of property.
Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC
342 N. Water Street, Suite 613
Milwaukee WI 53202
P: (414) 937-5388
F: (414) 921-5628
Email: wisconsin@rsmalaw.com
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STATE OF WISCONSIN - CIRCUIT COURT: WAUPACA COUNTY
MATTHEW T. JOHNSON, Plaintiff
v.
EMILY M. PHILLIPS, et al., Defendants
Case No. 24 CV 226
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 16, 2025 in the amount of \$28,347.15, the Sheriff will sell the described property at a public auction as follows:
TIME OF SALE: April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
TERMS OF SALE: 10% down in cash or certified funds. The balance is due within 10 days of the date of sale. Sold “as is” and subject to all legal liens, encumbrances and real estate taxes.
PLACE OF SALE: The First Floor Lobby of the Waupaca County Courthouse
811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
A part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 23 North, Range 13 East, Town of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the extended Eastern line of property described in Volume 89 of Deeds on page 193, Waupaca County Registry, with the center of the highway; thence Northeasterly along the center of said highway 600 feet; thence Southwesterly 1024 feet, more or less, to a point which is 415 feet, more or

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less, Southerly of the place of beginning; thence Northerly, along the Eastern line of property described in Volume 89 of Deeds on page 193, Waupaca County Registry, 415 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. STREET ADDRESS: N5470 Cemetery Rd., Manawa, WI 54949
WAUPACA CO. PIN: 13-28-31-3
Dated this 17th day of March, 2025 Tim Wilz, Sheriff
Waupaca County
Attorneys for Plaintiff:
HART LAW OFFICE, LLC, by Atty. Thomas J. Hart
100 S. Main Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
Tel: 715-258-7633
TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-000144
The Honorable
Vicki L. Clusman
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
MidFirst Bank
999 N.W. Grand Boulevard, Suite 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73118-6116
Plaintiff,
vs.
Joshua Peterson
N2045 County Road X
Weyauwega, WI 54983-4016
Jane Doe Peterson a/k/a
Amber Peterson
N2045 County Road X
Weyauwega, WI 54983-4016
The United States of America
c/o US Attorney
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202 &
c/o US Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Rm B-103
Washington, DC 20530-0001
State of Wisconsin
c/o Attorney General
114 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703
Defendants.

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after March 13, 2025 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint.
The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981-2012 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 5th day of March, 2025.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: Patricia C. Lonzo
State Bar No. 1045312
Case No. 25-CV-000144
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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This is to notify Heather Turrubiates items abandoned in unit Number 81 will be sold or disposed of including Step Ladder, vacuum and bed frame. Sale will be held at T&M Storage N4462 House Road, New London WI 920-757-5305, on March 29, 2025, 9-9:30 a.m.
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Town of Wolf River Board Meeting
Will be held on
Monday, March 24, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Wolf River Town Hall
8800 County Road II, Fremont
Also part of the agenda includes a line item regarding the institution of a Conditional Use Permit Application fee of \$50.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk
ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED
Notices are mailed or e-mailed by the clerk for posting at the following locations: Union Star, Hahn-a-Lula Resort and are posted at the Wolf River Town Hall, and Fremont Post Office.
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Waupaca County Public Pond Notice
Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC has applied for a permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to treat Fern Lake HOA's pond, located at 1820 Mayflower Ct. (0.84 surface acres). Estimated treatments will be in the months of April through October 2025 to control nuisance aquatic growth and improve aesthetics. Treatment signs will be posted after the treatment and will state the restrictions associated with the products used.
Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC will conduct a public informational meeting on the proposed treatments if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government per permit request one. The meeting will give citizens a chance to learn more about the proposed treatments based on information provided to the citizens attending the meeting.
Any request for a public meeting on these proposed treatments must be made within five days after this notice is published. The request must specify the property, topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC, N1025 Julius Drive, Greenville, WI 54942 and copied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, c/o Chris Kolasinski, 625 E County Rd Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54971.
This notice is required by Chapter NR 107, Wisconsin Administrative Code. Publish March 20, 2025 WNAIXLP

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
Clintonville Housing Authority
Sun Valley Manor
25 N 12th St, Clintonville WI 54929
Generator Replacement
Proposals will be received at the Office of Daniel J. Meissner AIA, LLC on behalf of the Clintonville Housing Authority by 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 3, 2025. Email or mail delivery of proposals is acceptable. (Email and mail addresses below)
The work consists of the provision of:
- **Generator Replacement** with a 125 kW natural gas generator and an Automatic Transfer Switch. The existing generator and associated vents, exhaust and accessories are to be removed and disposed of by this contractor. Coordination with the

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Clintonville Utilities is required for the relocation of the existing and new transformer.

Proposals will be accepted as a lump sum for all the proposed work noted or as a separate electrical and / or building contractor proposal.

All supplies and materials to be delivered to the site and the labor provided to install the materials for the project items noted.

Proposals will be accepted for the Project on individual company letterhead. Prices are to be broken down by Unit prices for each item requested.

The successful proposal will be determined based upon the highest point ranking with the following criteria: experience with similar generator projects, reference checks, experience working with Davis Bacon wage rates,

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warranty provisions, schedule to complete the work and all other items equal, review of the lowest responsible, responsive proposal. Each item noted above to be rated to a maximum of ten points per item or a total of one hundred points.

Copies of the proposal requirements may be obtained at the office of Daniel J. Meissner AIA, LLC, 1230 E. Calumet St., Appleton, WI 54915. Email: daniel.meissnerarch@gmail.com, Contact Dan Meissner, Architect, 920-428-0982 or Lisa Kramer, Executive Director, 715-823-3541, Email: clintha@frontiernet.net, if you have questions or if you are interested in reviewing the project and submitting a proposal for it.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities thereof. No proposer may

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withdraw their proposal within 30 days after the actual date of the proposals being due.

The Requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 apply to this project and that, to the greatest extent feasible contractors shall fulfill their obligation to utilize lower income residents as trainees and/or employees. * Reference Federal Register (33884-33887), June 30, 1994, Subpart 135.38.

Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, 41 U.S.C. § 8301 note, the Federal Financial Assistance used to fund this infrastructure project is required to apply a domestic content procurement preference (the "Buy America Preference" or "BAP") for all construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure, including buildings and real property, unless application of the BAP has been waived by HUD. Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program/offices/general_counsel/build_america/buy_america

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the "Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246) and Supplemental Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bid documents, which sets forth, in part, goals, and timetables for the employment of women and minorities in the project area.

Contractors and subcontractors are required to pay not less than the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor included in the project information. Ms. Lisa Kramer, Executive Director Clintonville Housing Authority 25 N. 12th Street Clintonville WI 54929 715-823-3541 Publish March 20 & 27, 2025 WNAXLP

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Advertisement of Bids

The City of Waupaca WWTF is seeking sealed bids. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Bid – WWTF Slide Gate Replacement" clearly labeled on it, will be received by the City of Waupaca until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 27, 2025. These sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the City Clerk, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981.

The public bid opening will be conducted per Wisconsin State-Statute. Bid award is pending approval by Waupaca Common Council. Copies of the bid package may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk, or online at <https://www.cityofwaupaca.org/category/>. The City of Waupaca reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any bidding formalities and otherwise award a bid that is in the best interest of the City of Waupaca.

City Clerk
Barb Nowak
City of Waupaca
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estimating about 35 parcels.

- Prepare a schedule of land and interests required.
- Prepare legal descriptions for warranty deeds, partial releases of mortgage, temporary easements, and all other documents necessary to complete the right-of-way acquisition process.
- Layout right-of-way for acquisition: temporarily with a wooden lath and spike/nail.
- Right-of-way acquisition services by consultant and documents to be provided to Waupaca County, Highway Commissioner will work with engineering firm through property acquisition negotiations. A right-of-way bltz shall be held at the Waupaca County Highway Facility following a Public Involvement meeting. The intention is to give the engineering firm, county, and property owners a place to acquire lands for the project in a larger quantity, reducing the amount of times for visiting landowners.
- Layout final R/W acquisition following construction, monuments to be provided by Waupaca County Highway Department. ¾" rebar w/ WCHD plastic cap protected by a wood lathe. WCHD will place the R/W posts after construction.
- Identify any global positioning system (GPS) HARN monuments in the project limits and all PLS monuments. WCHD will replace all monuments after construction.
- The engineering firm shall perform the title searches for the properties affected, estimated to be 46 for bid purposes.

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 artisan 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 \$ _____

written (_____)

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.Beyersdorf@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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Election Notices 7715

**CITY OF WAUPACA
PUBLIC TEST - ELECTRONIC
VOTING MACHINES**

In accordance with State Statutes 5.84, the City of Waupaca will conduct a public test on Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. on two (2) ImageCast Evolution (ICE) Voting Machines in preparation for the Spring Election to be held on Tuesday April 1, 2025. The testing will be conducted in the Recreation Center, 407 School Street. All persons are invited to attend.

/s/ Barbara J. Nowak
City Clerk
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Notice of Public Test

In accordance with WI State Statutes, the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Equipment will be conducted on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 1:00 pm** at the Annex Building at 507 Franklin St, Ogdensburg, for the Town of St Lawrence, for the Spring Election, taking place on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Test is open to the Public, and Handicap accessible. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Taylor Wyatt, Clerk
Town of St Lawrence
Publish March 20, 2025 WNAXLP

Notice of Public Test

In accordance with WI State Statutes, the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Equipment will be conducted on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 11:00 am** at the Little Wolf Town Hall, for the Spring Primary Election, taking place on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Test is open to the Public, and Handicap accessible. All interested parties are Encouraged to attend.

Jackie Beyer, Clerk
Town of Little Wolf
Published March 20, 2025 WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF
VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE,
AND TOWN OF HORTONIA
PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING
EQUIPMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Village of Hortonville, and Town of Hortonia will conduct the required public test of the DS200 and ExpressVote equipment to be used at the April 1, 2025 Spring Election. This test will be conducted at the places and times indicated below. This test is open to the public.

Village of Hortonville
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
9:00 A.M.
Community Center
531 N. Nash St.
Hortonville
Jane Booth
Village Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Hortonia
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
9:30 A.M.
Hortonville/Hortonia Fire Hall
700 W. Nye St.
Hortonville
Lyn Marie Neuenfeldt
Town of Hortonia Clerk
Publish: March 20, 2025 WNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF MANAWA
VOTING MACHINE TEST**

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025 in the City of Manawa will be conducted in the Manawa Municipal Building at 500 S. Bridge Street, Manawa, Wisconsin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The test is open to the general public.

Logan Hass, City Clerk
Publish March 20, 2025 WNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Electronic Ballot Tabulation**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of a public test of the electronic ballot tabulation system will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 11:00 p.m. to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the April 1, 2025 Spring Election votes cast for all offices and on all measures. All tests open to the public.

Town of Wolf River
8800 County Road II, Fremont
Susan Gilbert, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Test of the electronic voting equipment to be used at the Spring Election on April 1, 2025 will be conducted on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at Clintonville City Hall, 50 10th Street, Clintonville, WI 54929

City of Clintonville
Peggy Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer
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**TOWN OF DAYTON
ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT
PUBLIC TEST**

April 1st, 2025 Spring Election

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machine to be used by the Town of Dayton at the April 1st, 2025 Spring Election, will be conducted at the Dayton Town Hall, N2285 Highway 22 on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025 at 11 am. The public test is one of many steps taken to validate the integrity of our elections. This Test is open to the general public.

Wanda L. Hiltgen
Town Clerk
Town of Dayton
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Town of Mukwa
E8514 Weyauwega Rd,
New London, 54961
Phone: 920.982.9890
clerk@mukwa.gov

**NOTICE TOWN OF MUKWA
RESIDENTS' PUBLIC TEST OF THE
ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT
for the
April 1, 2025 Spring Election**

Under Wisconsin State Statute 5.84(1) the Town of Mukwa will be holding a public test of the Town's Imagecast Evolution (ICE) units at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at the Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd, Northport. This test is open to the public.

/s/Jeannette Zielsinski, Municipal Clerk
Posted: March 8, 2025
Published March 20, 2025 WNAXLP

**TOWN OF ROYALTON
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is Herby Given

That a Public Test of the Electronic Voting Equipment for the April 1st, 2025 Spring Election, will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Royalton Town Hall E6132 State Rd 54, New London, WI. This test is open to the public.

Judy Dole, Clerk
Town of Royalton
Publish March 20, 2025 WNAXLP

**TOWN OF WAUPACA
ELECTRONIC VOTING
EQUIPMENT TEST**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machine to be used by the Town of Waupaca at the April 1, 2025 Spring Election, will be conducted at the Waupaca Town Hall N3514 Cty Rd E at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. This test is open to the general public.

Mary Colden
Town Clerk
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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

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
- State of Candidates
- Lorrie Bellile

Public Notice:
Parking Lot Pillar Project

Project Description:

This notice is to inform all interested parties of a construction project involving the installation of two (2) decorative concrete and brick-faced pillars with LED backlit signage within the entrance of the N. Water Street Public Parking Lot.

The City of New London will accept proposals for this work at the New London Parks and Recreation office located at 215 N. Shawano Street at the West Entrance until 11:00am, on Friday, March 28, 2025. Late or unsigned proposals will be rejected.

Full specification and requirement for the project can be obtained at the New London Parks and Recreation Office located at 215 N. Shawano Street, New London, WI West Entrance. You may phone (920) 250-5609 or email ginger@newlondonwi.org if you have questions pertaining to this project.

Proposals will be reviewed and contracts will be awarded to the vendor whose quotes are most responsive to the solicitation and are most advantageous to the City of New London, considering price, quality and other factors. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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Notice is given of a Public Test of
Electronic Voting Equipment
ImageCast Evolution [ICE]

A public test of the City of New London Electronic Voting Equipment will be conducted at 11 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 215 N. Shawano Street, New London, WI on Monday, March 24, 2025. This testing will be for the April 1, 2025 Election.

Persons with disabilities wishing to attend this test should contact the Clerk's office at (920) 250-5611 for directions and accessible parking location.

Nicole Ryerson
City Clerk

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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.

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 – 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

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Date: **March 13, 2025**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ENGINEERING DESIGN OF ARIP
PROJECT ON COUNTY ROAD "A"
Appletree Lane (South Entrance
Waupaca Highway Shop) to Lind
Center Road
TOWN OF LIND, WAUPACA COUNTY,
WISCONSIN

Waupaca County requests engineering proposals for the design of County Road "A," between the south entrance of the Waupaca County Highway Facility at 2670 CTH A, Waupaca, WI and 1100' south of Lind Center Road. The project 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 Highway Dept."
 - Wetland delineation coordination to be completed by WI DNR liaison, Field location of wetlands will be part of topographic survey.
 - Locate and survey existing utility locations (including survey lines and tile lines) "To be completed by the Waupaca County Highway Dept."
 - Selected engineering firm will collect Existing property survey monuments and Section corner monuments as identified and recorded under a Certified Survey Map, Plat of Survey or other recorded document. Provide coordinate locations for all property corners located within project limits.
 - Each firm presenting the proposals shall include the cost to provide surface design work associated with this project to Waupaca County for GPS equipment used during construction to include a finish grade digital surface including ditches and necessary line work.
 - Waupaca County Highway will be responsible for providing the benchmark list to incorporate in the engineers plan.
 - All survey data shall be referenced to NAD 83(91) Waupaca County Coordinate System and NAVD (88).
4. **Bridge**

Structure B68-047 does fall within this project. CTH A is considered a C3 classification, which has a 36' roadway width, and 32'-34' clear width of bridges. The clearance between the guardrail on structure B68-047 currently is 32' so there is no need to widen the structure. However, designing the replacement guardrail and guardrail approaches to this structure will be part of the engineers design.

5. Right-of-Way

- Prepare a complete right-of-way plat showing all properties adjacent to the project and those properties where right-of-way is to be acquired. We are

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**

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 McKinley 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 wave 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
Publish March 13 & 20, 2025 WNAXLP

City Legals 7710

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
OF ELECTRONIC
VOTING EQUIPMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the City of Stevens Point for the April 1, 2025, Spring Election will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in Portage County Conference Room D, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Done in the City of Stevens Point on March 20, 2025.

Kari Yenter
City Clerk
WNAXLP

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**CITY OF MANAWA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NURSING HOME VOTING

Special Deputy Absentee Voting Manawa Community Nursing Center 400 E. 4th Street, Manawa, WI

Please be advised that City of Manawa Special Voting Deputies will conduct absentee voting at the Manawa Community Nursing Center, 400 E. 4th Street, Manawa for the Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025. At 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

Logan Hass, City Clerk
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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

• 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
o
• Adjourn (motion)
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
AGENDA
March 25, 2025 | 6:00 PM | WF High School Community Forum Room
1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and establish quorum
4. Report of meeting notification
5. Communication and Visitors
a. Visitors
b. Administration
• District Administrator
• Middle/High School Principal
• Weyauwega/Fremont Elementary Principal
c. Director of Pupil Services
• Business Manager
• Others: Curriculum Update
c. Board of Education
d. Recognition and Special Guests
e. Student School Board
Representative- Lauren Wisner
6. Consideration and approval of vouchers
a. February monthly vendor payments
b. February monthly cash receipts
7. Old Business
a. Charter School Update
8. Consent Agenda
a. Committee of the Whole Meeting - 3-10-25
b. Regular Board of Education Meeting - 2-24-25
c. Resignations - Paraprofessional, WE Special Education Teacher, Girls JV Basketball Coach
d. Hires - Paraprofessional, MS Baseball Coach, MS Softball Coach
9. New Business
a. 2025 Health & Dental Insurance Renewal (Action)
b. High School Charter School Authorization (Action)
c. 2025-2026 District Calendar (Action)
d. Neola Board Policy Updates (Action)
e. 2025 Summer School Dates (Action)
10. Calendar & Future Agenda Items
11. Adjourn Meeting
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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, Embarras, 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 Polzin
Village Clerk / Treasurer
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plan Commission of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin will hold a Public Hearing on April 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM at 933 Michigan Avenue (Community Room 122), Stevens Point, Wisconsin and via Zoom. Teleconferencing to hear the following:
1. Public Hearing and action on a request from Adam Sandstrom, representing FFH Holdings, LLC, to rezone an unaddressed parcel bounded by Hoover Road and Heffron Street (Parcel ID 281230803140102) from the "M-1" Light Industrial District to the "R-3" Single- and Two-Family Residence District. Said property is described as PRT SENE EXC HEFFRON WOODS SUB; EXC FIRST ADDITION TO HEFFRON WOODS SUB; EXC SECOND ADD TO HEFFRON WOODS SUB & EXC CSM 24/75 S3 T23 R8 886886;887367, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin.
2. Public Hearing and action on a request from Adam Sandstrom, representing FFH Holdings, LLC, for a final subdivision plat review of a proposed subdivision on an unaddressed parcel bounded by Hoover Road and Heffron Street (Parcel ID 281230803140102), consistent with C. 20.05(2). Said property is zoned "M-1" Light Industrial District and is described as PRT SENE EXC HEFFRON WOODS SUB; EXC FIRST ADDITION TO HEFFRON WOODS SUB; EXC SECOND ADD TO HEFFRON WOODS SUB & EXC CSM 24/75 S3 T23 R8 886886;887367, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin.
3. Public Hearing and action on a request from Michael Bieniek, representing FERRELLGAS LP, for a conditional use permit to construct a wireless communication tower on the property located at 3315 Wayne Street (Parcel ID 28124083402402), consistent with Ch. 23.02(4)(d)(3). Said property is zoned "M-2" Heavy Industrial and is described as PRT SE SE S33 T24 R8 BEG AT THE INTER OF SL WAYNE ST & EL OF SE SE SD SEC, TH E 300' TO POB:E450' N100' MOL TO POB 587/113 652169, City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin.
To participate via telephone:
1) Dial on your phone: (312) 626-6799
2) When prompted dial the Meeting ID: 878 4882 2545
3) Passcode: 771157
4) Press # again to be a participant in the meeting.
5) Hold until the meeting starts.
To participate via online zoom platform:
1) Go to www.zoom.us
2) Click "Join a Meeting" in the upper

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right-hand corner.
3) Enter Meeting ID: 878 4882 2545
4) Passcode: 771157
5) If you haven't downloaded the Zoom program, do so now.
Additional information on the above requests may be obtained from the City of Stevens Point
Department of Community Development at 1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, or by calling (715) 346-1567 during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend, but are strongly encouraged to submit their comments to Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator (akuhn@stevenspoint.com), prior to the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN
Karl Yenter, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public hearings will be held by the **Planning and Zoning Committee** of Waupaca County on **Thursday, April 3, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m.** at the Fox Valley Technical College—Waupaca Regional Center, 1979 Godfrey Drive, Waupaca, Wisconsin, to hear the following:
Peter Luckow: Located in part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 26, lying along East River Road, Fire Number N7813, Town of Union, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (prt parcel 19-26-32-1), for a Petition for a Zone Map Amendment from the Agriculture Retention (AR) District to the Rural Residential-Overlay (RR-O) District, within the Farmland Preservation area, on approximately four-and-one-half (4.472) acres to accommodate a proposed lot split.
Gale P Vandenberg: Located in part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 36, lying along Depot Rd. Town of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (parcel 13-36-44-7), for a Conditional Use Permit application (Temporary Occupancy of a Recreational Vehicle in Excess of Thirty (30) Days, up to three recreational vehicles) in the Agriculture Enterprise (AE) District on approximately five acres.
Jeff L & Christine M Brasel: Located in part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, also identified as Lot 2 of CSM Volume 22 Page 230, lying along South Rollofson Lake Rd, Town of Scandinavia, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (parcel 17-07-24-7), for a Conditional Use Permit application (Temporary Occupancy of a Recreational Vehicle in Excess of Thirty (30) Days) in the Private Recreation and Forestry (PVRF) District on approximately one (1.2) acre.
CJP Living Trust: Located in NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 35, lying along King Road, Fire Number E1749 (parcel 05-35-32-5), and lying along County Road QQ, Fire Number N2692 (parcel 05-35-32-2), Town of Farmington, Waupaca County, Wisconsin for a Zone Map Amendment from the Sewered Residential (SR) District to the Hamlet (H) District on approximately two (2) acres to allow for future mixed-use of the parcels.
ICC Holdings LLC et al: Located in Lots 1-5 and part of Lot 6 of the Columbian Park Subdivision in Section 33, lying along County Road Q, Fire Number E1171, Town of Farmington, Waupaca County (parcel 05-33-77-2), for a Conditional Use Permit application (In-Vehicle Sales and Service) in the Rural Commercial-General (RC-G) District on approximately four (3.5) acres.
OBrien Invest Prop LLC: Located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 3, lying along State Road 22, Fire Number N2331, Town of Dayton, Waupaca County, Wisconsin (parcel 03-03-71-82), for a Conditional Use Permit (Commercial Animal Facility), in the Rural Commercial-General (RC-G) District, on approximately three (2.69) acres.
ON-SITE INSPECTIONS: Committee members will make individual on-site visits to the properties that are subject to the public hearings, unless otherwise noted, within 96 hours of the hearings. Any public wishing to visit the properties should make arrangements through the Planning and Zoning Office. **There will be no testimony taken during the on-site inspections,** and the public hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m.
All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to be present. All interested persons are also invited to participate by providing written email comments to Jason.Snyder@co.waupaca.wi.us by April 2, 2025 or by attending the hearing at the scheduled time via the Zoom website at the following:
• URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161192644pwd=C2NjYkkyYUJlUGAaNVUyblJAEK9Sj1>
Meeting ID: **821 6119 2644** Meeting password: **600174**
Participation may also be by telephone only access into the video platform. For the telephonic access information, please call 1-312-626-6799.
The meeting can also be viewed through the following link to watch a live stream on YouTube for any Waupaca County remote access meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTWD87UAKVfU07vcs08ZQ/>
For further information, please contact the Planning and Zoning Office, Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981-2087. Phone: (715) 258-6255.
JAMES NYGAARD
CHAIRMAN
WAUPACA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
CITY OF WAUPACA
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Elandt Holdings LLC, Owner, Aaron Hatcher, Applicant, have made application to the City Plan Commission requesting a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Section 17.104(3) of the Municipal Code, Conditional Uses, to allow Schools, colleges, and universities as a Conditional Use in the B-4 Strip Commercial District, more fully described as follows, to wit:
203 S Western Avenue, Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 5601 as recorded in Volume 19 of Surveys on Page 28, as Document No. 628039, located in and being part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 25, Town 22 North, Range 11 East, City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Parcel No. 34 25 14 4
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the City Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the request on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 S. Main Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin. The hearing will be for the purpose of giving an opportunity for any person interested, their attorneys or agents, to be heard.
Barbara J. Nowak
City Clerk
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLINTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLINTONVILLE, WISCONSIN 54929
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 24, 2025
A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Clintonville Public School District was called to order on February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School IMC by President Ben Huber.
Members Present: Ben Huber, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Mark Zachow, Glen Drew Lundt, and Clint Barkow. Kris Strauman arrived at 6:29 p.m.
Administration Present: Troy Kuhn, Britney Dobratz, James Blasie, and Stephen Reinke
Also present: Stephine Engel, Michael Engel, Al Wichmann, Darrell Hansen, Christopher Hoffmann, Paul Kirchner, Ericka Shelton, David Battenberg, Mark Havlik, Jill Meyer, Stacy Havlik, Ann Klemp, Jessica Holtz, and Greg Pitel.
OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This

February 24, 2025, meeting of the Clintonville Board of Education and all other meetings of the board are open to the public in compliance with state statute. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the media, and has been publicly posted, in an attempt to make the citizens of the district aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting. Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.
APPROVE AGENDA: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the agenda as printed. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance
READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS: Jill Meyer addressed the Board of Education regarding bullying among school board members.
FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS
2023-2024 Financial Audit Report: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the 2023-2024 Financial Audit Report as presented by Greg Pitel from Kerber Rose and Associates. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Monthly Budget Report: Jessica Holtz from CESA 8 presented the Monthly Budget Recap/Report from December, 2024 and January 2025.
District Funds: The administration presented information on the various school district funds, focusing on Funds 10, 27, 39, and 80.
District Tax Levy: The administration presented information about the history, current, and possible future of the Clintonville tax levy, and clarified the difference between tax levy and mill rate.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Superintendent's Report: Troy Kuhn presented District updates to the Board of Education.
Recognition
VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Award: The administration and Board of Education formally recognized Rebecca Schoenike for being a recipient of the VFW National Community Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Award.
Personnel
Teacher Retirements: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the resignation of the following teachers, for the purpose of retirement, effective with the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
Janet Paisar – 2nd Grade Teacher
Jilly Kosowski – 3rd Grade Teacher
Ayes and nays called all voting aye. Motion carried.
Consideration of Extension/Duration of Administrative Contracts: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Mark Zachow to approve the recommended extension/duration of administrative contracts for the 2025-26 & 2026-27 school years. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Supervisor/Director Contract Renewals: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to renew the supervisor/director contracts for the 2025-2026 school year for Shaun Liesch, Stephen Reinke, Trevor Drake, Ashley Flagman, Patti Krause, and Jodi Veleke. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Other
Land Use Committee Meeting Report: The administration and Land Use Committee members gave an update from the meeting that was held on February 13, 2025.
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Planting, Farming, and Harvesting Crops on District-Owned Property: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Mark Zachow to direct the administration to continue working with legal counsel and FFA Alumni to refine the MOU specifying the number of years (3 or 5) and options for lease amounts to a future meeting. Roll call vote was taken with Ben Huber, Mark Zachow, Clint Barkow, Laurie Vollrath, Jason Moder, Glen Drew Lundt, and Kris Strauman voting aye. Motion carried.
District Office Staff Job Descriptions: Moved by Glen Drew Lundt, seconded by Jason Moder to approve the following job descriptions for District Office staff as presented:
a. School Business Manager (CESA 8)
b. School Business Manager
c. Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education
d. Accounts Payable Clerk
e. Payroll and Benefits Clerk
Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Adoption of Updated General Records Schedule for Wisconsin Public School Districts: Moved by Kris Strauman, seconded by Mark Zachow to formally adopt the updated General Records Schedule for Wisconsin Public School Districts, as stated in Policy #8310 Public Records. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Board Clerk Report on Spring Primary Election: Laurie Vollrath, Board Clerk reported on the February 18th Spring Primary Election results.
POLICY
Title IX Update – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities: Moved by Laurie Vollrath, seconded by Kris Strauman to approve a second reading to rescind Policy #2264 (2024 version), and a second reading of revisions to Policy #2266 (2020 version), removing the recommended statement. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
Second Reading of Revisions to Policies: Moved by Laurie Vollrath seconded by Kris Strauman to approve a second reading of revisions to the following Policies:
A. Policy #1100 – District Organization
B. Policy #1130 – Conflict of Interest
C. Policy #1241 – Non-Reemployment of the District Administrator
D. Policy #2210 – Curriculum Development
E. Policy #2270 – Religion in the Curriculum
F. Policy #2271.01 – Start College Now Program
G. Policy #2416 – Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information
H. Policy #2440.01 – Summer or Interim School Attendance
I. Policy #2464 – Programs for Gifted and Talented
J. Policy #3214 – Staff Gifts
K. Policy #3230 – Ethics and Conflict of Interest
L. Policy #3281 – Personal Property of Staff Members
M. Policy #4124 – Letter of Reasonable Assurance
N. Policy #4214 – Staff Gifts
O. Policy #4230 – Ethics and Conflict of Interest
P. Policy #5113 – Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District)
Q. Policy #5330 – Administration of Medication/Emergency Care
R. Policy #5341 – Emergency Medical Authorization (Rescind)
S. Policy #5512 – Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students
T. Policy #5611 – Due Process Rights (Rescind)
U. Policy #5710 – Student Complaints (Rescind)
V. Policy #6120 – Safety Deposit Box (Rescind)
W. Policy #6231 – Budget Implementation
X. Policy #6235 – Fund Balance
Y. Policy #6620 – Petty Cash
Z. Policy #7410 – Maintenance
AA. Policy #7430 – Safety Standards
BB. Policy #7440 – Facility Security
CC. Policy #7440.02 – Smart Monitoring Equipment
DD. Policy #7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
EE. Policy #7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
FF. Policy #7540.07 – District-Issued Student Email Account

GG. Policy #8120 - Volunteers
HH. Policy #8125 – Consultants
II. Policy #8305 – Information Security
JJ. Policy #8395 – Student Mental Health Services
KK. Policy #8531 – Free and Reduced-Priced Meals
LL. Policy #8600 – Transportation
Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried.
ITEMS FOR FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 24 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School IMC
March 10 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School IMC
March 13 End of 3rd Quarter
March 14 No School – Teacher In-Service
ACT Day
March 19 Board Activity – Nutrition Mission 4:00 p.m.
March 24 or 31?? Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School IMC
March 24 – 28 No School – Spring Break
April 1 School Board Election
April 4 FFA Alumni Trivia Night 6:00 p.m. High School Commons
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kris Strauman seconded by Jason Moder to adjourn. Ayes and nays called, all voting aye. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
Laurie Vollrath, Board Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, C. Martinson, and H. Schweitzer.
EXCUSED: M. Wilz.
I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)
II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A quorum was established.
III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the following consent agenda items:
• Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2025
• Approval of Minutes of the Instructional Committee Meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2025
• Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025
• Resignation:
o McCoy Mix, Volleyball-Head Varsity Coach.
Motion carried.
IV. REPORTS
The calendar and director reports were reviewed. Evan Retzlaff gave a student report. The second Friday count was reviewed.
V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS
J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$3,252,886.71 as per list of February 6, 2025. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.
C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of February 6, 2025, in the amount of \$4,580,559.77.
VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Second Hearing for Review and Potential Approval of the 2025-2026 at 2025-2027 School Academic Calendars
C. Martinson explained that on the January 20, 2025, Special Board of Education meeting a motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the calendar as presented on January 20. A motion was then made to table the motion until the next meeting. The motion is back on the table.
It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to amend the motion to accept the revised calendar as presented by S. Bleck. Motion carried.
VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Review of E-Learning/At-Home Learning on School Closure Days
S. Bleck reviewed the E-Learning/At-Home Learning on school closure days.
B. Review and Potential Approval of Summer 2025 High School and Intermediate Middle School Roofing Bids
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to approve Northern Metal & Roofing Company, Inc., to complete the summer 2025 High School Roofing project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.
It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to approve Walsdorf Roofing Co., Inc., to complete the summer 2025 Intermediate Middle School Roofing project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.
C. Review and Potential Approval of Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth
A motion was made by M. Grossman to not accept the proposed committee. Motion failed due to lack of a second.
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth. M. Grossman expressed concerns about the appointment of this Special Committee, specifically not consulting the Building Principals or staff as to what they are currently doing regarding student growth and achievement. Motion to approve the Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth was carried on a roll call vote of 5-1 (J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-no, N. Grundy-yes, C. Martinson-yes).
The Board was in agreement that the administrators should present their existing programs and processes at the next Board meeting. Following that meeting, the Board will work on establishing the Special Committee.
D. School Board Candidate Forum
S. Bleck reviewed the school board candidate forum that will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the New London High School auditorium.
The Board discussed the process of questions for the forum. Board members agreed to submit two pertinent questions to Jill Willner by February 20 to be reviewed by the Board on February 26. Questions will be accepted by the audience later in the forum and the moderator will determine which of those questions will be asked.
E. Review and Potential Approval of Shared Grant Writer Memorandum of Understanding with the New London Chamber, City of New London and School District of New London
It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to approve the shared grant writer position with the New London Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of New London, and the School District of New London. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.
F. WASS Education Convention Board Member Feedback
M. Grossman, N. Grundy, S. Bleck, C. Martinson and J. Heideman provided feedback from the State Education Convention. The Board agreed that the district should nominate the High School vocal program to perform at the convention, if agreed upon by Mr. Spindler.
VIII. CLOSED SESSION
It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.
It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to enter open session at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.
IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
X. ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.
Katie Batten, Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, N.

Grundy, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, and M. Wilz.
I. PUBLIC FORUM
II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. M. Grossman arrived at 6:02 p.m.
III. New Business
A. Recognition of Tigerton Lumber Business Partner of Appreciation
Sarah Morack from Tigerton Lumber accepted the thank-you plaque and said they always appreciate a chance to partner education and industry.
B. Review and Potential Approval of School District of New London 2023-2028 Library Plan
It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the 2023-2028 Library Plan. Motion carried.
C. Report Initiatives on Student Achievement and Growth
The building principals reported on their strategies for continuing to improve student achievement and growth.
D. First Reading to Review Revised Policies/Administrative Guidelines
The policies/administrative guidelines were reviewed.
• 810 School-Community Relations Goals (Section Title)
• 811.1 District Parent Involvement
• 820 Public Information Program (Section Title)
• 822.1 Videotaping of Board of Education Meetings
• 823 Access to Public Records
• 830 Use of District Property; Accessibility of Facilities, Programs and Services (Section Title)
• 830 Use of School Facilities
• 831 Tobacco Use on School Premises
• 832 Weapons
• 840 Public Gifts to the Schools (Section Title)
• 840 Gifts to the School District
• 850 Public Solicitations on School Premises (Section Title)
• 851 Commercial and Promotional Sponsorship Deals
• 852 Distribution of Materials on School Premises
• 860 Visitors to the Schools (including presence on school property) (Section Title)
• 860 School Visitors
• 870 Public Complaints (Section Title)
• 870 Public Complaints
• 880 Relations with Community Organizations and Governmental Agencies (Section Title)
• 881.3 Sunday/Wednesday Night Activities for Public School Students
• 882.1 Police/School Liaison Program
• 882.11 Police/School Liaison Officer (Job Description)
• 890 Relations with Education Agencies (Section Title)
It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by J. Heideman to remove the third paragraph in Policy 852, Distribution of Materials on School Premises and present for second reading. Motion carried. Revised policies will be presented to the Board for final approval in March.
E. Review of Director of Special Education/Pupil Services Employment Posting and Hiring Timeline
S. Bleck reviewed the employment posting and hiring timeline for the Director of Pupil Services position.
F. School Board Candidate Forum Question Development
The Board reviewed the questions submitted by Board members. They asked that the questions be consolidated to one question regarding COVID shutdown, and one question for Title IX and biomales in girls sports. The Board asked that Scott Bleck choose two questions from the prior Board forum questions. There will be a total of 11 questions—6 questions from the current board members, 2 questions from the prior Board forum questions chosen by Scott Bleck; and 3 questions from the audience.
IV. CLOSED SESSION
It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.
It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter open session at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.
V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
A. Resignation of Personnel
It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Wilz to accept the resignation of Jessica Fietzer, Educational Assistant. Motion carried.
VI. ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.
Katie Batten, Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, February 24, 2025
PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, H. and Schweitzer.
EXCUSED: M. Wilz.
I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.
II. CLOSED SESSION
It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Heideman to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 5:02 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.
Motion made by K. Batten seconded by N. Grundy to go into Open Session at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.
III. ADJOURNMENT
Motion made by J. Heideman seconded by M. Grossman to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.
Katie Batten, Clerk
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF IOLA-SCANDINAVIA
Regular School Board Meeting - Minutes
Elementary School - Room #6
450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945
Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6 pm
I. The meeting was called to order in the Elementary School - Room #6 by Mike Harbridge at 6 pm with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Board member present - Mike Harbridge, Tony Neumann, Diana Jones, Mike Grassl, Vanessa Kirmse and Jason Boris. Absent; Laura Krogwald
Administration present - Chris Nelson, Sarah Thiel, Jan Bue-Wells, Stacey Wester and Tammy Bauer
Observer's present - Erin Bonikowske, Megan Driebel and Kacey Koch
II. Approval of agenda
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
III. Public input/comments - None
IV. Approval of consent agenda
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
A. Approval of the January 13, 2025 meeting minutes
B. Auditing and approval of checks (receipts, checks)
C. Treasurer's report and Pupil Activity Accounts
D. Fundraiser requests
1. Spanish Club - Kringie
E. Gifts and Donations
1. Lions - \$1,000 Negative lunch balances
2. Lions - \$1,000 Children in need
V. District presentations
A. Elementary School
VI. Administrative reports
A. FAC Director's Report - Floor Mat Pictures - informational
B. Principal's Report - informational
C. Administrator's Report - informational
D. Business Manager's Report - informational
E. Student Representative Report - informational
F. Transportation Report - informational

VII. School Board News and Updates
A. WASS Meeting/Convention Updates
B. CESA 5 Meeting Updates
VIII. Old Business
A. Referendum Updates
B. Hoffman information and approvals
IX. Committee reports
A. Building & Grounds - Chairperson Boris
No report
B. Personnel & Nominations - Chairperson Kirmse
1. Retirement
a) Payroll Assistant
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the retirement of payroll assistant Micki Bonikowske, also to approve the payout of sick time as requested. Motion carried by a voice vote.
2. Co-Curricular Assignments
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the Co-Curricular assignment updates as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Job Descriptions
a) Special Education Vehicle Driver
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the Special Education Vehicle Driver job description as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
b) Front Door Monitor Middle/High School
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve the Front Door Monitor Middle/High School job description as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
c) Transportation Vehicle Aide
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Jason Boris to approve the Transportation Vehicle Aide job description as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
d) Front Door Monitor Elementary School
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the Front Door Monitor Elementary School job description as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
C. **Finance** - Chairperson Krogwald; lay committee members Erikka Flowers and Mark Sether
No report
D. Transportation - Chairperson Neumann
No report
E. Curriculum - Chairperson Jones
No report
F. Policy & Legislation - Chairperson Grassl
1. Volume 34, Number 1, December 2024 - Overview and Comments
2. Revised Policies
a) Policy 1100, Policy 1130 and Policy 1241
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the revised policies 1100, 1130 and 1241 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
b) Policy 2210, Policy 2270, Policy 2271.01, Policy 2416 and Policy 2464
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Diana Jones to approve the revised policies 2210, 2270, 2271.01, 2416 and 2464 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
c) Policy 3214, Policy 3230 and Policy 3281
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Diana Jones to approve the revised policies 3214, 3230 and 3281 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
d) Policy 4124, Policy 4214 and Policy 4230
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve the revised policies 4124, 4214 and 4230 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
e) Policy 5113, Policy 5330, Policy 5512
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Mike Grassl to approve the revised policies 5113, 5330 and 5512 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
f) Policy 6231, Policy 6620
Motion was made by Tony Neumann and seconded by Jason Boris to approve the revised policies 6231 and 6620 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
g) Policy 7410, Policy 7430, Policy 7440, Policy 7440.02, Policy 7540.03, Policy 7540.04 and Policy 7540.07
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Vanessa Kirmse to approve the revised policies 7410, 7430, 7440, 7440.02, 7540.03, 7540.04 and 7540.07 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
h) Policy 8305, Policy 8531 and Policy 8600
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the revised policies 8305, 8531 and 8600 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
3. Rescinded Policies
a) Policy 5341, Policy 5611 and Policy 5710
Motion was made by Vanessa Kirmse and seconded by Jason Boris to approve rescinding policies 5341, 5611 and 5710 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
4. New Policies
a) Policy 2440.01 and Policy 8125
Motion was made by Mike Grassl and seconded by Tony Neumann to approve the 1st reading of policies 2440.01 and 8125. Motion carried by a voice vote.
G. **Negotiations** - Chairperson Harbridge
No report
X. New Business
A. 2025 Summer School
Motion was made by Diana Jones and seconded by Jason Boris at 6:57 pm to adjourn. Motion carried by a voice vote.
Publish March 20, 2025 WNAXL

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF IOLA-SCANDINAVIA
Working School Board Committee Meeting - Minutes
Elementary School - Room #6
450 Division Street, Iola, WI 54945
Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6 pm
I. The meeting was called to order in the Elementary School - Room #6 by Mike Harbridge at 6 pm with the reading of the official notice. Roll call was taken and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Board members present - Mike Harbridge, Tony Neumann, Laura Krogwald, Mike Grassl, Vanessa Kirmse and Jason Boris. Absent; Diana Jones
Administration present - Chris Nelson, Sarah Thiel,

Minutes7725

1. Summer/Fall ECCP/SCN applications
F. Policy & Legislation - Chairperson Grassl
1. Title IX Policy
2. Amend Policy
a) Policy 2266
3. Rescind Policy
a) Policy 2264
4. New Policies (2nd Reading)
a) Policy 2440.01 and Policy 8125
G. **Negotiations** - Chairperson Harbridge
V. New Business
A. Overnight trip - FCCLA Leadership Conference
VI. Future Agenda Items
A. Upcoming Dates
1. March 10, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm
2. April 7, 2025 Working Committee Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm
3. April 14, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting, Elementary School - Room #6 at 6 pm
VII. Adjourn
Motion was made by Laura Krogwold and seconded by Mike Grassl at 6:15 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.
Publish March 20, 2025 WNAIXLP

Name Change7730

BY THE COURT:
Honorable Michael D. Zell
Portage County Circuit Court
Branch 1
Date: March 14, 2025
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Lilah June Nagy
By (Petitioner) Lilah June Nagy
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 25CV66
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Lilah June Nagy
To: Delliah June Nagy-Chartrand
Birth Certificate: Lilah June Nagy
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Portage County, State of Wisconsin by Honorable Michael D. Zell Courtroom: Branch 1, Portage County Circuit Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 on April 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-346-1364 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 Stevens Point Gazette, a newspaper published in Portage County, State of Wisconsin. Publish March 20, 27 and April 3, 2025. WNAIXLP

BY THE COURT
Honorable Vicki L. Clussman
Date 03/11/2025
Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Stefanie Michelle Klett
By (Petitioner) Stefanie Michelle Klett
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 25CV74
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: [First] Stefanie [Middle] Michelle [Last] Klett
To: [First] Stefanie [Middle] Michelle [Last] Daun
Birth Certificate: [First] Stefanie [Middle] Michelle [Last] Daun
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Honorable Vicki L. Clussman
Place: Circuit Court - Branch 2
811 Harding Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
Date: 4-3-25
Time: 8:30 am
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Waupaca County Post, a newspaper published in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin. Publish March 20, 27 & April 3, 2025 WNAIXLP

BY THE COURT:
/S/Hon. Raymond S. Huber
Circuit Court Judge
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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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 13, 2025
Electronically signed by Patricia Baker
Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE A. GORETSKI
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 25PR13
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth January 23, 1967 and date of death February 8, 2025 was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 432 W. Clark Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Portage County Courthouse, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Patricia Baker, on April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 12, 2025.
3. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, Stevens Point.
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
DATE SIGNED: March 13, 2025
Electronically signed by Sandra Gagas
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARETTE B. HAUBRICH
Notice to Creditors
(Information Administration)
Case No. 25PR16
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth February 16, 1935 and date of death January 29, 2025, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5625 Sandpiper Drive, Apt. 614, Stevens

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If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715) 346-1490 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
PAUL A. ANDERSON, Attorney
1001 Union Street, PO Box 325
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0325
Telephone Number (715) 341-3323
Bar Number 1022993
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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
Publish March 6, 13 & 20, 2025 WNAIXLP

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 08/06/1952 and date of death 07/10/2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N10542 Fly Inn Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 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 11, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. SUTHERLAND
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR23
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/01/1947 and date of death 02/14/2025, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2665 County Road QQ, Waupaca, WI 54981.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 12, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room 3054/ Probate Office.
Form completed by: Attorney Alison C. Petri
STEIMLE BIRSCHBACH, LLC
P.O. Box 2225, Manitowoc, WI 54221-2225
Telephone (920) 683-3500
Bar Number 1056540
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DATE SIGNED: March 17, 2025
Electronically signed by Angela Dahle
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUPACA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEGGY MARIE ZAEMISCH
DOD 01/06/2025
☒ Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR9
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/24/1948 and date of death 01/06/2025, was domiciled in WAUPACA County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 57 TORREY ST, CLINTONVILLE, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 18, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the WAUPACA County Courthouse, 811 HARDING ST, WAUPACA, Wisconsin, Room 3054 /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 17, 2025
Electronically signed by Sandra Gagas
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARETTE B. HAUBRICH
Notice to Creditors
(Information Administration)
Case No. 25PR16
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth February 16, 1935 and date of death January 29, 2025, was domiciled in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5625 Sandpiper Drive, Apt. 614, Stevens

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Point, WI 54481.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 27, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Portage County Courthouse, Stevens Point.
PAUL A. ANDERSON, Attorney
1001 Union Street, PO Box 325
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0325
Telephone (715) 341-3323
Bar Number 1022993
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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
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lorna J. Winn
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 22
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 27, 1936 and date of death December 8, 2024, was domiciled in Waupaca County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 714 Clarke Street, Waupaca, WI 54981.
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 Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Attorney Heather M. Huebner
Anderson O'Brien, LL
1257 Main Street, PO Box 228
Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 344-0890 Bar No. 1102350
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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
Berlin, WI 54923
Telephone 920-361-1777
Bar Number: 1018059
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Waupaca Area2090
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have the manpower to do that, and keep up with the day-to-day tasks at hand, maybe that should be re-evaluated to come up with a solution.

One of you voted to increase city employee salaries based on the wage study the city had done, and the other has expressed concern about those wage increases. Why were you in favor of the wage increases, or why are you concerned about the wage increases?

Lederer: Last year a wage study was done by an outside source. The council reviewed that study and the raises were approved. We need to compensate our existing employees for a “job well done” when their responsibilities and duties continue to increase. We cannot afford to lose anyone to other municipalities. We want to be able to attract new employees to replace those retiring.

Schley: The vote for these raises was all in favor when the budget for 2025 passed. I was shocked that no one questioned these raises. It affected the budget by over \$200,000. The breakdown of these raises is what I found quite disheartening. One longtime employee received over \$35,000 a year raise, and yet another received over \$19,000 a year raise. No public sector employee should be allowed to work from home. These wages can be viewed through an open records request.

Do you feel the city of Clintonville is on the right path to success? Explain why or why not?

Lederer:I feel the city is on the right path to succeed. Living in Clintonville since 1982 has not made me a lifetime resident, but it is now my home. My town. Yes, we are always looking to improve. Our city's staff is focusing on smart financial decisions, supporting downtown businesses and our Industrial Park. We are always looking to improve city services. We need to look around and see the changes throughout the city. Every group, large or small, is doing their best every day.

Schley:I feel it could be more successful. Ideas are great for success, but if there is no follow through or plan, it just becomes a stagnant pool of ideas that fall by the wayside. There seems to be a lack of follow through. For instance, the city took over Graceland Cemetery in the spring of 2023 with the understanding some of the money turned over would be used to purchase land on the back of the cemetery. Before you know it, that money will be gone and no land will be purchased.

Why should residents in your district vote for you?

Lederer: I want to continue the service I do with our city council. I listen to everyone, whether within my district or not. I communicate with those who can do the best for all in Clintonville. I do not have time to be negative.

Schley: I am concerned with the direction we are going and feel I could make a difference.

DAMFROM PAGE 7

to rot, which can create a lot of problems for the dam itself. When the powerhouse was built on the Manawa dam, the timber cribs were covered with concrete but the rock was falling out and it was creating an underflow beneath the dam itself. “That dam had seen the end of its life 50 years ago,” said Shanak.

He said when he first bought the powerhouse building it was in rough shape. It needed a new roof, windows and electrical components. Shanak said as of now, the powerhouse is not in bad shape but in the future there are things that will need to be addressed. Shanak estimated that there is about \$500,000 worth of work to get the powerhouse up and running to its full capacity, which would be a separate cost from the dam.

Shanak pointed out if the city is able to receive funding through the state to rebuild the dam, it would not cover the cost of the powerhouse. As it stands now it can still be used to generate electricity.

Insurance was also addressed at the meeting. Shanak said you cannot in-

sure a dam but he has liability insurance on it.

“That’s like getting insurance on a demo car you’re going to take to the fair. You’re not going to get it,” said Shanak.

Jim Roenz, a city council chair, as well as Jackie Beyer, clerk in Town of Little Wolf, said a great way to help push lawmakers to approve funding is to send letters, make calls and emails to our representatives at the state level.

“They’re more receptive with honey than vinegar. Don’t be afraid to tell them that this potentially has caused a hardship on your property values,” said Beyer.

“That’s important too because your tax base is very important to the towns because the towns pay the counties, your tax dollars go to the towns and the counties.”

Beyer said she would put together a form letter, where people can copy and paste their own information into the letter She said the more people that are able to send in their feelings about rebuilding the dam the better.

“Now is the time to be the squeaky wheels,” said Beyer.

Beyer said she is aiming to get a copy of the form letter on the Town of Little Wolf and the City of Manawa websites for people to download and use.

SNODEOFROM PAGE 7

The Inaugural Swimsuit Radar Run made a splash, combining fun and fundraising, ultimately benefiting the Pink Ribbon Riders Cancer Association with a \$7,000 donation.

Special guests

Adding to the excitement, the Snodeo was honored to welcome Miss Wisconsin, Mandi Genord, and Miss Teen Wisconsin, Ella Bey. Their presence brought an extra spark to the event, as they interacted with attendees, posed for photos, and helped celebrate the vibrant racing community.

Community impact

The event's meticulous planning paid off, with the ice conditions being among the best in years, allowing for seamless racing and safe conditions for participants.

The high turnout across all racing categories reinforced the Snodeo's status as one of the premier winter motorsports events in the Midwest. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of volunteers, sponsors, and racing teams.

Their hard work ensured a well-organized and exhilarating event.

Sports



A finalist for the Senior Boys Basketball Post player award, Almond-Bancroft's Ayden Phillips is committed to play football at University of Wisconsin-EauClaire. Submitted Photo

Two area athletes named senior award finalists

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Two area athletes have been named finalists for the Wisconsin Sports Network Senior Awards. The finalists were announced on March 13. The awards will be presented the week after the conclusion of the state basketball tournaments.

Hortonville's Rainey Welson, a finalist for the Senior Girls' Shooter award. Welson finished her season after a knee injury against Kimberly in the last few games but still averaged 26.4 points per game and was 37.8 percent from three-point range. Welson amassed over 2,000 points in her career with 254 made three-pointers. Welson, a University of Maryland commitment, also averaged 5.1 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 3.4 steals in her season and grabbed over 400 rebounds, dished out 340 assists and 252 steals in her career.

Ayden Phillips of Almond-Bancroft is one of five finalists for the Senior Boys post-player award.



Rainey Welson is a finalist for the Senior Girls Basketball shooters award and is committed to the University of Maryland. Nick Griesbach Photo

Phillips, who stands 6 foot 7 inches, averaged 24.3 points per game, 14 rebounds per game, and 1.7 blocks per game this season for a team that made the State sectional finals. Phillips, who is also a standout on the gridiron,

has committed to playing football for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire next fall. Phillips finished his career with over 2,400 points, 749 rebounds, and 276 blocks.



Jackson Schroeder was named Wisconsin Valley Conference player of the year and was a unanimous selection for All-Wisconsin Valley Conference. Submitted Photo

Boys Hockey All-Conference Teams

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Wisconsin Valley Conference Stevens Point First Team

Senior forward Jackson Schroeder was named the Wisconsin Valley Conference player of the year and an All-Conference unanimous selection. Schroeder was a First-Team selection his sophomore and junior years and an Honorable Mention selection his freshman season. Schroeder finished his season with 23 goals and 38 assists combined for a total of 61 points.

Junior forward Grant Molski was an Honorable Mention selection a season ago and scored 37 goals, contributed 21 assists and totaled 58 points this season.

Senior defenseman Mason Dillingham had a total of four goals, 12 assists and a total of 16 points.

Second Team

Junior forward Grady Miller was a First-Team selection a season ago and finished with 19 goals and 22 assists, totaling 41 points.

Junior defenseman Jerome Poirer scored four goals and 18 assists, accounting for 22 total points.

Honorable Mention

Senior forward Carter Drexler scored 18 points, contributing 21 assists and totaling 39 points.

Junior goalie Eric Cisewski compiled 192 saves on 207 shots on goal for a save percentage of .928 to go with a goals-against average of 1.25 and had five shutout performances on the season.

Great Northern Conference Waupaca - Honorable Mention

Senior forward Cael Prey scored 27 goals and 10 assists and finished with 37 points in his senior season.

Almond-Bancroft falls short in bid to return to state

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Two Portage County teams went head-to-head on Thur, March. 13 in the sectional round as Almond-Bancroft took on Pacelli for the third time this season.

In the opening minutes, it was a tightly contested game between the two teams, as Almond-Bancroft had an 8-7 lead. Ayden Phillips put Almond-Bancroft up 13-7 with a layup later in the game.

Pacelli went on a 9-1 run to take a 16-14 lead that was capped off by a made three by Braeden Flaker.

A three by Emmitt Stiles gave Almond-Bancroft the lead back as they went up 21-18.

Clarence Pratt connected on a three just before halftime to give Almond-Bancroft a 26-23 lead.

In the second half, the score was close as Almond-Bancroft was up 37-36 with 12 minutes left to play.

Defensive pressure led to offense as Al-

mond-Bancroft started pulling away from Pacelli and took a double-digit lead after a Phillips dunk.

Almond-Bancroft ran away with the score winning 66-42 to advance to sectional finals to take on Sheboygan Lutheran.

Phillips led all scorers with 28 points, and Pacelli's Camden Schurk led his team with 25.

Sheboygan Lutheran 68, Almond-Bancroft 37

PULASKI- Almond-Bancroft could not muster enough offense to make their second straight appearance at State as they fell to Sheboygan Lutheran on March 15.

Sheboygan Lutheran had an early advantage and did not let up, going into the half up 30-18.

In the second half, Sheboygan Lutheran continued to pour it on, finishing with a final score of 68-37.

Phillips was the high scorer for Almond-Bancroft with 15 points.



SPASH swimmer Landon Bicknase represents his team as a multiple time All-Wisconsin Valley Conference member, including as a part of the 200 yard relay team. Submitted Photo

Boys Swimming All Conference

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Wisconsin Valley Conference SPASH First Team

The 200-yard Medley Relay team of Jacob Faust, Landon Bicknase, Tony Raczek and Gavin Stelzer.

200-yard Freestyle First Team selection was junior Henry Bowling. Bowling also was the 500-yard freestyle First-Team representative.

Faust represented SPASH on the First Team in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Second Team

In the 200-yard individual medley, Faust earned Second Team honors and Raczek was on the Second Team in the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard backstroke.

Bicknase was Second Team representative in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Felipe Rodriguez-Giantomasi, Mason Soik, Stelzer and Bowling represented SPASH in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Bowling, Faust, Bicknase and Raczek placed on the Second Team in the 400-yard relay.

Honorable Mention

In the 200 Yard Medley Relay, Jimmy Kozicki, Soik, Joey Kozicki and Rodriguez-Giantomasi placed as Honorable Mention.

Bicknase placed as an Honorable Mention in the 200-yard Individual Medley. Soik is a 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke Honorable Mention, and Henry Marx is an Honorable Mention in the 500-yard freestyle.

Raczek was voted as the Wisconsin Valley Conference Swimmer of the Year.

Hortonville Baseball Preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

Two years removed from a state championship game appearance, the Polar Bears look to make a return appearance after finishing 14-11 in 2024 and 11-7 in the Fox Valley Association.

The Polar Bears were eliminated in the Regional

Final against conference rival Kimberly.

In his 11th season as the Hortonville baseball head coach, Greg Yeager returns several All-FVA conference members from the 2024 season.

Seniors pitcher Taiven Gass, outfielder Kam Chronis, catcher Turner Kuhnke, designated hitter

Rashad Kastner and pitcher Griffin Jens all return for 2025.

The Polar Bears lose All-Conference members, first baseman Rece Much and outfielder Jack Coenen to graduation.

Hortonville opens the season at home against Oshkosh North on April 8.

New London Baseball Preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bulldogs look to improve on a 2024 season where they were 9-12-1 and finished 7-10 in the Bay Conference.

New London advanced to the Regional Final a season ago but was ousted by

Notre Dame.

Head Coach Jim Thorpe will be in his third season at the helm for the Bulldogs and will return two All-Conference infielders from last season.

Senior Tommy Field was a unanimous All-Bay conference First Team selection last season, Second

Team selection junior Logan Ten Haken.

The Bulldogs will look to replace All-Conference players as they lose outfielder Ayden Kanaman and infielder Tyler Gerrits.

New London will open its season on the road against Waupaca on April 1.

Clintonville Baseball Preview

BY NICK GRIESBACH
SPORTS REPORTER

The Truckers hope to make a turnaround after a 6-16 2024 season where they found themselves at 5-13 in the North Eastern Conference.

Clintonville ended their 2024 season in a Regional

loss to Seymour, where they fell 10-7.

Head Coach Ben Smekal is entering his eighth season with the Truckers. Looking to replace All-conference players outfielder Kade Rosenow, infielder Blake Weatherwax and Utility player Jack Yaeger.

The Truckers will return

All-North Eastern conference members, senior infielder Andy Lederer, junior infielder Gavin Christopherson and junior catcher Zach Johnson.

Clintonville will open their season on April 3 with an away game at Green Bay Southwest.

TOGETHER WE GROW

MARCH 18, 2025

MADISON, Wis.—The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has announced the six top candidates to become the 78th Alice in Dairyland. The candidates are Allison Foster, Michelle Stangler, Mikayla Flyte, Natalie Roe, Olivia Lulich, and Sarah Hagenow.

Prior to being selected, the top candidates completed an application and preliminary interview. During the next two months, they will participate in a rigorous interview process that will allow them to showcase the communications and public relations skills required to be the 78th Alice in Dairyland. All top candidates will receive media and speaking training and earn a DATCP marketing and communications certificate.

This training process will prepare the candidates for the Alice in Dairyland Finals, scheduled for May 15-17, 2025, in Crawford County. The three-day finals include agribusiness tours, media interviews, an impromptu question-and-answer session, candidate presentations, and more. The selection of the 78th Alice in Dairyland will be announced at a public event on May 17, 2025, at the Performing Arts Center in Prairie du Chien, and she will begin her term on July 7, 2025.

“Serving as Alice in Dairyland is the ultimate goal of this process for these young women, but the skills they will develop along the way will take them far in life no matter where they go,” said Halei Heinzel, 77th Alice in Dairyland. “I look forward to discovering where each candidate shines as we move toward selecting Wisconsin’s 78th Alice in Dairyland!”

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES



Allison Foster

Allison Foster, Waupun, is an enthusiastic food scientist with a passion for sharing the story of agriculture and food with others. Foster is a Scientist II at Grande Cheese Company where she works to improve cheesemaking processes and create new products. She holds a Bachelor of Science in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where she gained experience in research and communications. In addition to her work, Foster coordinates care package services for Operation Not Alone and manages her own Jersey cow herd. Foster combines her technical expertise with strong communication skills to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers.



Michelle Stangler

Michelle Stangler, Watertown, grew up on her family’s dairy farm and was active in 4-H and FFA. She earned a Bachelor of Science in journalism and agricultural marketing communications in May 2024 from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she held leadership roles in Collegiate Farm Bureau and other agricultural communication organizations. Stangler completed internships with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Mid-West Farm Report, Brownfield Ag News, and WEAU 13 News; served as the 2024 Dodge County Fairest of the Fair; and studied abroad in Europe. She now contributes to the Ag News Daily and Positivity in Ag podcasts.



Mikayla Flyte

Mikayla Flyte, Coloma, is completing a master’s degree in exercise science with a concentration in sport psychology from Ripon College. She graduated with her bachelor’s degree in English and education from Ripon College in spring 2024 after student teaching at Berlin Middle School and Laconia High School. Flyte competed for five years on the college’s cross country team and is now a graduate assistant coach. She is active in her family’s central Wisconsin fruit and vegetable farm, managing an ice cream truck, selling produce at the Dane County Farmer’s market, and assisting with retail, marketing, and agritourism events.



Natalie Roe

Natalie Roe, Monticello, grew up on a 5,000-acre cash crop farm with a commercial grain elevator. Roe graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December 2024 with bachelor’s degrees in dairy science and life sciences communication and a certificate in digital studies. After holding many summer internships in agriculture and communications roles, Roe now works full time with broadhead as a social media coordinator. In this role, Roe combines her love of agriculture and communications, getting to use her creativity and strategic thinking to help her agriculture clients achieve success on their respective social media platforms.



Olivia Lulich

Olivia Lulich, Lyndon Station, currently teaches agricultural education at Viroqua Area Schools. She graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture education, holding leadership roles in Block and Bridle, National Agri-Marketing Association, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors, and the International Sales Team while there. As a 4-H and FFA member, she owned, raised, and showed beef cattle and market lambs. She has interned with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, the National Western Stock Show, and DATCP. Today, Lulich Show Stock, co-owned with her brother, sells beef cattle throughout the Midwest.



Sarah Hagenow

Sarah Hagenow, Poynette, feels at home in Wisconsin’s agricultural industry and enjoys telling the stories of its hard-working people. She is a senior at the University of Minnesota and will graduate with a degree in agricultural and food business management and a minor in international agriculture. Hagenow’s youth was characterized by involvement in 4-H and FFA, which spurred her to join the Gopher Dairy Club, Agricultural Business Club, Agricultural Mentor Program, and the dairy cattle judging team at college. Hagenow has held internships with Heatherstone Enterprises, Viking Dairy Company, the Minnesota State Senate, and the Animal Agriculture Alliance.

ABOUT ALICE IN DAIRYLAND

Alice in Dairyland is a one-year, full-time communications professional for DATCP. The Alice in Dairyland program is supported by several partner organizations including Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Ginseng Board of Wisconsin, Goodman’s Jewelers, Kettle Moraine Mink Breeders Association, the Dairy Innovation Hub, Wisconsin Beef Council, Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board, and the Wisconsin Potato Industry Board. For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit www.aliceindairyland.com and follow Alice online on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

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Learn more at agday.org

Hosted by the Agriculture Council of America in recognition of Ag Day.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND FAQ’S

What Is Ag Day?

It’s a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

When Is Ag Day?

Ag Day is celebrated on March 18, 2025. National Ag Day falls during National Ag Week.

What Is Ag Day All About?

Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

Why Celebrate Agriculture?

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution. This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training.

By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture.

Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Where Can I Find More Information?

Contact the Agriculture Council of America at (913) 491-1895.

3 CHALLENGES FACING THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Since the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic in early 2020, businesses big and small have faced significant challenges. Though the pandemic has ended, many sectors, including the agricultural industry, are facing familiar and unfamiliar challenges.

The agricultural sector is crucial to the survival and health of billions of people across the globe. Though it’s obvious that modern agriculture is vital to feeding a global population that was greater than eight billion people at the dawn of 2024, the United Nations notes that agriculture also boosts prosperity and economies by providing jobs. That reality only underscores the notion that the challenges facing the agricultural sector are facing everyone, even those whose livelihoods are not directly linked to the industry. According to Earth.org, an organization that offers environmental news, data analysis, research, and policy solutions, the following are three sizable challenges facing modern agriculture.

1. Climate change: Perhaps no challenge is greater for humanity in the twenty-first century than climate change, and the agricultural sector is no exception. Climate change has caused shifting weather patterns marked by unpredictability and potentially disastrous developments like prolonged drought. Estimates from NASA indicate corn yields may decrease by 24 percent by the end of this century, a potentially dangerous development linked to a host of factors, including a shifting climate and elevated surface carbon dioxide concentrations that can be traced to human-caused greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Population growth: The booming global population is attributable to numerous factors, including longer life expectancies in developed nations due to medical advancements. How to keep the global population fed at a time when the climate is adversely affecting crop yields is a significant challenge facing both humanity and the agricultural sector. As the population grows, so, too, does the demand for water, which also must be used to grow crops. Navigating this challenge will be significant, and how its managed could affect the economic stability of the agricultural industry in the decades to come.
3. Investment: Perhaps no industry is more vital to human survival than agriculture. Earth.org notes that countries with strong agricultural sectors often boast higher standards of living and health than nations with a less productive agricultural industry. Despite that, Earth.org notes that investment in the agricultural sector is not commensurate with the growing population. Supporting measures to invest more heavily in the agricultural sector could reduce food shortages in the decades to come and ensure the agricultural sector is better positioned to address the many challenges it is already confronting in the twenty-first century.

The challenges facing the agricultural sector affect those who work in the industry but also the global population as a whole. Recognition of that reality may compel more people to support measures designed to ensure the agricultural sector can thrive and help the world to overcome potentially devastating challenges in the decades ahead.

WHAT CONSUMERS CAN DO TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS

Farming has never been a vocation for individuals looking for easy work. Farmers typically work long hours, braving the elements regardless of how unpleasant the weather may be.

All that hard work ensures individuals who live in rural, urban and suburban communities have constant, readily available access to healthy foods. Such devotion merits support, and thankfully there are many things consumers can do to show their appreciation for local farmers.

Buy fresh foods at your local farmers market. Farmers markets are many foodies favorite places, but they are not exclusive to individuals with a passion for food. Everyone needs to eat, so why not eat foods grown locally, which are generally more fresh and appetizing than imported fruits and vegetables sold at chain grocery stores? Even individuals who do not typically eat fresh fruit and vegetables can find something delectable at a local farmers market, where anything from homemade tomato sauces to locally raised fresh beef and pork might be on sale.

Order directly from local farms. Some farmers have embraced the e-commerce revolution and begun selling the foods they grow to consumers via their own websites. Research local farms and determine if it’s possible to buy directly from them. Farms may offer delivery or pick-up, and consumers can enjoy fresh foods even more knowing that they helped farmers earn higher profits by buying directly from them.

Check labels before buying in local grocery stores. Packaging labels will indicate where fruits and vegetables came from. When possible, choose items produced by local farmers. This may include fruits, vegetables, meat, pork, or even desserts like pies. Locally produced foods often taste more fresh than items sent from overseas or distant farms, and consumers will feel better knowing they helped to support local farmers.

Spread the word. Get the word out after a satisfying experience with local farms and farmers. Whether it’s buying food from farms or taking advantage of family days that let kids enjoy a day on the farm, sharing positive experiences via social media or word-of-mouth can be a great way to inspire your neighbors to support local farmers as well.

Consumers can do much to support hardworking local farmers. In addition to feeling good about supporting their rural neighbors, consumers also might feel good when they sit down and enjoy a meal featuring locally grown, fresh foods.



SHERIFF’S
REPORT

FROM PAGE 2

• March 14 – An Iola woman on Water Street reported someone fell through the ice near Taylor Park. The person was under the ice.

• March 14 – A Waupaca woman on King Road reported her bank cards were missing. There were attempts to take money off her debit card and her credit card had \$300 of charges.

• March 14 – An unknown caller relayed a message of a man requesting to cancel all future mental health appointments as he “won’t need them where I am going.”

• March 15 – A Fremont man on Milwaukee Street reported another male gave him two black eyes because they were talking about sports teams.

• March 15 – A Waupaca man on State Highway 22 reported the illegal dumping of five tires in the ditch.

• March 15 – The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported a 30-year-old woman with bipolar disorder stated she wanted to hurt herself.

• March 15 –The U.S. Postal Service reported a mail carrier noticed a man has not picked up his mail for a week. His vehicle was outside and the man had not been seen outside.

• March 15 – Royalton Station reported a male with shoulder-length hair

wearing pajama pants and white t-shirt was stumbling in the store and looked intoxicated.

• March 15 – A Waupaca man on Western Avenue requested he be committed to a mental hospital because he had a violent outburst.

• March 16 –The Wisconsin Veterans Home reported a person in a Black Ford Edge drove to the top of the hill in the cemetery and was dead from a self-inflected gunshot wound.

• March 16 –A Weyauwega man on Alfred Street reported hearing the sound of semi-automatic rifle fire near his home.

• March 16 –A Manawa man on Grove Street reported items were missing from his home.

• March 16 –Rawhide Youth Services reported two juvenile runaways.

• There were six deer-related calls during this period. Five controlled burns were called in. A man on Tresness Road reported he was attacked by two German shepherds while jogging. There was no blood but he said he could “feel teeth.” The DNR warden was alerted to a dog caught in a trap. A Manawa man reported a raccoon acting strange in his front yard. An anonymous caller reported some steers were left without water for a few days. A caller reported seven horses were running loose on Misal Lane.

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