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LOCAL



Hatten Stadium in New London dates back to 1935. The project was part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Work Progress Administration to provide employment to Americans during the Great Depression.

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## Hatten Stadium needs repairs

Cost estimated at \$250,000

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

NEW LONDON – Repairs to Hatten Stadium are expected to cost at least \$250,000.

The city of New London hopes to share that cost with the New London School District and the Hatten Stadium Foundation.

Each of the three entities would provide approximately \$84,000 toward the total cost.

At the July 5 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, Parks and Rec Director



New London's Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the costs repairing Hatten Stadium at its July 5 meeting.

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Ginger Arndt described what she saw when inspecting the stadium during a rain storm.

"It was in rough shape," Arndt said. "I was under-

neath it last night and it's wet and it's leaking. I was able to see it as it was happening during the rain. It's not going to last long if the rain contin-

ues to flow underneath that stadium like it did yesterday."

In a related issue, Arndt said the city and school district have been in discussions about resurfacing the city's tennis courts.

The city has eight courts: four at Hatten Park and two each at Pfeifer and Abraham parks.

Initially, the city asked the school district to split the approximately \$350,000 costs evenly.

The project would place new asphalt and correct the diagonal slope on the tennis courts. Arndt said the district declined the city's request.

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## Overdose death gives rise to homicide charge

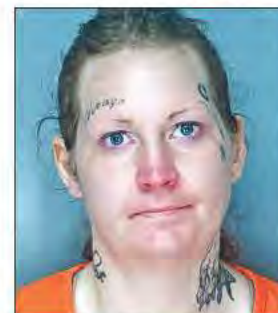
Judge orders \$100,000 bail

BY ROBERT CLOUD  
SENIOR EDITOR

COUNTY – Amber M. Thorn, 29, Clintonville, was charged July 7 with first-degree reckless homicide, conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine, delivery of narcotics and three counts of felony bail jumping.

According to the criminal complaint, on Oct. 14, 2020, Thorn and Brandon Allhands messaged each other on Facebook about Thorn's recent court hearing and a possible drug deal.

At 6:37 p.m., Thorn reportedly messaged Allhands: "I'll stop in when I



Thorn

get back to town to collect the money and I'll give ya a b and a half b in front this time. Every time you pay, I'll front ya another one. Plus more."

Sgt. Andrew Kizewski reported that "b" stands for ball, which is a street term for 3.5 grams and

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## Accident on U.S. 45

A trailer hitched to a pickup truck flipped over while traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 45 just south of Silver Creek Road near Clintonville about 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7. Witnesses told the Clintonville Tribune-Gazette that an oncoming northbound vehicle crossed the centerline, forcing the driver of the pickup to take evasive action. His right front wheel left the roadway and he lost control of his pickup. The driver of the other vehicle did not stop. All lanes of traffic on a portion of U.S. 45 were closed for just over an hour.

Jeff Hoffman Photo

## Crossing guard loves his job

BY GREG SEUBERT  
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA – Larry Fosgate has come full circle.

As a child growing up in Waupaca, he remembers crossing guards that helped him and other students cross busy streets before and after school.

He's been doing the same thing for nearly 20 years.

Fosgate has been a crossing guard for the Waupaca Police Department since September 2004 and will show up at Churchill Street and Park Avenue on Thursday, Sept. 1, for the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The corner of Churchill and Park turns into one of Waupaca's most congested



Larry Fosgate stops traffic along Churchill Street in Waupaca July 6 while working as a crossing guard. Fosgate has helped students and other pedestrians cross the busy street before and after school for several years and plans to return for the start of the 2022-23 school year in September. Greg Seubert Photo

areas for a few minutes before and after school. The intersection is how most

parents and school bus drivers enter or leave Waupaca Middle School and the

Waupaca Learning Center.

The intersection has been Fosgate's corner for several years after starting his crossing guard experience 18 years ago at the corner of Royalton and Harding streets near the Waupaca County Courthouse.

"I was only there about three weeks and they decided not to have any crossing guards there anymore," he said. "From there, I went to the corner of Churchill and Columbia. Then, I was at the corner by the rec center for a while. I heard the guy that was over here quit, so I came over here."

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## Clintonville's K-9 officer can now live outside city

BY BERT LEHMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

CLINTONVILLE – The requirement for the Clintonville Police Department's K-9 officer to live within city limits has been changed to living within 15 miles of the city.

The Clintonville City Council approved a side letter specifying the change with the police union at the June 14 meeting.

Ald. Mark Zachow voted no, while Ald. Stephanie Bonikowse was absent.

City Administrator Caz Muske told the council that Police Chief Craig Freitag had worked with the city's labor attorney on the side letter regarding the department's K-9 officer position.

"Basically, with recruitment and retainment in mind, and opening up the living restrictions that is placed on our K-9 officer," Muske said.

Freitag said the police department has to replace Char, the department's K-9. Char's handler Sgt. Christopher Wendorf left the department in April.

Freitag added that he researched who in the department may be interested in becoming a K-9 officer and

handler. A K-9 officer must live in the city according to the police union contract.

Freitag said a couple of officers stated they would be interested in being a K-9 officer, but they don't live in the city and they can't move.

After looking at union contracts and agreements from other police departments and organizations throughout the state, Freitag said none had a living restriction like the Clintonville's.

"They do allow their K-9 to live outside the city," Freitag said. "Some state you have to live in the county where you work."

He said that wouldn't work for the Clintonville Police Department because it is located at the edge of a county.

"It doesn't make sense for the K-9 officer living south of Waupaca, but they could not live north of Embarrass because it would be out of county," Freitag said.

Freitag proposed that K-9 officers be allowed to live up to 15 miles outside of Clintonville, instead of requiring them to live within the city limits.

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## Krause to be honored with new mural

BY HOLLY NEUMANN  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – Jordyn Brennan has been commissioned to paint a mural for the Chester L. Krause Legacy Park, located at Water Street and Chet Krause Drive in Iola.

Brennan is a visual artist and educator originally from Hortonville. She received a bachelor's degree in studio arts from Upper Iowa University in 2020 and a master of fine arts degree from Minneapolis College of Art & Design in the spring of 2022.



Once plans are finalized, Jordyn Brennan will begin working on a mural at Chester L. Krause Legacy Park in Iola. Brennan hopes to complete her work by late summer or early fall. Submitted Photo

"Over the last four years, I have collaborated with businesses and cities across the United States to create site-

specific murals," Brennan said. "As a national mural artist, I have designed and executed murals exploring

themes that work to promote and enrich communities by giving space to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and find hope in the future."

Her recent murals are located in Minnesota, Utah, Iowa and Wisconsin.

"Along with my visual practice, I also teach independent courses and workshops throughout the Midwest to students from wide-ranging backgrounds and age ranges," Brennan

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### HATTEN STADIUM

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The city then asked the district to cover about one-third of the costs. The district declined that request as well, Arndt said.

### Capital projects

Finance Director Judy Radtke said the committee needs to consider the city's commitment to ongoing and future capital projects and related bonding before making decisions on additional projects.

"We have to look at where we are with bonding and with our street projects," Radtke said, noting that engineers have updated the cost estimates.

In 2023, the city plans to spend approximately \$460,000 on St. John's Place, \$314,500 on Lincoln Court, \$288,000 on State Street and \$400,000 on a downtown parking lot.

Lucas Court is also planned for 2023, but the city has not determined its costs yet.

Future spending on capital projects include \$2.4 million on North Water Street and \$500,000 on the library in 2024; \$5.97 million on Oshkosh Street and Beckert Road

in 2025; and \$806,000 on Mill Street in 2026.

The city also expects to spend nearly \$1.3 million on the wastewater treatment facility in the near future.

Total expenditures for capital projects is expected to reach about \$13 million.

"Hopefully, inflation will settle down here and things will even out over time, but you know these numbers are going up as time goes on," Radtke said.

Radtke said New London will issue bonds for nearly \$5 million in 2023-24.

As of Dec. 31, 2021, the city of New London has \$10.29 million in outstanding general obligation debt.

Under state law, municipal debt is limited to 5% of its equalized value of taxable property within city limits.

That amounts to a \$22.5 million debt limit for the city of New London.

Keeping debt at one third of legal capacity helps the city's interest rates on bonds remain lower, Radtke said.

She said the city will pay off another \$1 million over the next two years.

Radtke said the city is already at its full debt capacity and will not be able to bond for Hatten Stadium

until at least 2027.

### Tennis courts, Hatten Stadium

Regarding the tennis courts, Radtke said city residents would pay those costs twice, once as city taxpayers and again as school district taxpayers.

"I would consider putting the dollars into Hatten Stadium, which is our facility, and backing off on the tennis courts," Radtke said.

She also noted the estimated costs for the tennis courts is now closer to \$500,000.

Jim Jaeger is a citizen member of the Parks and Rec Committee and a member of the Hatten Stadium Foundation. He discussed the stadium's history.

"Hatten Stadium was completed in 1935," he said. "It has been used as a baseball stadium and a football stadium by the high school for many, many years with no help from the school system whatsoever."

Jaeger said if the city allows the stadium to further deteriorate, "the only thing that's going to happen is that we tear it down."

The committee later voted unanimously to decline helping the school district with upgrading the tennis courts and direct its attention and funds to repairing Hatten Stadium.

### THORN

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generally refers to meth.

At 8:47 p.m. on Oct. 14, Kizewski pulled over a vehicle occupied by Allhands and his girlfriend, Victoria Schnepf.

Schnepf later told police that Allhands swallowed the meth he had on him during the traffic stop.

After the traffic stop, Schnepf and Allhands returned to their apartment on Morning Glory Drive in Clintonville.

Three hours later, Schnepf was on the phone with Thorn, telling her that Allhands apparently overdosed on the meth, the complaint says.

Between Schnepf's first call to Thorn and her call to 911 at 1:05 a.m. Oct. 15, one hour and six minutes elapsed.

Schnepf told police that she did not realize the severity

of Allhands' overdose and was concerned she would get him into legal trouble.

When officers arrived at the scene, they reported finding a small bag with a substance that tested positive for fentanyl. Thorn's DNA was identified on the bag.

Thorn also allegedly messaged several friends via Facebook, indicating that she needed to stay low and that she might be arrested.

Kizewski reported, "Thorn was continuously missing appointments to come speak with me about this incident and between in-person and phone interviews with Thorn, her stories were continuously changing, and were not making sense and were not consistent with what was obtained from the conversations and data that was retrieved from devices and social media warrants."

Allhands was 28 years old when he died on Oct. 15, 2020, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

On Aug. 7, 2020, Thorn was convicted in Waupaca County of felony possession of meth and obstructing an officer. She was placed on two years of probation.

On Jan. 12, 2021, Thorn was charged in Waupaca County with possession of meth and felony bail jumping. She was released from custody three months later on a \$2,500 signature bond.

On April 6, 2021, she was convicted in Shawano County of possession of meth, possession of an illegally obtained prescription drug and misdemeanor bail jumping. She was placed on three years of probation.

Thorn is currently in custody on a \$100,000 cash bond.

### CROSSING GUARD

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A lot of people will recognize Fosgate by his car, a 1960 Nash Metropolitan, which he bought in October 2009. He only drives the car if the weather's nice and parks it next to where he waits for students in a lot at Nelson's Shell.

He's displayed the car for years at the Iola Car Show and took it again to this year's show, which ran from July 7-9.

Fosgate, who will turn 73 on July 18, said he's met hundreds of kids over the years.

"They seem to know me by my name," he said. "They call me Larry."

He doesn't chat with the students much as they head off to school in the morning or home in the afternoon.

Crossing guards are stationed at designated school crossing zones in the city and work about 10 hours a week.

Fosgate shows up at about



Larry Fosgate stands next to his 1960 Nash Metropolitan, which he drives back and forth to his job as a crossing guard on Churchill Street and Park Avenue in Waupaca. He purchased the car, which he displayed last week at the Iola Car Show, in 2009.

Greg Seubert Photo

6:45 a.m.; stays until about 8 a.m.; and returns in the afternoon shortly before school lets out and works for another hour.

He's also spending six weeks this summer during the Waupaca School District's three-

week-long summer school sessions in June and July.

"I like doing this," Fosgate said. "I thought it would be interesting. The only thing that could really stop me would be my health."

### K-9

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Currently, the Clintonville police union contract allows non-K-9 officers to live up to 30 miles outside the city.

Ald. Brandon Braden asked if Shawano and New London would fall within the 15-mile restriction, since those are the largest cities closest to Clintonville.

Freitag said more of Shawano would be within the 15-mile restriction area as

opposed to New London.

Ald. Jim Supanich said he thinks the 15-mile requirement would be too restrictive.

Supanich also asked why the department needs the K-9 officer to live within 15 miles of the city.

Freitag said the 15-mile restriction is needed in case there is an emergency and the department's K-9 is needed in a hurry.

"We're fortunate that there are (police) dogs close to us,

but they're not always working, so there's times that we need to call on our K-9 officer, and if they're 30 miles away, that could be on the outskirts of Green Bay," Freitag said. "I don't want a squad car running lights and sirens from nearly Green Bay to Clintonville."

Ald. Darrell Hansen asked if the officers who have expressed interest in becoming the department's K-9 officer live within the 15-mile restriction area.

Freitag said two interested officers live within the 15-mile area, while a third lives outside the 15 miles and doesn't want to move.

Ald. Mark Zachow recommended that the mile restriction be increased to 20 miles.

Muske said that change would have to go back to the union for approval before the council could vote on that.

Freitag said he was comfortable with the 15-mile restriction.

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# Iola-Scandinavia NEWS

## Dream fulfilled at Iola Car Show

BY HOLLY NEUMANN  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – For Danielle Hokenstad of Iola, going to a car show is not unusual, as her stepfather, Leonel “Lee” Bucholtz Jr., was always a big car/truck enthusiast.

“He showed multiple vehicles in his lifetime, but there was one that he was especially proud of,” she said. “In 2002, he bought a 1985 Ford F150, with the intentions of restoring it from the ground up with one of his best friends, Curt Samson. I literally watched it grow from pieces into a truck.”

When it was finally finished, Bucholtz was only able to show the red truck for a few years before being diagnosed with lung cancer.

“He passed away in March of 2009,” Hokenstad said. “My mom had to sell the truck in summer of 2011 due to not being able to take care of it the way he did.”

Hokenstad, who was 15 at the time, was devastated.

“I cried,” she said. “The buyer was from Virginia, so I was sure I would never see the truck again.”

Years later, Hokenstad ran into Samson in Symco.

“We caught up for a while and we got to talking about the show truck,” she said. “I brought up the last pictures I had taken with the truck



Danielle and Craig Hokenstad stand beside the Ford F150 truck once owned by Danielle's stepfather. The Hokenstads recently purchased the truck and displayed it at this year's Iola Car Show, held July 7-9.

Holly Neumann Photo

on my phone and told him I'd do anything to get it back.”

The two parted ways, but two weeks later, Samson reached out to her again.

“He said, ‘You're not going to believe this’ and he sent me a link to a site for Street Side Classics in Atlanta, Georgia. I went to the link and there was my stepdad's truck for sale through consignment,” Hokenstad said. “It was a little more expensive now, but we reached out to the company and they loved our story. After a lot of back-and-forth with the company and the owner of Street Side Classics, we made a deal and locked in a pick-up date.”

In December 2019, Hokenstad and her husband Craig traveled to Atlanta to buy the truck and bring it

home.

“It was almost in the same exact condition as it was when we sold it in 2011,” Hokenstad said. “My eyes filled with tears. The emotions I had walking up to that truck and sitting in the driver's seat again was indescribable.”

“This was so meaningful for Danielle,” Craig said. “This was one of the coolest things I have seen in my life. Seeing her face light up once she got in the truck and then the tears, it was so moving.”

Due to COVID-19 shutting down most shows in 2020, Hokenstad wasn't able to enter the vehicle in the Iola Car Show until 2021.

“It was almost exactly 10 years after I watched it pull out of the driveway

and thought I'd never see it again,” she said. “Now, I am hoping to bring it to every show moving forward. This is what my stepdad would have wanted and I want to keep doing this for him.”

Hokenstad believes he had a hand in her finding the truck.

“He knew someone else had to take care of the truck until I was able to,” she said.

She is now fulfilling her own dream of owning a show vehicle.

“I wanted to create memories like these with my own family,” she said. “I couldn't imagine having a better truck to fulfill that dream.”

She said she is lucky to have her husband by her side.

“Not only has he supported me in buying back the truck,” she said. “Being a car enthusiast himself, he continues to support me by being willing to help care for it and teaching me all the ins and outs of the truck.”

The couple is currently expecting their first child, a boy.

“Our memories as a car enthusiast family are only beginning,” Hokenstad said. “I look forward to passing this truck down to our son one day and keeping it in the family.”

## Taste and Tunes set for July 15-16

BY HOLLY NEUMANN  
STAFF REPORTER

IOLA – The Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Taste and Tunes event Friday and Saturday, July 15-16.

The event will kick off at 5 p.m. July 15 at Little Wolf Gallery with music by 2 Man Group. At 7 p.m. participants can see Rich Travis-Dairyland's Finest String Band at Odin & Freja's; Big Dog Murphy at The Millstone; Troy Allen's Copperhead Country at Schmidt's Corners; and Dammit Jim at Thirsty Perch. The evening will close with Hijinx at 8 p.m. at Silver Lake Lanes.

Music on July 16 will begin at 9 a.m. with Casey and Emmitt Danielson at Trout Bum Bakery and Jon Glove at Scandihus. Thomas Dijkstra will entertain at 11 a.m. at Iola Sentry and again at noon at Subway in Iola.

Also at noon will be Dig Deep at Mark McCoy's Flat Tracker Tap and Chris Skinner at the Iola Historical Society. Jim King will follow at 1 p.m. at the Crystal Café.

Beginning at 2 p.m., students from Lessons from the Art will entertain participants, followed by Beautiful Dreamers at 3 p.m. at IOLA and Rich Travis-Dairyland's

Finest String Band at 4 p.m. at Odin & Freja's.

The day will conclude at 7 p.m. with Pat Wiley at Iola Pines Campground; Bowen, Bestul and Kramden at The Millstone; Rich Travis-Dairyland's Finest String Band at Odin & Freja's; and Cody Earl at the Thirsty Perch.

Admission is free to all venues.

Those attending the performances can get a stamp card marked from the 16 different venues to be eligible for prizes.

Anyone who makes a purchase during the Taste and Tunes hours from 5 p.m. Friday through

Saturday night venue close can get their card stamped. Purchases do not have to be made when music is scheduled.

Prizes include: One or more stamps: \$20 in Chamber Bucks (10 winners); six or more stamps: \$50 in Chamber Bucks (two winners); seven stamps: Tastes & Tunes T-shirt (redeemable at any venue); 10 or more stamps: \$100 in Chamber Bucks (one winner); 14 or more stamps: eligible for drawing for Tastes & Tunes gift basket containing gifts from the venues valued at more than \$400.

## Manawa NEWS



Jason Severson is sworn into office as Manawa's police chief July 6. He will begin his new job Aug. 1.

Holly Neumann Photo

## Severson is Manawa's new police chief

BY HOLLY NEUMANN  
STAFF REPORTER

MANAWA – Jason Severson is Manawa's new police chief.

The Manawa City Council hired him July 6.

Severson has been a police officer for 25 years.

“I started out my career in Manawa, right out of college in January of 1997,” he said. “It feels good to see it go full circle.”

Severson is looking forward to becoming engaged with the community.

“I will be working together with other city offices to help make Manawa even better,” he said.

Most recently, Severson served as a lieutenant with the Fox Crossing Police Department.

“Manawa is a great city,” he said. “I am looking forward to the challenge.”

Communication is key, according to Severson.

“I have a broad knowledge base,” he said. “I will just need to have people get me up to speed. I am looking forward to working with others and have a department where everyone knows what is going on.”

Severson and his family live in Kaukauna and he will begin his new job Aug. 1.



## Scandy gets the axe

Iola Rural Fire Department Chief Joe Barden hands the axe to Scandinavia Fire Chief Bryan Fuhs July 3 following the departments' annual battle for the axe softball game. Scandinavia came out on top 15-14.

Holly Neumann Photo

## Fourth-graders learn electricity tips

IOLA – To help promote Electricity Safety Month in May, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative linemen conducted electricity safety demonstrations for fourth-graders at six elementary schools in the CWEC service area.

That effort included a stop at Iola-Scandinavia Elementary School, as well as schools in Birnamwood, Bowler, Rosholt, Tigerton and Wittenberg.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, CWEC held electricity safety demonstrations

each May at area elementary schools. Demonstrations were not held in 2020 and 2021.

“Knowing the importance of electricity safety, we were excited to once again be able to bring these safety demonstrations back to the classrooms of area schools,” CWEC member relations specialist Bert Lehman said. “The students seemed to enjoy the safety demonstrations and had a lot of good questions.”

Demonstrations showed students first-hand the dangers that could occur if they

aren't safe with electricity. They got to see some of the safety equipment linemen have to wear when they work around power lines, as well as what above-ground and underground power lines look like. Linemen also showed students what happens if a tree branch, kite string or fishing line come in contact with a power line.

To help convey how dangerous electricity is, students were shown what would happen if a human hand touched a power line. A hot dog was used to demonstrate this.

Finally, students were informed about what to do if they were involved in a vehicle accident that resulted in a downed power line and, if need be, how to properly exit a vehicle in that situation.

“With the ever-increasing need for a safe and reliable electrical distribution system, I really enjoy educating people of all ages about the importance and dangers that go along with electricity,” CWEC lineman Chris Tuszko said. “The hot line demos bring the realities to real-life situations.”

## MURAL

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said. “I am currently an adjunct faculty at Upper Iowa University.”

Additionally, she is also the co-founder of the Rural Experience Collective, which exists to share stories and experiences of creatives with past and/or current rural ties.

Brennan did her first mural in Elkader, Iowa, in 2019. Over the course of the past few years, she completed 12 more.

“By the end of this summer, that number will reach over 15,” she said.

She said it's an honor to get this opportunity to work with the Chester L. Krause Legacy Park Committee to design a

mural that showcases Iola's rich history.

“It's hard to put into words,” Brennan said. “I feel extremely honored to be asked to do this mural that recognizes a man as remarkable as Chet Krause. I am very familiar with the area, having lots of family all throughout Waupaca County, and it has been incredible to learn how Chet has left his mark all over Iola and beyond.”

The Chester L. Krause Legacy Park Committee and Brennan are currently working to finalize the design.

“It has been a pleasure to work with Chester L. Krause Legacy Park Committee,” Brennan said. “Together, we have worked tirelessly on a design that will encompass

all the key elements of Iola's history. I also love getting to meet community members and hear stories about their connection to Chet and what Iola means to them. Getting to visit Iola-Scandinavia High School and see all the mural designs that the students had come up with was so inspiring, many of which include elements inspired by their designs in the final mural.”

The mural will be painted off-site on large panels that will be then installed on the wall behind J.R.'s Sport Shop and Shivers.

“My goal is to have the mural finished by the end of summer/early fall,” Brennan said.

Her hope is that the community feels a sense of pride for the place they call home.

“I want this mural to be a place to gather, to learn and reminisce on how far Iola has come, well as share excitement for the future,” Brennan said. “I want people to learn about Chet and his incredibly long list of accomplishments, but more than that, his pride and commitment to his hometown.”

“My hope is that the community and visitors will reflect on how humble, kind and generous Chet was and to leave the mural inspired to find ways that we can all emulate Chet's character in our own lives,” she said.

Brennan can be followed on Facebook at Art by Jordyn Brennan or at www.jordyn-brennan.com.

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