

Full-time fire chief approved

The post is part of the 2020 Oconto Falls city budget.

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Merne and Mark Gilles were born Dec. 11 a century ago.

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Santa and a family gather for a closer look at the Living Nativity populated by staff and providers of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital on Thursday as part of the Oconto Falls Christmas Mouse Open House festivities. SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGES 22-23.

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Full-time fire chief included in 2020 city budget

Property tax increase is about \$38.38 per \$100,000 for city purposes

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO FALLS — The City Council approved a \$2.8 million budget for 2020 that includes making the fire chief a full-time position.

“That’s really the biggest thing in the whole budget,” Alderman Mat McDermid said, as he gave a general overview during a public hearing before the Dec. 3 council vote.

The committee met multiple times to go over the budget plan for the coming year, McDermid said.

“We decided to end the TIF district this year, in 2019, as opposed to letting it go through to 2020,” he said. “With closing that, that’ll bring some revenue back into the city.”

The idea of making the fire chief a full-time position has been under discussion for a number of years, McDermid said.

“We’re falling farther and farther behind on paperwork (and) getting up to date on standard operating guidelines,” he said. “It’s getting harder and harder with more and more requirements from the state for different agencies to follow through on.”

The city took several steps to alert the public that the fire chief post was in the budget, and Alderman Marty Coopman sent a letter that was published in the Oconto County Times Herald, explaining the justification and impact of the position. All of the feedback was positive, he reported, including one written response from Howard Elliott, who said he would encourage the current chief, Tim Magnin, to apply for the job.

The city will develop a job description and put it out for applications, but Magnin – who has been the part-time chief for about 20 years – is probably the favorite.

“I’d like to thank the council and the finance committee for the years of going through this,” Magnin said. “There’s been a lot of discussion, a lot of planning.”

Oconto Falls Town Chairman Dave Alsteen also spoke in favor of making the chief a full-time position.

The budget will be funded in part by a property tax levy of \$1,379,966; taxpayers can expect an increase of about \$38.38 per \$100,000 of equalized valuation for city purposes later this month, said Eve Wallace, deputy city treasurer.

The major public works project for 2020 will be a reconstruction of Oakland Street, including water, sewer and storm sewer service on the entire length of the street, McDermid said.

The council also approved the fee schedule, with the biggest adjustment being a 10% increase in garbage bag fees, the first hike in at least 13 years.

Word of that increase has had an impact on sales of the bags at City Hall, said City Administrator Vicki Roberts.

“They’re flying off the shelves,” Roberts said. “Stop by and buy some garbage bags as a Christmas present and a 100-year coin.”

Coins commemorating the city’s centennial are on sale at City Hall for \$20.

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Driver in fatal crash charged with 2nd-degree reckless homicide

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

OCONTO — The driver in a fatal two-vehicle crash Nov. 15 is scheduled to make his first appearance in Oconto County Circuit Court on Thursday.

Travis J. Ragen, 30, of Lena, is charged with second-degree reckless homicide in connection with the death of Melissa J. Cota, 53, of Oconto.

According to an Oconto County Sheriff’s Department accident report, Ragen was driving a pickup truck westbound on state Highway 22 and towing a skid-steer on a trailer. At

11:40 p.m., he was negotiating the curve at Logtown Road when the pickup truck went onto the gravel shoulder. As he reentered the roadway, the truck and trailer began to rotate counterclockwise, crossing over the center line and colliding with Cota’s eastbound car.

According to the criminal complaint, the two vehicles landed together in the ditch, with the pickup truck flipped upside down on top of the car, and burst into flames just after a deputy pulled Ragen from his vehicle. Deputies and passersby were unable to save Cota or a dog in the back seat

of Ragen’s truck.

Deputies noticed a smell of alcohol on Ragen’s breath, and one witness said Ragen had been at a bar in Oconto earlier in the evening, the complaint said. A blood draw was taken at the hospital where Ragen was taken for treatment of serious injuries; results were not yet available when the complaint was filed Dec. 3.

When an investigator came to his home to take a statement after his release from the hospital, Ragen said he was advised not to speak without an attorney present, according to the complaint.

CORRECTIONS

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Offering a hand

Northern Riders 4-H Project Leader Georgia Gerndt moisturizes Nancy Sleeter's hands at The Bay at Suring. 4-H youth volunteered their time Nov. 21 to offer the residents fancy nails for the holidays. "This community service project is one of many," Georgia said. "We want to complete as many community service projects as possible."

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Identical twins mark 100th birthday

They were born and raised on a Lena area dairy farm

On Thursday, Dec. 11,1919, Francis and Ann Gilles welcomed twin boys into the world. This week the boys turn 100.

Identical twins Merne and Mark Gilles were raised on a dairy and crop farm outside Lena and spent their youth milking cows, working in the fields and finding a little time for high school sports.

The second and third of 10 children, the twins initially had two brothers, John and Francis, and two sisters, Mary Ellen and Agnes. Their mother, Ann Maloney Gilles, passed when the twins were 11. Their father, Francis, remarried Susan Lisowe and had four more boys – Joe, Bob, Dick

and Leo – to complete the family.

Jean Osen said her father, Merne Gilles, would say the secret to their longevity is working and keeping busy. Just a few weeks ago and with a little help, he climbed up into the combine one more time and did a few laps in the corn field. Osen, her cousins, uncles and siblings got together to produce a short biography of the century-old twins:

After graduating high school in 1937 and passage of the Rural Electrification Act, Merne, the “elder” twin, worked on wiring Oconto County farms for the first time. It is difficult to imagine now, but at the time, some people wondered, “What will farmers do with electricity?”

Merne took over the family dairy and grain farm in 1948, eventually totaling over 750 acres. He was an active leader in many civic organizations, serving as a Midwest Breeders director and on its executive board; the president, vice president,

treasurer and membership chairman of the Civic Club & Lyons Club; and the chairman of the board for the Federal Land Bank of Green Bay for many years. He was active in the Democratic Party and the St. Charles and Holy Cross Community Church. Merne is an advocate for progressive farming, especially soil conservation, and traveled to China as part of the People to People program.

Merne’s wife Claire passed in 1993 and his second wife, Betty, passed in 1998. He still lives in his Lena home with some assistance from family.

Merne said he is very proud to have spent his life as a farmer “feeding the people.” Family members gathered in Lena Saturday to celebrate the centenarian.

Mark left the family farm in November 1941 to join the military, followed by his brothers John and Francis. Merne, ineligible for military service due to a poorly set arm fracture as a child, stayed on the farm to

help his father.

Pursuing his childhood dream to fly, Mark became an officer and pilot in the Army Air Corps and went on to pilot 32 B-17 bombing missions over Germany and other parts of Nazi held Europe. He flew two tactical missions on D-Day in support of the allied invasion operations. He flew his bombing missions out of England as a member of the “The Mighty Eighth” Air Force, the 95th Bomb Wing, and its 412th Bombardment Squadron.

After the war Mark continued his career in the Army Air Corps, soon to become the U.S. Air Force. He flew over 5,000 hours covering over a million miles. He and his family moved 14 times to Air Force bases in the Pacific and across the U.S.

His Air Force career included three bomber squadron commander assignments, spanning the perilous Cuban Missile Crisis, when his nuclear-armed bombers were on

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highest alert. In addition to the B-17, Mark flew the B-29, the B-50 and finished his Air Force career as a B-47 jet pilot and squadron commander at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire.

Upon retirement from the Air Force, Mark became a regional manager of United Services Life Insurance Company serving military officers and their dependents. Upon his retirement in 1986 he moved to Sanford, North Carolina, where he lives independently with his wife, June.

Mark and June celebrated 75 years of marriage on Oct. 21 with 28 family members from around the country in attendance. He has been active in the Order of Daedalians, a military pilots' fraternal organization, and St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Merne has seven children and Mark had five children. All told they have 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The twins lived very different lives; however, they said growing up on a northern Wisconsin dairy farm instilled in them a strong work ethic and steadfast values that carried them through life. Both derive great joy in reading and sharing their stories and their hard-earned wisdom.



100-year-old identical twins Mark, left, and Merne Gilles live about 1,000 miles apart but got together at the Bavarian Inn in Lena sometime in their early nineties, a moment preserved in this family photo.

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Local groups among Packers Foundation grantees

Nurse's Nook, Oconto Falls Ambulance Service, and Oral Health Partnership honored at luncheon

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GREEN BAY — Three groups with ties to Oconto County were among 192 civic and charitable groups who shared in a record \$1 million from the Green Bay Packers Foundation presented at a luncheon Dec. 4 in the Lambeau Field Atrium.

Oconto Falls Area Ambulance Service received a grant toward the upgrade of its cardiac monitors.

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Inc. of Oconto Falls received a grant on behalf of the Nurse's Nook program, which provides basic needs and other resources to local students through their schools. Before becoming affiliated with St. Clare, the program was not eligible for grants from the foundation.

The Oral Health Partnership Inc., which recently began providing dental health services at St. Clare, also received a grant.

The recipient groups were guests at a luncheon in the Lambeau Field Atrium, which honored the outstanding efforts and services performed by each of the organizations.

This year's grant cycle focused on organizations that will direct the funds toward the need areas of animal welfare, civic and community,

environmental, health and wellness including drug/alcohol and domestic violence causes. In 2020, the focus areas will be elderly, homelessness, human services and hunger causes. For more information about the grant cycles, visit packers.com/foundation.

The Foundation now has distributed more than \$12.68 million for charitable purposes since it was established in 1986 by Judge Robert J. Parins, then president of the Packers Corporation, "as a vehicle to assure continued contributions to charity."

"We're proud to award a record \$1 million through our annual Packers Foundation grants this year," Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy said at the event. "We are inspired by the outstanding recipient organizations, who have critical roles in the community and have remarkable positive impacts on those they serve every day."

The Green Bay Packers Foundation and its annual grants is part of Green Bay Packers Give Back, the Packers' all-encompassing community outreach initiative that comprises appearances made by players, alumni, coaches and staff, football outreach camps, cash and in-kind donations, Make-A-Wish visits and community events.



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Press Ganey is a third-party organization that partners with more than 26,000 health-care organizations to help transform the patient experience. The Guardian of Excellence award for

Patient Experience honors health care facilities ranking in the 95th percentile for a positive patient experience.

"This honor reflects HSHS St. Clare Regional Surgery Center's and St. Gianna Clinic's unwavering commitment to improve the safety, quality and experience of care," said Patrick T. Ryan, executive chairman at Press Ganey.

HSHS St. Clare Regional Surgery Center is a dedicated general surgery center based at the Oconto Falls hospital, offering a variety of surgical procedures including breast surgery, colonoscopy and hernia repair.

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Pulaski board plans superintendent forum

Consulting firm hired to conduct search

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Pulaski School Board is holding a public forum to hear from district families, residents, and other stakeholders about the qualities they consider important in their next superintendent.

The search has begun in earnest for a permanent successor to Rebecca Kurzynske, who left the district last spring to accept a position as a

director of education and government practice for M3 Insurance.

After their first choice for a successor chose not to accept the position, the board hired Tony Klaubauf to serve as interim superintendent for the 2019-20 school year.

The public forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 18, in Pulaski High School, 1040 St. Augustine St., Pulaski, Room LGI-1 (directly to the right of the library on the first floor).

The board has selected McPherson & Jacobson LLC, Executive Recruitment and Development, as consultants to assist in the search process. A representative from the consulting will be conducting these public forums and providing the results to the board.

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Gillett church to stage 11th annual Christmas cantata

GILLETT — “We Have Our Savior” is the 11th annual Christmas cantata presented by an ecumenical choir at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St., Gillett. Created by David Moffitt and Cliff Duren, it features many well-known Christmas songs and a number of new Christmas melodies. The one-hour production features performers from Gillett and many surrounding communities.

This year’s cantata features numerous solos and duets with full choral accompaniment as well as four-part choral selections. Songs include “Ring the Bells,” “Away in a Manager” with “Sleep On,” “What Christmas Really Means” with “Silent Night! Holy Night!” and “We Have Our Savior.”

“We Have Our Savior” is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 17; Friday, Dec.

20; and Friday, Dec. 27. All evening performances start at 7 p.m. There is also a Sunday morning performance at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 29.

The cantata features Micki Carlson, John Darga, Judy Darga, Shirley Dittman, Jason Fenendael, Jenny Fenendael, Derek Hanson, Kurt Hicks, Darlene Kapelke, Patti Konkle, Linda McHardie, Bobbie Olshesky, Joe Quade, Ruth Riesch, Patty Stabbe, Donny Svitak, Chique Tousey-Tabar, Mark Vorpahl, Wendy Vorpahl, Cathy Wocking, Sandy Wright and Alex Young. Wayne Strei directs, and Doug Yahnke is the narrator. Dan Wright handles the sound for the production.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering is accepted. Each performance is followed by a dessert reception. St. John’s Lutheran Church is handicapped-accessible to all.

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OBITUARIES

Joan Bliske

Joan Bliske passed on to Heaven on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, at Odd Fellows Nursing Home in Green Bay. Joan was born June 22, 1933, and graduated from Oconto Falls High School. She furthered her education at the Milwaukee College of Cosmetology where hairstyling became a big part of her life. Her last job was working for Oconto County at the Oconto Falls Group Home where she helped care for the people there. She told us all how much that enriched her life!

Joan went on to join her parents, Bernice and Erick Warschkow, who passed before her.

She will be greatly missed, but held in the hearts of her children and their spouses, Bambi and Mark Cramer, Lorry Nieves, Eric and Ellen Bliske, Brian Bliske, Joni and Jimmy Holtz, Kim Bliske and Cara Bliske; grandchildren, Nick and Annabel



Cramer, Chad and Liz Cramer, Josh and Deja Destache, Daniel and Mitchell Nieves, Karen, Parker and Dean Bliske, Brandon, Brian and William Bliske, Devon Johnson, Jada

and Kayla Holtz, Bradley Houska, Andrew Fiefield, Erika and Nate Hazaert and Dillon Arndt; great-grandchildren, Angelina, Cameron and Faith Destache, Brielle Fischer, Aria and Crew Hazaert, Kolby, Kylee and Hank Fiefield and Lily Nieves.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Blaney Funeral Home is assisting the family. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

SALUTES

Thank you for supporting 'Stepping On'

To the Editor:

Thanks to the generous support of the community, another successful "Stepping On" falls prevention workshop was recently completed. The city of Oconto provided the space in the Municipal Building for the Oconto County Commission on Aging to sponsor the workshop held weekly Sept. 25 through Nov. 6.

The volunteer peer leader for this workshop, Shelley Braski, deserves a big thank you.

The Oconto County Commission on Aging provided the certified leader, some required supplies and staff time. The Oconto nutrition center provided much-appreciated coffee, and thanks to Thompson's County Market, snacks were donated each week.

Bellin Health Oconto Hospital supported the workshop by providing Trisha Boldt, physical therapist, and Dr. Charles Heyka, as guest presenters. The Oconto Police Department and the Wisconsin Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired also

supported the workshop by providing guest presenters. Thank you to all!

"Stepping On" is evidence-based, meaning it was well-researched and proven to build confidence and reduce falls in community-dwelling older adults, leading to fewer injuries, less pain, and better quality independent living. Topics from A to Z are all covered in the seven weekly sessions, attended by a group of 8-14 adults.

Locations for spring 2020 workshops are yet to be determined. A waiting list helps to see where the most interest lies. You are not committed to attend by being on the waiting list, but you will hear about the workshop dates before the general public. If you have questions, or would like to be added to the waiting list for future workshops, please contact Carol Jean Luebeck RN at 920-373-1441 or email caroljluebeck.rnbsn@yahoo.com.

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OPINION: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Don't require names to release public records

By **LARRY GALLUP**

Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council

You can walk into city hall asking to see records without ever having to give your name.

You can mail or email an open records request to any public entity without giving any indication of who you are.

You don't even need to submit a written request. You can make the

request orally and still remain anonymous.

That's because, while there are a few exceptions, Wisconsin's open records law states: "No request ... may be refused because the person making the request is



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unwilling to be identified or to state the purpose of the request."

The law's chief author, Lynn Adelman, a former state legislator who's now a federal judge, has said that provision was so important to him that he would have scrapped the legislation entirely if an amendment to remove it had passed.

Yet, in at least two recent cases, that right has been challenged.

An anonymous requester sued the Madison Metropolitan School District in November for refusing to release records unless the requester revealed his or her identity. The person, according to the suit, made 26 requests between July and October. The school district ignored some of them. It responded to others by saying it needed to know the requester's name to ensure he or she posed no threat.

That's one of the exceptions to the anonymity provision of the law — if there's a safety concern that outweighs the presumption of disclosure. Another is that if student or health records are requested, the custodian should confirm the requester is authorized to receive them.

The requests in the Madison case are for routine documents, such as school board updates and a school improvement plan. As the requester's

attorney, Tom Kamenick, notes in the suit, the records are "not focused on any individual, and they contain no information that would put any person's safety in danger if revealed."

There are circumstances in which the exemption can be legitimately applied — for example, a request by a domestic abuser for records about the abuser's victim. This isn't one of them.

In a second case, the village of Ashwaubenon refused an anonymous request in March. The requester had asked for the billing records of an outside law firm the village had hired to conduct personnel investigations.

The requester used the pseudonyms Mr. M or Richard Marven, a Navy officer who was a whistleblower in the Revolutionary War.

The village's attorney responded in April by asking the requester to make an appointment at city hall to access a copy of the records.

After several email exchanges didn't lead to a resolution, the requester filed suit in June, contending the village and its attorney refused to provide copies of the records by mail or email and required the requester to appear in person to inspect them.

In October, the case was settled and the requester, who was not required to reveal his or her name, said the records were made available.

The presumption of openness in Wisconsin government means there should be as few obstacles to openness as possible. Requiring records requesters to identify themselves is an obstacle.

Citizens would be less likely to make requests without the right to anonymity. That's why the law was clearly written to prevent governments from denying public information to people for whom this is important.

The anonymity provision is crucial to the state open records law. Our governments need to understand that — and obey the law.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Council member Larry Gallup is the digital news director for USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Love Lights blessing Wednesday

OCONTO FALLS — A blessing of the Love Lights tree will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, 855 S. Main St. in Oconto Falls, with a social to follow.

The Partners of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital invite the community to participate in the annual Christmas fundraiser. People can honor a loved one, a business or organization by having their name placed next to a lighted Christmas tree on display at the hospital throughout the season.

Order forms can be found in the hospital Welcome Center, returned in person or mailed to: HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, Attn: Amber Just - Volunteer Services, 855 S. Main St., Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

Kuehl plans open house

GILLETT — The new ownership at Kuehl Funeral Home is hosting an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the facility, 108 E. Main

St., Gillett.

Funeral director Dan Lendman and assistant Greg Kaminski plan to introduce themselves to the community, with appetizers, snacks, soda and coffee, including Christmas cookies from Cookies by Cheryl and pies from OJ's Midtown.

American Legion Post 300 is scheduled to present full military honors, a flag folding, taps and gun salute at noon.

Skinny Dave's hosts Legion 'poultry shoot'

MOUNTAIN — The next American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Skinny Dave's, 12848 State Highway 32, Mountain.

Legionnaires will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages, gifts and gift certificates donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles. The public is welcome.

The American Legion Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno is composed of veterans who are committed to helping veterans, their families and the community.



New Lioness

Oconto Falls Lioness Club members welcomed Sarah Argall to the Lioness family during their regular meeting in November. New members bring many talents to the club and are involved in the club's many projects. Pictured from left are Club President Stephanie Holman, Argall and her Lioness sponsor Jaime Egan. For more information about joining this fun group of ladies, contact Holman at steph@sennhome-townins.com.

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► **ST. PATRICK**, Stiles. Rev. Joel Sember. 920-846-2276. TUESDAY: Mass 8:30 a.m. SUNDAY: Mass 7:30 a.m.

► **ST. PHILOMENA**, 432 State Road, Birnamwood. Rev. Vincente Llagas. 715-449-0050. SUNDAY: Mass 10 a.m. TUESDAY: Mass 6 p.m. THURSDAY/FRIDAY: Mass 7:30 a.m. SATURDAY: Mass 7:30 p.m.

► **ST. PIUS**, 1211 County Road J, Suamico. Rev. Judah Pigon. 920-434-2024. SATURDAY: Mass 5:45 p.m. SUNDAY: Mass 8:45 a.m.

Church of Christ

► **HICKORY**, Hickory Corners, 1/2 mile south of Hickory Corners on County Road G. Pastor Andrew Jantz. 920-842-2629. SUNDAY: Worship service 9:45 a.m. MONDAY: Bible study, time to be announced.

► **MOUNTAIN**, 14299 County Road W, Mountain. Preaching ministers: Nathan Walter, Larry Falish. 715-276-7112. SUNDAY: Worship service 8 a.m. 715-850-0985.

Christian and Missionary Alliance

► **MAPLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**, County Road Z (just past the Oconto County shop), Suring. Pastor Bill Krauss. 920-842-2032 or 920-842-4644. SUNDAY: Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY (during school year): Lord Young Followers program for kindergarten through sixth grade 5-6:15 p.m., YFBI Youth Ministry for grades 7-12 6:15-8 p.m.

► **OCOnton GOSPEL CHAPEL**, 251 Michigan Ave., Oconto. Rev. Peter L. Dorn. 920-835-2330. SUNDAY: Worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m., senior high youth group 6-8 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Junior high

youth group 6:30-8 p.m.

► **RIVERVIEW**, 628 N. Main St., Oconto Falls. Rev. Kevin Kuhn. 920-846-8303. SUNDAY: Worship services 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Second service runs concurrently with Discovery Land (birth-sixth grade) and three adult and junior/senior high Sunday School classes. WEDNESDAY: Awana Clubs (3 years to sixth grade during school year), R.A.Y. youth group (grades 7-12) and adult Bible fellowship study 6:30 p.m.

Christian Science

► **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY OF OCONTO**, corner of Main and Chicago streets. SUNDAY: Service 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY (first and third of each month): meeting 7 p.m.

Episcopal

► **ST. JOHN**, 141 S. Smalley St., Shawano, 715-526-3686. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m., Sunday school during service. WEDNESDAY: Worship noon. Hearing compatible sound system.

► **ST. MARK'S**, 408 Park Ave., Oconto. 920-834-4302. SUNDAY: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. THURSDAY: Holy Eucharist 5 p.m.

Evangelical Free

► **BETHANY FREE**, Clintonville, 715-823-2770, Kurt Hettinga, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 11 a.m.

Jehovah's Witnesses

► **OCOnton FALLS**, Kingdom Hall, 506 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls. 920-846-2914. SUNDAY: Public lecture 9:30 a.m., Watchtower study 10:05 a.m. THURSDAY: Life and Ministry meeting 7 p.m.

► **SHAWANO**, SUNDAY: Bible discourse 9:30 a.m., Watchtower study 10:10 a.m. THURSDAY: Bible study, Ministry school, service meeting 7 p.m.

Ltter-day Saints

► **GRESHAM**, 1230 Schabow St., Randle Hoffman, bishop. 715-853-4185. SUNDAY: Sacrament meeting 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Primary, Priesthood/Relief Society, Young Women 10:30 a.m.

► **SHAWANO**, Zingler and Evergreen streets, Matt Kaveinga, bishop. SUNDAY: Sacrament meeting 9 a.m., Sunday School, Primary 10:10 a.m., Priesthood/Relief Society, Young Women, 11 a.m., Family History center Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Betty Edgerton, director.

Lutheran

► **ASCENSION**, NALC, W6106 Navarino Road, Navarino, Pastor Marcia Sabin, 715-758-8312. SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Praise with Passion Contemporary Service, 5 p.m. meal, 6 p.m. Worship most Sundays. Handicap accessible.

► **BEAVER AMERICAN**, 19th Road, Pound. 920-897-3593. SUNDAY: Worship 8 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m.

► **BETHANY**, 174071 Church Road, Aniwa, town of Easton. SUNDAY: worship 10:30 a.m.

► **BETHEL**, ELCA, N6955 County Road BB, Oconto Falls (four miles south of Gillett), Pastor Bill Gruenstern, 715-745-6461. Sunday School 8:45-9:45 a.m. Adult Bible study 8:45-9:45 a.m. except fourth Sunday; "Vittles & Verses" adult Bible study after church on fourth Sunday. Worship 10 a.m.

► **BETHLEHEM**, Pella. LCMC. W1105 County Road M. Pastor Tim Lofgren. SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. worship. Confirmation class 8:30 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday. WEDNESDAY: 6 p.m. service, with Bible study to follow.

► **CALVARY** (Wisconsin Synod), 5716 Main St., Abrams. Pastor Matt Stuebs. 920-903-2221. SUNDAY: Divine worship 9 a.m. (Communion second and last Sunday of each month), Sunday School 10 a.m. (during the school year) WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class 6 p.m. (during the school year).

► **CHRIST**, Missouri Synod, Gillett, Red Bank Road and County Road H. Pastor Michael Pahalok, 920-842-2477. SUNDAY: 10:15 a.m. worship; Sunday School 10 a.m. Communion first and third Sundays. Sunday School September through May.

► **CHRIST** (LCMS), County Road H, west of Hintz. Rev. Michael Pahalok. 920-842-2488 or 920-842-2477. SUNDAY: Worship 8:30 a.m., Sunday school 9:45 a.m.

► **CHRISTUS**, LCMC, Clintonville, Brian Crocker, pastor. SUNDAY: Praise Service 8 a.m., Traditional Service 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Education 9:15 a.m.

► **CHURCH OF THE WILDERNESS**, N9157 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler. SUNDAY: service 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m.

► **DIVINE SAVIOR**, Wisconsin Synod, 102 Northridge Drive, Shawano, Wolf B. Parsons, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m.

MONDAY: Worship 6:30 p.m. Communion second and fourth weekends. All special midweek services (Lent, Advent) 4:30 p.m.

► **ELIAS**, Town of Herman. Vicar Lois Graper, Lay Pastoral Leader Jim Hartleben. SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. worship, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. at Elias. Holy Communion second Sunday of the month. 715-787-3367.

► **EMMANUEL** (Missouri Synod), 13346 County Road AA, Breed (rural Suring). Pastor Paul A. Scheunemann. 920-842-4600. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m. with Communion. Call 920-846-4600 for seasonal service times.

► **EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR**, 323 Rosera St., Lena. Pastor Ryan J. Landwehr. 920-829-5544. SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

► **FAITH UNITED** (LCMS), 11465 Old U Road (one mile south of Gillett off state Highway 22). Rev. John Laatsch. 920-855-6464 or 800-370-2731. SUNDAY: Service 9 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Service 7 p.m. (Communion first and third weeks.)

► **FRIEDENS**, WELS, 405 E. State St., Bonduel, Virgil Hanson, pastor. SATURDAY: Service 6:30 p.m., SUNDAY: Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

► **GRACE** (LCMC), 501 S. Main St., Oconto Falls. Rev. Gary Olson. 920-848-2177. Office hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. SUNDAY: Worship services at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional), 10:45 a.m. (Contemporary). Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. TUESDAYS: Bible Study 7:30 a.m., Women of Grace 6:30 p.m. (second Tuesday). WEDNESDAYS: Confirmation class 6 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8 p.m., Choir 7 p.m. SATURDAYS: Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. (third Saturday).

► **IMMANUEL MOHICAN**, County Road G at Mission Lake, Red Springs. Rev. Roland Golz. SUNDAY: Service 10:30 a.m. Communion first and third Sundays.

► **IMMANUEL**, ELCA, N9580 County Road X, Black Creek. SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m., Communion first and third Sundays; Sunday School 10:15 a.m.; fellowship 10 a.m.

► **IMMANUEL**, LCMS, Caroline, 2 miles east on County Road M, Dean Suehring, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at St. John Lutheran Church at 9:15 a.m.

► **IMMANUEL**, Missouri Synod, W3110 White Clay Lake Drive, Cecil, Pastor Steve Pockat. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m. Communion first and third Sundays.

► **IMMANUEL**, Town of Morris. Pastor John Hielsberg. SUNDAY: 10 a.m. worship; Sunday School 9 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. All are welcome.

► **IMMANUEL**, N5326 Church Road, Tigerton. Pastor John Hielsberg. SUNDAY: worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays.

► **MOUNT OLIVE** (Missouri Synod), 206 N. Burk St., Suring. Rev. Michael Pahalok. 920-842-2488 or 920-842-2477. SUNDAY: Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (Holy Communion every Sunday), Sunday School (ages 3 through eighth grade) 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Junior Confirmation classes 6-7:30 p.m. (September-May); Ladies of Mount Olive 7 p.m. (third Wednesday in September, November, January, March, May and July.)

► **OUR REDEEMER'S** (ELCA), 11005 County Road M, Suring. Interim Pastor Frederick P. Mai, phone 920-412-4445. SUNDAY: Worship service 9 a.m. (Holy Communion every Sunday), Fellowship Hour after service, Sunday School 10 a.m. TUESDAY: WELCA quilting 9 a.m. and Bible study 1 p.m. (third Tuesday each month), Men's Fellowship 8:30 a.m. (third Tuesday).

► **OUR SAVIOR'S**, ELCA, Lessor, N1731 County Road S, Pulaski. Pastor Natalie Kramer. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

► **OUR SAVIOR'S**, Morgan Siding, Roy Rinehard, pastor. SUNDAY: Service 10 a.m.

► **OUR SAVIOR'S**, State Highway 49 N, Elderon. Pastor Harvey Abrahamson. 715-460-4888. revabrahamson@gmail.com. www.hope4elderon.com. SUNDAY: 9 a.m.

► **PEACE**, NALC, N3301 County Road SS, Split Rock. Pastor Craig Nehring. 715-754-5045. SUNDAY: service 8:30 a.m.

► **PEACE**, ELCA, N6135 County Road D, Tilleda. Pastor Lois Graper. 715-853-2549. lgrapertulp@gmail.com SUNDAY: worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School during worship. Holy Communion second Sunday of the month.

► **REDEEMER**, ELCA, W18205 College Ave., Wittenberg. 715-253-2590, redeemerWitt@gmail.com. SUNDAY: worship 10 a.m. Call for communion schedule.

► **RESURRECTION**, Missouri Synod, Boarders Inn and Suites, Shawano. Steve Conradt, interim pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 10:30 a.m. at Boarders Inn and Suites. 715-526-2068.

► **RISEN SAVIOR (WELS)**, 13825 State Highway 32-64, Mountain. Pastor Craig Korth. 715-473-5633. SATURDAY: Worship service 6:30 p.m.

► **ST. JAKOBI**, Missouri Synod, County Road A, Town of Richmond, one mile west of Highway 47. Travis Kleinschmidt, pastor. SATURDAY: Service 6:30 p.m.; SUNDAY: Service 9 a.m., Education hour 10:30 a.m. 715-524-4347. www.stjakobi.org

► **ST. JAMES**, LCMS, Shawano, 324 S. Andrews St. Rev. Mark Drengler, senior pastor. Rev. Steve Schauder, associate pastor. Rev. Roy Rinehard, visitation pastor. SATURDAY: Service 5:30 p.m.; SUNDAY: Services 7:30, 9 a.m. (radio broadcast), Celebration Service 10:30 a.m. (gym) Sunday School 8:55 a.m. 715-524-4815.

► **ST. JOHN**, Belle Plaine, Missouri Synod, N3299 Hunting Road, Clintonville, Pastor Todd Jerabek. SUNDAY: Divine Service 11:30 a.m., Communion first, third and fifth Sunday of the month.

► **ST. JOHN**, LCMS, Caroline, 3 miles west on County Road M, Dean Suehring, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 7:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

► **ST. JOHN**, Gillett, LCMC, 101 W. Main St., Gillett. 920-855-6215. SUNDAY: First-fourth Sundays, worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; fifth Sunday, worship service 9:30 a.m.; second Sunday, Gospel music. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. WEDNESDAY: J-Walkers (youth group) 6 p.m.

► **ST. JOHN**, Cecil, LCMS, Nauman Road, between County Roads C and BB, Cecil. John Laatsch, pastor. 715-745-4558. SUNDAY: Services 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion on first and third Sundays.

► **ST. JOHN**, Hermansfort, state Highway 29, Steve Conradt, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. First and last Sunday Communion. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class 6 p.m.

► **ST. JOHN**, LCMS, 304 Flint Ave., Mattoon. Vacancy Pastor Dean Bertsch. 715-489-3471. SUNDAY: worship 9 a.m. WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m.

► **ST. JOHN**, Leopold. Vicar Lois Graper, Lay Pastoral Leader Jim Hartleben. SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. worship. Holy Communion first Sunday of the month. 715-787-3367.

► **ST. JOHN**, LCMS, 502 Cedar St., Tigerton. Pastor Dean Suehring. 715-535-2282. www.frontiernet.net/~stjohnigtigerton. SUNDAY: worship 9 a.m., Bible study 8 a.m., Catechism and Sunday School at 8 a.m. Holy Communion the first, third and fifth Sundays.

► **ST. JOHN**, ELCA, W17680 Church Road, Birnamwood. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. 715-449-3342.

► **ST. JOHN'S (ELCA)**, MORGAN, 3374 County Road C, Morgan. Pastor: Lloyd Luedman. 920-846-3453. SUNDAY: Worship with Communion service 8:30 a.m., Sunday School (age 3 to high school) 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Service with Communion 7 p.m.

► **ST. JOHN'S**, Little Suamico (east of U.S. Highway 41-141 on County Road S, right on County Road J one-quarter mile). Pastor Jerry Wirtley. 920-826-7785. SUNDAY: Worship service 9 a.m. (Communion first, second and third Sundays), Sunday School and coffee hour 10 a.m.

► **ST. JOHN'S RIVERSIDE (LCMS)**, southeast of Gillett on state Highway 32. Pastor James Athey. 920-855-2625. SUNDAY: Worship 8:30 a.m. (Communion on first and third Sundays of each month), Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (September-May), Bible study 9:30 a.m. (first and third Sundays of each month), fellowship following service (second Sunday of the month).

► **ST. JOHN** (Missouri Synod), 17963 State Highway 32, Townsend. Pastor: Stephen Mueller. 715-276-7214. 866-390-0543. www.stjohn-townsend.org/stjohnnews.htm. SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m. (Holy Communion). Fellowship Hour after Sunday Service. SATURDAY: Worship 5:30 p.m. (Holy Communion). Sunday school (preschool to eighth grade) 10:30 a.m. weekly. Sunday Bible Class 10:30 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Breakfast Bible Class 7 a.m. weekly. Thursday Bible Class 10 a.m. weekly. Bible Study (Pastor Neider), The Truth Project, first and third Thursday of month.

► **ST. JOHN**, 8904 St. John Road, Hayes, town of How. Pastor Nickolas Buchholz. 216-906-9870 or 920-842-4443 (school).

SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School, youth Bible class and adult Bible class 9 a.m. WEDNESDAY: School chapel service 8:15 a.m., Bible study 9:15 a.m. (when school is in session for 3- and 4-year-old preschool, kindergarten and grades 1-8).

► **ST. MARK** (Wisconsin Synod), Spruce. Pastor Ryan J. Landwehr. SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:15 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m.

► **ST. MARTIN**, Belle Plaine, ELCS, Kurt Kluge, pastor. SUNDAY: Service 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class after service.

► **ST. MARTIN**, Missouri Synod, Clintonville, Rev. Chris Burg. SUNDAY: Worship 8 a.m. (radio broadcast) and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school 9:10 a.m.

► **ST. MATTHEW**, 138 Bissell St., White Lake. 715-882-3111. SUNDAY: Sunday School 8:45 a.m., worship service 10 a.m.

► **ST. PAUL** (Wisconsin Synod), 301 S. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls. Pastor Matthew R. Arnold. 920-846-8397. SUNDAY: Worship 9 a.m. (Communion first and third Sunday of the month), adult Bible class and Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day), MONDAY: Worship service 7 p.m.

► **ST. PAUL**, Missouri Synod, N9035 U.S. Highway 45, Birnamwood. Pastor Matt Christians. 715-449-2101. SUNDAY: worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible class 9 a.m. THURSDAY: worship 7 p.m. Holy Communion at every Divine service.

► **ST. PAUL**, Missouri Synod, Bonduel, Timothy Shoup and Mark R. Palmer, pastors. SATURDAY: Worship 7 p.m. SUNDAY: Worship 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion: first and third weekends. 715-758-8559. stpaulbonduel.com.

► **ST. PAUL**, Missouri Synod, 201 E. Wall St., Bowler. Pastor Michael Schram. 715-793-4608. SUNDAY: service 9 a.m. WEDNESDAY: service 7:30 p.m. Communion first and third weeks.

► **ST. PAUL STONY HILL**, Missouri Synod, W9304 Oak Ave. 1 mile west of Thornton at Hickory Road, Pastor John Eyer. SUNDAY: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m., worship 10 a.m.; Communion first, third and fifth Sundays.

► **ST. PAUL**, Missouri Synod, County Road E and Oakcrest Drive, town of Washington, Steven Pockat, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 8:30 a.m.; Communion first and third Sundays.

► **ST. PAUL**, Missouri Synod, 701 S. Home St., Wittenberg. Pastor Matt Christians. 715-253-2790. www.stpaulwittenberg.com. SUNDAY: worship service with Communion 8:45 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m.

► **ST. PAUL**, WELS, W1978 Church Drive, Zachow, Virgil Hanson, pastor. SUNDAY: Service 8:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

► **ST. PETER**, Pella Opening, LCMS, Todd Jerabek, pastor, 715-823-4459. SUNDAY: Sunday School 9 a.m., Service 10 a.m.; THURSDAY: Bible study 10 a.m. first, third and fifth Sundays, Communion/second and fourth Matins.

► **TABOR**, 14153 Church Road, Mountain. Rev. Paul A. Scheunemann. 715-276-7707. SUNDAY: Worship 8:30 a.m., THURSDAY, Worship 7 p.m. (Holy Communion second and last Sundays and Thursdays).

► **TRINITY (LCMS)**, Maple Valley, Suring. Pastor Nicholas Buchholz. 920-392-9335. SUNDAY: Worship 8:30 a.m. (Communion first two Sundays and every fifth Sunday of the month). Visitors welcome.

► **TRINITY**, 403 Birch St., Birnamwood. SUNDAY: 10 a.m., Sunday school 9 a.m. 715-449-3778.

► **ZION**, NALC, Caroline, Pastor Craig Nehring, 715-754-5045. SUNDAY: Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship 10:15 a.m. MONDAY: Choir, 6:30 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: 6-8 p.m. Confirmation class.

► **ZION**, N7630 Pine St., Eland. Pastor Michael Schram. SUNDAY: service 10:45 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Communion first and third Sunday.

► **ZION**, Embarrass, LCMS, Todd Jerabek, pastor, 715-823-3889. SUNDAY: Divine Service 8 a.m., Sunday School 9:10 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Divine Service 6:30 p.m.; THURSDAY: Bible Study 7 p.m. Holy Communion celebrated every Sunday.

► **ZION**, Missouri Synod, Gresham, 740 Main St. at County Roads A and G, Pastor John Eyer. SUNDAY: worship 8:30 a.m., UImet Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Communion first, third and fifth Sundays.

► **ZION**, ELCA, 1254 S. Union St., Shawano, Scott Ludford, pastor. SATURDAY: 5 p.m. SUNDAY: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Education hour 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Memorial Day through Labor Day, SATURDAY: 5 p.m. at Zion; SUNDAY: 8 a.m. at Zion, 9:30 a.m. at Shawano Lake County Park.

► **ZION**, Missouri Synod, Zachow; N4437 County Road F, Bonduel; Pastor Richard R. Buhrke. SUNDAY: United Inter-generational Ministry Education (UIM-SS/ABS) 9 a.m. September to May. Worship 10 a.m. September-May, 9 a.m. June-August; Communion first and third Sunday.

► **ZION** (Missouri Synod), 1700 Superior Ave., Oconto. 920-834-5037. SUNDAY: Worship 10:30 a.m.

► **ZION**, ELCA, 511 Spaulding St., Tigerton. 715-535-2312. Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen. SUNDAY: worship service with Holy Communion 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m.

Methodist

► **ANGELICA**, Lynn Tricker, pastor. SUNDAY: Service and Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

► **CHURCH ON THE HILL**, 1000 Engel Drive, 715-526-5380, Claudia Deede, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m., Children's Chapel 9:50 a.m. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Handicapped accessible.

► **HICKORY**, 9872 County Road M, Suring. Pastor: David Lyman. 920-842-2110. SUNDAY: Worship service 11 a.m., Sunday School 11 a.m. All ages welcome.

► **NEW HORIZONS**, 400 E. Front St., Wittenberg. 715-253-2785. Pastor Loretta Waegli. 715-853-4444. SUNDAY: 10 a.m.

► **OCOnton**, 641 Washington St., Oconto. Pastor David Henke. 920-834-2955. SUNDAY: Worship service 10:30 a.m.

► **OCOnton FALLS**, 165 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls. Pastor David Henke. 920-846-2154. SUNDAY: Worship service 9 a.m.

► **SALEM**, Red River, Claudia Deede, pastor. SUNDAY: Service 8:15 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Handicap accessible/elevator. Communion on the first Sunday.

► **SURING**, 314 Main St., Suring. 920-842-2110. SUNDAY: Worship service 9:30 a.m.

► **TABOR**, 120 W. Main St., Gillett. Pastor David Lyman. 920-855-2066. SUNDAY: Worship service 8 a.m.

► **ZION**, Bonduel, Lynn Tricker, pastor. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.; United Methodist Women Brunch Meeting 8:30 a.m. the first Sunday; Communion on the first Sunday. Handicap accessible/elevator.

Nondenominational

► **CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH**, 2780 School Lane, Green Bay. Pastors Dennis and Sandy Toyne. 920-662-1146. SUNDAY: Services 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Sunday School 9 a.m., CFC Youth Group 6:45 p.m.

► **FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**, 509 Alma St., Pound. Pastor Paul Smith. 920-606-4519. SUNDAY: Service 10 a.m., Bible study 9 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

► **FREEDOM BY THE WORD CHURCH**: 820 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. Beverly D. Kopp, senior pastor. 715-432-2390. fbtcwcl@gmail.com. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m. New Generation Children's Church 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Worship 6:30 p.m.

► **FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**, 212 E. State St., Bonduel. Pastors Danny and Lee Anne Hood. 920-471-7863. SUNDAY: Service 10 a.m.

► **GAME CHANGER MINISTRIES**, 507 E. Vinal St., Wittenberg. Pastor Bob Besch. 920-851-3241. SUNDAY: 10 a.m.

► **GRACE FAMILY CHURCH**, 113 N. Main St., Marion. Pastor Kelly Loken. 715-754-2550. SUNDAY: worship 9:30 a.m.

► **GROVER COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Church Road, Peshtigo. Pastors Rod Efta and Andy Davis. 920-582-4347. SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m., family hour 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Connection (youth clubs, teens and adults) 6:30 p.m.

► **HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Shawano, John Anderson, lead pastor; Todd Bonnin, administrative pastor. 302 Tristan Drive, 715-524-2320. SUNDAY: 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with kids ministry during both services for birth through grade 5; interpreter for the deaf at 10:30 a.m. service the third, fourth and fifth Sunday. TUESDAY: 6 p.m. True North for grades K-5. WEDNESDAY: 6:30 p.m. EPIC Student Ministries for grades 6-12. office@shawanochurch.org. www.shawanochurch.org

► **LIVING WORD MINISTRIES**, 940 Carney Blvd., Marinette.

Rev. Donald A. and Marcia L. Defnet. 715-735-3307. SATURDAY: Service and children's ministry with the Oogene Greene Puppet Family and Rovercomer the Faith Dog, 11 a.m.

► **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**, 516 Brazeau Ave., Oconto. Pastor Bobbie Skelly. 920-834-2411. MONDAY and WEDNESDAY: Ministry hours 1-4:30 p.m. Pastoral counseling available.

► **SPOKEN WORD**, 407 E. Division St., Shawano, L. Hamann, pastor. SUNDAY: Services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service 7 p.m. taped message by William Marion Branham.

Pentecostal

► **CALVARY APOSTOLIC**, 535 McKinley Ave., Clintonville, 715-823-2202. www.calvaryapostolic.ws. Patrick Kloehe, pastor. SUNDAY: Services 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult and youth services 7 p.m.

► **GOOD SAMARITAN**, 1086 State Highway 49, Eland. Pastor Frank Ritchie. 715-446-5064. SUNDAY: 10 a.m. THURSDAY: 7 p.m.

► **LIFE CHURCH**, 222 Mills St., Shawano, Michael McKinnies, pastor, 715-526-6332. SUNDAY: Foundations 10 a.m.; Celebration Service 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Life and Discovery 7 p.m. facshawano.org

► **LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**, 821 Superior Ave., Oconto. Pastor: Steven J. Dahl. 920-834-5510. www.ocontopentecostallighthouse.com. SUNDAY: Services 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Services 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian

► **COVENANT LIFE**, Sterling Plaza, 1415 E. Green Bay St., Suite 121B, Shawano, Rev. Gordon Oliver. Services: 10:30 a.m. Sunday. 920-980-4180.

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► **SHAWANO**, W7312 Cherry Ave., Rick Binford, pastor. 920-590-1474, 715-526-1725 or 715-524-5459; SATURDAY: Service 11 a.m., Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.

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Auditions for 'My Fair Lady' Monday and Tuesday

Popular play is Abrams troupe's spring musical

ABRAMS — Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. plans to hold auditions Monday and Tuesday for its spring musical, "My Fair Lady," to be presented March 20-22 and 27-29. The musical calls for various roles, both male and female, 10 years and older.

Originally produced on Broadway in 1956, "My Fair Lady" is Alan Lerner and Frederick Loewe's most popular musical collaboration. It earned nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The show depicts the transformation of "guttersnipe" Eliza Doolittle under

the tutelage of Professor Henry Higgins. "My Fair Lady" is presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark, a Concord Theatricals Company.

People will have two opportunities to audition: 6 p.m. Monday or 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Callbacks are 6-8 p.m. Dec. 18.

Individuals who audition should come prepared to sing a short selection of a song not from "My Fair Lady." They can sing a capella or bring a CD or phone to play music. The auditions will also include a reading from the script and a group choreography number. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.

For information, visit AbramsSpotlightProductions.com or contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com.

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Blood drive planned next week at Gillett Town Hall

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The community is invited to become a hometown hero and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood From noon to 5:30 p.m. Dec 20 at the Gillett Town Hall, 10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett. All donors can receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Donating blood is one of the simplest things a person can do to help save a patient's life. For the hour it takes to give blood, there could be a whole community of people thankful for another birthday given to their loved one.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, or visit redcrossblood.org or call Cora Rotter-Boerst, 920-855-2304. Completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire found at recrossblood.org/rapidpass is encouraged to help speed up the donation process.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

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Extra effort

These students have shown good effort and behavior in Jackie Rochon's physical education classes at Abrams Elementary School for the week of Dec. 2. Front row, Eliza Mahoney, first grade, left, and Skyla Wilson, second grade; back row, Lucas VanHulle, third grade; Emily VanDyke, fifth grade; and Ella Rhoads, fourth grade.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Dec. 6

Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Dylan D. Walk, 28, Suring, on felony charges of strangulation and suffocation and second-degree recklessly endangering safety, as well as misdemeanor animal mistreatment and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 5. His initial court appearance was adjourned until Dec. 12.

Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for Timothy J. Urbanek, 55, Pound, who is charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and three related misdemeanors in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 4. His initial appearance was adjourned until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Dec. 2

Judge Michael T. Judge and attorneys made final preparations for a three-day trial starting Monday (Dec. 9) in the case of Chasity M. Denny, 29, Oconto, on charges of first-degree reckless homicide and the manufacture with intent to deliver cocaine, in connection with the Sept. 12, 2018, death of Jeffrey Dean Pecha, as well as possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and

misdemeanor possession of cocaine, in connection with an alleged April 29 incident. A co-defendant, Brian A. Blasing, 29, Oconto, has his next scheduled court appearance Jan. 16.

A jury trial was rescheduled for March 18-20 in the case of Jonathan D. Everham, 33, Denmark, who is charged with first-degree child sexual assault and exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 17, 2018. A final pretrial conference was scheduled for March 9.

Marita C. Lynn, 50, Oconto, pleaded no contest to a charge of felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 26. Arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 14. In a plea agreement, a charge of maintaining a drug trafficking place and three related misdemeanors were dismissed on the prosecutor's motion. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 17 and ordered a presentence investigation.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Jared Scott Crampton, 28, Pound, on charges of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of THC and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 28. His initial appearance was adjourned until Dec. 12.

CLUB NOTES

Suring Lioness Club

The Suring Lioness will hold their cookie walk starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Suring School cafeteria, 411 Algoma St. Please use the rear entrance.

Due to circumstances beyond the Lionesses' control, this will be their last cookie walk. So come purchase their cookies and candy, and enjoy a cup of coffee.

Lena Class of 2022

Attention all serious cookie munchers! Delight yourself in an old-fashioned cookie walk. We would love to see you at Lena Public School

from 12:30-4 p.m. Friday or 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school library, 304 E. Main St., Lena, for our yearly event, an old-fashioned cookie walk.

Here you can purchase our delicious delights of homemade cookies and candies for just \$6 a pound. We will have a wide range of freshly baked goods so tasty you could say it was love at first bite.

This event is hosted by the Lena Class of 2022. At Lena Public School, we strive to be a bite above the rest, so come on down and put our talk to the test!

— Submitted by Gabbie Huycke and Emily Hurtado

Supervisor Nelson won't run again

GILLETT — An Oconto County Board supervisor from the town of Gillett has decided not to seek re-election.

Richard Nelson is the current incumbent in District 24, which covers

parts of the city and town of Gillett.

Candidates have until Dec. 21 to file a Notification of Noncandidacy and until 5 p.m. Jan. 7 to file nomination papers for the April 7 election.

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About 100 people gather for a Scripture reading and the singing of “Silent Night” as the Living Nativity hosted by HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital wraps up Thursday evening. Hospital colleagues and providers portrayed Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus, a shepherd, an angel and the three wise men. The manger was built by a hospital colleague and another hospital colleague’s husband.

ANGELA DEJA | CONTRIBUTED

MAIN STREET BUSTLES WITH CHRISTMAS CHEER



A stand-in for the jolly old elf greets visitors to the Treasure Tree during Oconto Falls’ Christmas Mouse Open House on Thursday.

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At the close of Thursday evening’s Living Nativity in Oconto Falls, about 100 community members gathered, with candles in hand, for a Scripture reading featuring the story of the night Jesus was born. To close the special presentation, a group of local carolers led the crowd in singing “Silent Night.”

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Gathering around the manger are the three wise men portrayed by, from left, Mike Stapleton, Joe Lawton and Bruce Judd; Mary and Joseph, Dr. Alexa Gavaga and Ted VanderMeuse; and angel Dr. Sadie Johnsen. The Living Nativity was hosted by HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in conjunction with the Christmas Mouse Open House.

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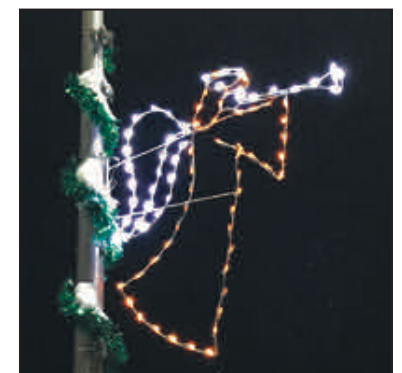
Carolers in Santa Claus suits stroll streets and businesses during the Christmas Mouse Open House to lend a cheerful note.

JOAN DENIS | CONTRIBUTED



Oconto Falls streetlights are decked out for the season.

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 5

Deputies logged 52 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near Lotter's BP, 822 E. Main St., Suring, 9:29 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 2000 block of Doran Street, Oconto, 11:13 a.m.

Child neglect — reported at an address in Lena, 12:14 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near Abrams BP, 2531 E. Frontage Road, Abrams, 1:23 p.m.

Fire — reported at Town Hall, 8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, 2:21 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 11000 block of Eagle Bluff Lane, Riverview, 2:51 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 9000 block of County Road G, Spruce, 8:26 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near U.S. 141 and County Road M, Lena, 3:23 a.m.; an accident near Jagiello Road and County Road A, Lena, 3:03 p.m.; a property-damage crash near South Range Line and Maple Grove School roads, Little River, 4:47 p.m.; and logged five deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 4

Deputies logged 58 incidents, including the following:

Fraud — reported in the 6000 block of Cream City Road, Oconto, 8:52 a.m.

Tree down — reported in the 6000 block of Anthony Drive, Little Suamico, 11:03 a.m.

Line down — reported on East Chain Lake Road between state Highway 32 and Village View Drive, Townsend, 3:05 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 4000 block of Liegeois Road, Pensaukee, 8:24 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near County Road F and East Riverside Road, Lakewood, 12:42 p.m.; a property-damage crash near Pine Ridge Road and County Road T, Townsend, 3:43 p.m.; a property-damage crash in the 8000 block of South Chase Road, Chase, 3:58 p.m.; and an accident near state Highway 64 and Parkway Road, Brazeau, 7:56 p.m.; and logged four deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Dec. 3

Deputies logged 47 incidents, including the following:

Tree down — reported near East Chain Lake Road and state Highway 32, Townsend, 1:42 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 4000 block of Old State Road, Pensaukee, 2:38 p.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 11000 block of County Road Z, Bagley, 10:57 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident near U.S. 41 and Erdman Lane, Pensaukee, 7:03 a.m.; an accident near Sandalwood

Road and County Road D, Abrams, 8:04 a.m.; an accident near County Road VV and Kalous Road, Underhill, 2:21 p.m.; an accident near County Road W and Emily Road, Mountain, 3:51 p.m.; and an accident along U.S. 41-141, Abrams, 4:49 p.m.; and logged four deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Four ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 2

Deputies logged 55 incidents, including the following:

Noise disturbance — reported in the 400 block of West Main Street, Lena, 12:35 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 17000 block of Unity Drive, Townsend, 12:37 a.m.

Tree down — reported along Spirea Road, Stiles, 9:18 a.m.

Child abuse — reported at an address in Stiles, 3:58 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 6000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 6:58 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 8000 block of Hall Road, Little River, 7:15 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 6000 block of County Road A, Lena, 8:58 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near Parkway Road and state Highway 64, Brazeau, 6:14 a.m.; an accident near County Road S and Pecor Point Lane, Pensaukee, 7:18 a.m.; an accident along state Highway 32-64, Riverview, 11:39 a.m.; a property-damage crash near County Roads A and J, Little River, 1:02 p.m.; an accident near County Roads R and VV, Underhill, 1:08 p.m.; and a property-damage crash near County Road AA and South Branch Road, Breed, 6:53 p.m.

Ambulance — Four ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 1

Deputies logged 90 incidents, including the following:

Tree down — reported near Elm Lawn Road and County Road E, Morgan, 6:32 a.m.

Tree down — reported near Peshtigo Brook Road and Veteran Street, Suring, 7:03 a.m.

Tree Down — reported near North Anderson Lake Lane and Leos Road, Mountain, 8:15 a.m.

Utility problem — reported in the 13000 block of Section 4 Lane, Mountain, 8:30 a.m.

Road closing — County Road N, Oconto, 8:38 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5600 block of Business 41, Oconto, 9:15 a.m.

Line down — reported near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Oconto, 9:24 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 15000 block of Mcboyce Drive, Riverview, 10:58 a.m.

Utility problem — reported in the 3000 block of County Road J, Abrams, 11:01 a.m.

Tree down — reported in the 3000 block of Maple Grove School Road, Little

River, 11:12 a.m.

Tree down — reported along Bay Road, Little River, 11:24 a.m.

Tree down — reported near Hogsback and Woodview roads, Little River, 11:25 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 6000 block of Allen Road, Little Suamico, 11:47 a.m.

Tree down — reported along state Highway 32, Maple Valley, 12:03 p.m.

Utility problem — reported along Pecor Street, Oconto, 12:02 p.m.

Tree down — reported near North Brown County Line and Jaworski roads, Chase, 12:43 pm.

Tree down — reported in the 13000 block of Hill Road, How, 12:49 p.m.

Disturbance — reported near state Highway 32 and Sandy Lane, Breed, 1:12 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 9000 block of Gray Lake Road, Oconto Falls, 1:58 p.m.

Tree down — reported near state Highway 22-32 and McKenzie Street, Gillett, 2:03 p.m.

Line down — reported in the 5000 block of Mayflower Lane, Underhill, 2:25 p.m.

Tree down — reported near County Road S and SS, Pensaukee, 3:26 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 5000 block of Machickanee Lane, Stiles, 3:52 p.m.

Tree down — reported near White Lake Road and County Road Z, Bagley, 4:47 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 6000 block of Geano Beach Road, Little Suamico, 4:52 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 13000 block of County Road H, Underhill, 4:54 p.m.

Utility problem — reported along Bay Road, Little River, 5:45 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 10000 block of County Road B, Brazeau, 5:50 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 5000 block of Flat Rock Heights Lane, Gillett, 6:12 p.m.

Tree down — reported on White Lake Road a half-mile east of County Road Z, Maple Valley, 6:44 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 12000 block of County Road VV, Underhill, 7:57 p.m.

Line down — reported in the 17000 block of Landing Lake, Doty, 8:09 p.m.

Tree down — reported near Peshtigo Brook and Herning roads, Breed, 8:28 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 5000 block of County Road HH, Underhill, 9:46 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident on U.S. 41-141 near East Brown Road, Little Suamico, 4:57 a.m.; a property-damage crash near Mourning Dove and East Brown roads, Little Suamico, 5:55 a.m.; an accident in the 9000 block of County Road Z, Brazeau, 8:09 a.m.; an accident near

Old 141 and Goatsville roads, Lena, 8:45 a.m.; and accident near state Highway 22 and Cream City Road, Oconto, 9:43 a.m.; an accident near County Road A and Sunshine Road, Lena, 9:54 a.m.; an accident in the 4000 block of U.S. 41, Pensaukee, 10:03 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 141 and East Stiles Tower Road, Abrams, 10:24 a.m.; an accident on U.S. 41 south of Frog Pond Road, Oconto, 10:42 a.m.; an accident near U.S. 41 and state Highway 22, Oconto, 12:29 p.m.; an accident near U.S. 141 and Kottke Lane, Lena, 12:35 p.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and County Road A, Little River, 1:44 p.m.; a personal-injury accident near U.S. 41-141 and County Road S, Little Suamico, 5:40 p.m.; and an accident in the 16000 block of Shay Lake Road, Doty, 7:44 p.m.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

Nov. 30

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported at the Windmill, 6949 State Highway 22, Stiles, 1:16 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near U.S. 41-141 and County Road D, Abrams, 3:22 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near U.S. 41-141 and County Road D, Abrams, 4:34 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Gillett Town Hall Road and County Road V, Gillett, 8:12 a.m.

Road closing — a portion of County Road Y, Little River, 8:36 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of East Armstrong Street, Gillett, 9:09 a.m.

Theft — reported near White Lake Road, Maple Valley, 10:27 a.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 11000 block of Lentz Road, Brazeau, 1:12 p.m.

Suspicious — reported at City Park, 5182 County Road N, Oconto, 2:09 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 3000 block of Brock Road, Maple Valley, 2:53 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along Erickson Lane, Riverview, 4:26 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near Old Grave Road and County Road T, Doty, 7:35 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash in the 11000 block of state Highway 32, Maple Valley, 2:53 a.m.; a property-damage crash near Horn Lake Road and Waxwing Lane, Townsend, 10:56 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and Range Line Road, Pensaukee, 5:01 p.m.; a property-damage crash near County Road T and Townsend Dam Road, Townsend, 5:55 p.m.; a property-damage crash on U.S. 41-141 near Oak Orchard Road, Abrams, 7:43 p.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Oconto, 8:28 p.m.; and a property damage crash on U.S. 41-141 near Oak Orchard Road, Abrams, 10:25 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Seven ambulance calls

were received.

Nov. 29

Deputies logged 55 incidents, including the following:

Structure fire — reported in the 12000 block of South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 12:33 a.m.

Automobile theft — reported in the 15000 block of state Highway 32, Riverview, 8:04 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Logan and Blue roads, Breed, 10:47 a.m.

Sexual assault — reported at an address in the town of Gillett, 11:42 a.m.

Utility problem — reported in the 4000 block of U.S. 41, Pensaukee, 3:44 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 5000 block of County Road B, Oconto Falls, 3:47 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 100 block of North McKenzie Street, Gillett, 5:46 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged five deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Four ambulance calls were received.

Nov. 28

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including the following:

Noise disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of North Brown County Line

Road, Chase, 2:09 a.m.

Suspicious — reported at Chute Pond Campground, 12436 Chute Dam Lane, Mountain, 8:45 a.m.

ATV accident — reported near the 7000 block of Lone Pine Court, Chase, 3:25 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Section 8 Church Road, Brazeau, 5:49 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near state Highway 64 and Hills Pond Road, Doty, 6:41 a.m.; and a property-damage crash in the 6000 block of state Highway 32, 11:49 a.m.; and logged four deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Five ambulance calls were received.

Nov. 27

Deputies logged 53 incidents, including the following:

Tree down — reported along Niemann Road, Riverview, 6:10 a.m.

Road closing — County Road Y at County Road A, Little River, 6:54 a.m.

Tree down — reported near County Road W and Bear Paw Road, Mountain, 7:42 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 17000 block of Horn Lake Road, Townsend, 7:42 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 18000 block of El Dorado Road, Townsend, 8:07 a.m.

Tree down — reported near Tam Dam Road and Up North Lane, Riverview, 8:16 a.m.

Tree down — reported near Forest Hill Drive and Whispering Pines Lane, Townsend, 8:30 a.m.

Tree down — reported in the 17000 block of East Wheeler Lake Lane, Lakewood, 8:49 a.m.

Tree down — reported near County Road F and Crowell Lane, Lakewood, 9:11 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 14000 block of Hatchery Lane, Lakewood, 10:11 a.m.

Line down — reported along Flower Lake Drive, Riverview, 10:16 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 12000 block of Lonzo Lane, Doty, 10:52 a.m.

Tree down — reported along El Dorado Road, Townsend, 12:27 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 4000 block of Bell Bridge Road, Pensaukee, 1:12 p.m.

Tree down — reported near Chestnut and Beaver Lake roads, Oconto Falls, 1:42 p.m.

Line down — reported near Oralea Lane and Bullfrog Bend, Townsend, 1:50

p.m.

Tree down — reported along Lafave Road, Riverview, 2:54 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 100 block of East Main Street, Lena, 3:28 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 14000 block of Hatchery Lane, Lakewood, 3:33 p.m.

Line down — reported in the 17000 block of East Wheeler Lake Lane, Lakewood, 4:15 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 9000 block of Morgan River Road, Morgan, 4:51 p.m.

Tree down — reported near Old 32 Road and County Road F, Lakewood, 4:55 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Section 8 Church Road, Brazeau, 8:24 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near state Highway 32 and Thelen Road, Riverview, 10:52 a.m.; and an accident near Island Lake Road and state Highway 32, Riverview, 11:43 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Six ambulance calls were received.

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Garden trees and shrubs that are especially valuable and used as specimen plants in the yard and garden should be protected from a variety of winter hazards. Perhaps the most destructive is damage caused by hungry rodents, such as rabbits and voles.



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Rabbits and voles may cause girdling damage to decorative trees and shrubs. Girdling is where the entire base of the trunk of the plant is debarked, or gnawed completely bare around the entire perimeter. This is destructive to the plant because valuable nutrients are carried through this bark layer. Once it is completely removed around the entire base of the tree, the plant has a hard time recovering and will potentially die off within a season or two.

Another potential hazard is feeding by deer. Deer can cause extensive damage in a short period of time if they move into the yard or garden and begin to nibble away at twigs and branches loaded with buds already for the spring season.

While in some cases, a little natural pruning is fine, feeding deer can do quite a bit of damage to expensive specimen plants that are not protected from their feeding activity.

There are a variety of options for protecting trees and shrubs from feeding wildlife. Tree guards, tree wraps and caging are among the most popular. These options come in a number of styles and forms; you can either purchase premade guards and wraps or create your own from items you may have around the home.

Tree guards are often made out of plastic or PVC and are a popular and easy-to-install choice for valuable trees in the garden, as well as newly planted trees that need protection for their first few years while the base of the trunk is young and tender.

It is important that the guard is



Protecting young trees during their first few winters is important to prevent loss from girdling caused by hungry rodents.

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Tree guards come in a number of different styles and can be used for trees of various sizes and ages.

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sufficient in length, or height. Many people install tree guards that are much too short. For maximum protection, estimate how deep the snow will be around the tree, then be sure your tree guard stands a minimum of 18 inches above that anticipated snow line. Three feet higher than the snow line is a much better safety measure.

Tree guards can be installed at the time of planting and left in place during all four seasons for further protection from feeding rodents. Or they can be installed anytime for seasonal protection from wildlife.

Some tree guards are flexible and can remain on the tree for many years. Others, however, are rigid and must be removed or replaced as the

tree continues to grow.

Another option for winter protection is to install tree wrapping around the base of the tree or shrub. Tree wraps are available in a variety of materials including metallic foil, corrugated plastic and heavy duty tape. These wraps are easy to install as you simply wrap them around the tree to a desired height for protection from gnawing rodents. Follow the label instructions for proper attachment. Some varieties are adhesive while others are not.

Installing wire cages around trees or shrubs is another option for protecting from predators. Caging can be done seasonally before the snow begins to pile up, or left permanently until the plant is large enough to withstand feeding wildlife.

You can purchase premade plant cages, or create your own out of a variety of wire materials and hardware cloth. For vole protection, it is important to use the smallest wire mesh possible when installing a cage around the base of the tree or shrub. For rabbits, wire mesh or chicken wire with smaller openings is sufficient. Deer caging must be of sufficient height to protect the plant from hungry deer. Generally, this is at least 6-8 feet, depending upon the type of plant.

In some cases, notably some conifers, loosely wrapping the plant in burlap offers protection against deer, as well as against the desiccating potential from the winter sun.

There are gardeners out there who swear by the use of cut up soap chunks, especially Irish Spring, or mesh bags filled with dog or horse hair hung from valuable trees and shrubs in the garden for protection from deer and rabbits during winter. Use these methods at your own risk, preferably in combination with cages or wrapping in case they are not dependable.

There are also a number of repellents on the market, from granules to sprays to sonic repellents to keep feeding rodents and deer at bay during the winter season. A physical barrier always offers more reliable protection as some of the others need to be reapplied frequently throughout the season.

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ABOVE: Some gardeners prefer tree wraps to protect trees and shrubs during the winter season.

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CLUB NOTES

Lena Lions Club

The Lena Lions have welcomed four new members this fall.

Lion Mike Nompleggi is the son of Allen "Beetle" Bailey and Tammy Gallagher. Nompleggi is from Oconto Falls where he graduated from Oconto Falls High School. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and earned a degree in education. Nompleggi teaches seventh and eighth grade social studies and English at Lena Middle School.

Nompleggi's hobbies include playing sports, coaching sports, writing, listening to music and spending time with family. He feels joining the Lena Lions will give him a chance to support and give back to the community of Lena.

Lion Jeff Heimke is a graduate of Oconto Falls High School. He attended UW-Whitewater and graduated with a major in business education and a minor in coaching. He completed his student teaching at Waunakee High School and has been teaching business education at Lena High School since 2008.

Heimke enjoys trap shooting, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors. In the summers, he works on construction projects and helps on his parents' farm.

Heimke enjoys teaching and coaching in Lena and has formed many friendships with co-workers and community members. He is looking forward to serving as a member of the Lena Lions Club.

Lion Lisa Misco has lived in Lena for 20 years with her husband, Chad, and two children, Alexis and Luke. With Chad working as a physical education teacher and coach in Lena, and Alexis and Luke both attend-

ing Lena High School, Misco and her family are very involved in the school and community.

Misco completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education at Winona State University in Minnesota. She moved to Northeast Wisconsin to start her professional career as a special education teacher in the Howard-Suamico School District. She worked the past 15 years as an administrator in K-12 education. She currently serves as the executive director of special education for CESA 8, an agency that serves school districts throughout Northeast Wisconsin. In addition, Misco is on the Leadership Oconto County steering committee. She also serves as treasurer of the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services. Misco is on the State Superintendent's Advisory Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment Education and teaches leadership classes to prospective school administrators through Silver Lake College.

In her free time, Misco enjoys running, boating, golfing and being outdoors. She is looking forward to serving the community as a Lena Lions Club member.

Lion Sara Diehlmann is a graduate of Lena High School. She attended UW-Green Bay, where she earned a bachelor's degree in social work. Diehlmann received a master's degree in counseling from Lakeland University.

Diehlmann worked for county services for about 10 years and is now a counselor at Pulaski High School.

Diehlmann lives in Suamico but has many friends and family in Lena, and she is looking forward to working with the Lena Lions Club to the support the community.



Lion Ken Linzmeyer, left, new Lion Mike Nompleggi and Lion President Mike Diehlmann after Nompleggi joined the club. CONTRIBUTED



From left, Lion Ken Linzmeyer, new Lion Sara Diehlmann and Lion President Mike Diehlmann. CONTRIBUTED



Lion Ken Linzmeyer, left, new Lion Jeff Heimke and Lion President Mike Diehlmann. CONTRIBUTED



From left, Lion Ken Linzmeyer, new Lion Lisa Misco and Lion President Mike Diehlmann. CONTRIBUTED

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

OCONTO FALLS: Blessing of the Love Lights tree, 1 p.m., HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, 855 S. Main St. Social to follow.

OCONTO: Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m., First American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Jim, 920-834-6276.

OCONTO FALLS: AA Group, 8 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 170 N. Washington St.

SURING: School Board, 5:30 p.m., school conference room, 411 Algoma St.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County DAV Chapter 45, 6:30 p.m. Senior Center, 512 Caldwell Ave.

LITTLE RIVER: Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 3627 County Road A.

LENA: Lena Knights of Columbus, 7:30 p.m., St. Anne Parish Center, 221 E. Main St.

ABRAMS: American Legion Post 523, Auxiliary 6 p.m., Post 6:30 p.m., Patriot Golf Course, 2954 Sandalwood Road.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

OCONTO FALLS: Al-Anon, 5 p.m., Oconto Falls Community Library, 251 N. Main St.

OCONTO FALLS: Narcotics Anonymous (closed meeting) 6 p.m., Community Room B, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, 855 S. Main St.

ABRAMS: Town Board, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 5877 Main St.

MAPLE VALLEY: Town Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 9088 Highway Z, 920-842-2049.

OCONTO FALLS: American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., Senior Center, 512 Caldwell Ave.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

LENA: Old-Fashioned Cookie Walk, 12:30-4 p.m., Lena High School Library, 304 E. Main St.

ABRAMS: "Elf The Musical Jr.," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc., AbramsTheater.com.

OCONTO FALLS: Story Hour/Play Group, 9:30-11 a.m., Oconto Falls Community Library, 251 N. Main St.

OCONTO: Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., First American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Jim, 920-834-6276.

GILLETT: Preschool story time, 10-11 a.m., Library, 200 E. Main St.

LENA: Story hour, 10:30 a.m., Lena Public Library, 200 E. Main St.

LITTLE SUAMICO: Golden Agers Senior Card Club, 1 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 1253 County Road J, 920-835-4069.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

SURING: Lioness Club Cookie Walk, 9 a.m. until gone, Suring School Cafeteria, 411 Algoma St. Use rear entrance.

GILLETT: Open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Kuehl Funeral Home, 108 E. Main St. Snacks and beverages, military ceremony at noon.



The fishing dock along North Main Street in Oconto Falls is part of the city's Avenue of Lights.

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ABRAMS: "Elf The Musical Jr.," 1 and 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc., AbramsTheater.com.

MOUNTAIN: American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot, 1 p.m., Skinny Dave's, 12848 State Highway 32.

SUAMICO: Al-Anon meeting, 8 a.m., St. Edward & Isidore Church, 3667 Flintville Road, Kathy, 920-606-9007 or www.al-anon.alateen.org.

GILLETT: Gillett-Suring Clergy Association, Ruby's Pantry, registration 8-10 a.m., food distribution 8:30 a.m., Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St., 920-855-2962, 320-629-7400 or www.rubyspantry.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

ABRAMS: "Elf The Musical Jr.," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc., AbramsTheater.com.

GILLETT: Christmas musical "Star Search," 7 p.m., Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22 West.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

LENA: Old-Fashioned Cookie Walk, 3:30-7:30 p.m., Lena High School Library, 304 E. Main St.

ABRAMS: Auditions for "My Fair Lady," 6 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. For more information, visit AbramsSpotlightProductions.com or contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com.

KELLY LAKE: Sanitary District #1, 6 p.m., district office, 9535 Green Acres St. Call 920-842-4527 by

Friday to be placed on the agenda.

OCONTO: Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., First American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Jim, 920-834-6276.

OCONTO FALLS: Senior Citizen Card Club, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 512 Caldwell Ave.

OCONTO: Overeaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 133 Jackson St., Teresa W., 920-604-1775.

LENA: Village Board, 6:30 p.m., Village Hall, 117 E. Main St.

LENA: School Board, 6:30 p.m., District Board Room, 304 E. Main St.

COLEMAN: School Board, 7 p.m., Board Room, 343 Business 141 N.

OCONTO: School Board, 7 p.m., Middle School, 400 Michigan Ave.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

GILLETT: Christmas cantata "We Have Our Savior," 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St.

ABRAMS: Auditions for "My Fair Lady," 6 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. For more information, visit AbramsSpotlightProductions.com or contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com.

OCONTO: Holiday open house, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Stephenson National Bank & Trust, 101 Bralick Way. Light refreshments at all SNBT locations.

LAKEWOOD: Story Time, 10 a.m., Lakes Country

Public Library, 15235 Highway 32. Children ages 3 and up. 715-276-9020.

SURING: Playgroup and Story Hour, 9-11 a.m., Library, 604 E. Main St.

OCONTO FALLS: Kingdom Come Food Pantry, 520 N. Locust St., Oconto Falls, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Resale shop open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ABRAMS: Friends of Abrams, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 5877 Main St.

OCONTO FALLS: Victims of Domestic Abuse Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, 855 S. Main St., 920-834-5299.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

GILLETT: School Board, 6:30 p.m., secondary school library, 208 W. Main St.

OCONTO: County employees blood drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Courthouse, 301 Washington St.

OCONTO: Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m., First American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Jim, 920-834-6276.

OCONTO FALLS: AA Group, 8 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 170 N. Washington St.

PULASKI: School Board, 6 p.m., district office meeting room, 143 W. Green Bay St.

GILLETT: Care Share Food Pantry, pre-bagged, 10-11 a.m., St. John's Lutheran, 101 W. Main St.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Oconto Falls' Jaden Ganter, top, holds down Pulaski's Ashten Kapla during a match at the Pulaski Invitational on Jan. 26. Ganter and the Panthers hope to turn in a strong dual record in the loaded North Eastern Conference this winter. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Experienced core hopes to lead Oconto Falls to successful season on mat

Gillett/Suring, Lena each looking for youth to produce

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

OCONTO FALLS — Despite competing in the loaded North Eastern Conference, the Oconto Falls High School wrestling team believes it can put together a big season.

Oconto Falls, which will be coached by Dave Brasier, has several wrestlers back from last year's team that went 9-6 in duals for the season and 5-3 in NEC duals.

Two of the returning wrestlers — senior Tyler Budz and sophomore Clayton Whiting — ended last season competing at state, with Whiting winning a Division 2 title as a freshman in the 152-pound weight class.

Whiting heads into his sophomore season with some big individual goals, but he also hopes to help the team to a successful season.

"My goal is to be the best teammate I can be, (whether it) means

scoring bonus points or staying after practice to help our younger wrestlers," said Whiting.

Winning another state title while going undefeated are other season goals for Whiting, who one day hopes to wrestle at the Division I college level and compete in the Olympics.

Budz hopes to end his season at state again, but this time placing in his weight class.

The senior also hopes to be a leader for the Panthers.

"I have been leading the youth program for the last couple years, and I love helping our wrestling program as much as possible," said Budz. "I plan to lead practices and help our younger kids so we have a complete team. We have great coaches, and I believe we can do great things this year."

Also back for Oconto Falls this winter are juniors Elijah Zielinski, Aidan Stary and Trevor Schindel and sophomores Jacob Kaminski and Jaden Ganter.

Zielinski and Stary have each qualified for sectionals before, while Stary also made the NEC honorable mention team last year.

"If the guys keep up the intensity

in the practice room, I believe the sky's the limit for us as a team," said Whiting. "We should be competitive with some of the recent D2 powerhouses, hopefully returning OF to team state and a team title."

Oconto Falls gets the privilege of competing inside its own school for regionals and possibly sectionals (should individuals or the team advance) this year.

"It would be very exciting for our wrestlers to win regionals as a team in our own gym," said Brasier.

Marinette & Oconto Conference

The Gillett/Suring co-op and Lena teams both head into the season with a lot of new faces on their rosters.

Gillett/Suring, which is coached by Jeremy Krueger, must replace Sam Lemens, a state qualifier from last year. The team will look for its younger wrestlers to achieve that.

"We have a lot of new wrestlers and still are working on building a full team," said Krueger, who is "looking forward to an exciting season."

Lena comes into the season as its own team after serving as a co-op with St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in the past.

Coach Chad Misco said he has eight freshmen on the team this winter, which will eventually allow him to roll out a complete lineup for duals.

"We will have a young squad, but having a full squad will go a long way in dual meets and tournaments," said Misco.

Leading the team will be senior Alex Decoursin and junior Richard Fieck. Each wrestler made it to sectionals last year.

Junior Kevin Chang is also back with experience, while Misco expects freshmen Ayden Decoursin, Sam Marquardt and Luke Misco to make solid impacts this season.

"As a team, I would like us to use communication more often and encourage each other on the mat, and even off the mat," said Alex Decoursin, who hopes to end the year by competing at state.

Gillett/Suring and Lena will each take part in the Division 3 Lena regional, with any qualifying individuals and teams moving on to the Bonduel sectional at Shawano Community High School.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Falls girls stumble in clash with Freedom

Panthers unable to halt 1st-half run

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

OCONTO FALLS — The Oconto Falls High School girls basketball team gave ranked Freedom all it could handle in the opening minutes, but the No. 2 ranked team in Division 3 pulled away for a 68-22 win on Thursday.

Despite knowing the tall test that awaited, Oconto Falls came into the North Eastern Conference matchup confident and playing with lots of energy.

Freedom opened the game on an 8-0 run, but Oconto Falls continued to battle.

Sophomore Alexis Euclide got the hosts on the scoreboard with a pair of free throws with 15:04 remaining in the half.

After a Freedom free throw, Oconto Falls got field goals from seniors Kari Albrecht and Natalie Brauer to get within three points.

The visitors extended their lead with a couple of free throws but continued to be stifled by the Oconto Falls' defense otherwise, so the team called timeout with 11:20 to play in the half.

In the next two minutes and 20 seconds, Freedom scored seven points to go up 18-6 and force a Panthers' timeout.

Oconto Falls wasn't able to slow the run, as the Irish ended up scoring 30 of the half's final 34 points to take a 39-10 lead into halftime.

"It was more they were just outplaying us," said Euclide on what happened during the big run. "They were beating us defensively, beating

us offensively. We weren't getting in gaps, we weren't being where we were supposed to be. We needed to play basketball the way we knew and not worry about how much they were beating us by."

The Panthers continued to battle in the second half, but were unable to put together a big run to challenge Freedom's lead.

Oconto Falls coach Mike Kaczmarek Jr. loved the effort his team showed in the contest, despite what the scoreboard showed.

"We worked hard. We battled through adversity early and the kids never gave up and they worked for all 36 minutes," Kaczmarek said.

The coach said he was pleased with the defensive effort but that the team had work to do on the offensive end moving forward.

Albrecht ended up leading the Panthers in scoring with six points. Sophomore Hailey Peitersen added five points, including a tough 3-point play in the second half.

"We knew it was going to be tough and we knew we had to come out physical, but we learned that we have to stay positive the whole game, no matter what the score is. We just have to play our game, play the best we can and work together as a team," said Albrecht.

Freedom 39 29 — 68

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Freedom (68): Kelly Garrett 0-0 3, Sage Greiner 2-2 5, Cameron Evers 1-2 1, Carly Peters 0-0 2, Gabby Johnson 0-1 14, Karissa Wurster 1-1 3, Haylie Weyenberg 2-2 7, Callie Genke 0-0 16, Taylor Haase 1-2 7, Mackenzie Hennes 1-1 3, Jady Feucht 0-0 2, Megan Alexander 5-6 5.

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Oconto Falls' McKayla Goebel, left, drives toward the basket during Thursday's North Eastern Conference matchup against Freedom in Oconto Falls.

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Oconto Falls' Carleigh Kaczmarek, left, makes a pass during Thursday's North Eastern Conference matchup against Freedom in Oconto Falls.

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Deer harvest numbers down nearly 25%

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

MADISON — While gun deer license sales numbers were on par with previous seasons, harvest totals took a big hit.

After 213,972 deer were registered statewide in 2018, 160,769 were registered during this year's nine-day season, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. That is a 24.9% decrease.

About the same number of licenses were purchased between the two years — 564,664 licenses this year, compared to 576,277 last year.

Shawano County, part of the Central Farmland deer management zone, saw a 19.9% drop in total deer harvests — 5,407 this year to 6,751 in 2018. Antlered deer harvests (2,195) dropped 27.7% from 2018, while antlerless harvests (3,212) took a 13.5% dip.

Oconto County is split into two management zones, the Central Farmland and Northern Forest.

In the Central Farmland, harvest totals dropped by 23.1% for antlered and antlerless deer. A total of 3,354 deer (1,615 antlered, 1,739 antlerless) were registered in 2019 opposed to

4,363 total deer in 2018.

Oconto County's North Forest zone saw a 51.8% drop in deer harvests. Just 444 deer (323 antlered, 121 antlerless) were registered this year after 922 total were taken in 2018.

As of Wednesday, Paul Hartrick, a conservation warden in Oconto County, said he hadn't heard much negative feedback from hunters regarding not seeing as many deer during the gun seasons.

Central Farmland zones as a whole saw a 20% drop in harvests, while the Northern Forest zones went down 38.2%.

Surrounding counties didn't fare any better, with Waupaca (24.7%), Outagamie (26.3%) and Brown (18.4%) all seeing drops in harvest numbers.

Full preliminary harvest totals can be found at dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlife-habitat/harvest/deerharvest.html.

Factors that could have played a role in the vast drop in harvest totals — according to the DNR release — include the season starting later, weather conditions and standing crops.

The DNR noted that because of the way the calendar laid out, Wisconsin

had its latest possible season opener this year. In 2018, the season started as early as it could have.

Similar hits in harvest numbers occurred in 2012-13 and 2007-08 when the season lined up in the same way.

With the season starting later, less rutting activity also took place across the state.

Hartrick said he saw and was told of strong rutting activity "the couple weeks building up to the gun deer season, and honestly, the week before the gun deer season, it shut off. I was not seeing as many deer moving."

Opening weekend brought warmer temperatures for most of the state before mid-week snowstorms made hunting, and traveling to hunting destinations, tough for many.

While some hunters had the chance to hunt over or near cut crop fields, many hunters didn't have that luxury. Some crop fields were still up because of wet and rainy conditions during a good portion of the summer and fall, giving deer more areas to hide.

While each county will assess how to move forward following the down year, Hartrick doesn't anticipate any major changes in the way the season is structured and how many tags are

distributed per hunter.

"I still believe the deer numbers are up. There's a sufficient amount of deer," said Hartrick about the farmland units. "To be honest, I really think that buck numbers are going to be up next year because of the amount of bucks that were saved due to them not moving after the rut."

A total of four hunting incidents were reported as of Tuesday, with one each in Oneida, Marathon, Fond du Lac and Washburn counties.

Any hunters that forget or failed to register their deer are urged to do so online at gamereg.wi.gov or by calling 844-426-3734.

For hunters still hoping to harvest more deer, there are an ample amount of opportunities to do so.

The statewide muzzleloader hunt runs through Dec. 11 before a statewide four-day antlerless-only hunt from Dec. 12-15. In select Farmland Zone counties, a nine-day antlerless-only hunt will also be held from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1.

The archery and crossbow seasons will continue through Jan. 5 for the state, while select Farmland Zone counties have an extended archery and crossbow season from Jan. 5-31.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Suring 47

Coleman 42

Suring rallied from an early deficit and held on late for a thrilling Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Coleman on Friday in Suring.

Kylee Stelzer led Suring, totaling 24 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and three steals. She also took a charge with nine seconds left and Coleman down just three points.

Paige Krueger added nine points and grabbed five rebounds for Suring, while Kelsey Smith pulled down 14 rebounds. Kate Mahoney hit a pair of clutch 3-pointers in the final five minutes.

Gillett 69

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 35

Gillett eased to a Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Dec. 3 in Gillett.

Karissa Schaal powered Gillett with 26 points, while Aubrey DeBauch chipped in 14 points. Camryn Long posted eight points.

Suring 59

Goodman/Pembine 5

Suring cruised to a nonconference win over Goodman/Pembine on Dec. 3 in Suring.

Kylee Stelzer led a balanced Suring attack with 14 points. She also tallied eight steals, seven rebounds and four assists.

Paige Krueger tallied 10 points, while Macyn

Garrigan contributed eight points and five rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls 62

Denmark 59

Oconto Falls held off Denmark to pick up a North Eastern Conference victory Friday in Denmark.

Mitchell Manns scored 23 points, 19 of which came in the second half, to power Oconto Falls. Zach Parsons added 16 points.

Joey Walters contributed nine points for the Panthers, while Jarod Parsons finished with eight.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

WRESTLING: Oconto Falls at Wrightstown, 6:30 p.m., Wrightstown High School, 600 High St., Wrightstown.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Oconto Falls vs. Wrightstown, 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

WRESTLING: Lena/STAA vs. Elcho, 7 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Suring vs. Gillett, 7:15 p.m., Suring High School, 411 Algoma St., Suring.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Lena at Oneida Nation, 7:15 p.m., Oneida Nation High School, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Oconto Falls at Denmark, 7 p.m., Denmark High School, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Gillett vs. Niagara, 7:15 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Suring at Crivitz, 7:15 p.m., Crivitz High School, 400 South Ave., Crivitz.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Lena vs. St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, 7:15 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

WRESTLING: Oconto Falls at invitational, 9:15 a.m., Bay Port High School, 2710 Lineville Road, Green Bay.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

BOYS BASKETBALL: Oconto Falls vs. Menominee (Mich.), 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gillett at Bonduel, 6 p.m., Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Oconto Falls at Little Chute, 7 p.m., Little Chute High School, 1402 Freedom Road, Little Chute.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Suring at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, 7 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, 1200

Main St., Marinette.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Gillett vs. Bowler, 7:15 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Lena vs. Niagara, 7:15 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

WRESTLING: Oconto Falls at conference meet, 5 p.m., Denmark High School, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Oconto Falls at Little Chute, 7 p.m., Little Chute High School, 1402 Freedom Road, Little Chute.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gillett vs. Wabeno/Laona, 7 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Suring vs. Gillett, 7:15 p.m., Suring High School, 411 Algoma St., Suring.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Lena at Oneida Nation, 7:15 p.m., Oneida Nation High School, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

WRESTLING: Oconto Falls at tournament, 5 p.m., Central High School, 8516 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Oconto Falls vs. Luxemburg-Casco, 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gillett vs. Lena, 7:15 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Suring at Wausaukee, 7:15 p.m., Wausaukee High School, N11941 U.S. Highway 141, Wausaukee.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

WRESTLING: Oconto Falls at tournament, 9 a.m., Central High School, 8516 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis.

WRESTLING: Lena/STAA at invitational, 9:30 a.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano.



Gillett's Karissa Schaal goes up for a layup during a nonconference game against Wittenberg-Birnawood on Nov. 21 in Wittenberg.
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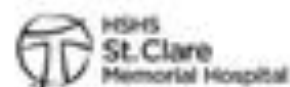
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- 17. Bovine hangout
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- 19. *Scrooge's late partner
- 21. *December 26th, a.k.a. _____ Day
- 23. Ideas worth spreading, acr.
- 24. Great deal
- 25. *Like Santa's suit
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- 46. Castaway's home
- 47. Fungal spore sacs
- 48. Pencil end, often
- 50. _____-a-Sketch
- 52. Summer color
- 53. Cuckoo
- 55. "_____ the ramparts..."
- 57. *Santa's call
- 60. *Welcoming holiday decor
- 63. Bird of prey's hunting tool
- 64. 16th birthday gift?
- 66. Engages the services
- 68. Skirt shape
- 69. Beehive State native
- 70. Bikini, e.g.
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- 1. *Do holiday ones start earlier every year?
- 2. Show pleasure
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- 4. Navigational aid
- 5. *Hanukkah month
- 6. Competently
- 7. Wade's 1973 opponent
- 8. Not yes, nor no
- 9. Like Hitler's Germany
- 10. Second word in fairytale
- 11. *Ding follower in "Wonderful Christmastime"
- 12. *But I heard him exclaim, _____ he drove out of sight..."
- 15. Public opinion, in Great Britain
- 20. Changes to a manuscript
- 22. Sturdy tree
- 24. Telephone part
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- 26. Trial's partner
- 27. Late Princess of Wales
- 29. IV+IV
- 31. Type of cotton fiber
- 32. Exit plus s
- 33. Around
- 34. *Macaulay's famous character
- 36. Takes to court
- 38. *Hanukkah gift
- 42. "Magnolia" ware
- 45. Not in its original form
- 49. Pep rally syllable
- 51. TV variety show classic
- 54. Concentrate
- 56. Yogurt-based dip
- 57. *Manger's glow
- 58. Dish of stewed meat
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110 years ago • Dec. 10, 1909 • The Enquirer

OCONTO: County Clerk Leigh has closed a contract to cut a large quantity of cedar this winter. He will employ a large amount of men at camp.

OCONTO: A steam laundry will be started in this city by R.A. Minieley. He has purchased the outfit at Oconto Falls belonging to Mrs. Nett at that place.

100 years ago • Dec. 12, 1919 • Farmer Herald

OCONTO COUNTY: Oconto County won first place county exhibit Wisconsin Potato Show, Barron second, Oneida third. Biggest show ever held from cellar to top in one year. Signed Amundson.

90 years ago • Dec. 12, 1929 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Beginning next Monday, the general stores of this village will be open every evening until Christmas, thereby giving everyone a chance to get to the stores in the evening as well as in the day time to make all necessary purchases of Christmas gifts. Remember there are only 10 shopping days left before Christmas, and if you are planning to send out gifts, purchase them early and mail them as soon as possible in order to avoid the last-minute rush.

GILLETT: FOR SALE: Goose Feathers, striped, bulk or pillows. Inquire of Simon Blahnik, Gillett.

90 years ago • Dec. 12, 1929 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: E.J. Kilmer and August Francis were fortunate in bagging a red fox on a recent hunting trip.

SURING: The Mount Olive Lutheran Church dedicated the new parsonage on Sunday.

80 years ago • Dec. 14, 1939 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Chester Kain left Tuesday morning for the C.C. Camp at Cockran.

OCONTO FALLS: The tax rate for 1940 was set at \$35 per thousand by the city council. This is an increase of \$2 over last year's tax rate.

OCONTO: A marriage license has

been issued to John B. Crooks and Norine S. Topel.

70 years ago • Dec. 8, 1949 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Mrs. Louise Scherer became the bride of Harold (Casey) Jones on Nov. 19 in Green Bay.

TOWNSEND: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gipp and family have moved to Suring.

HICKORY: Several Hickory ladies surprised the teacher, Mrs. Byrdie Stewart, Friday evening after school and helped her celebrate her birthday.

60 years ago • Dec. 10, 1959 • Times Herald

OCONTO: A testimonial dinner in honor of Adolph P. Lehner was held at the Oconto Golf Club. The event was in honor of Mr. Lehner's 50 years as an attorney.

SURING: The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Asplund was christened Sunday at Our Redeemer Church.

GILLETT: The first son, Keith Richard, has been welcomed to the home of Herbert and Leah Giese.

50 years ago • Dec. 11, 1969 • Times Herald

CECIL: Leo Zehren, 74, well-known retired cheese maker, died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, after a long illness.

LENA: The winner of the Lena Sportsmen Club big buck contest is Richard Gilles with his 155-pound buck.

KELLY LAKE: Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Christensen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 9.

40 years ago • Dec. 12, 1979 • Times Herald

GILLETT: Fearful that accumulated water on West Park Street might undermine and weaken the street, the council took steps to alleviate the problem.

OCONTO FALLS: A new beach house is being constructed at the East Side Beach in Oconto Falls.

OCONTO: Police are investigating the Dec. 7 theft of \$3,500 in diamonds and wedding rings from the 14 Karat Shop.

30 years ago • Dec. 13, 1989 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: A major step

forward in the growth opportunity for Premier Archery was announced by Chad Renel, president of the Oconto Falls company. Premier Archery Corp. of Oconto Falls is a manufacturer of high-tech, wood-handled and fiberglass, carbon fiber and wood laminated limb bows.

OCONTO FALLS: David Scheffore, U.S. Navy, played a part in history. His ship, the U.S.S. Belknap, was the meeting place for President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev for their summit in Malta.

GILLETT: A new grocery store, replacing one that was destroyed by a fire last spring, will open Wednesday.

25 years ago • Dec. 14, 1994 • Times Herald

GILLETT: Todd Rivard is Gillett High School's Daughters of the American Revolution nominee for 1995.

OCONTO FALLS: The medical staff of Community Memorial Hospital held an election of officers in November. The results are Dr. William Wittman, president/chief of staff; Dr. Scott Leibl, president-elect; Dr. Robert Artwich, secretary/treasurer; and Dr. Harold Garner, past president.

MARINETTE: Plans are being finalized to have an arch-shaped sign erected just inside the south Oconto County border near Abrams where U.S. 41 and U.S. 141 branch into different directions. The

40-foot sign is modeled after the famous Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

20 years ago • Dec. 8, 1999 • Times Herald

SURING: On Nov. 12, Ollie and Helen Bogsted celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wellington in Green Bay.

OCONTO FALLS: Carole and Gary Steffens Jr. are the proud parents of a baby girl, Olivia Ann Steffens, who was born Friday, Dec. 3.

OCONTO: Prevea Clinic physician Dr. John Honish recently was honored for 30 years of membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

10 years ago • Dec. 9, 2009 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Kingdom Come Food Pantry in Oconto Falls has seen an increase in the number of people seeking food assistance this year. Registration totals are up about 20%.

GILLETT: Incorrect figures submitted to the county for the city of Gillett's portion of property tax bills resulted in a 90% hike in taxes. Residents were shocked until they learned of the miscalculation.

LENA: Town of Lena residents will decide whether an addition should be built at the town hall, allowing for bathrooms, a small kitchen space, meeting area and foyer.



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4 PM - 9 PM: NEW YEAR'S EVE BUFFET IN THE EMBERS GRILL

9 PM: ZACHARY Z IN THE GROOVE

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