



ELECTION DAY

Poll workers Judy Kostreva, left, and Donna Kane prepare to greet voters at Oconto Falls City Hall on Tuesday wearing masks and sitting behind plexiglass windows constructed by Street Department workers Terry Magnin and Jerry Lemerond. The spring election and presidential primary went ahead as originally scheduled with protections in place because of coronavirus concerns. Due to a surge in absentee ballots, the pace was slow with just 21 in-person voters in the first hour.

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County Board goes viral

Most supervisors log in over the internet, receive a report on the county's first COVID-19 case.

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Kay Rankel reflects on 20 years at Gillett Public Library; community says she's be missed.

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Driver jailed after 100 mph chase up a rural road.

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Oconto County tries to balance privacy, public health concerns

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO — Public Health officials are working to find a balance between coronavirus patients' privacy and identifying people at risk, Oconto County Public Health Director Deb Konitzer said March 31.

Speaking during the first-ever "virtual" meeting of the Oconto County Board meeting — with most participants logged in via the Zoom videoconferencing app — Konitzer said the big question she has fielded is why more information has not been released regarding the single (to date) positive case of COVID-19 in the county.

"We're a very rural county with a small population," she said. "If I would say which township this person is from, you might be able to figure out who it is, and we need to not get to the point where you can figure that out ... With us being in a pandemic, it doesn't mean that HIPAA isn't there at all," referring to the patient privacy provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Once public health officials learn of a positive test, they contact the person and make sure they're isolating themselves and taking proper precautions to protect the people around them, including tracking their symptoms on a daily basis, Konitzer said.

"We also have a long conversation with that person, looking back 14 days prior to symptom onset, about who they have had contact with," she said. "In doing that we're finding who is at risk for potential illness because of the contact."

People who may have been in contact with the infected person are contacted and advised to quarantine, Konitzer said.

She repeated the advice that everyone needs to maintain social distancing, wash their hands frequently, and avoid touching their faces.

"We need to treat everything and everyone as if they had the illness," Konitzer said.

People need to take the recommendations of the "Safer at Home" order seriously to slow the spread of



Oconto County Public Health Director Deb Konitzer addressed the County Board via Zoom technology March 31, during the board's first-ever "virtual" meeting based at the county Law Enforcement Center.

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the virus to avoid overwhelming the health care system, she said.

"Right now it means you stay at home, you don't go over to a friend's house and party or have a dinner," Konitzer said. "You stay home, you go to the grocery store, you get your gas, it's things that are really essential for you to function every day."

The County Board held the special meeting to pass an ordinance and resolutions allowing supervisors' current terms to be extended in the event Tuesday's election was postponed.

Whether in-person voting would be allowed was in doubt as late as Monday afternoon. Gov. Tony Evers issued an executive order Sunday postponing on-site voting until June, but the state Supreme Court overturned the order Monday afternoon after legislative leaders challenged the measure.

Meanwhile, a federal judge ordered the deadline for absentee ballots to be returned until 5 p.m. April 13 and prohibited the release of election results until then — but then Monday night the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that Wisconsin cannot accept absentee ballots postmarked after its voting day Tuesday.

The Wisconsin Counties Association attorney advised that because of the way the statutes are written, the terms of the current Oconto County Board expire April 20 when the

newly elected board is supposed to be installed, Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann said.

"Since there might not be an election, there's some question as to whether the existing County Board continues or not," Hamann said. "Their advice is that it does not, and we have to have something in place that allows us to continue that board."

The WCA recommendation was to establish Oconto as become "self-organizing" like 47 other counties in Wisconsin, which gives the county greater power to fill vacancies.

The board voted to adopt the ordinance and resolution on 29-0 votes. They also approved revisions to the county's Employee Handbook to reflect provisions of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the \$2 trillion bill signed into law a few days earlier.

County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik thanked the county's Technology Services Department for setting up the virtual meeting, and he praised the county employees on the front lines of the COVID-19 effort.

"The staff here that we have working on our behalf is doing a very good job," Bednarik said. "They're very conscientious and trying to keep ahead of a situation that we don't know where it's going."

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OCOntonTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 28

Deputies logged 14 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of East Armstrong Street, Gillett, 2:51 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported near Chicken Shack Road and Cox Lane, Stiles, 10:32 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported along Lower Road, Little Suamico, 11:36 a.m.

Tree down — reported near Gallon and Delcore roads, Oconto, 5:57 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 5000 block of state Highway 22, Stiles, 6:17 p.m.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

March 27

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including the following:

Harassment — reported in the 4000 block of Deprey Road, Pensaukee, 12:58 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near County Road J and Brookside Road, Pensaukee, 1:18 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 6000 block of County Road C, Chase, 4:11 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of County Road BB, Gillett, 4:32 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of County Road HH, Underhill, 6:32 p.m.

Property damage — reported near County Roads R and M, How, 10:05 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash on U.S. 41 at County Road S, Little River, 7:44 a.m.; and a personal-injury crash near West Frontier and Geano Beach roads, Little Suamico, 2:09 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — four ambulance calls were received.

March 26

Deputies logged 34 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 15000 block of Island Lake Road, Doty, 12:51 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 6000 block of state Highway 22, Stiles, 2:44 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 13000 block of Silver Hill Road, Mountain, 3:20 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 14000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 3:30 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 3000 block of Maple Grove School Road, Little River, 6:51 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 100 block of South Rosera Street, Lena, 8:41 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — three ambulance calls were received.

March 25

Deputies logged 34 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near Pine Avenue and Frog Pond Road, Oconto, 4:43 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 400 block of High Ridge Trail, Chase, 7:53 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near U.S. 41 and Maple Grove School Road, Little River, 8:24 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 400 block of High Ridge Trail, Chase, 8:37 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 15000 block of Island Lake Road, Doty, 10:32 a.m.

Internet crimes against children — reported at an address in Bagley, 11:18 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 600 block of West Mott Street, Oconto, 11:35 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 12000 block of state Highway 32, How, 6:07 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Lago Vista, Abrams, 7:25 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 4000 block of Elm Lawn Road, Morgan, 10:37 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near U.S. 141 and County Road E, Abrams, 6:13 p.m., and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — four ambulance calls were received.

March 24

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near Old 41 Road and U.S. 41, Pensaukee, 12:22 a.m.

Suspicious — reported along Landing Lane, Stiles, 12:56 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 4000

block of Daisy Court, Little Suamico, 9:10 a.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 9000 block of Gray Lake Road, Gillett, 9:36 a.m.

Internet fraud — reported in the 6000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 11:03 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 17000 block of County Road T, Townsend, 11:58 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 7000 block of Violet Lane, Maple Valley, 12:08 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 6000 block of state Highway 32, Gillett, 1:25 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 3000 block of County Road J, Pensaukee, 2:08 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 9000 block of Saint Bernadette Road, Spruce, 2:40 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 300 block of Madeline Lane, Little Suamico, 4:05 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 5000 block of Pine Avenue, Oconto, 4:13 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 6000 block of state Highway 32, Gillett, 8:21 p.m.

Ambulance — seven ambulance calls were received.

March 23

Deputies logged 22 incidents, including the following:

Squad damage — reported along Sandalwood Road, Abrams, 9:45 a.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 9000 block of County Road Z, Bagley, 2:15 p.m.

Identity theft — reported in the 12000 block of state Highway 32, How, 4:26 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 3000 block of Huebscher Road, Pensaukee, 4:32 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 4000 block of Steelhead Run, Oconto, 10 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury accident in the 3000 block of County Road A, Little River, 12:06 p.m., and reported one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

March 22

Deputies logged 29 incidents,

including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of North Farm Road, Oconto Falls, 2:09 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of South Franklin Street, Oconto Falls, 3:08 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 14000 block of Michael Circle, Underhill, 6:54 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 200 block of East Main Street, Gillett, 9:12 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident at A&W, 5070 U.S. 141, Stiles, 5:33 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

March 21

Deputies logged 35 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 15000 block of Island Lake Road, Doty, 7:50 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 700 block of West Main Street, Lena, 8:14 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 7000 block of Hillcrest Road, Little River, 11:01 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 6000 block of Aspen Drive, Little Suamico, 1:40 p.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 4000 block of Duescher Lane, Pensaukee, 1:56 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 9000 block of Gray Lake Road, Gillett, 5:31 p.m.

Underage alcohol — reported at an address in Lakewood, 8:14 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Roads S and C, 1:51 a.m.; and a property-damage crash near U.S. 141 and County Road E, Abrams, 7:56 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

March 20

Deputies logged 32 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of Elm Avenue, Oconto Falls, 9:31 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 500 block of state Highway 32, Chase, 10:35 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 11000 block of Old U Road, Gillett, 8:42 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 4000 block of Kruegers Quarry Road, Pensaukee, 10:27 p.m.

Ambulance — four ambulance calls were received.

OCOntonTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of April 6

Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for Kevin J. Dotson, 35, Wauwatosa, on charges of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor resisting an officer, battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 4. His initial court appearance was adjourned until May 7.

Bond was set at \$500 cash for John G. Erdman, 48, Abrams, after he was charged with child abuse

intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor criminal trespass and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 3. His initial court appearance was adjourned until May 7.

Proceedings of March 31

Decarlo L. Denny, 32, Lena, was ruled competent to stand trial for possession of materials to produce methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor resisting an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly

occurred Jan. 31. A status conference was scheduled for April 16.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Phillip John Waupoose, 36, Gillett, on charges of substantial battery intending bodily harm, intimidating a victim by damaging property, false imprisonment, misdemeanor criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 29. His initial court appearance was adjourned until May 7.

Small-town librarian leaves large legacy

Kay Rankel helped transform Gillett Public Library

By ANNA OLSON
Correspondent

GILLETT — After 20 years serving as Gillett Public Library director, the time has come to bid farewell to Kay Rankel, who retired on Thursday.

Kay's journey to the library is not the traditional path one might imagine. With a background in biology and pre-veterinary medicine, she spent 14 years working at the VA Hospital in Milwaukee in the animal research facility. She later studied landscape design and worked at Lied's Nursery in Sussex and Eberts' Greenhouse Village in Ixonia.

Kay and her husband moved from Oconomowoc to Gillett in 1998, and in January 2000, Kay started as director of the Gillett Public Library, 200 E. Main St.

"It didn't take me long to learn how supportive the Gillett area community was of the library," Rankel said. "We have accomplished some amazing things for a library of our small size due to several forward-thinking individuals and the generosity of our community."

Throughout her 20 years as library director, Rankel's creativity and drive have been the catalyst for great changes at the library.

"Kay has been a very wonderful asset to our library and our community. She is always willing to do anything that will help our community and bring people together," said Linda Hougas, president of the Gillett Library Board. "Libraries are not just for checking out a book anymore, and Kay worked very hard to incorporate new ideas and displays for our library that went along with all the changes. Kay will be greatly missed."

"Kay was always willing to take on a large project," added Irene Drake, another library board member as well as a former mayor and alderman. "She has truly made the library a commu-

nity gathering place with her ideas." During Rankel's tenure, the Gillett Public Library acquired the neighboring building, the former BMO Harris Bank.

"One of our library's greatest accomplishments in the past 20 years and the thing that I'm most proud of was the creation of a Community Center and outdoor Community Square space," she said.

The Community Center opened in 2015 and is used for public meetings, family gatherings and library events. The creation of the Community Center allowed for the library space to be expanded into what was once the old meeting room. This expansion almost doubled the size of the library, allowing for the addition of more shelving and additional seating areas.

The addition of the Community Center also made possible the now popular annual Community Haunted House, which has become one of the library's biggest fundraising events.

"This is when we convert the entire center into a family-friendly haunted house with special themes like Halloween @ Hogwarts, Halloween on the Black Pearl, Grimm's Fairy Tales, and Halloween in Oz, which was the theme last October," Rankel said.

The space between the library and the Community Center has been transformed into the Community Square.

"The outdoor square space was created out of what was originally a parking lot, and the square includes a pergola which was paid for through a grant and built by our local industrial arts students from the Gillett School District," Rankel said. "This space is used for library programs, a downtown market with local vendors during the summer months, and ice skating during the winter (when Mother Nature cooperates). The library has over 80 pairs of ice skates that have been donated by the community for families to use, and our Gillett Fire Department volunteered to create the ice rink."

Under Kay's direction, the library has been recognized for its contribution to the community by the Green Bay Packers and through a grant.

"The thing that I'm most proud of was the creation of a Community Center and outdoor Community Square space."

KAY RANKEL, Gillett Public Library director



Gina Baratonio, left, and Kay Rankel, right, at the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Rankel, who was scheduled to retire Thursday, made it a priority to support community events and showcase the library at every opportunity.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Holding a banner in May 2014 announcing the coming of a Gillett Community Center are, from left, the late Rawson Price, treasurer of the Friends of the Library, then-Mayor Irene Drake, Library Director Kay Rankel, then-children's librarian Cindy Tuschy, the late Lena Severson, library assistant, and Dave Pelow, then-president of the library board. They are holding the sign in front of the former BMO Harris bank building, which the library purchased and converted into a Community Center and Community Square in three phases through 2016.

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Woman badly hurt in highway crash

OCONTO — A Peshtigo woman was seriously injured March 27 in a one-vehicle crash just north of the Oconto city limits.

According to an Oconto County Sheriff's Department accident report, Calla Anne Hook, 26, was north-bound on U.S. 41 near the Business 41 on-ramp when her sport utility

vehicle left the roadway and rolled over several times.

Hook was ejected from the vehicle, and the SUV landed upright facing south near the bottom of the on-ramp. She was taken by ambulance to a Green Bay hospital with what the report describes as suspected serious injuries.

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Application deadline is Monday, April 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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INVITATION TO BID LRIP ROAD PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF SPRUCE 9097 COUNTY ROAD B SPRUCE, WI 54154

Sealed bids for the road repairs needed to St. Bernadette Road in the Town of Spruce will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. Friday, April 17th, 2020. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Bids will be opened publicly and read on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 by the Spruce Town Board following the Annual Meeting. This project will follow state specifications with the work being approximately 1500 feet in length. Pulverize, prep and pave St. Bernadette Rd from Rierdon Rd heading west 500 ft x 24 ft x compacted 2 in and 1000 ft x 22 ft x compacted 2 in with 2 foot shoulders. To include replacement of culvert @ 9456 18 in x 46 ft with enwalls provided by bidder, also additional gravel added for base. This project will require 6 inches of base course gravel including grading, shaping and compacting. Other work includes clearing and grubbing, driveway joints, establish drainage and re-grade ditches. This project will also require hot mix asphalt pavement with a thickness of 2.5" and a width of 11' per lane with 2' for left shoulder width and 2' for right shoulder width. Finish work should include mulch, seed and staking, and then finish grade, compact and water. Weight tickets for all materials must be provided. All bidders must have a Surety Insurance bond for \$1,000,000 in order to be considered for the project must be included with the bid. The Town of Spruce reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please contact the Spruce Town Chairman, Terry Brazeau with any questions at 920-842-2703. Please return bids to

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Stiles Town Board

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Notice of Bids TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY

The Town of Maple Valley will be accepting sealed bids for the following 2020 road construction Project.

LRIP Project: Reconstruct Brock Rd. from Cnty Hwy G approx. 2746 Ft. to Ford Lane. General reconstruction requirements are Pulverize and grade, prep with 3 inches of base aggregate added, place and compress hot mix asphalt (22 feet wide and 2 inches thick after compacted) and shoulder gravel (2 feet wide) on both sides of finished asphalt.

Bids shall be in sealed envelope marked "LRIP Road Bid" and mailed to Town Clerk, Cindy Tousey, PO Box 384, Suring, WI 54174. Deadline for bids is May 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Bids will be opened at the Maple Valley Town Hall at the start of the regular monthly Town Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on May 14, 2020. Bids may be considered for acceptance for a period of not less than 30 days after opening. Project to be completed before September 30, 2020.

Proof of insurance must accompany all bids. The Town Board of Maple Valley reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept a bid deemed most advantageous to the Town of Maple Valley.

Cindy Tousey,
Clerk Town of Maple Valley

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2020 Street and Utility Improvements City of Gillett April 2020

Sealed Bids for the construction of the 2020 Street and Utility Improvements, City of Gillett, April 2020 will be received by the City of Gillett until 10 am local time on Friday, April 17, 2020 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read through online electronic means. Bids must be submitted in electronic format through Quest vBid.

The Project consists of the complete reconstruction; including watermain, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and roadway of First Street from STH 22 to Lake Street, First Street from 200 feet east of Richmond Avenue to CTH BB, Harding Avenue from STH 22 to Mirro Drive, and Orchard Circle from Harding Avenue to Harding Avenue.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Ayres Associates, 3376 Packerland Drive, Ashwaubenon, WI 54115, contact Craig Schuh, 920.498.1200, SchuhC@ayresassociates.com. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described below.

Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network website, accessible via www.AyresAssociates.com by clicking on the "Bidding" link, for a non-refundable fee of \$40.00.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The de minimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

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Nygren won't run for state Senate

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

MARINETTE — The longest-serving Assembly representative in the state's 30th Senate District has announced he will not run for the seat being vacated when incumbent Sen. Dave Hansen retires.

Hansen, D-Green Bay, announced earlier this year that he will not seek re-election this fall.

Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, released a statement March 30 that after a couple of months of conversation and reflection with family, friends and neighbors, he will not be a candidate for the Senate seat.

"Coming to this conclusion has been the hardest decision of my political career," Nygren said. "While I am extremely confident that I would have won the seat, the timing is not right."

Nygren has represented the 89th Assembly District since 2007 and has risen through the ranks to become



JOHN NYGREN

co-chairman of the Legislature's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee. He plans to run for an eighth two-year term in the Nov. 3 election.

"As the state deals with the financial impacts

of the COVID-19 pandemic, my role as co-chair of the powerful Joint Finance Committee is more important than ever," Nygren said. "My best opportunity to make a difference is to remain in my role as co-chair."

Hansen's nephew, Jonathon Hansen of De Pere, announced his candidacy for the seat as a Democrat few days after his uncle's announcement. Currently the only other registered candidate is Republican Eric Wimberger of Green Bay.

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This may have been among more information about virtual medical care over the past several weeks with the outbreak of coronavirus disease (2019) (COVID-19). Virtual care has been one way people with symptoms of COVID-19 have initially assessed and then given next steps for medical care. Virtual care was available before COVID-19 and has been utilized by many people for minor illnesses and conditions.

Prevea Virtual Care

Prevea Health offers Prevea Virtual Care as online visit with a health care provider for diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions. The cost of the visit is \$35 and if a medical condition cannot be diagnosed and treated, there is no charge for the visit. Virtual care is for persons residing in the state of Wisconsin between the ages of 2 and 75.

How does virtual care work?

First, you'll need to set up an account or log in to your existing account at prevea.com/virtualcare. The online

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interview typically takes approximately 5-15 minutes to complete. You'll answer a series of questions about how you are feeling and the symptoms you are experiencing—just as you would during an in-office visit. The number of questions depends on your medical condition. Your answers are then submitted to a health care provider for review. A licensed board certified Prevea Health provider reviews your responses and creates a treatment plan, which may include a prescription, if necessary. You are notified when the results are available, usually within one hour during office hours or first thing the next morning if the visit is completed beyond the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. If a

prescription is part of the treatment plan, Prevea will send your prescription to the pharmacy of your choice.

Anyone 18 and older can create an account. Patients may also add adult dependents and minor children to their account. Visits for minor children must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

What does virtual care treat?

Colds, sinus infections, influenza, anxiety, heart infections, injuries and pain, insect bites and stomach problems are the most common conditions treated.

While we do our best to treat you online, not every condition can be treated through Prevea Virtual Care. If a health concern cannot be addressed through Prevea Virtual Care, you may be directed to a clinic for care. If this is the case, there is no charge for the Prevea Virtual Care visit.

Prevea Virtual Care can be accessed with any web-enabled device—smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop. With Prevea, you can be assured we're your first-line resource to power up your health concerns.



For more information about Prevea Virtual Care, visit us online at prevea.com/virtualcare.



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Suspect in custody after high-speed chase

Defendant convicted in similar incident in 2014

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO — A Cudahy man was being held in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail after leading police on a high-speed chase March 31 that ended when he drove a minivan into the ditch along Sampson Road in Pensaukee.

Michael L. Connerton, 34, is charged in Oconto County Circuit Court with fleeing an officer in a vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, and taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, along with misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and criminal damage to property.

During a brief court hearing April 1, Judge Jay N. Conley set bail and adjourned Connerton's initial appearance until May 7. Conditions of bail include that he maintain absolute sobriety and have no contact with his mother, who owns the vehicle, or her residence in Cudahy.

According to the criminal complaint, police were notified just before 7 p.m. March 31 that a white minivan was traveling south on U.S. Highway 41, near Frog Pond Road south of Oconto, and swerving back and forth between the lanes. Deputy Alexander Scray spotted the vehicle just north of the U.S. Highway 41-141 split; the 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan clocked on radar at 45 mph but accelerated once the deputy approached.

With the squad car following but not yet signalling for the minivan to stop, the driver cut in front of another vehicle from the left lane onto the County Road D off-ramp. At that point Scray turned on his emergency lights to attempt a traffic stop.

Instead of stopping, the minivan turned east onto County Road D (Sampson Road) and accelerated to more than 90 mph in the 55 mph zone, according to the complaint. The pursuit covered roughly four miles and reached 100 mph, with the minivan blowing through the stop sign at County Road J without braking.

Eventually they reached the sharp right-angle curve just before the



**MICHAEL
CONNERTON**

intersection of Sampson Road and County Road S, where the van braked, began to fishtail, left the road and crashed in the east ditch just after the curve.

According to the complaint, Scray positioned

his squad just behind the crash, drew his service pistol and shouted to the driver several times to show his hands and exit the vehicle, but instead he heard the minivan's wheels spinning as the driver apparently attempted to accelerate out of the ditch.

Not knowing if the driver was armed, the deputy moved back to his vehicle and waited for backup. The driver eventually did come out and was taken into custody.

Connerton said he sped away because he thought the minivan may have been reported as stolen. After being told that wasn't the case, he "said that he just got out of jail a few days ago and got scared when Deputy Scray got behind him," the complaint said.

The suspect passed a field sobriety test but admitted he had smoked crack and marijuana the day before. He was taken to the Oconto hospital to receive medical clearance before being taken to jail. "While he was waiting in the hospital with Michael, Deputy Scray heard him state that he enjoyed running from law enforcement and that it was fun."

A supplemental report cited in the complaint says Connerton told Sgt. Ben Schindel that he took his mother's vehicle earlier in the day and was on his way to Florida: "Michael did not know where he currently was."

In addition to the state charges, Connerton was ticketed for operating after revocation of his license, unsafe lane deviation, failure to stop at a stop sign, and unreasonable and imprudent speed.

A search of online court records indicates Connerton has felony convictions for fleeing an officer and second-degree reckless endangerment in Fond du Lac County in 2014, and taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent in Milwaukee County in 2006.

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Educational Alzheimer's session moves online

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

OCONTO FALLS — Rather than canceling planned educational sessions, the Alzheimer's Association and the ADRC of the Wolf River have gone virtual.

The first in a series of family education programs, scheduled for 10-

11:30 a.m. Tuesday, is being offered as a virtual program which participants can join via phone or webinar. The series is designed to assist anyone with questions about Alzheimer's or dementias. Tuesday's session is "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's."

Registration is required at the web address <https://bit.ly/10signs414> or by calling 800-272-3900. All programs are free-of-charge and open to families, caregivers and the general community. For information, visit www.alz.org/wi.

NOTICE OF ELECTION PARTISAN PRIMARY — AUGUST 11, 2020 AND GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF OCONTO

Election of Presidential Electors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several cities, villages, towns, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on November 3, 2020, ten electors for President and Vice President of the United States, one for each congressional district and two for the state at large, are to be elected. The names of presidential electors do not appear on the ballot, but each vote cast for a presidential candidate is a vote for the electors of the candidate. Independent candidates for President or Vice President may circulate nomination papers beginning July 1, 2020 and must file nomination papers with the Wisconsin Elections Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2020. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is located at 212 E. Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Madison, Wisconsin.

Partisan Primary and General Election

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the several cities, villages, towns, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, at a primary to be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, and at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 the following officers are to be nominated and elected:

Congressional Officers

ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, for the term of 2 years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 3, 2021:

8th Congressional District

Mike Gallagher

Legislative and State Offices

THREE STATE SENATORS, from the even-numbered Senatorial Districts of the State, each for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

District 2
District 12
District 30

Robert Cowles
Tom Tiffany
Dave Hansen

THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSEMBLY, each for the term of two years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

District 6
District 36
District 89

Gary Tauchen
Jeffrey L. Munsau
John Nygren

Congressional and legislative district boundaries are described in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Wisconsin Statutes. A copy of the boundary descriptions can be obtained from the Wisconsin Elections Commission or the Legislative Reference Bureau at 1 East Main Street, Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin.

ONE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

Oconto County

Ed Burke

County Officers

COUNTY OFFICERS, for each county of the State for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent in the office of County Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

County Clerk
Treasurer
Register of Deeds

Kim Pyleski
Tanya Peterson
Annette Behringer

Circulation of Nomination Papers

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day for circulating nomination papers is April 15, 2020, and the deadline for filing nomination papers is no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020. All federal and state office candidates, including district attorney candidates, file with the Wisconsin Elections Commission. All county partisan office candidates file with their respective county clerks.

DONE in the City of Oconto, this 10th day of April 2020.

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