



GILLETT PASSES SCHOOL BUDGET, LEVY

A sparse crowd attends the 2020 Gillett School District annual meeting, held Oct. 14 the day after students returned to the classroom from two weeks of all-virtual learning, the result of high COVID-19 numbers among staff and students. SEE STORY ON PAGE 2

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Gillett passes \$3.25 million school tax levy for 2020-21

COVID-19 delayed annual meeting for a week

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor

The Gillett School District emerged from a two-week all-virtual experience with “no hitches,” Superintendent Todd Hencsik said last week.

“We got our numbers down from about 150 affected students and staff down to around 40,” Hencsik said after the Oct. 14 annual school district meeting, which had been delayed by a week after in-person classes were suspended.

The school board had authorized running the Acellus Digital Curriculum in parallel with five-days-a-week in-classroom experiences, in part so that a transition to all-virtual learning could be as seamless as possible.

The transition worked as well as could be expected when it actually happened, Hencsik said.

As of Monday, the state Department of Health Services reported a total of 1,751 positive tests for COVID-19 in Oconto County, more than double the number that had been recorded when Gillett decided to go all-virtual for two weeks starting Sept. 29. Three more COVID-19 deaths have occurred in the county this month, for a total of seven since March.

About two dozen people attended the annual meeting, all of them staff or school board members. Three board members were unable to take part — Board President Jamie Young announced that Nanette Mohr was in COVID-19 quarantine and that James Karls and Ron Lenz were unable to readjust their work schedules for the meeting, which was originally planned for Oct. 7.

Hencsik introduced the meeting by saying the district was presenting a balanced budget for consideration, with net total expenditures of \$9.58 million and a property tax levy of \$3.25 million, a 7.24% increase.

The board was scheduled to approve a final mill rate of about \$9.86



Gillett School District leaders gather prior to the Oct. 14 annual meeting. School Board member Jamie Heroux, standing, chats with, from left, Superintendent Todd Hencsik, and board members Cliff Gerbers, Preston Peterson and Jamie Young.

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Gillett School Board treasurer Cliff Gerbers reports on the 2020-21 school district budget during the district's annual meeting Oct. 14 in the Gillett Secondary School auditorium.

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per \$1,000 of equalized valuation during its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening.

“While that’s up from \$9.49 this year and quite a bit more than in 2017-18 and 2018-19 when it was \$7.70, it’s still lower than in 2013-14 and 2014-15 when it was \$11.64 and \$10.49 respectively,” board treasurer Cliff Gerbers said, during his review of the budget.

While the budget and levy are ap-

proved at the annual meeting, the final rate had to wait until Oct. 15, when the state Department of Public Instruction posted state general school aids that school districts will receive during the current school year.

The department said Gillett will receive \$3,846,382 in general aid this year, a 1.21% increase over 2020-21 but \$35,855 less than the district budget released at the annual meeting.

CORRECTION

The mailing address for Gillett City Clerk Chelsea Anderson is 150 N. McKenzie St., Gillett, WI 54124. The ZIP code was incorrect in a listing in the Northeast Wisconsin 2020 Voting Guide in the Oct. 16 paper. We apologize for the error.

Fire department marks Fire Prevention Month

New fire truck due in March

Greetings, Morgan! I hope you and your family are doing well this autumn.

As you may know, October is Fire Prevention Month. In past years, the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department has visited Fairview Elementary School to provide students with fire safety information. Due to local schools not currently meeting in person, the fire department was unable to do the school visit this year. However, fire safety is just as important as ever.

This year, the fire department has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association in educating the public on the 2020 Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"

There are several important things to remember about kitchen fire safety, but one of the biggest is to not leave your cooking unattended. Whenever you are frying, broiling or grilling, be certain to turn off the burner if you must leave the kitchen, even if just for a short time. If you are simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, use a timer as a reminder to check on your food periodically.

Other common-sense reminders are to keep an oven mitt within



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easy reach, keep children away from the stove and to remain aware and alert while cooking. If you would like some free fire safety educational materials for your family, please contact any fire department member.

The fire department is excited to announce that a new pumper/tender truck has been ordered from Pierce Manufacturing Inc. This truck, expected to arrive in March 2021, has been in the works for about a year. It will be housed at the Morgan firehouse, and the truck currently in Morgan will be moved to the Pulcifer firehouse. Thank you to all those who made donations directly to the fire department this year. As a result of the fundraising efforts, they were able to purchase two self-contained breathing apparatus units.

Please remember to vote in person Tuesday, Nov. 3, or to make other arrangements with the town clerk. The polls at the town hall are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The town website, www.townofmorgan.org, also contains some very helpful voter information.

Respectfully submitted by "Megan from Morgan" – Megan (Stranz) Oswald.

Gillett Library Friends plan annual book sale

The Friends of the Gillett Library Annual Book Sale is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Gillett Library Community Center, 204 W. Main St., Gillett.

The sale is the Friends' major fundraiser planned for this year. The group promotes the library and assists at providing funds to meet special projects, like the newly renovated courtyard and the Hal-

loween Haunted Square.

Friends who have not renewed their membership can do it at this time. People interested in joining this active group in supporting the library may ask for a membership form from a librarian or call 715-745-6382.

The group plans to promote social distancing and provide masks and gloves. Hardcover books will be on sale for \$1, paperbacks 50 cents.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Post 44 Auxiliary cancels meetings

In light of the current global spread of COVID-19, Wabeno Auxiliary Unit 44 has decided to cancel its regular meetings for the remainder of 2020.

The post holds its meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and hopes to resume in January.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 16

Brayden P. Tappa, 18, Crivitz, pleaded no contest to two counts of criminal damage to property, one felony and one misdemeanor, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct in connection with an incident that occurred May 4.

Judge Jay N. Conley accepted a deferred judgment agreement on the felony and placed Tappa on two years of probation for the misdemeanors, ordering him to pay \$9,665.04 of restitution among the conditions of probation.

Bond was set at \$20,000 cash for David J. Burrie Jr., 53, Gillett, after he was charged with fleeing an officer, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and misdemeanor charges of operating while his license was revoked, battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with a high-speed chase and traffic crash on state Highway 32 at Claywood Road on Oct. 14.

His initial court appearance was adjourned until Nov. 12.

Shannon Marie Healey, 37, Gillett, waived her right to fight extradition to the state of Florida, where an arrest warrant was issued after she allegedly violated the terms of her probation by committing a new crime of petty theft and by failure to report to her probation officer.

She was picked up during a traffic stop in Gillett on Oct. 2.

Darrin A. Niec, 20, Phelps, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over for trial on charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and fleeing an officer in a vehicle, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 19.

Arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 12.

Proceedings of Oct. 15

A bench warrant was issued for Austin Michael Hartmann, 25, Shawano, after he failed to appear on charges of bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of THC and drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 16.

An arrest warrant was issued for Angel R. Tomow, 17, Shawano, after she failed to make her initial court appearance on charges of attempted vehicle theft and

misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 25.

A bench warrant was issued for Caleb J. Hudson, 27, Bonduel, after he failed to make his initial court appearance on charges of bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 23.

A March 2-4 jury trial was scheduled for Christopher C. Royce, 33, Mountain, on two counts of first-degree child sexual assault and two counts of child enticement for sexual contact, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred July 7 and Nov. 23, 2019.

A final pretrial conference was set for Feb. 22.

A Jan. 28-29 jury trial was scheduled for Breanna B. List-Kimball, 28, Oconto, who faces eight counts of burglary, two counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in late April and early May.

A final pretrial conference was set for Jan. 19.

Nicholas Joseph Meyer, 26, Green Bay, pleaded not guilty to three counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13, attempted second-degree sexual assault of a child and causing mental harm to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 4, 2013. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Nov. 12.

Nathan John Lloyd, 20, Milwaukee, pleaded not guilty to second-degree sexual assault of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 25.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for Nov. 12.

A March 2-3 jury trial was scheduled for Ricky C. Blasing, 49, Oconto, on charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, witness intimidation and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 1.

A final pretrial conference was set for Feb. 22.

Michael Allen Maleport, 30, Green Bay, was released on a \$10,000 signature bond after he

was charged with two counts of substantial battery, as well as misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 25.

The balance of his initial appearance was continued to Nov. 12.

Kevin Lynn Ruhnke, 65, Hermantown, Minnesota, was released on a \$10,000 signature bond after he was charged with second-degree reckless injury, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 30.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 7.

Proceedings of Oct. 14

Travis George Knipp, 39, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred June 1.

Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 18 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Oct. 13

Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Phillip E. Miller, 40, Gillett, after he was charged with repeated sexual assault of the same child. His initial appearance was adjourned until Oct. 15.

Brandon M. Pecor, 35, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to charges of bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of hit and run, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 26. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 14 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Daryl Lee Johnson, 56, Oshkosh, pleaded no contest to possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 1, 2019.

Judge Michael T. Judge accepted a deferred judgment agreement on the felony count and placed Johnson on two years of probation for the misdemeanors.

Conditions include that he maintain absolute sobriety, have no contact with anyone involved in the drug culture and undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse as-

essment and treatment.

Melanie L. Nelson, 55, Oconto, formerly Wild Rose, North Dakota, pleaded no contest to charges of misappropriating ID information to obtain money, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 29, and possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 14.

Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 11 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Rita M. Weaver, 50, Suring, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to charges of maintaining a drug trafficking place and misdemeanor possession of THC and drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 6.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for Nov. 12.

Marsha A. Cassell, 42, Suring, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 6.

Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 14 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Brittany L. Hansen, 30, Gillett, pleaded no contest to three misdemeanor counts of making making false statements on public service applications, in connection with incidents that occurred in 2016.

The charges were reduced from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley placed her on 18 months of probation after imposing and staying a one-year county jail term.

Conditions include that she obtain and maintain full-time employment.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Bradd K. Steeno, 49, Green Bay, after he was charged with battery to a law officer, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 10.

His initial appearance was adjourned until Nov. 12.

Eye to eye with the least bittern

By **CATHY CARNES**
Special to NEW Media

The least bittern outlasted me; frozen in position, beak pointed forward, blending beautifully with its environment, it hoped to become invisible to my eye. That it did not, for I was fascinated first with even seeing this elusive bird, and second with its tenacity to hold its position, conditioned no doubt by millions of forebearers who honed this survival and hunting skill.

I spent 10 minutes marveling at it, standing at the edge of the marsh watching, thinking it would grow tired of me and fly away, but I was the one to depart, respecting its message and space, and at last leaving, not wanting to add to its stress.

The least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) is at home at the Oconto Marsh, which provides the varied wetland habitat and food resources that allow it to thrive. According to the Cornell Labs "All About Birds" website, the least bittern is a very small heron, between a robin and crow in size.

Several key features distinguish it from other herons. It has a hunched back appearance created by pulling in its long neck, a long thick dagger like yellow bill, and its neck and belly sport white and chestnut stripes. The crown and back of males are blackish in color, and dark brown in females. The males also have two white stripes along the back. If agitated, the birds may raise their crown and neck feathers, giving them a striking appearance.

Like other herons, the least bitterns are masters of the hunt, standing motionless, watching the water for prey or slowly stalking their prey, which includes minnows, small snakes, frogs, crayfish, and dragonflies. Least bitterns are especially adapted to hunt in deeper water. They use their long legs and toes, and curved claws, to grasp reeds and hang suspended over the water, patiently awaiting a meal.

The Kaufman Field Guide to Birds of North America notes two distinctive calls for the least bittern: a short fast gobble, koo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo call and a harsh cackle, kek-kek-kek-kek. It helps to learn the calls, as you are more likely to hear rather than see this elusive bird.

According to the "All About



A male least bittern at the Oconto Marsh in its "frozen" pose.

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Birds" website, the least bittern breeding area extends across much of the eastern U.S. except for the Appalachian Mountain range, a few areas of the western U.S., and portions of southern Canada. It winters in wetland areas including coastal areas in the southeastern United States, Mexico, Central America, that the Caribbean Islands.

The Wisconsin DNR classifies the least bittern as a Special Concern species, i.e., a species which

appears to have some problem with abundance or distribution. The main goal of this conservation category is to focus attention on the species before it may become listed as threatened or endangered. According to Dave Halfmann of the Wisconsin DNR, protection of quality wetlands such as those found at the Oconto Marsh is important to the conservation of the species.

It is getting easier to see birds at the Oconto Marsh. With fall

upon us, some of the trees and shrubs where they perch are bare of leaves, revealing them (like the least bittern I saw) in all their glory. Look for this bird at the marsh or in a wetland near you. And if you learn its distinctive call, it's almost as exciting hearing one as seeing one.

Cathy Carnes of Oconto is a retired U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service biologist who volunteers with Bird City Oconto.

Charlotte A. Christensen

Charlotte (Char) Ann Christensen, 91, formerly of Suamico, died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at The Cottages Memory Care facility in Shawano after battling Alzheimer's disease. The daughter of the late Denver and Bernice (Frisbie) Larsen was born Sept. 7, 1929, in Suring.

On Dec. 11, 1948, she married Harlan Christensen, and the two of them enjoyed almost 56 happy years together.

Char was a stay-at-home mom and fulfilled her job well. Family was Char's first concern, and whenever and wherever there was illness, emotional or financial support needed, she was ready and willing to help. She was there to help when new grandchildren were born, babysitting when needed, helping families relocate and assisting in any way possible.



Christmas Eve gatherings, with all the family, were always a special time for Char, and some of the very best memories for her family to cherish. Char enjoyed working at church events, especially Abelskiver Fest, and weekly Bible study.

Char loved spending time in her gardens and feeding her backyard birds, even providing them with warm water to drink in the winter-time.

She is survived by five children: Allyn Christensen (Rhoby Hovanec), Lena, Andrea (Joe) Hoffman, Shawano, Arden (Carol) Christensen, Green Bay, Kaye Christensen, Still-

water, Minnesota, and Conne Walton (Ralph) Davison of Las Vegas; 16 grandchildren: Ami (Chris) Gaertig, Josh (Mandi) Christensen, Jeremy Hoffman, Angela (Jay) Koeller, Jed (Jenny) Hoffman, Amanda (Adam) Ligocki, Jay Hoffman (fiancée Amanda Elston), Abbey (Bo) Van-Handel, Kris (Kevin) Rusboldt, Kelly (Joel) Gregozeski, Paul (Jamie) Christensen, Kim (Jacob) Bjork, Chip Bloch, Becky Bloch, Brandon Walton, Kendra Walton; four step-grandchildren: Bethany (David) Piland, Tiersa Davison, Nathan Davison, Elyse (Aaron) Argyropoulos; 29 great-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Corrine (Ted) Roscoe, Colleen (Ed) Gregorich, Noni Dobratz, Mavis Blazek; brothers-in-law Bill (Nancy) Kamke, Fred Kopatz; nieces, nephews, friends and special neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan; an infant son, Arthur Brian; her sister, Ro Jean Friction, son-in-law, Greg Walton, her parents-in-law, Hans and Mildred Christensen, and Frank Kamke; sisters-in-law Beverly (Arnold) Schwenn and Maylou Kopatz; brothers-in-law Richard Friction, Joe Blazek, Ed Wacek and Roger Behringer.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Cottages on Golden Pond Memory Care, Shawano, and Southern Care Hospice who cared for our mother.

A private funeral service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church. Burial will take place in Pine Hill Cemetery, Spruce. Marnocha Funeral Home is assisting the family. To send online condolences, please go to www.marnochafuneralhome.com.

Elaine Anderson

Elaine Anderson, 87, Oconto Falls, died suddenly of natural causes Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at home. She was born April 4, 1933, in Michigan to William and Rose (Gerrard) McNutt. While in grade school, she moved with her family to Wisconsin and graduated high school.

On Sept. 12, 1953, she married Clifford R. Anderson in Menominee, Michigan. The couple made their home in the Oconto Falls area all of their married lives and once owned and operated Anderson Lanes in Oconto Falls from 1975 through 1984.

Survivors are her two children,



Clifford G. (Alison French) Anderson, San Jose, California; Debra (Barry McDonald) Anderson, Corbin, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Jessica Whitehouse, Oconto Falls; Nikki and Anton Anderson, both of San Jose, California; three great-grandchildren, Bailey, Theresa and Naomi Whitehouse; two brothers, Paul (Linda) and Charlie McNutt, all of Green

Bay; one sister, Rose McNutt Knope, Pound; one brother-in-law, Merlin "Chet" Anderson, Oconto Falls; four sisters-in-law, Margie McNutt, Oconomowoc; Viola Anderson, Oconto Falls; Alyce Ankerson, Gillett; Helen Anderson, Kelly Lake; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Clifford in 2008, three brothers, Joseph, William and Gilbert McNutt, her in-laws, Anton and Astrid Anderson, five brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law, Clarence (Meta) Anderson, Robert Anderson, Arnold Anderson, Anton (Delores)

Anderson Jr., Robert Ankerson and Faye Anderson.

Visitation was held after 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at St. Anthony Catholic Church until the time of service. Mass of Christian Burial took place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Fr. Greg Parent officiating. Burial was to follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Anderson family.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to the Oconto County Humane Society, 150 S. Katch Drive, Oconto, WI 54153.

Edward G. Otradovec

Edward George Otradovec, 60, of Suring, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020. Edward was born Oct. 11, 1960, in Shawano to the late Adelbert and Chantel (Vigue) Otradovec. Edward was a dedicated worker at his various places of employment which included Nu-Line Industries, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Menominee Casino and North Star Casino.

Edward enjoyed riding his motorcycle and shooting pool in the pool league in Suring. Edward loved spending time with his family, whether it was for a cup of coffee, a beverage of choice or a game of cards. He also loved the outdoors



and hunting as well as going to the casino. Edward is survived by two daughters, Tasha (Jesse) Hagel, of Oconto, and Tabitha (Charles Jr.) Helsinger, of Keshena; two sons, Ryan (Kara) Otradovec, of Oconto, and Reese Otradovec of Peach Grove, Indiana; nine grandchildren, Aidan, Chloe, Passion, Aiyana, Gavyn, Cadyn, Leondias, Athena and Matthias; six brothers, Jerome (Rosanne), Rodger, Charles (Judy Ann), Peter (Harrison

Sehres) and George (Rachel), all of Suring, and John (Pam), of Wausau; two sisters, Delberta (Otto) Pethke, of Suring, and Dora Jean (Elmer) Diedrich, of Luthersville, Georgia; and his companion, Lisa Funk.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adelbert and Chantel; two brothers, Christopher and Leonard; and a sister, Christine.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Edward's life at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. A prayer service with rosary

will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in South Branch at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacher-funeralhome.com.



Lois M. Schnake

Lois M. Schnake, 77, of the Town of Matteson, passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at her home.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting with the arrangements.

Elaine L. Much

Elaine L. Much, 88, of Tigerton, passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at St. Joseph Residence in New London.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton is assisting with the arrangements.

LIMITED TERM TRUCK DRIVER

Oconto County Highway Department is seeking qualified applicants to develop a pool of Truck Drivers primarily for snow and ice removal. Work will typically be performed outside of normal business operational hours and may be called in on short notice. May also be used during construction season to haul asphalt, gravel, fill, etc.

Applicants must have CDL with all Class A and/or B with airbrakes and N endorsements. Also requires 2-3 years of experience in a highway maintenance environment.

Hourly rate for this limited term, non-benefited position is \$25/hour. Hours and days of work to be determined by the Highway Department and will serve on a rotational basis. Qualified candidates may be subject to a background investigation. Please complete application on-line. Detailed job description also available online.

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St. Clare receives national award

Press Ganey recognizes facility for clinical quality

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls and HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay have each received a 2020 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award for achieving and sustaining excellence in clinical quality.

"The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award is a nationally recognized symbol of achievement in health care," said Andy Bagnall, president and CEO, HSHS Wisconsin. "We are extremely proud of our leaders, providers and colleagues at HSHS St. Mary's and St. Clare Memorial for their unwavering com-

mitment to the quality of the care they deliver to their patients and communities each day."

The two hospitals were evaluated for clinical quality in areas such as the emergency department, outpatient services and for their delivery of care for pregnancy and related conditions, stroke and venous thromboembolism.

"The caregivers and staff of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital touch the lives of patients and their families in profound ways," said Patrick T. Ryan, chairman and chief executive officer at Press Ganey. "These awards reflect their deep commitment to listening to the voices of their patients, and I continue to be humbled and inspired by their heroic efforts to care for patients in the face of the uncertainty, stress and fear brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic."



As a lifelong resident of Northern Wisconsin, I understand the challenges that face our communities. I'm a mother, grandmother, two-time cancer survivor, small business owner, and citizen legislator.

During my time as a State Representative, we've invested more than \$50 million in broadband expansion, increased access to healthcare in Northern Wisconsin, put more money into our rural schools, and saw local unemployment rates as low as 2.1% – all while protecting your rights and cutting your taxes.

I share your values, I know your struggles, and most importantly - I want to make sure our kids, grandkids, and future generations have the same opportunities that we had growing up - right here in Northern Wisconsin.

**I'm Mary Czaja-Felzkowski and I hope to earn your vote for the
Wisconsin State Senate on November 3rd!**

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SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: AMELIA RICE

Oconto Falls senior a big part of team's success

The Oconto Falls High School volleyball team has enjoyed a strong fall season, led by a group of attackers. Senior Amelia Rice is a part of the group, and she's been a steady performer for the Panthers all season.

Rice ranks third on the team with 97 attack kills and fourth in total blocks (14). She's also contributed 79 digs and five aces.

In Oconto Falls' final regular season win against Little Chute on Oct. 13, Rice finished with 13 attack kills, three total blocks and four digs.

Q: When did your interest in volleyball begin?

A: I remember around fifth grade my parents (Matt and Melanie) put me in a few volleyball camps just for fun to see if I'd like it. I picked it up pretty quickly, and I've loved playing the game ever since.

Q: What is your favorite part about the volleyball season?

A: Definitely getting to spend a lot of time with my friends and teammates! I enjoy laughing and just having fun with everyone, whether it's during practice, on bus rides home from games and on the court.

Q: What has volleyball taught you over the years?

A: There are so many life lessons that volleyball has taught me, but teamwork and perseverance have to be the biggest ones. When it's a tight set, you have to trust and rely on your teammates, picking each other up, and keep fighting for every point.

Q: Talk a bit about what your senior season was like as you and your team dealt with new guidelines because of the pandemic.

A: It was tough not having our full team together when a few of our players were out due to contact tracing, but we adjusted well. This being my senior



Oconto Falls' Amelia Rice leaps up to attempt a spike during a North Eastern Conference match against Waupaca on Oct. 1 in Oconto Falls.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

volleyball season, it was also pretty sad not having our normal student section and crowd there cheering us on one last time.

Q: As a senior, how thankful were you to get a final season this fall?

A: Although this season looked very different than years past, I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to play one more time! During this past summer, I was worried that I might have already played my last volleyball game, so I was very excited to hear that we were

getting to play this fall. I know that other schools decided not to play fall sports this year, and I am so lucky that I got the chance.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through to get ready for a match?

A: Usually I listen to music with my team while we get ready in the locker room and while we stretch to get us pumped up.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Oconto Falls volleyball team?

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Amelia Rice

SPORT: Volleyball

POSITIONS: Outside hitter

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

A: There's so many memories, but one of my favorites has to be getting the last kill to win a tight match against Freedom in a tournament last year.

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school volleyball?

A: I've always loved to compete in volleyball, and I'll miss doing that for sure. But I'll also miss the feeling you get after you get a good kill and celebrating with your teammates. I think that almost every player knows that feeling.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — Either "Grey's Anatomy" or "Friends." Movie — "I Can Only Imagine." Musical artist — For King and Country.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I love being outdoors and going on hikes in Door County with my friends and family. I go pretty often, and it's fun every time.

Q: What's the greatest piece of advice you have ever been told?

A: Whatever you're doing, make it fun. Having this in the back of my head made a lot of situations more enjoyable, especially through this pandemic.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: As of right now, I plan on attending a four-year university and majoring in exercise science. Then going on to get my master's degree and becoming an occupational therapist.



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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Gillett girls win M&O Meet behind trio

Gillett's Sylvia Hansen, Derek Hanson claim first-place individual finishes

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gillett Secondary School girls cross-country team won the Marinette & Oconto Conference Meet on Oct. 15 in Pembine.

Sylvia Hansen, Carleigh Kaczmarek and Ryann Wagner claimed first, second and third place, respectively, to lead the girls team to the top finish.

Gillett's boys team didn't qualify for a team score, but all three of runners placed in the top 10, led by a first-place finish from Derek Hanson.

Hansen won the girls race with a time of 21 minutes, 29.3 seconds. The M&O Meet started three years ago, and Hansen has won each race.

"Today's race was great. I felt like I was going to have a good race because I felt good at practice all week. Today I felt strong, fast and relaxed," said Hansen. "It was so great to watch my teammates follow up right behind me and work hard today as well."

Kaczmarek and Wagner finished in 21:39.2 and 21:54.4, respectively.

Megan Wagner (23:42) and Alaina Herzog (24:05.9) rounded out the team score, placing ninth and 11th, respectively.

Hanson won his second M&O title after posting a time of 17:44.8. The senior won the first-ever M&O Meet as a sophomore.

"Tonight's race went very well from a strategic standpoint," said Hanson. "I went out fast to send a message early on that sticking with me was going to hurt. After breaking

off from the pack with quite a large gap, I just finished it in smooth and relaxed."

The second-place finisher had a time of 18:28.6, and he was followed by Gillett's Evan Peterson (18:29.2). Riley Engebretsen (19:19.1) claimed sixth place.

The Suring girls team placed fourth, led by Olivia Noack's fourth-place finish in 21:57.6.

"Honestly, I went out there and did what I do best. This race that I had tonight definitely boosted my confidence," said Noack. "I felt super strong and determined from the start and throughout the entire race. I didn't have the urge to stop, knew it was conference and I wanted that top-five spot once again so I didn't give up — it's all about how bad you want it."

Chantelle VandenElzen (24:36.4) placed 15th for the Eagles, while Hailey Thomson (24:53.3) was 17th. Georgia Gerndt (25:40.1) and Samantha Seibert (26:51.8) rounded out the team, taking 20th and 24th, respectively.

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy boys co-op team took third place. Max Beyer led the way with a ninth-place finish in 20:13.9.

"It was great to be among these racers and with such great competition," said Beyer.

Dylan Comins (20:39.9) came in 11th, while Reed Hosking (21:13.4) was 13th. Luke Misco (23:15.1) and Franky Umentum (29:23.1) were the team's other two runners, finishing 17th and 18th, respectively.

The Lena/STAA girls didn't have enough runners to qualify for a team

FYI

Cross-country subsectional and sectional results can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com and will appear in the Oct. 30 paper.

score. Kennedy Marquardt (24:10.1) led the way with a 12th-place finish.

Megan Shallow (28:01.1), Ruth Alberts (31:21.4) and Samara VanArk (35:19.5) were the other three co-op runners, taking 26th, 27th and 29th, respectively.

Girls team scores: 1. Gillett 26; 2. Coleman 58; 3. Crivitz 67; 4. Suring 72.

Boys team scores: 1. Coleman 29; 2. Crivitz 38; 3. Lena/STAA 53.

Girls all-conference finishers — first team:

Gillett's Sylvia Hansen, Carleigh Kaczmarek, Ryann Wagner; Suring's Olivia Noack; **second team:** Gillett's Megan Wagner.

Boys all-conference finishers — first team:

Gillett's Derek Hanson, Evan Peterson; **second team:** Gillett's Riley Engebretsen; Lena/STAA's Max Beyer.

Oconto Falls teams 6th at conference

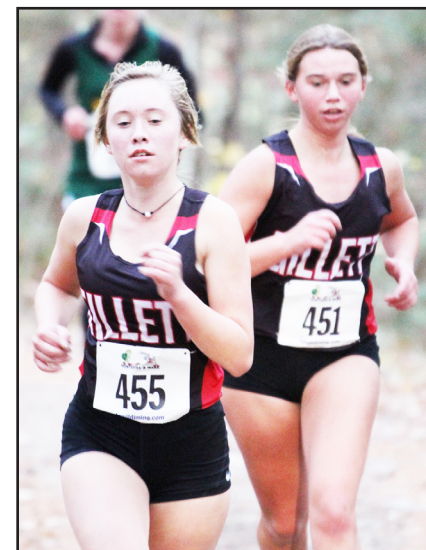
The Oconto Falls boys and girls cross-country teams each placed sixth at the North Eastern Conference Championship on Oct. 15 in Neenah.

The Oconto Falls boys posted a score of 163, while the girls tallied a 153.

Joe Adams led the Oconto Falls boys, placing fourth in 16:56.23.

Braden Uelmen and Grant Yuma placed 32nd and 33rd for the Panthers with times of 19:47.69 and 19:54.22, respectively. Landon Budz (21:52.81) took 50th and Damien Reed (22:22.92) claimed 52nd.

Leading the Oconto Falls girls team was Hannah Ludemann, who placed 11th in 20:42.86.



Gillett's Ryann Wagner, left, and Carleigh Kaczmarek run during the Marinette & Oconto Conference Meet on Oct. 15 in Pembine. KRIS HANSON

Alexis Euclide (23:22.56) took 32nd for the Panthers, while Maddy Przbylski (24:29.68) came in 38th. Sydney Bell (25:00.47) and Aspen Canavera (25:52.16) rounded out the team score by finishing 41st and 43rd, respectively.

Boys team scores: 1. Freedom 49; 2. Little Chute 49; 3. Fox Valley Lutheran 58; 4. Luxemburg-Casco 115; 5. Denmark 160; 6. Oconto Falls 163; 7. Clintonville 174; 8. Waupaca 198.

Girls team scores: 1. Freedom 37; 2. Fox Valley Lutheran 65; 3. Luxemburg-Casco 72; 4. Little Chute 75; 5. Marinette 109; 6. Oconto Falls 153.

Boys all-conference finishers — first team: Oconto Falls' Joe Adams.

Girls all-conference finishers — second team: Oconto Falls' Hannah Ludemann.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

FOOTBALL

Oconto Falls 40

Tomahawk 16

Oconto falls rolled to a Northwoods Conference win over Tomahawk on Oct. 16 in Tomahawk. Oconto Falls is now 2-2 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

Owen Huber rushed for 134 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Panthers in the win. Dylan Thomson finished with 101 rushing yards and a touchdown, while Hunter Mallien also scored a rushing touchdown.

Noah Hirst intercepted a pass to lead Oconto Falls' defense. Carson Mercier led the team with seven total tackles, and Josh Saara finished with 1.5 sacks.

Lena/STAA 50

Gillett 0

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op blanked Gillett in a MONLPC-East Division 8-player match on Oct. 16 in Lena.

Logan Shallow rushed for two touchdowns, returned a punt for a score and threw a touchdown to lead Lena/STAA. Ethan Russell rushed for a score, while Lane Whiting and Jake Belongia each caught a touchdown. Sam Marquardt threw the co-op's other touchdown and also returned the opening kickoff for a score.

Lena/STAA improved to 1-2 overall, while Gillett fell to 0-2.

VOLLEYBALL

Gillett 3

Lena 0

Gillett swept Lena by scores of 25-

19, 25-19, 25-17 in a Marinette & Oconto Conference match on Oct. 15 in Lena.

Emily Umentum finished with 18 assists, six digs and three aces for Gillett, while Karissa Schaal had 11 digs and nine kills. Emelie Horsens tallied 11 digs and 10 kills.

Oconto Falls 3

Little Chute 1

Oconto Falls picked up a North Eastern Conference win over Little Chute on Oct. 13 in Oconto Falls. The Panthers won by scores of 25-14, 25-22, 17-25, 25-15.

Hailey Peitersen was credited with 40 assists, 14 digs and six attack kills in the winning effort. Jayden Arndt tallied 17 attack kills and Amelia Rice had 13. Arndt had four total blocks, with Rice adding three and Peitersen two.

Laikyn St. Louis posted nine attack

kills, while Karlie Kowalczyk led the Panthers with 23 digs. Quinn Eisch had 15 digs.

Oconto Falls 3

Wrightstown 0

Oconto Falls swept North Eastern Conference opponent Wrightstown by scores of 29-27, 25-23, 26-24 on Saturday in Wrightstown. The match was considered a nonconference one.

Emmie Magnin had 12 attack kills for Oconto Falls, while Jayden Arndt finished with 10 attack kills. Amelia Rice and Laikyn St. Louis each added nine attack kills.

Abbi Remic totaled 11 digs and three aces for the Panthers, with Hailey Peitersen contributing 26 digs and 30 assists. Karlie Kowalczyk posted 17 digs, while Quinn Eisch and Hannah Krejcarek had 12 digs each.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Badgers football team ready to contend again after offseason losses

QB Mertz likely to start with Coan injured

By STEVE MEGARGEE

The Associated Press

Wisconsin will open the season without quite as much experience as it expected to have.

Senior quarterback Jack Coan underwent surgery on his right foot last week and is out indefinitely. That means the 16th-ranked Badgers likely will start out their pandemic-delayed, eight-game schedule with redshirt freshman Graham Mertz running the offense.

"I've just been prepping every day, attacking every day like I have for the past year," said Mertz, the top non-offensive line recruit that Wisconsin has signed in over a decade. "I haven't changed anything in my mindset. I think that's how it has to be."

Coan's injury represented the latest hurdle for an offense that must replace two-time Doak Walker Award winner Jonathan Taylor, All-America center Tyler Biadasz and leading receiver Quintez Cephus from last season's team.

Even so, the Badgers believe they should contend for a Big Ten title again after going 10-4 and losing in the conference championship game and Rose Bowl last season.

Taylor's successors should run effectively behind a veteran line featur-

ing tackle Cole Van Lanen, an Associated Press preseason All-America second-team selection.

A defense that ranked fourth nationally in yards allowed per game (287.1) and 13th in yards allowed per play (4.79) last year should be dangerous again. The list of returning players on defense includes linebacker Jack Sanborn, who had a team-high 80 tackles last season.

"I've been on some great defenses, and I can see in this one everyone's close and has a great relationship," defensive end Garrett Rand said. "We all know what we're going to do, how we're going to do it."

Replacing Taylor

Wisconsin's biggest task is replacing Taylor, the first Football Bowl Subdivision player ever to rush for over 6,000 yards in just three seasons. The top three candidates are Garrett Groshek, Nakia Watson and Isaac Guerendo.

Groshek ran for 194 yards on 42 carries and caught 29 passes for 289 yards last season. Watson ran for 331 yards on 74 carries.

"We know we have big shoes to fill, and we know that we can't be someone we're not," Watson said. "We have to be Nakia. We have to be Gross. We have to be Isaac. We have to play our football, the football that got us here."

New pass-rushing threats

Wisconsin must find new guys to

harass opposing quarterbacks as they replace Chris Orr and Zack Baun, who combined for 24 sacks and 33½ tackles

for loss last season.

Of all the returning players, Sanborn had the most sacks last year (5½).



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports Hansen getting Senate seat

To the editor:

I endorse Jonathon Hansen for State Senate.

He has done a great job on the De Pere City Council. I know he will work hard for us, and he will do it in a civil manner.

I agree with him that giveaways such as the \$3 billion given to Foxconn was a waste of our money.

Instead, he wants to invest dollars in local businesses and family farms. He will fight for Medicaid/Badger-

Care expansion, end gerrymandering, provide tuition-free access to technical college and close the "Dark Store" loophole that would help to lower our property taxes.

I especially like his efforts to control PFAS, a dangerous substance found in our water.

It has been deemed to be cancer-causing, which can be a serious problem for children. Jonathon will ensure that our water becomes free of toxic PFAS.

Please, vote for Jonathon Hansen on or before Nov. 3.

Steven Lambert, Green Bay

NOTICE TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS

>Notice of Public Budget Hearing<

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. at the Town of Oconto Falls Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET for the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the Clerk's home by appointment (920-412-8151).

>Notice of Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County<

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 9, 2020- immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2021 year budget (which begins at 5:30 P.M.)-at the Town Hall of Oconto Falls, a special town meeting of the electors is called by the Town Board, pursuant to section 60.12 of Wisconsin Statutes, for the following purpose:

1. To approve the 2020 town tax levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Section 60.10(1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

>Notice of Special Town Board Meeting<

A special Town Board meeting will be held immediately following the Special Town Meeting of the Electors for the purpose of adopting the 2021 Town of Oconto Falls budget.

>NOTICE<

The November Town Board meeting will be called to order IMMEDIATELY following the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020, at the Oconto Falls Town Hall.

Dated-October 20, 2020

Heather Fifield, Clerk

Town of Oconto Falls

REVENUES	2020 Budget	2021 Proposed Budget
Taxes	\$232,330.00	\$235,859.00
Intergovt Rev	\$133,484.00	\$181,007.00
Licenses/Permits	\$600.00	\$600.00
Public Serv Chgs	\$84,525.00	\$88,464.00
Misc Revenue	\$156,000.00	\$85,815.00
Fire Tender -Loan		
Total	\$606,939.00	\$591,745.00
EXPENSES		
Gen Govt	\$85,800.00	\$86,000.00
Public Safety	\$104,800.00	\$114,040.00
Public Works	\$368,200.00	\$342,600.00
Other Expenses	\$3,734.00	\$4,700.00
Debt Serv-Fire Tndr	\$44,405.00	\$44,405.00
Fire Tndr-Cap Outlay		
Total	\$606,939.00	\$591,745.00

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 15

Deputies logged 38 incidents, including the following:

Line down — reported near McDonald Street and Hansen Avenue, City of Oconto, 5:53 a.m.

Animal neglect — reported in the 8000 block of Busy Nook Road, Town of Oconto Falls, 8:03 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 7000 block of County Road R, Underhill, 12:47 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 300 block of Schwartz Road, Chase, 2 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 600 block of East Main Street, Suring, 9:06 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 11 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, and two miscellaneous traffic incidents.

911 — two 911 hangups were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crashes.

Oct. 14

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including the following:

Fraud — reported in the 13000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 3:06 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Van Buren Street, City of Oconto Falls, 3:47 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 13000 block of Pecore Road, How, 3:57 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of North McKenzie Street, 5:37 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Mayflower Lane, Underhill, 7:36 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, and two traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

911 — six 911 hangups and one open line were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies logged six deer-related crashes.

Ambulance —two ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 13

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including the following:

Theft — reported in the 13000 block of Moody Lake Circle, Breed, 9:24 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 8000 block of County Road CC, Town of Oconto Falls, 10:35 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 12000 block of County Road VV, Underhill, 4:39 p.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 5000 block of Watercrest Road, Stiles, 5:47 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 5000 block of Allen Road, Little Suamico, 5:59 p.m.

Criminal damage — reported near West Frontier Road and County Road S, Little Suamico, 6:08 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged four traffic stops, one traffic hazards, seven traffic offenses, and two citizen assists.

Welfare check — Officers conducted four welfare checks.

911 — one 911 hangup and two open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance —two ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 12

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Drug investigation — conducted at an address in the City of Oconto, 8:29 a.m.

Harassment — reported in the 9000 block of Yurek Road, Chase, 12:05 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of County Road J, Town of Oconto, 12:46 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 6000 block of Settlement Road, Underhill, 2:18 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 13000 block of County Road VV, Underhill, 2:39 p.m.

Theft — reported at an address along state Highway 64, Brazeau, 2:48 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged five traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

911 — five 911 hangups were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near County Road G and Balcom Lake Road, Town of Gillett, 7:57 a.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance —two ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 11

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including the following:

Underage alcohol — reported at an address in Breed, 12:23 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 6:44 a.m.

Threatening — reported in the 1000

block of Careful Lane, Little Suamico, 10:08 a.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 13000 block of County Road T, Doty, 11:30 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 500 block of Bay Road, Little River, 11:51 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of Collins Avenue, 4:06 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 200 block of East Armstrong Street, City of Gillett, 11:58 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, three citizen assists, and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers responded to one attempt-to-locate call.

911 — three 911 hangups and four open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 6:44 p.m.; and a accident near County Roads M and G, 11:12 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance —three ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 10

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including the following:

Noise disturbance — reported along North Mill Street, Suring, 2:45 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of Luby Avenue, City of Oconto, 5:17 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 18000 block of Waubee Park Lane, Lakewood, 9:47 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 3000 block of Schwartz Road, Chase, 10:21 a.m.

Burglary — reported in the 300 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 10:34 a.m.

**TOWN OF STILES
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ORDINANCE #2020-1

Ordinance for snowmobiles onto Crawford and Chicken Shack Rd.

1. Crawford Road and a portion of Chicken Shack Road is here by designated as a snowmobile route during snowmobile season which shall begin on November 1 of each year and shall end on April 1 of each year.
- a. That portion of Crawford Rd. running west from the town line and North to Chicken Shack Rd. shall be designated as a snowmobile route.
- b. That portion of Chicken Shack Rd. where it is connected to Crawford Rd. running west to Highway U.S.141 shall be designated as a snowmobile route.
- c. The Town of Stiles does not by execution of this ordinance relinquish its rights to regulate snowmobile operation on Crawford Rd. or Chicken Shack Rd. as allowed by state law.

This ordinance is effective on publication date of October 21, 2020

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s.60.80 Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 13 day of October, 2020 by Town Board of Stiles, Oconto County.

Stiles Town Board

Steven Dupuis, Chairman
Blaine Konitzer, Supervisor
Robert Telford, Supervisor

Attest Town Clerk

Marilyn A. Magnin, Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing

Date: November 11, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

*Location: LEC Conference Room – North and South
220 Arbutus Ave. Oconto, WI 54153*

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comment on Oconto County's proposed plan and budget for the 2021 Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes to implement elderly and disabled transportation programs.

The Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant Application for 2021 is scheduled for a public hearing on: November 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to:

Michael G. Reimer, Health & Human Services Director
Oconto County Health and Human Services
501 Park Ave. Oconto, WI 54153

The draft application will be available for public review, prior to the hearing at the above address. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. For more information or if transportation is needed, please contact Michael Reimer at 920-834-7000.

If you are an individual who needs a special accommodation while attending this meeting as required by the "Americans with Disabilities Act", please notify the County Clerk, Oconto County Courthouse (920-834-6805) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to make suitable arrangements. Thank you.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY**

A PUBLIC TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE November 3, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 27TH, 2020 AT 5:30 pm AT THE MAPLE VALLEY TOWN HALL 9088 CNTY HWY Z SURING, WI 54174

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**NOTICE
TOWN OF STILES RESIDENTS
PUBLIC TEST**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Public Test for the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the 2020 General Partisan Election for Offices on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 will be conducted for the Town of Stiles on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at the Stiles Town Hall in accordance with WS Ch. 5.84(1). The Public Test is open to the general public.

Marilyn Magnin, Clerk, Town of Stiles

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**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the General Election on November 3, 2020 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Nancy Brye
Deputy Clerk

WNAXLP

**Public Notice
Town of Lena Residents**

The Town of Lena will conduct their public testing of voting equipment on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 6:00 PM at the Lena Town Hall, 6087 Goatsville Rd. The test is open to the public.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls are open from 7 AM until 8 PM. A photo ID is now required to receive a ballot in all elections.

Dawn VanArk
Town Clerk

WNAXLP

**TOWN OF SPRUCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2020 General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 will be conducted for the Town of Spruce on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk

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**NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
REGARDING THE 2019 TID ANNUAL REPORT
FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) NO. 2 AND 3
IN THE CITY OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Gillett will hold a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on October 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gillett City Hall, located at 150 N. McKenzie Avenue. The purpose of this meeting is for the JRB to review the Annual Report for TID Nos. 2 and 3. The meeting is open to the public. Copies of the TID Annual Report(s) are available for review in the Clerk's Office located at the Gillett City Hall, 150 N. McKenzie Avenue and will be provided upon request. Dated this 23rd day of October, 2020.

Chelsea Anderson
Clerk/Treasurer

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Holiday shoebox ministry continues through pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause fear and uncertainty, Samaritan's Purse is calling on churches and families to pack more shoebox gifts than ever before for Operation Christmas Child — making sure millions of children experience the joy of the holiday. Samaritan's Purse is committed to its mission of reaching millions of children across the globe with hope.

"Much of the world has been gripped with fear, and this is especially hard for children," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Now more than ever, these boys and girls need to know God loves them. Operation Christmas Child delivers the hope found only in Jesus Christ."

The Samaritan's Purse project has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys—to children worldwide for more than two decades.

This is a mission project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions. Simply pack shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and toys.

Then, bring them to one of more than 4,000 drop-off locations during national collection week, Nov. 16-23. Drop-off locations will be listed starting in early November at samaritanspurse.org and can be searched by city or ZIP code.

Even if churches and groups are not yet meeting, families are encouraged to pack shoebox gifts at home.

The organization also offers an option to virtually pack a shoebox gift. Through this online tool, churches and groups can also set up a goal page to rally together to reach a larger goal. Anyone can create a goal page and work together with church members, friends, and family.

Those interested in more information on Operation Christmas Child COVID-19 protocols, can visit important COVID-19 updates for the latest information and answers to frequently asked questions.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

MARRIAGES

Bernard Robert Reinhard and Sara Leigh Kipp-Enz, Abrams.
Derek Thomas Liebergen and Ashley Nicole Teteak, Morgan.
Alan James Russell and Jessica Marie Onesti, Mountain.
Jacobo Sosorbe Hernandez, Coleman, and Gabriela Guevara Andrade, Little River.

Allan Glenn Wolcott, Brazeau, and Hallie Rose Reed, Lena.
Lee Steven Weisnicht, Chase, and Sara Rose Stevens, Green Bay.

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on October 13, 2020. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 20-008; RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLOSE – PLANNING (CDBG CL-PLNG)" AND "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLOSE – PUBLIC FACILITIES (CDBG CL-PF)" APPLICATION

Nancy Brye - Deputy Clerk

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Pat's Market

GILLETT (920) 855-6040

STORE HOURS: Mon-Fri 7:00am-7:00pm

Sat 8:00am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am - 1:00pm

CMH PHARMACY HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00AM-5:00PM

These Prices Good Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, 2020

While Supplies Last!

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We reserve the right to limit quantities.



**Prairie Fresh Whole
Pork Butt Shoulder Roasts**



\$1²⁹
lb

**Family Pack USDA Choice
Boneless New York Strip Steaks**



\$8⁹⁹
lb

**Jenni-O Festive
Turkey Breasts**



\$1⁶⁹
lb

**Fresh
Cranberries**

\$1⁹⁹ 12oz Bag

**Sunrise
McIntosh or
Cortland Apples**



\$2⁹⁹
3# Bag

**Roma
Tomatoes**

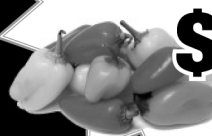


\$1⁶⁹
lb

Clementine

\$5⁶⁹ 3# bag

**Orange,
Red, or
Yellow Peppers**



\$2⁷⁹
lb

**Iceless
Green Onions**

69¢ each

**Krestchmar
Off-the-Bone Turkey
Breast or Honey Ham**



\$5⁹⁹
lb
Shaved (or Sliced)

**Chobani
Greek Yogurt**

99¢ Asst Variety 5.3oz

**Best Choice
Granulated
Sugar**



\$2²⁹
4# Bag

**Wildwood
2 Liter Soda**



89¢
Asst Variety

**Dei Fratelli
Canned Tomatoes**

99¢ Asst Variety 14.5-15oz

**Party Size Lays
Potato Chips &
Munchies**

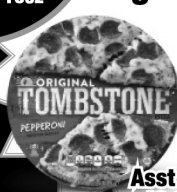


2/\$8
Asst Variety 10.5-18oz

**Bush's
Chili Beans**

\$1¹⁹ Asst Variety 15.5-16oz

**Tombstone
Original Pizza**



2/\$8
Asst Variety 19.3-27oz

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4 Weeks of
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**Chairman's Reserve
Prime Whole Pork Butt
Shoulder Roasts**



CHAIRMAN'S
RESERVE

\$1⁸⁹
lb

**Center-Cut Smoked
Ham Steaks**



\$1⁹⁹
lb



Join our Circle of Care!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During the month of October, Women's Care is asking every woman to make a promise to take care of herself, get a mammogram if they are 40 years old or older, and encourage others to do the same. Identifying breast cancer in its earliest stages allows the greatest chance this disease will be successfully treated. Early detection is the best prevention and there's no better time than now!

At Women's Care of Wisconsin, *it's all about you!*

Call 920.729.7105 or visit womenscareofwi.com.

