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Wayne Strei, left, shares a thought with the group over lunch during last week's penultimate Over the Hill in Underwood luncheon. The weekly senior luncheon at the Underhill Community Center is ending after this week. SEE FULL STORY ON PAGES 20-21.

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Pulaski High School's marching band is scheduled to appear in the Suring parade and perform at Veterans Memorial Park afterward.

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Suring gears up for Labor Day Celebration

Weekend festivities culminate with Monday parade

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

SURING — For the 89th time, the village of Suring is pulling out the stops to celebrate the Labor Day weekend.

From the Friends of the Library book sale that launches Wednesday morning through the big parade Sunday morning, there'll be plenty of activity in and around Veterans Memorial Park and downtown Suring.

Among the highlights:

- The book sale Wednesday through Saturday at the library, 604

E. Main St., and a rummage sale at Mount Olive Church 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday.

- 4x4 truck pull sanctioned by NEW Motorsports at 7 p.m. Friday.
- Craft sales and rummage sales along Ehlinger Street all day Saturday.

- The Conquer Suring Hill 5k/10k run/walk Saturday morning, with registration 7-8 a.m. and the race at 8:30 a.m.

- An antique and farm tractor pull at 2 p.m. Saturday.

- The all-class Suring High School

reunion dinner at Red Maple Country Club starting at 5 p.m. Saturday.

- A demolition derby at noon Sunday

- The 89th annual Suring Labor Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday, featuring grand marshals Russel and Barbara Brock, who will be honored at the park following a "fifth quarter" performance by the Pulaski Marching Band after the parade.

- Food, live music and children's activities all weekend.

See the Community Calendar on Page 11 for more listings.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.

OFHS graduation stays put for 2020

Administrators propose moving ceremony in 2021

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO FALLS — The Oconto Falls School Board will make a decision in September about changing the date of high school graduation, but the change will take effect in 2021.

This year's seniors, the Class of 2020, will graduate the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, as has been the case for the past few years.

Administrators came to the board Aug. 19 to report on community reaction to a proposal to move the ceremony to Thursday or Friday night

starting next May, an idea floated earlier this summer.

"So with anything, you start a conversation and you realize there's a lot of complexities to it," high school principal Jake Beschta said as he began his report.

A community survey showed a lot of support for moving the date — more than 76 percent — but not this school year and not to earlier in Memorial Day weekend, Beschta said.

Among the issues is the sports post-season calendar.

"We never want to put our students in a situation where they have to choose graduation or competing for a regional, sectional or possible state appearance," he said.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association playoff calendar is very full the weeks before and after Memorial Day, Beschta said.

"That two-week period that you

want graduation to occur, from a WIAA standpoint, is very busy," he said.

Another issue is the impact of graduation on blended classes that contain a mixture of senior, junior and sophomore students. Seniors, of course, are dismissed from attended classes after they graduate.

"Using this year as an example — the snow days were a little extreme, but this is Wisconsin; it's going to happen to some capacity — because of makeup days in our calendar, after graduation the students that were part of these blended classes were participating in an altered curriculum for 3½ weeks," Beschta said. "That's a significant amount of time."

Blended courses would benefit from moving graduation to a week later, he said, adding that would also provide more flexibility in scheduling senior exams.

"Numerous individuals in the community expressed that a weekend date is appreciated because there are family members that live out of the area, and it provides travel flexibility," Beschta said.

With all that in mind, administrators are leaning toward moving the graduation ceremony to the Sunday following Memorial Day, starting with the Class of 2021. The 2020 ceremony remains on the calendar for 2 p.m. May 24.

Beschta asked the board to think about the idea and make a final decision at its next meeting Sept. 9.

Oconto Falls would be the second local school district to adjust its graduation date in recent years. Gillett, which also held its ceremony on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, changed to the following Sunday starting this past June.

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Oconto Falls school budget approved

New referendum possible in spring 2021

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

OCONTO FALLS — Electors attending the Oconto Falls School District annual meeting Aug. 20 approved a \$26.8 million budget for the 2019-20 school year and heard the superintendent report that a referendum question may come before voters as soon as the spring of 2021.

The budget includes a property tax levy that carries a mill rate that probably would be unchanged from this year when it's finalized in October and below the amount authorized in a five-year referendum in 2017.

"We were actually afforded the authority to increase by as much as 23 cents per \$1,000 (of equalized value) each year of the five-year nonrecurring," Superintendent Dean Hess said. "So we didn't do that last year, and we're anticipating not doing it again this year."

Part of the reason is that the district budgets conservatively, expecting a small increase in equalized valuation of property year by year, and values have increased by greater amounts in recent years, he said. The district expects to benefit by an increase in state school aid in the second year of the biennial budget passed earlier this summer.

This is the third year that the terms of the 2017 referendum will be in effect. Hess said officials are thinking about what happens when the package expires after the 2021-22 school year.

"If you don't replace it and if your fiscal needs are still there, you're going to have a fiscal cliff, because the dollars that had been increased each year over the course of the last five years suddenly are not there," Hess said, estimating the impact at \$3.2 million.

The district is thinking that a new operational referendum might be needed if significant changes in how the state funds public education don't occur by then.

"It's extremely difficult to do that in the year that it expires because you have to double plan – for if it passes and for if it fails," Hess said. "To say that that's a pretty massive emotional withdrawal for people is an understatement of epic proportions."

He said he expects to bring to the school board the idea of going to referendum at the Year 4 mark, the spring of 2021. The district will likely bring both operational needs and capital needs to the voters, he added, a reference to ongoing discussions about whether to replace Washington Middle School.

The district has been working to pay off long-term debt in an accelerated fashion, Hess said. The current mill rate is \$10.66 per \$1,000 of equalized value. That means a homeowner whose property is valued at \$100,000 paid \$1,066 in taxes to the district last year.

A final vote on the tax levy and mill rate is expected in October.

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Falls hires elementary school principal

Hall succeeds Dan Moore, who left after 13 years

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO FALLS — Oconto Falls Elementary School will start the school year Tuesday with a new principal, after the School Board hired a veteran educator whose most recent assignment was in the Florence School District.

Neil Hall, who was principal of Florence Elementary School for the past six years, told the board Aug. 19 that it was a hard decision to pull up stakes just as a new year is getting underway.

"I told Dean (Oconto Falls Superintendent Dean Hess) that I love my job, I love the staff we have there, and you'd have to convince me I'm the right person for the job, and he did," Hall said. "I think education is our



Neil Hall, left, meets with staff and community members Aug. 19 after being approved as the new principal of Oconto Falls Elementary School.

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future, and the future is now."

Dan Moore announced in a social media post July 30 that for "family reasons," he would be stepping down

as principal after 13 years.

"During that time, the staff and I have done our very best to create a positive school culture focused on high standards, continuous academic growth, flexibility, caring relationships and meeting the needs of each and every student," Moore said. "We have great students, involved parents and an outstanding staff. I could not have asked for a more rewarding position."

Moore took a position as an assistant high school principal in Oshkosh.

"Dan has been a phenomenal administrator in the Oconto Falls School District for a lot of years," Hess said.

OFES was one of eight Wisconsin schools recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2016 by the U.S. Department of Education.

"I'm a little nervous about filling Dan's shoes," Hall said. "I met him a few times at CESA 8 meetings ... he's a good man. It's obvious."

He told the board he has "been around the block a few times," working in school districts all around Wisconsin.

"I've seen a lot of different ways of doing things ... what works well and what doesn't," Hall said. "I'd be the first one to tell you something that works well in this district doesn't work in that district and vice versa ... we'll have to work things out."

"Florence has been a determined school district," School Board Vice President Jan Stranz said. "I remember a few years back when there almost wasn't a school district."

Hall noted that one-third of the land in Florence County is national or state forest, which are exempt from property taxes. The district is also considered property-rich and receives very little state aid as a result.

"Part of the reasons I love working there is my boss is really good, so Dean has something to live up to, too," he said to laughter. Hess, an old friend and colleague, drove to Florence to convince him this would be the right move, and they met for 3½ hours.

"It's just intense (to make the move) this time of year," he said.

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September Calendar of Events

Monday, September 2

1000am Oat Club - Senior Center/Oconto Falls
When: Mon. September 2, 10am - 12pm
Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Wednesday, September 4

1000am The Oconto Club - Computer Support Group
When: Wed. September 4, 10am - 12pm
Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Thursday, September 5

800am AL ANAA Meeting
When: Thu. September 5, 8am - 9am
Where: Oconto Falls Community Center 221 N. Main St.
 Oconto Falls, WI 54754 USA

Description: AL ANAA Oconto are within our family of alcoholics who come together to work and support through AA's 12 steps in order to solve their common problems. Alcoholics Anonymous describes drug addiction as a "family" disease and that knowledge and shared attitudes can overcome it. Alcoholics Anonymous is a non-religious group.

For additional information, call Mike at 218

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Monday, September 9

1000am Oat Club - Senior Center/Oconto Falls
When: Mon. September 9, 10am - 12pm
Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Tuesday, September 10

1000am Al-Anon's Open House
When: Tue. September 10, 10am - 12pm
Where: AGCC Office 225 Highway 20, Oconto Falls, WI 54754

Description: Al-Anon is a place to be heard. The AGCC of Oconto Falls is a meeting place that will be provided by the Al-Anon Association. The goal is to provide a understanding & listening to Al-Anon members.

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Wednesday, September 11

800am ALAA Meeting
When: Wed. September 11, 800am - 900am
Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Thursday, September 12

800am AL ANAA Meeting
When: Thu. September 12, 8am - 9am
Where: Oconto Falls Community Center 221 N. Main St.
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Friday, September 13

800am Al-Anon's Open House
When: Fri. September 13, 8am - 9am
Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Monday, September 16

1000am Oat Club - Senior Center/Oconto Falls
When: Mon. September 16, 10am - 12pm
Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Thursday, September 19

1200pm Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
 (Monthly) Meeting
When: Thu. September 19, 1200pm - 1300pm
Where: TBD

Friday, September 20

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Where: Oconto Falls Senior Center

Wednesday, September 25

1200pm Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
 (Monthly) Meeting
When: Wed. September 25, 1200pm - 1300pm
Where: Oconto Falls Community Center 221 N. Main St.
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Thursday, September 26

800am AL ANAA Meeting
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Where: Oconto Falls Community Center 221 N. Main St.
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Saturday, September 28

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A color explosion marks the finale of the Dash O.F. Color run/walk on Memorial Day weekend.

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Appreciation from Dash O.F. color

Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend in Oconto Falls has become a bright and colorful sight. More than 500 participants lined up May 25 to participate in the Oconto Falls Lioness Club's fifth annual "Dash O. F. Color" run/walk.

The weather was great, the mood was energizing and the participants were ready. As they made their way through the course, the participants were showered with a variety of colors and showers of confetti as they were cheered on by supporters. When the course was completed the participants enjoyed refreshments and awards were given out.

The finale was a huge cloud of color as the participants threw the colored powder in the air as a group. The Oconto Falls Lioness Club is happy to host this popular event and want to thank the community for all of its great support.

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Without any of these people, organizations etc. the Lioness Club would not be able to bring Dash O.F. Color to Oconto Falls, and the members appreciate each and every one. The Lioness Club is a community service organization whose goal is to give back to this community and to those in need.

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Cleanup costs from July storm total \$1.57M so far

Evers has asked for federal assistance

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO — Oconto County and town officials plan to meet at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Mountain Town Center for what County Administrator Kevin Hamann said will be the last regular meeting to discuss the aftermath of last month's windstorm.

"Things are somewhat back to normal now," Hamann told the County Board on Aug. 22. "It's going to be an ongoing process for years."

ATV trails controlled by the county are also due to open Thursday.

The July 19 macroburst leveled thousands of trees and knocked out power for as much as a week to parts of northern Oconto County.

Gov. Tony Evers requested a federal disaster declaration for 18 Wisconsin counties and two tribes for damage sustained from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in July.

The request would provide federal disaster assistance to help local governments and electric cooperatives recover some of their costs from responding to the storms, protecting citizens, removing debris and repairing roads and other infrastructure.

"Damage assessments by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Wisconsin Emergency Management verified more than \$19.5 million in eligible damages," Evers said.

The governor sent a letter to President Donald Trump requesting the federal disaster declaration for Barron, Clark, Forest, La Crosse, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Polk, Portage, Rusk, Shawano,

Vernon, Waupaca and Wood counties and for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.

Hamann reported that the county's eligible damages for the first four weeks of the cleanup effort totaled \$395,861. Departments that worked on the response included his office, county clerk, emergency management, Extension, forestry and parks, human services, highway, land information, planning and zoning, sheriff and veterans services.

Factoring in costs incurred by town governments and the Oconto Electric Cooperative, and the total rises to \$1.57 million in public-sector expenditures, he said.

The County Board voted Aug. 1 to provide \$10,000 grants and up to \$50,000 in loans to eight northern towns to help pay for the cleanup.

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ADRC schedules talk: 'Dementia Conversations'

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Wolf River Region, in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, invites the public to a free educational session.

"Dementia Conversations" is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 10 at the ADRC, 229 Van Buren St., Oconto Falls. For information or to register, call 855-492-2372.

While symptoms can vary greatly, at least two of the following mental functions must be significantly impaired to be considered dementia: memory, communication and language, ability to focus and pay attention, reasoning and judgment, and visual perception.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, a general term for loss of memory and other cognitive abilities.

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Holy Trinity presents Alpha

Local parishioners attend a planning session for the Alpha program that will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish, 300 Arbutus Ave, Oconto. The Alpha sessions will begin on at 6 p.m. Sept. 12. Each session will include a free meal, inspirational discussions and live music. Visit www.holy3.org/alpha to register, and learn more about the experience. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. The planning committee includes, from left, Sue Malingowski, Nancy Pecor, Joan Korzeniewski, Brenda Knaus, (in kitchen: Joyce Monfort, Tim Finger, James Ryczkowski, Amy Huggett, Johanna Blahnik, Joanne Gregorius) Kevin Smits, Teresa Umentum, Cindy Westenberg, Amy Dessart, David Witt, Karen Thompson, and (front) Loretta Hill.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28

UNDERHILL: Over the Hill in Underhill finale, 11:30 a.m., Underhill Community Center, 5574 Cardinal Road.

SURING: Twice Told Tales Book Sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Municipal Building and Learning Center, 604 E. Main St. Sponsored by Friends of the Suring Area Public Library.

STILES: St. Patrick's Rummage Hall, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

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

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

OCONTO FALLS: Wannabe Quilters, 9-11 a.m., City Hall, 500 N. Chestnut Ave.

SURING: Sportsman's Club, 7 p.m., Club house, 8699 River Road.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

GILLETT: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 10908 Town Hall Road.

SURING: Twice Told Tales Book Sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Municipal Building and Learning Center, 604 E. Main St. Sponsored by Friends of the Suring Area Public Library.

GILLETT: Downtown Market, 4-6 p.m., Public Library Community Square, 200 E. Main St. Vendors, entertainment.

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

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

SURING: 89th annual Labor Day Celebration, Veterans Memorial Park. 4x4 Truck Pull 7 p.m., Positive Energy DJ/ Karaoke 8 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

GIRLS GOLF: Oconto Falls at invitational, 9 a.m., Highland Ridge Golf Course, 3640 Sand Acres Drive, De Pere.

VOLLEYBALL: Lena, Suring at triangular, noon, Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Gillett at invitational, 2 p.m., Gibraltar High School, 3924 State Highway 42, Fish Creek.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Oconto Falls at meet, 4 p.m., Colburn Park, 901 S. Fisk St., Green Bay.

VOLLEYBALL: Gillett at triangular, 4:30 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

FOOTBALL: Gillett at Gibraltar, 7 p.m., 3924 State Highway 42, Fish Creek.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

VOLLEYBALL: Oconto Falls at invitational, 9 a.m., Hilbert High School, 1139 W. Milwaukee St., Hilbert.

SURING: Twice Told Tales Book Sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Municipal Building and Learning Center, 604 E. Main St. Sponsored by Friends of the Suring Area Public Library. \$2 brown bag sales after 3 p.m.

SURING: Rummage and Bake Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 N. Burk St. Clothing of all sizes \$3 a bag, kitchen and household, puzzles, games and toys, miscellaneous. Sponsored by Ladies of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

SURING: Historical Society Brat Fry, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lotter's BP, 822 Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

SURING: 89th annual Labor Day Celebration, Veterans Memorial Park. Ehlinger Street craft sales and rummage sales 8 a.m., Conquer Suring Hill 5k/10k 8:30 a.m., Food stand opens 10 a.m., Antique Tractor and Farm Tractor Pulls 2 p.m., music by Baggage On The Runway 8 p.m.

SURING: Punt, Pass and Kick Competition, 11 a.m., Suring Football Field.

SURING: Suring Lioness Chili Cook-off, set-up 10 a.m., serving 11 a.m. 920-590-0878 or candrews@plbb.us

SURING: Twice Told Tales Book Sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Municipal Building and Learning Center, 604 E. Main St. Sponsored by Friends of the Suring Area Public Library. \$2 brown bag sales all day.

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

CROSS-COUNTRY: Lena/STAA, Suring at invitational, 4:30 p.m., Algoma High School, 1715 Division St., Algoma.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

CROSS-COUNTRY: Lena/STAA at invitational, 4 p.m., De Pere High School, 1700 Chicago St., De Pere.

VOLLEYBALL: Oconto Falls vs. Clintonville, 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

VOLLEYBALL: Gillett at Oneida Nation, 7 p.m., Oneida Nation High School, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida.

VOLLEYBALL: Lena vs. Niagara, 7 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

VOLLEYBALL: Suring at Wausaukee, 7 p.m., Wausaukee High School, N11941 US 141, Wausaukee.

TOWNSEND: Red Arrow Snowmobile Club 13th annual Corn Roast, ATV parade 10:30 a.m., activities 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Old Town Hall Sports Bar & Restaurant, 17767 State Highway 32. Food including free sweet corn, beverages, meat raffle, family activities.

RIVERVIEW: Fire Department Corn Roast, 15408 State Highway 32. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Food including free sweet corn, bucket drops, spin the wheel, music.

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

SURING: 89th annual Labor Day Celebration, Veterans Memorial Park. Food stand opens 10:30 a.m. Demolition Derby and Children's Water Fights at noon. Music: John Marsh 1-5 p.m., Tucker Band 5:30-10 p.m., Fireworks at 9 p.m. rain or shine.

LAKEWOOD: 34th annual Firefighters Picnic, noon to 8 p.m., Pavilion, North Road and County Road F. Music, food, raffles, sweet corn.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

SURING: 89th annual Labor Day Celebration, Veterans Memorial Park. Dntown parade 10 a.m. Food stand opens 10 a.m. (Suring Lioness Pie and Ice Cream 10:30 a.m.), chicken booyah at Legion Hall 10:30 a.m., Music: Pulaski Marching Band 11 a.m., KNX Party Band 11 a.m., Grand Marshal Award noon, bean bag toss tournament noon, kids money hunt 1 p.m., face painting and magician 1 p.m., bingo at Legion Hall 2-4 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

OCONTO FALLS: Auditions for "Zeus on the Loose" competitive one-act play, 3:30-5 p.m., Room 915, Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road. Gayle Gardner, 920-848-4467

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

OCONTO FALLS: Kingdom Come Food Pantry, 520 N. Locust St., Oconto Falls, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

GIRLS GOLF: Oconto Falls at match, 1 p.m., Riverside Golf Course, 100 Club House Drive, Clintonville.

FOOTBALL: Oconto Falls vs. Denmark, 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

FOOTBALL: Gillett vs. Wausaukee, 7 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

FOOTBALL: Lena/STAA at Laona/Wabeno, 7 p.m., Wabeno High School, 4325 N. Branch St., Wabeno.

FOOTBALL: Suring vs. Gibraltar, 7 p.m., Suring High School, 411 Algoma St., Suring.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

CROSS-COUNTRY: Oconto Falls, Gillett at invitational, 8:30 a.m., Irish Waters Golf Club, N4265 Murphy Road, Freedom.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

GIRLS GOLF: Oconto Falls at invitational, 10 a.m., River Island Golf Course, 100 River Island Drive, Oconto Falls.

begins at 9:30 a.m. Resale shop open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

LAKEWOOD: Story Time, 10 a.m., Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 Highway 32. Children ages 3 and up. 715-276-9020.

GILLETT: Oconto County Veterans Outreach Program, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., New View Industries, 222 W. Park St.

MOUNTAIN: Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office, 13503 Weller Road.

MORGAN: Land Use Plan Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 3276 County Road C.

SURING: Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group, 1 p.m., Learning Center (Municipal Building), 604 E. Main St.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

GILLETT: Family Night, 6 p.m., Hillside Assembly of God, 5890 State Highway 22 West. Open house and information about fall student, family and adult programs.

STILES: St. Patrick's Rummage Hall, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

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

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

MOUNTAIN: WIC information assessment, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mountain Ambulance Service Building, 14336 State Highway 32, 920-834-7072.

OCONTO FALLS: Connecting Club, 1 p.m., Caring Tree Adult Day Care Center, Senior Center, 512 Caldwell Ave., 920-848-8885.

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

VOLLEYBALL: Gillett vs. Lena, 7 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett.

VOLLEYBALL: Suring vs. St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, 7 p.m., Suring High School, 411 Algoma St., Suring.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

GIRLS GOLF: Oconto Falls at invitational, 10 a.m., Riverside Golf Club, 3459 14th Ave., Menominee, Michigan.

VOLLEYBALL: Gillett at triangular, 4:30 p.m., Oneida Nation High School, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida.

VOLLEYBALL: Lena at triangular, 4:30 p.m., Wausaukee High School, N11941 US 141, Wausaukee.

VOLLEYBALL: Suring at triangular, 4:30 p.m., Niagara High School, 700 Jefferson Ave., Niagara.

VOLLEYBALL: Oconto Falls vs. Freedom, 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

School choir performs at Graceland and Branson

Oconto Falls High School choir members, along with their director Amy Thiel, traveled to Memphis, New Orleans, and Branson to perform and enjoy several historical sites in the South during their June 10-16 music tour.

The OFHS choir performed a variety of patriotic selections at Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee, and at the National World War II museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. Choir members also performed at the Outlet Collection at the Riverwalk in New Orleans and shared additional Broadway selections in their program, including the medley "Opening Night!

A New Generation of Broadway."

In addition to the full choir selections, the performances featured many soloists, small ensembles, and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, which were all enthusiastically received. Several impromptu singing opportunities were also available while touring, including singing "God Bless America" at the Dixie Stampede in Branson, Missouri, and at Oak Alley Plantation in Vacherie, Louisiana.

The OFHS Choir tour included many educational and worthwhile experiences for students, including visits to the Lorraine Motel located at the National Civil Rights Museum and

Graceland – home of Elvis Presley, in Memphis, Tennessee; Oak Alley Plantation in Vacherie, Louisiana; Cajun Pride Swamp Tours in Laplace, Louisiana; the French Quarter, Café Du Monde Hard Rock Café, Preservation Hall Jazz Band Concert and Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World in New Orleans, and White Water Water Park and Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede in Branson.

Participants in the 2019 Choir tour included Emma Bliskey, Autumn Canavera, Jennifer Canavera (chaperone), Jodi Christenson (chaperone), Rebecca Christenson, Hope Hujet, Penny Hujet (chaperone), McKenzie

Jackson, Donovan Kamke, Melody Kostreva (accompanist), Samantha Landvick, Allison Luebke (OFHS graduate and trumpet soloist), Kristine Luebke (chaperone), Lyndsey Luebke, Cedar Olson, Victoria Olson (chaperone), Simon Pumplun, Isabella Rennie, Connor Romandine, Hunter Schaden, Aidan Spillane, Miss Amy Thiel (Choral Director), Keith Van Dornick, Khloe Van Dornick, Tavia Westcott, and Carina Wirtley.

The Oconto Falls High School Choirs have toured since 1988, offering educational and performance experiences throughout the United States.

OBITUARIES

William S. Ignowski

William Steven "Bill" Ignowski, 73, of Oconto Falls died Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019, in Green Bay.

Services were held Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at Lyndahl Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 1350 Lombardi Ave. in Green Bay. His body will be cremated.

He was born June 15, 1946, in Loup City, Nebraska, to Christian and Lucille (Knutzen) Ignowski. He graduated from Loup City High School with the class of 1964 and attended Kearney State College. He served in the Army National Guard in the early 1970s.

Bill was father to three children — Amy Ignowski and Audrey Ignowski of Lenexa, Kansas, and Adam Ignowski of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He had lived in Oconto Falls with his life partner, Carla J. Hedtke, since 1994.

He was an independent retailer owning his own clothing business in Ord, Nebraska, had worked in human resources for Sears and had worked in retail for J.C. Penney. He was an entrepreneur who produced spaghetti sauce under the Papa Bill's name brand. He was a volunteer with Kingdom Come Food Pantry in Oconto Falls.

His passion was cooking and feeding friends and family. He enjoyed carpentry, fishing and golf. He was more than an avid reader and could talk at length about a wide range of topics.

He loved the river and living on the river because of his great respect for nature and for preserving the environment.

He was a member of the Environ-



mental Defense Fund, the Sierra Club, American Legion Post 48 in Loup City, the Knights of Columbus and the National World War II Museum.

Survivors

include his children, Amy Ignowski and Audrey Ignowski of Lenexa and Adam Ignowski and his wife, Eles, their children, Chloe and Christian, all of Colorado Springs, and Adam's son, Dylan Ignowski and Dylan's daughter Rhylee Jo, both of Derby, Kansas; Bill's life partner, Carla J. Hedtke of Oconto Falls; Carla's daughter Michelle Virtues and her husband, Pat, and their children Jacob and Kayla, all of Little Suamico, and Carla's son, Michael Hedtke and his wife, Sally, and their children Evan and Lee of Crystal Falls, Michigan; and Bill's sisters, Christine Makowski and her husband, Bob, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Julie Speirs and her husband, Dan, of Kearney, Nebraska; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon (Nokes), the mother of his children; his wife, Kathy (Nichols); his parents; and an infant brother, Joseph.

Memorials are to the family for designation later.

Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos may be shared with Bill's family on his tribute page at www.lyndahl.com.

Arthur W.C. Krueger

Arthur W.C. Krueger, 91, Oconto Falls, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, at Atrium Post Acute Care of Oconto Falls.

He was born in Shawano on July 21, 1928, a son of the late Otto and Jenny (Johnson) Krueger. Arthur went on to serve honorably in the U.S. Navy. He was married to Jean (White) and together they raised five sons. He was a former employee of American Motors in Milwaukee.

Arthur leaves his sons and their wives: Thomas Krueger, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Jim (Marie) Krueger, DeLand, Florida, Dave (Christy) Krueger, Oconto Falls, Jerry (Marie "M.J.") Krueger of DeLand, Florida and Robert Krueger of DeLand, Florida. He also leaves his grandchildren: Rachel, Ryan, Scott, Jacob, Shawn, Clyde and Claudine, and his great-grandchildren: Kelsey, Tatum, Jovie and Layla.

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jean, in 2014, and two infant brothers: Carl and



Walter.

Friends and relatives may call on the family on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. at Legacy Funeral Chapels, 108 E. Main St., Gillett. A funeral

service will follow at 4 p.m. Interment with full military will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Pulcifer.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the former Woodland Village Nursing Home of Gillett as well as Atrium Post Acute Care of Oconto Falls for their kind and compassionate care of Arthur.

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Gillett plans 75th anniversary celebration

GILLETT — The city of Gillett will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee this fall with a community celebration Oct. 5 at Zippel Park.

The Diamond Jubilee commemorates the year 1944 – 75 years ago – when Gillett was incorporated and chartered as a city. Louis Zahn, who previously served as village president, became Gillett's first mayor.

Past and present residents of the Gillett community are invited to join friends and neighbors at the Diamond Jubilee to celebrate Gillett's

history. The celebration begins at 11 a.m., with kids' activities and food available at the Lions Club food stand. A cornhole tournament starts at 1 p.m., with a pig roast from 5-7 p.m. A harvest dance follows inside the Expo Building.

Like and follow the City of Gillett Facebook page for updates and information.

Want to get involved? The Diamond Jubilee planning committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Cracked Cup, 127 E. Main St., Gillett.



WRISTBAND WINNERS

The Oconto County 4-H Leaders' Association voted to purchase 13 Mega Band certificates to be used for this year's carnival rides at the Oconto County Fair and randomly drew one person from each club. The Mega Bands were good for unlimited rides Friday through Sunday of this year's fair. Winners were, back row from left, Felicity (Little River), Owen (Morgan Badgers), Aubrey (Little Seedlings), Adam (Hintz), Ian (Southern Line), Trent (Northern Riders); front row: Lawsen (4-H C.L.O.V.E.R.S.), Riley (Willing Workers), Conner (Christy Brook) Missing from photo: Madison (Brazeau Eagles), Libby (Pasture Pirates), Justin (Team Green), Isaac (Lena Rocketeers). The association did not provide the students' last names.

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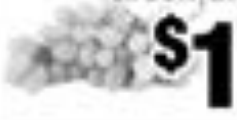
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The 10th annual Oconto County Historical Society sponsored cemetery walk, "If Tombstones Could Talk," has been scheduled for the evenings of Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 17-19.

The first two performances will be indoors, in the John B. LeMay Auditorium at Oconto High School, 400 Michigan Ave., beginning at 6 p.m. The indoor performances are for persons who may find it difficult to walk in the cemetery, but the performances are open to everyone.

The Sept. 19 performance will be held at the Oconto Catholic Cemetery, 3038-3040 N. River Road, also at 6 p.m.

Six historic personages will be portrayed and their life stories will come alive, some well-known in

Oconto County history, while for other individuals being portrayed, you will learn new facets of their lives.

Tickets for the walk are on sale for \$8 each at the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 917 Park Ave., Oconto, during regular hours until Sept. 2. If any tickets remain unsold, they will be available at Robert's Hometown Hardware, 919 Main St., Oconto, from Sept. 3 to Sept. 14. No tickets will be sold the nights of the walk.

Complimentary refreshments will be served to tour-goers in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum.

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Everybody went out and danced Saturday nights

When I was a pre-teen and into my teenage years, one of the most popular weekend activities was going to wedding dances. It didn't



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matter whether you knew the bride and groom or not. Nobody cared if outsiders "crashed" the wedding dance. Sometimes there'd be more than one dance to go to on a Saturday night.

Wedding dances were

different then. Popular polka bands like Dick Rodgers, the Six Fat Dutchmen, Lawrence Duchow and the Red Raven Orchestra, Romy Gosz, and smaller local bands played almost every weekend at the Green Valley Pavilion, the Morgan Town Hall (there was an upstairs dance hall), the Spruce Ballroom, the Round Roof and the Holiday Inn at Kelly

Lake. It was a great weekend when you could hear Dick Rodgers and Romy Gosz on the same Saturday night.

Dick Rodgers was inducted into the International Polka Hall of Fame in Chicago in 1976, the first person from Wisconsin to receive that honor. During the late 1940s and early 1950s, while the nation "swinged and swayed" with Sammy Kaye, and waltzed with Wayne King (the Waltz King), polka lovers in the Midwest were urged to "Jump and Toss with Romy Gosz." He was proclaimed Polka King. Lawrence Duchow and the Red Raven Orchestra were famous because Franklyn MacCormack of WGN Radio said they were "The best damned old-time band there ever was." Dick Rodgers and Cousin Fuzzy had TV shows. I mean, these were great bands!

Every once in a while, Ron Harvey would appear at the Cecil American Legion Ballroom. He played "big band" music, and it was fun to dance to that swing music, but

it wasn't nearly as much fun as the local wedding dances. Besides, we'd have to pay to get in to hear Ron Harvey.

Polkas, schottisches, flying Dutchmen, old-time waltzes, and an occasional laendler were the dances of the day. No dirty dancing, no tangos, sambas, rumbas, or hip-hop. Old people (like our parents), teenagers, and little kids danced. Kids and teens even danced with their (gasp!) parents. I sometimes even danced with my sister.

These were whole-family events. You didn't take a date, but everybody was there, so there were lots of potential dance partners you could hook up with. There'd usually be some "new" girls there — relatives and friends of the bride and groom. "Social networking" was done on the dance floor, not on the internet.

My mom and dad were wonderful dancers, and they loved those big old wedding dances. When we were finished with the milking on Saturday night, we'd get showered, change

clothes, and head for Green Valley or Morgan. These were "dress-up" events for Mom and Dad. Mom wore heels, Dad wore suit and tie. Those were the days before air conditioning, and those crowded dance halls sometimes became a little steamy, and the gentlemen soon ditched their suit coats, loosened their ties, and rolled up their shirt sleeves, and nobody seemed to mind dancing with a sweaty partner.

Because my folks were good dancers, they were popular dance partners. After the first couple of dances together, they'd often spend the rest of the evening dancing with other people, but they always managed to dance the "last dance" together.

Those wedding dances were exercises in endurance. The bands played for about 45 minutes, one song right after another. Then they'd take a short beer break, and come back for another long set. Man, those were good times. I loved to polka. Still do.

Today, live music is sort of a thing of the past, and wedding dances are almost always done by DJs with a stack of CDs and a pile of amps intended to shake the walls. People don't go unless they're invited. Polkas and old-time waltzes don't get played unless there's a very special request. Chicken dances and "YMCA" are sort of standard, and people seldom hold each other. The dancers do their own things, hardly any two alike. In the "old days" when a waltz was played, everybody waltzed; when they played a polka, everybody did the polka.

Ah, the good old days.

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YEARS GONE BY

110 years ago • Aug. 26, 1909 • Oconto Falls Herald

SPRUCE: On Tuesday evening, by the upsetting of a lantern, Frank Pagel lost his fine barn and his entire crop, except one load of peas. Pagel and his son were unloading peas when the belt from the conveyor broke and hit a lantern, turning it over and starting the fire.

LENA: About 60 young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Niquette in honor of their sons, Raymond of Milwaukee and Clarence of Green Bay. Games were played on the lawn and refreshments served. The lawn was very prettily decorated.

100 years ago • Aug. 29, 1919 • Farmer Herald

HICKORY: Fred Longaard, with his gasoline tractor, and John Nelson, with a new separator, have formed a partnership and are threshing in the neighborhood.

HOW: Ernest Free, a farmer living in the town of How, committed suicide by taking paris green Aug. 20. Mr. Free was born in Liberty Grove, Manitowoc County. He was about 40 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children. It is thought that Mr. Free was insane at the time he took the poison.

90 years ago • Aug. 29, 1929 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Alarm bells rang through Gillett Tuesday night due to a fire that started in the farmers barn at the rear of the Zemke residence, which had spread to the barn in the rear of the Foelker Brothers Meat Market and the garage of the Husman Restaurant. It threatened to destroy the village, but the firemen were successful in putting it out.

GILLETT: Walter Zimmerman and G.E. Maltby caught a six-pound rainbow trout last week at South Branch. The trout measured 26 inches in length.

90 years ago • Aug. 29, 1929 • Oconto Falls Herald

MORGAN: Henry A. Schroeder, for many years a prosperous farmer in the town of Morgan, passed away at his home last Monday.

HOLT SPUR: A new metal ceiling has been put in the Holt Spur School. The building will also be repainted before the school opens Sept. 2.

80 years ago • Aug. 31, 1939 • Oconto Falls Herald

SURING: Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bartz, Suring Rt. 1, announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Sue, Thursday, Aug. 17.

KELLY LAKE: Herb Hanson had the luck of catching a 17-pound pike Monday.

70 years ago • Aug. 25, 1949 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Art Schmidt has sold his store building to Russell O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor is remodeling the building and it will again be a food market.

HAYES: The Miscellaneous shower for Margaret Rakow and Fritz Elfe was given Tuesday evening at the Rakow home.

60 years ago • Aug. 27, 1959 • Times Herald

OCONTO: Mrs. Corinne Blazek of Suring is the new assistant to County Nurse Ann Fuhrmann.

GILLETT: Mr. and Mrs. William Quandt were guests of honor at a party given at their home Saturday, Aug. 22. It was the couple's 25th wedding anniversary.

CECIL: Fire destroyed the barn on the Arthur Pagenkoff farm at Rt. 1, Cecil, early Sunday morning during the electrical storm that hit the area.

50 years ago • Aug. 28, 1969 • Times Herald

OCONTO: Dennis Mark Winans, 18, was killed in an accident when he was pinned under the automobile in which he had been a passenger.

OCONTO: Two Oconto County youth were charged with cruelty to animals after they dragged a dog on a lead behind an automobile for about 300 feet.

SURING: Flint Cook, son of Dr. and Mrs. D.L. Cook, won first place in the Pinewood Derby against 60 other Cub Scout racers at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico.

40 years ago • Aug. 29, 1979 • Times Herald

MOUNTAIN: A semi-truck overturned, spilling its load of bark at the junction of Highways 32 and 64.

OCONTO: Flames roared from the doorway and dense clouds of smoke poured from the windows around him as 19-year-old Marvin Wenzel struggled frantically to rescue his mother, Norma Wenzel, from her burning home. Marvin Wenzel succeeded in breaking a second-story window, but was driven off his ladder by the acrid smoke. Neighbors also attempted to enter the building and rescue the screaming woman. Fireman succeeded in carrying the unconscious Mrs. Wenzel out of the building.

30 years ago • Aug. 30, 1989 • Times Herald

CHASE: Roy Wilcox, 39, was hit by lightning while he was driving a tractor on his Oconto County farm. He was picking up bales in a field when he was zapped with a bolt and thrown from his tractor. The hat and watch he was wearing blew apart.

Wilcox was left with blood clots in his lungs, ear and bladder. His pelvis was broken in four places. He also suffered several burns on his head, arm, chin and groin.

LENA: A large barn full of hay was destroyed by fire at the Eugene Hoffman farms in the town of Spruce.

OCONTO FALLS: Kris Garbrecht was named the winner of the Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor Award at the 1989 Oconto County Fair. The award was sponsored by Associated Milk Producers Inc., Morning Glory Farms Region, Shawano.

25 years ago • Aug. 31, 1994 • Times Herald

SURING: Grand marshals for this year's Labor Day Parade at Suring are Oscar and Ruth Tachick.

HAYES: Kim Gardebrecht and Scott Scheer exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. July 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hayes.

SOBIESKI: Lynn Marie Herkert, 30, died Sunday, Aug. 21, at a Green Bay hospital.

20 years ago • Aug. 25, 1999 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Construction started last week on a new 400,000-bushel garden bin at Bay Lakes Cooperative, Oconto Falls.

OCONTO FALLS: Home Respite Care Inc. announced the opening of its new adult day center, starting the week of Oct. 4.

OCONTO FALLS: Mayor Norman Kratz honored Loretta Shellman at a recent council meeting for her election to the position of American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin state president. Shellman was presented with a key to the city.

10 years ago • Aug. 26, 2009 • Times Herald

GILLETT: The Catholic churches at Gillett and Suring welcomed Sister Marla Clercx, ANG, as their full-time parish director.

OCONTO: Cruisers Yachts and Rampage Sport Fishing Yachts has named Mark Pedersen the CEO for the company. He will continue as chief financial officer as well, bringing 20 years of experience in the marine industry.

OCONTO COUNTY: The Oconto County Board of Supervisors approved an Oconto County Library Services plan for 2010 to 2014. It included a 32.5 percent increase in the tax levy for Oconto County libraries.

Compiled by Oconto Falls Community Library staff.

COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Madison

Nearly 7,000 students received degrees during the University of Wisconsin-Madison's spring commencement ceremonies May 10-11.

Bryan Ozak, Abrams, earned a Bachelor of Science in nuclear engineering from the university's College of Engineering.

Ross Pumplun, Lena, earned a Bachelor of Arts in geology and geophysics from the College of Letters and Science.

Cody Zahm, Oconto, earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the College of Engi-

neering, graduating with distinction.

UW-Oshkosh

More than 1,500 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students graduated in May during the 145th spring commencement ceremonies.

Joshua Hames, Sobieski, graduated with a bachelor's degree in educational leadership and policy.

Chase Hogan, Little Suamico, received a bachelor's in supply chain management from the College of Business.

Jonnie Lison, Abrams, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Carly Lemke, Oconto Falls, graduated with a bachelor's in social work.

Julie Moore, Oconto Falls, earned degrees in biology and medical technology.

UW-Whitewater

Evan Sigmund, a graduate of Oconto Falls High School and member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater baseball team, is one of 349 Warhawk student-athletes named to the 2018-19 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Honor Roll. Sigmund, a sophomore

at UW-Whitewater during the 2018-19 year, is majoring in finance.

Concordia University

Concordia University officials have released the spring honors list for the 2018-2019 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.6 GPA.

Honorees include Denise Bastian, Oconto, a senior majoring in criminal justice management; Gwendelin Salmon, Sobieski, a junior majoring in rehabilitation science; and Kyle Steenport, Abrams, a junior majoring in elementary education.



Marge Kasten baked a creamy ham, peas and potato casserole for the Over the Hill in Underhill luncheon Aug. 21.

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or entertainers — besides Nichols, well-known names include musician Johnny Doxtator and TV personalities Brad Spakowitz and Erin Davisson.

The fellowship with neighbors was the main draw over the years.

"It's always been fun. I've loved the people," Kasten said.

People have raved over her hot beef sandwiches and chicken noodle soup — and, of course, that potato salad.

"I remember I brought some potato salad home from the store one day and asked my dad how he liked it," Strei said. "He said, 'It's OK. It's not Marge's, but it's OK.'"

Hold a luncheon at least 50 weeks a year (barring holidays and the occasional snow day) over 18 years, with between 40 and 60 people most weeks, and it works out to somewhere between 18,000 and 20,000 meals.

"And Marge made them all," Wayne said.

"I think I took a vacation once early on to see my sister," Kasten added.

About eight local churches have provided donations of cash and/or food through the years, and some have even offered to host the meals, but Strei said having it at the Underhill Community Center has kept the ecumenical spirit.



Jan Scheibe greets the group, asking for news updates and sharing a funny story or two.

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Now, it's time.

The weekly turnout has been closer to the 21 who came out last Wednesday. The core group isn't what it used to be, because, well ...

"Those two tables that sat over there, they're all dead," joked Jeanette Lamprecht, waving to the empty space by the windows. With Kasten, Scheibe and Wayne, Jeanette is the last person still coming from that first luncheon of 28 people back in '01.

"I'm going to miss it," Tim Lindal said. "I cancel Meals on Wheels every Wednesday for this. I live alone, and I don't like cooking for one, and this way I get a good, well-balanced meal."

Several local churches and community centers provide senior meals, but the Underhill regulars say it won't be the same.

For one thing, Scheibe said, they usually need reservations at least a day in advance.

"That has never worked for me," she said. "I never know if I'm going to be hungry in 24 hours."

Wednesdays at the Underhill Community Center won't be the same after this week.

"You never really went home hungry from here," Strei said.

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Somewhere between 15,000 and 20,000 lunches have been served Wednesdays at the Underhill Community Center since November 2001.

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Gillett's Karissa Schaal, right, spikes the ball during a playoff match against Bowler in 2018. The Tigers are hoping for a big season with every starter from last year back on the roster.

FILE | NEW MEDIA

Gillett returns entire starting lineup

Suring also hoping experience leads to big season

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

GILLETT — The Marinette & Oconto Conference will return several 2018 all-conference volleyball players to the court this fall, which in turn should lead to a fun conference race.

Gillett and Lena each return several starters from last year and hope to contend and finish well in the conference.

Gillett

Gillett returns its entire 2018 starting lineup, but will under new coaches. Erin Buhrandt and Brooke Schaal will serve as co-coaches, replacing Keri Hicks.

The Tigers struggled to a 3-13 conference record last fall, losing a number of tight sets along the way.

Seniors Grace Wickman (middle blocker), Sophie Horsens (setter) and Annie Kohls (libero) all started last year and are ready to provide leadership for the Tigers.

Juniors Karissa Schaal (outside hitter), Aubrey DeBauch (middle blocker) and Emily Umentum (setter) also started. Schaal was the team's lone all-conference selection, landing on the second team.

"With the same starting lineup coming from last year, that sets pretty high standards for this year and makes room for even more growth as a team which we all were anxious for," said Schaal.

Junior Emelie Horsens (outside hitter) also has varsity experience for the Tigers. Coaches Buhrandt and Schaal also believe junior Abby Peterson (outside hitter) and sophomore Naomi Anker (outside hitter, libero) could play big roles this fall.

The new coaches have set a team goal of finishing in the top four in the M&O and also making a deep playoff run.

Hicks spent a total of 25 years coaching the varsity squad between two stints. "The reason I resigned was that I felt I was not reaching the student-athletes and getting them to perform to their best, so I hoped another coach would be able to coach them to their abilities."

Gillett opened the regular season on Tuesday and will host a triangular on Thursday. The Tigers will end the year competing in Division 4 for postseason play.

Suring

Suring must replace a first team all-conference player from a season ago, but returns five starters.

Leading the way will be seniors Stephanie Huth (middle hitter) and Jaden Bubolz (outside hitter, setter). Huth made the honorable mention all-conference team as a junior.

"As a senior, I think I use the fact that this is my last season as motivation to continue to leave everything on the court for my teammates," said Huth. "Taking in all the little moments that I'm going to miss. Like my coach has told us seniors, 'you can't take it with you so leave it all on the court.'"

Juniors Grace Fisher (setter) and Kelsey Smith (hitter) and sophomore Kate Mahoney (outside hitter, setter) also started last season for the Eagles.

"I am hoping to have a scrappy team who will contend with any team in our conference," said coach Tonia Kruschke. "We don't have a lot of height, so we will need to maximize the strengths we do have. The girls seems to be excited to be back and are bringing a lot of positive energy to the court."

Suring will open the season on Thursday at a triangular. The Eagles are also in Division 4 for the playoffs.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Young Oconto Falls teams ready to run

Gillett, Suring, Lena/STAA all bring back strong runners

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

OCONTO FALLS — Area cross-country teams opened practice on Aug. 19 in preparation for the fall season.

Oconto Falls heads into the season looking to replace several seniors, while Gillett, Suring and the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op return most of their runners from last year.

Oconto Falls

With a number of young runners on the roster, Oconto Falls coach Lon Ludemann is approaching the season differently than in recent years.

“We are very inexperienced,” said Ludemann of the boys and girls teams. “Over 50% of the team are in high school cross-country for the first time. There will be a big learning curve when it comes to competing and practice expectations. Our goal is to improve one meet at a time.”

The boys team has just three experienced runners back, senior Brendan Konitzer and sophomores Joe Adams and Isaac Raddatz. Adams was the team’s top finisher at sectionals last fall.

The girls have more experience returning, as four of last year’s sectional runners are back.

Leading the way will be senior Autumn Canavera, who was a second team all-conference runner in the North Eastern Conference last season.

“The goal that I have for my team is just to motivate and push each other to get better throughout the season. If we all have the same drive to be the best runners we can be, we will get stronger together,” said Canavera. “My personal goal this season is to PR (personal record) and ultimately go to state. In order to do that, I know I have to come to practice every day motivated and ready to try my hardest, along with the rest of my team. I know that if we all are driven to be the best we can be we will have a great season.”

Seniors Morgan Van Haren and



Oconto Falls' Autumn Canavera runs during an invitational in Shawano in 2018. Canavera will lead the girls team into the fall season.

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Aly Fabry and sophomore Aspen Canavera also ran at sectionals.

Seniors Haley Bell and Ericka Havemeier are two possible experienced runners that could fill out the girls team, while coach Ludemann says junior Autumn Magnin, sophomore Alexis Euclide and freshman Carleigh Kaczmarek are other options.

Oconto Falls will run in the Division 2 Tomahawk Sectional.

Gillett

Gillett is primed for a big season with a strong core of experienced runners back and several young runners ready to provide contributions.

Coach Bill De Jung set lofty goals for the girls and boys teams. Along with coming out on top of the Marinette & Oconto Conference, De Jung thinks both teams could qualify for the state meet.

Junior Derek Hanson will pace the boys team, while junior Sylvia Hansen leads the girls. Both are coming off individual conference titles and trips to state.

“I know many younger runners look up to older runners such as myself, and I plan to use this to our

advantage by continuously encouraging and motivating our younger runners,” said Derek Hanson. “I think our runners are very disciplined and will continue to work hard to achieve our goals, however, a positive influence can go a long way.”

“I definitely believe that our team can accomplish getting both titles if everyone works as hard as they can and leaves everything they have on the course,” said Sylvia Hansen. “As a strong team this year, everyone has to do their part in order for us to accomplish our big goals.”

The boys also return junior Riley Engebretsen and sophomore Connor Hanson, each second team all-conference runners a year ago.

The girls team also gets a pair of second team runners back in sophomores Alaina Herzog and Amber Brehmer. Fellow sophomore Angela Mosconi is also back.

The girls team got another boost with the addition of sophomore Rynn Wagner, who ran for Suring last fall. Wagner was a first-team runner that ended her year at state.

Sophomore Antonio Lizzaraga and freshmen Alex Peterson and Evan Peterson will be among the run-

ners trying to fill out the boys team. Sophomore Macy Franti and freshmen Laney DeBauch, Kasey Hansen, Megan Wagner and Cheyenne Krueger are runners that could also make impacts for the girls squad.

Suring

Heading into its second year of varsity competition, Suring will be under the supervision of a new coach. Amanda Seibert replaces Monica Wagner.

“As a former cross-country competitor, I look forward to sharing my love for the sport and competition,” said Seibert. “This sport requires a lot of personal motivation, but the payoffs are high.”

“Athletes have the opportunity to experience success every day. For new runners, it may be not having to walk during a workout. For veterans, it may be improving techniques to tackle hills. When individuals go out and challenge themselves and each other to do their best every day, it forms a team bond that is unique only to this sport. I look forward to helping athletes reach those personal goals, and become a team.”

Suring just has a girls team at this point, and senior Ava Hill leads the way.

Sophomore Maddy Vandeveld and freshmen Olivia Noack and Hailey Thomson will fill out the team.

Lena/STAA

The Lena/STAA co-op heads into the season knowing what to expect, as all of last year’s letter-winners are back for coach Chelsea Sherman.

Junior Kennedy Marquardt will lead the girls after landing on the all-conference first team last fall.

Seniors Alexis Misco and Ciara Urbanek and sophomores Megan Shallow and Samara VanArk are also back for the girls.

Sophomores Max Beyer and Cody Dellise return for the boys side. Dellise was a second-team runner a season ago.

“My goal for this season is to just do my best,” said Dellise. “If I do as good or better than last year, then awesome, if not, then oh well. I’d love to run under 19:00 (minutes) this year.”

Gillett, Suring and Lena/STAA are in the Division 3 Westfield Sectional.



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Celebrate salsa at arboretum

PESHIGO — The popular salsa night is coming back to the Harmony Arboretum. The Extension offices of Marinette and Oconto counties and the Northern Lights Master Gardeners' Volunteer Association invite all gardeners and salsa enthusiasts to the Harmony Arboretum demonstration gardens starting at 6 p.m. Sept. 5.

Participants will have the opportunity to sample different types of salsas and learn the ins and outs of salsa-making, safe salsa preservation and the growing of your own salsa ingredients.

The production of and pest management on tomatoes, peppers, onions and garlic will be the focus of a discussion led by Scott Reuss, UW-Madison Extension horticulture agent. Reuss particularly invites all attendees to bring any pest or problem samples that your produce is experiencing this year so that you can get the problem diagnosed and form a management strategy for next year.

Extension information regarding safe salsa recipes and preservation opportunities will also be presented, followed by a question-and-answer session with Master Gardener volunteers regarding herb production. There may be a few other surprises throughout the evening, as well as some great salsa sampling.

The entrance fee for this program is either a batch of your own salsa or a container of chips or crackers. If you bring salsa, please bring either the full recipe or a list of the ingredients. All salsa entries will be eligible for judging by the attendees, with the Attendees' Choice receiving a special award.

The Harmony Arboretum demonstration gardens are located on Marinette County Road E, a half-mile south of state Highway 64. For information, contact Reuss at the Marinette Extension office, 715-732-7510, toll-free at 1-877-884-4408 or sreuss@marinettecounty.com.



Gillett City Clerk Kim Gruetzmacher graduated from the 2019 Wisconsin Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute in Green Bay last month. FILE PHOTO

Gillett clerk graduates from state institute

GREEN BAY — The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay announces Kim Gruetzmacher, Gillett city clerk/treasurer, was among the 133 officials who graduated from the 2019 Wisconsin Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute held July 14-19.

This training institute, one of the largest programs in the United States, is designed to advance the professional development of local government officials in Wisconsin. This year, 350 clerks and treasurers from all over the state of Wisconsin were in attendance at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay.

Established in 1978, the Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Institute is the only training program in Wisconsin that trains municipal clerks and treasurers how to do their job. Each summer, municipal clerks, treasurers and other officials participate

in a week of continuing education training courses. The progressive curriculum focuses on development of technical skills, administrative knowledge, leadership abilities and financial management.

Local government officials completing the three-year sequence of programs earn all of the education points needed for national certification, with additional points earned by experience in local government and participation in other meetings and seminars. Officials holding the title of both clerk and treasurer are eligible to receive both the clerk's and treasurer's certifications by completing a fourth year at the Institute.

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'Jabswitch Monickers' is topic of speaker program

OCONTO — The Oconto County Historical Society will begin its fall speaker series with a unique program at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 917 Park Ave., Oconto.

The subject will be Oconto Nicknames or "Jabswitch Monickers."

Oconto is well known for its many individuals with a variety of unusual and sometimes humorous nicknames. For example: Chopper Draeger, Bouncy Fumelle, Chick Lane, Plumber Mineau and Pooch Darr.

What is the meaning of these nicknames? What are the given names of these individuals? Participants' help will be appreciated as the group share its knowledge in an attempt to identify the given names and stories behind the nicknames of those in question, while gathered informally around tables enjoying refreshments.

Phyllis "Phiddy" Duschene has collected Oconto nicknames for many years which, in 1996, resulted in the printing of "Oconto Nicknames or Jabswitch Monickers." Her family has decided to reprint the nickname book, with the addition of the given names of those Oconto people who had nicknames, as a historical society fundraiser. The nickname book will be available for sale in the spring of 2020.

The event is free and open to the public.

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