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Melissa Gunderson-Umland, Oconto Falls, gets a good start for a second-place finish in one of the early heats of the Wisconsin State Championship Snowmobile Ice Drags on Feb. 20. Snowmobile drag racers converged on the West Side Beach in Oconto Falls for the one-day event. Two world records were set. **SEE FULL STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 32.**

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Longtime county heads are retiring

The County Board honors chiefs who have served 39 and 33 years, respectively.

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Gillett seniors expected to get 'their' prom

Dance will be restricted to the classes of 2020 and 2021, but plans are to make the night as normal as possible.

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Eagles earn a playoff win

Suring boys pull an opening-round upset in regionals before basketball seasons draw to a close.

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County department heads congratulated on their retirement

Helmle has spent 39 years with the county, Hogan 33 years

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor

Two longtime Oconto County department heads were given recognition during the Feb. 18 county board meeting as they retire.

Penny Helmle, manager of the Economic Support Division, has spent almost 40 years with the county, and Joy Hogan, director of the Child Support Division, is stepping down after 33 years.

"The department was known as the Welfare Office when she started," Health & Human Services Director Mike Reimer told the board. Helmle "has taken this county through all of the changes that have happened since then."

Among those changes is the mid-1990s shift from programs like Aid to Families with Dependent Children to the Wisconsin Works system, which Reimer said privatized and regionalized the system, channeling more state dollars into those regional offices in places like Green Bay.

"Penny saw this and saw that our county residents still need care,"

Reimer said, and she obtained grants totalling \$750,000 over the years that targeted the needs of homeless, low-income and other vulnerable families. She helped establish a five-county work-incentive consortium and "made sure we wouldn't get missed in a regional model."

Most significantly Helmle spearheaded the New Beginnings store and employment training program, which is about to undergo a \$1.4 million expansion.

"When Penny started New Beginnings, many people didn't think it would survive," Reimer said. "This May, it'll be celebrating its 20th anniversary."

Helmle said she couldn't have started any of the new programs or had grant-writing success without her staff, and she thanked the board for its support over the years.

"Remember to trust your county staff when they tell you what's going on in the county," Helmle told the board. She also said she enjoyed all these years of serving the county. "Every day is a new day; just when you think you've seen everything,

something else happens. I've never been bored."

Hogan also has seen a lot of changes over the years, working to ensure that single parents got the support they needed for their children.

"When I started, we did everything by hand," Hogan said. "Now we're on our second computer system."

She greeted the supervisors with Trip, her latest service dog in training. Four of her trainees over the years have gone on to the Leader Dogs for the Blind program; four other have become family pets. Trip, she said, will become a reading specialist, listening to children read.

County Board Chairman Paul Bednarek thanked both women for their years of service to the board and wished them well in the future.

The board hired Hogan's successor during its regular monthly meeting, approving a resolution giving the position to Christopher Brooks, most recently a child support specialist with Outagamie County.

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CARES dollars used to supply Gillett students with Chromebooks

Demand means ordering now helps ensure delivery by September

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor

The Gillett School Board has unanimously approved the purchase of Chromebook laptop computers for students, using money from a federal CARES Act grant.

During its Feb. 18 meeting, the board OK'd spending \$50,280 for 180 Chromebooks at \$248 each, as well as 210 software licenses at \$24 each, plus tax.

A Chromebook is a laptop or tablet

running the Google Chrome operating system and browser. Students and teachers use the devices for a variety of educational programs, including virtual class work as needed.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act is a \$2.2 trillion bill passed last March in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Superintendent Todd Hencsik said there's a great demand for the Chromebooks, and administrators believed the order for the devices needs

to be submitted now in order for them to arrive before September.

"We jumped on that because there is a long lag time," Hencsik said. "We figured if we want them by the first of next year, we should act now."

Board member Preston Peterson agreed the request is timely.

"The lead times right now are nuts," Peterson said. "We're hoping that they'll be in by the start of the school year."

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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.

Board gets a look at New Beginnings plans

Contractor expected to be hired by June

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

A \$1.38 million expansion of the New Beginnings resale store and employment training center in Gillett is on track for completion by March 2022, the Oconto County Board was told during its Feb. 18 meeting.

Drawings of the plans were on display showing the 6,000-square-foot facility on West Park Street adjacent to the existing New View Industries campus. The new building will house a retail store, replacing the existing store in Oconto Falls, as well as a computer

lab, small group meeting rooms, a kitchen commons, multipurpose activity room and a counseling room, along with associated storage and other facilities.

The Oconto County Board hired the Samuels Group as project manager in October.

County Administrator Kevin Hamann said the design should be finalized in March. Bids will be sought in May, and a contractor will be accepted in time for construction to begin in June, he said.

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Gillett prom will go on, with some restrictions

A normal graduation ceremony is anticipated

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Gillett High School juniors and seniors will get their long-awaited prom on May 8, with pandemic-era restrictions on who can attend, the Gillett School Board learned Feb. 18.

The prom, which was canceled last year, will be open only to the classes of 2021 and 2022, with no people from outside the Gillett School District, Superintendent Todd Hencsik said.

"I know I'm going to hear from parents, for example, 'My child has been dating this person from Suring for three years,' but we feel it's necessary to draw the line," Hencsik said.

This year's senior class feels

strongly about having "their" prom, using the plans they drew up for last year's junior prom, he said. This year's juniors are hoping the district can have some sort of winter event next year, he added, so that next year's juniors can have their own prom on the traditional schedule in the spring.

Hencsik also said administrators currently believe the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 can be held as in previous non-COVID years. Last year's event was moved to the athletic field and postponed until summer.

"I think we will be able to separate people enough in the gym," he said.

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Marinette woman killed in collision

An 18-year-old Marinette woman was killed Feb. 19 when her car rear-ended a tanker truck on U.S. 41 in the Town of Oconto.

Grace L. Meyers died of injuries from the accident, which occurred about 2:10 p.m. south of Frog Pond Road. The truck driver, a 55-year-old

Oconto Falls man, was not injured.

The crash remains under investigation by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol and medical examiner's office, Sheriff Todd Skarban said. The Oconto Police and Fire & Rescue departments assisted at the scene.



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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Feb. 19

After a preliminary hearing, Tyler Lawrence Jacobson, 28, Oconto Falls, was bound over on a charge of criminal damage to property, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and misdemeanor operating while revoked, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Sept. 19 and 20. A related charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) was dismissed without prejudice. Arraignment was scheduled for March 11.

Tamera N. Argiewicz, 39, Oconto, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of theft by false representation and unemployment compensation fraud, in connection with an incident that occurred April 22, 2015. The first charge was reduced from a felony in a plea agreement. She was placed on two years of probation.

Proceedings of Feb. 18

Joshua Earl Stone, 30, Oconto Falls, pleaded guilty to possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 14. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 22 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Joshua Alexander Schmidt, 25, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to first-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, operating a firearm while intoxicated and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 8. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 15.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Jeremiah T. Irving, 24, Oconto, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 18. His initial appearance was adjourned until March 11.

Proceedings of Feb. 17

Daniel Roy Roeder Jr., 48, Oconto, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred last April 10. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 21 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Nathan M. Kollman-Depner, 19, Oconto, pleaded guilty to one felony

count of criminal damage to property, and one count each of misdemeanor criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct in connection with an incident that occurred May 4, 2019. Judge Jay N. Conley approved a two-year deferred judgment agreement on the felony charge and placed Kollman-Depner in the Volunteers in Probation program for two years. Among other conditions, he must pay \$6,491.83 in restitution with a co-defendant and follow the conditions of the deferred judgment agreement.

Tara L. Dehut, 33, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to maintaining a drug trafficking place (second and subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 27. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 15.

After a preliminary hearing, Roy L. Boucher, 32, Oconto, was bound over on a charge of maintaining a drug trafficking place (second and subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 27. Arraignment was scheduled for March 12.

Dean D. Christl, 33, Beaver, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and misdemeanor operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 26. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 18.

Taylor T. Kellogg, 22, Suring, pleaded not guilty to second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 4. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 15.

Jesus Flores Diaz, 39, Green Bay, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of fleeing an officer in a vehicle, taking and driving a vehicle without consent, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 30. Arraignment was scheduled for March 1.

Proceedings of Feb. 16

Victor J. Alberts, 54, Lena, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on three counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, nine counts of child abuse, five counts of causing mental harm to a child and two counts of first-degree

sexual assault of a child, among other related charges that allegedly occurred from 2005 to 2016, as well as two counts of felony child abuse and four counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, for incidents that allegedly occurred Dec. 1, 2019, and Jan. 17, 2020. Arraignment was scheduled for March 11.

Keith W. Vorin, 44, Green Bay, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 19. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 21 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Tara A. Berceau, 35, Lena, pleaded no contest to bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 18. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 16 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Feb. 15

Ron L. Snyder, 45, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to a felony count of battery or threat to a law officer, and misdemeanor charges of bail jumping, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense) and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 11. Judge Michael T. Judge approved a three-year deferred judgment agreement on the felony count and placed Snyder on two years of probation for the misdemeanors, beginning with 100 days in the county jail. He must install interlock devices on his vehicles and maintain absolute sobriety.

Jessica M. Hensel, 30, Suring, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver amphetamines, in connection with an incident that occurred July 23. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 22 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Feb. 11

Micky W. Michalak, 53, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 18. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 11.

Angel R. Tomow, 18, Shawano, pleaded not guilty to 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 pre-

trial conference was scheduled for March 11.

Robert P. Shampo Jr., 29, Peshtigo, pleaded not guilty to fleeing an officer in a vehicle (second and subsequent offense), possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a motor vehicle while revoked and failure to install an ignition interlock device, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 21. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 11.

Christopher Thomas VanDenElzen, 47, Green Bay, pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 31. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 15.

Ian Matthew Weiss, 22, Gillett, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of bail jumping and possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 30. Arraignment was scheduled for March 12.

Proceedings of Feb. 10

Brynn M. Larsen, 31, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to an amended charge of third-degree sexual assault of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly took place Nov. 1, 2013. Three related counts were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 20 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Rowan Nathaniel Klitzke, 28, Crivitz, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred March 4, 2020. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that Klitzke is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can result in early release upon successful completion, but not the Challenge Incarceration Program. He must maintain absolute sobriety during extended supervision and comply with all treatment recommendations.

Proceedings of Feb. 9

After a preliminary hearing, Joshua L. Dickinson, 42, Portage, was bound over on charges of repeated sexual assault of the same child, in connection with incidents alleged to have occurred in 2015. Arraignment was scheduled for March 11.

OBITUARIES

Jeanne Waschbisch, 81, Oconto Falls, died suddenly Saturday morning, Feb. 20, 2021, of natural causes with family present. She was born Oct. 30, 1939, in Lena to Art and Leona (Luiser) Guelig. Jeanne grew up in rural Lena and attended public schools, graduating from high school with the Class of 1958. She went on to attend UW-Whitewater where she received a bachelor's degree in Business Education. She was later certified in Library Science.

On June 30, 1962, she married Frank Waschbisch at St. Charles Catholic Church in Lena. Following their marriage, the couple settled in Oconto Falls, and Jeanne taught for a time in Suring. Jeanne enjoyed helping others and asked nothing in return. Jeanne's real passion was reading, and she became a librarian at the Cook Memo-



rial Library in 1974 and retired in 2005 as head librarian in the Oconto Falls Library's new facility. Even after retirement, it wasn't unusual to see Jeanne in the library or volunteering in some capacity. Over the years she took part in Homemakers, Study Club, Oconto Falls Chamber of Commerce, Red Hatters and served as Secretary for Friends of the Library. Jeanne enjoyed square dancing with her husband, Frank, reading, going to and organizing rummage sales, puttering around in her flower garden, reading, spending time with family and friends and reading. Jeanne really enjoyed reading, learning new things

Jeanne Waschbisch

Helen J. Goswitz, 88, of Manitowoc, passed away following a long illness on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls.

Helen was born May 20, 1932, in Shawano to the late Charles and Margaret Wood. She spent her youth growing up on a farm in Shawano and two years near Washington, D.C., during World War II. After graduating high school in Shawano, Helen attended Marquette University where she earned a degree in zoology along with her teaching certification. She taught high school biology at St. Joseph's Academy in Green Bay in the 1950s. While at Marquette, Helen met her ex-husband and father of her children, Dr. John T. Goswitz, of Manitowoc. Helen spent the early 1960s living in Germany

as an Army doctor's wife while raising her three children. After a short stay in Mankato, Minnesota, she moved to Manitowoc in 1966 where she resided until her death. In the 1970s, Helen was one of the first volunteers to sponsor a Laotian refugee family in Manitowoc County. She also began a multi-decade career working in the Manitowoc Public School District as a substitute teacher and library aide.

Helen loved corresponding with a lifetime of friends and relatives the world over. In the 2000s, she researched and compiled a family tree going back to the Revolutionary War that will be donated to the Shawano Historical Society. While compiling the family tree, Helen was so intrigued to learn about her cousin Orle Bergner, a World War II silver star decorated

and traveling to new places. Another favorite event was family night every Monday at the family residence where she would try out new recipes and make all the family's favorite meals.

Survivors are her husband of 59 years, Frank Waschbisch, Oconto Falls; their four children, Connie (Jeff Zeitler) Waschbisch, Pound; Ron Waschbisch, Oconto Falls; Marilyn (Scott Anderson) Waschbisch, Pulaski; Bob (Lisa) Waschbisch, Coleman; her honorary grandchildren, Scarlett, Hannah and Ella Olson; Charlee and Lucy Haws, Dirk and Millie Zeitler; one sister, Judy (Al Bachtell) Guelig, Whitefish Bay; three brothers, Bob Guelig, Lena; Gary (Denise) Guelig, Stiles; Mark (Trisha Martin) Guelig, Minnesota; nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, birth mother and adoptive

mother Irene (Larue) Guelig, an infant son Jeffrey John Waschbisch and sister, Marilyn Guelig.

Visitation will be held after 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Greg Parent officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Waschbisch family.

The family would like to thank the emergency response team, as well as the St. Clare Hospital staff for their assistance in our time of need.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to the Oconto Falls Library, 251 N. Main St., Oconto Falls, WI 54154, or read a book in her memory.

Helen J. Goswitz

Marine, that she researched and wrote a second volume exclusively about him. She also loved reading, gardening, travel, playing cards, sewing and was a lifelong Catholic.

Helen carried herself with grace and dignity and met several other health issues with great resolve and perseverance. She will be missed by her friends and family.

Survivors include Helen's three children, Mark Goswitz, Sheboygan, Anne Douglas, Austin, Texas, and Paul Goswitz, Manitowoc; two granddaughters, Sandra Douglas, Austin, Texas, and Nicole Douglas, San Antonio, Texas; sister, Genevieve DeWilde, Green Bay; and niece, Denise Fonferek, Sobieski.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, St. Francis of Assisi on Waldo, 1121 N. 14th

St., Manitowoc. Cremation has taken place at the Harrigan Parkside Crematory and Chapel with burial of Helen's cremated remains at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Shawano. The family will greet relatives and friends at St. Francis of Assisi on Waldo from 11 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at noon.

To submit online condolences to the family, please visit www.harrigan-parksidefuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials in Helen's name to be sent to Roncalli High School, 2000 Mirro Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Crematory, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Leona L. Vele, 82, passed away surrounded by family and loved ones on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at the Christian Home in Waupun.

Leona was born on April 26, 1938 in Milwaukee, the daughter of Clifford and Evelyn (Ernisse) Owens. She was united in marriage to Allen Vele on June 14, 1958, in Chicago, where she lived for most of her life prior to moving to Beaver Dam in 1975. They then retired to the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Bowler. She devoted her life to being a mother and wife, raising all 6 of her daughters. She was sassy and funny, and made friends no matter where she went. She loved her margaritas, doing



jigsaw puzzles and crafting, and always had her Ipad at hand. Living down the road from the casino, she enjoyed her time spent there with her friends.

Traveling with her family and going to the theater were also greatly treasured.

Leona is survived by her five daughters and "adopted daughter," Victoria (Joseph) Bruns, of Beaver Dam, Laura Malak, Tammy Vele and Lisa (Bill) Vele, all of Bowler, Lois (Chad) Cordes,

of Ashland, and Tina Weinheimer, of Beaver Dam; grandchildren, Casey, Kelsey (Aaron), Tavondre, Angela, Samantha, Felicia, Dustin, Stacy, Joseph (Adrienne), Alicia, Joshua (Diane), Jennifer, Danielle, Jacob, Hunter, Cheyenne, Samantha, Nathan (Samantha) and Bobbie Jo; great-grandchildren, Hayley, Jase, Liam, Brayden, Kade, Michael, Jamison, Nick, Taylor Lynn, Wyatt, Austin, Auburn, Hannah, Zane, Dakota, Jeffrey, Piper, Carlin, Camryn, Jocelyn, Sadie, Loggan and Alec; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband in 2018; daughter, Deborah Corn, in 2017; son-in-law,

Robert Corn, in 2018; sisters, Lois Dornbach, Lorraine Haertel and Luella Royle; great-grandson, Gage Davidson; other relatives and friends.

A memorial gathering for Leona will be held on Friday, Feb. 26 at Cornerstone Funeral and Cremation Services, 135 Keller Blvd., Beaver Dam, from 3 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 4 p.m. Inurnment will take place at Red Springs Cemetery at a later date.

Cornerstone Funeral and Cremation Services in Beaver Dam is honored to be serving the family. You may send private online condolences or sign the family's guest book at www.cstonefs.com.

Eugene Stuhr

Eugene "Gene" Stuhr, 75, of Marion, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, at his home.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Roger A. Jechorek

Roger A. Jechorek, 58, of New London, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, at home.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home is assisting the family.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Nelson

Evelyn Nelson passed away on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. She was born Feb. 8, 1915, in the Town of Brazeau, the daughter of John and Augusta Kopatz. Evelyn married Fred Charles Nelson in July 1930. They farmed in Bagley until Fred started work at the Suring Co-Op in 1946. The couple celebrated 64 years of life together before Fred's passing in 1994. They had a winter home in Lehigh Acres, Florida, for 20 years, returning in summer months to be near family and friends. Evelyn continued to enjoy her Florida home and the beautiful yard until her eyesight failed. She returned to Suring in 2003, living in the Manor Apartments until she was 101 years old.

Evelyn was very creative, could sew anything, make her own patterns, and she cooked the tastiest comfort



foods. She made piece quilts and crocheted many afghans for family and friends. While in Florida, Evelyn gathered seashells from Sanibel Island beaches and made a treasure of wreathes; she won blue ribbons at the Lehigh Acres Shell Fair. Her cinnamon rolls were the best, and she made them into her 90s. So far, no one in the family has found her magic touch. Evelyn also made cottage cheese pierogies; we couldn't get enough of these.

Over the years, Evelyn and Fred had chances to travel. They traveled to Washington, D.C., California, Yellowstone Park, Seattle, Vancouver and

Toronto. They also took a trip to Denmark, France, Switzerland and Germany, with a day cruise on the Rhine. Fred was fascinated by the engines powering the boat, while Evelyn sat on the front deck enjoying the vineyards and the castles on the hills.

When asked for her secret to a long life, Evelyn stated, "Stay on the good side, and stay with the Lord."

Evelyn leaves behind four children: Jenevie Jensen of Milwaukee; Loretta Baxter of Franklin; Joan (Frank) Jones of Delavan; Charlette (Dave) Collins of Suring. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Augusta Kopatz; her husband, Fred; daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Frank Wyskochil;

son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Lyn Nelson; sons-in-law, Bill Baxter and Russ Jensen; grandson, Chad Caughey; granddaughter, Wendy Sue Wyskochil.

A celebration of life will be held and announced at a later date due to COVID. Evelyn will be interred at Frostville Cemetery. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be sent to the Maple Valley Community Church.

Thank you to The Bay at Suring and the angels who cared for Evelyn the last five years and to the Southern Care Hospice Team including Kristin, Erin and Chaplain Judy. Special thank you to Dr. Gremban and Dr. Maltinski.

Frederick 'Fritz' Charles Klevesahl

Frederick "Fritz" Charles Klevesahl, 89, of Bonduel, passed away on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. Fred was born March 3, 1931, to the late Frederick and Hannah (Hinkel) Klevesahl Sr. and was baptized and confirmed at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Fred graduated from Bonduel High School in May 1949. He enlisted in the United States Army on Oct. 10, 1951, and went on to proudly serve his country as a member of the 18th Ordinance MM Company. He was stationed in Germany and served during the Korean Conflict.

On Aug. 14, 1954, Fred was united



in marriage to Helen Kallies at Our Savior Lutheran Church in the Town of Lessor. Fred was a lifelong member of Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bonduel. He worked for FWD and the Shawano County Highway Department for over 20 years before retiring.

Fred was a member of the Bonduel American Legion, Zernicke-Wegner Post 217, where he served for 68 years and held various offices. In his free time, he enjoyed playing sheephead,

bowling, fishing, working on cars, attending car shows and watching "The Three Stooges" and old movies.

Fred is survived by his wife of 66 years, Helen; children, Cindy (Mike) Winkler, of Shawano, Randy (Wendy) Klevesahl, of Peshtigo, and Shelby Lance, of Bonduel; grandchildren, Stephen (Nikki) Browning, Scott Browning, Kevin Schultz and Jason Schultz; great-grandchildren, Casey and Jenna; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Milo and Darlene Kallies; nieces and nephew, Kathy (Orlen) Grunewald, Christine Zellmer, Susan (Jim) Jensen, Diane (Mike) Lambie and John (Michelle) Klevesahl. He is further survived by other

relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vilas (Ardyce) Klevesahl.

A memorial service was held for Fred at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at Swedberg-Wendt Funeral Home in Bonduel with the Rev. Virgil Hanson officiating. Military honors were conducted by Bonduel American Legion Post 217 at the funeral home following the service. Inurnment will be in Friedens Cemetery at a later date.

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Carl L. Loving

Carl L. Loving, 84, of Cecil, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, in Appleton. Carl was born Jan. 3, 1937, in Springfield, Illinois, to the late James and Marian (Allen) Loving. Carl enlisted in the United States National Guard and later served in the United States Air Force. Carl was united in marriage to Patricia Turban on July 17, 1957, in Illinois. The couple originally lived in Milwaukee before moving to Elcho and, most recently, Cecil. Carl enjoyed tooling leather and bowling. He was also an active member of the Masonic Lodge.

Carl is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Sharon (Michael) Mach, of Antigo, Connie (special friend Phillip Teffs) Loving, of Antigo, Mark Loving, of Racine, and Dale Loving, of Elcho; grand-



children, David (Olivia) Mach, Stefanie Mach and Katie (Steph Jacobs) Mach; great-grandchildren, Emily Schafer, Myla Schafer, Kellan Mach, Declan

Mach and Elias Mach; siblings, Wayne (Donna) Loving, of Montana, and Mary (William) Tunncliffe, of Wyoming; and special friends, Hugo and Lu Petters and David and Marie Langkamp.

Carl is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Marian; and one brother, Jim Loving.

A memorial service is being planned for Carl in the spring.

Gerald Kuehl

Gerald "Jerry" Kuehl, 88, of Suring, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. Gerald was born in Kaukauna on Sept. 26, 1932, to the late Rueben and Sophie Rose (Kraes) Kuehl. Jerry worked at Thilmany Paper Company in Kaukauna for many years until retiring and moving to Suring. He always enjoyed a good laugh with his friends. Jerry enjoyed many trips to Florida and going to Packers games with his special friend Jean. He served his country in the United States Army and was very proud of his service. A special thank you to Bob Peterson at the Iron Mountain VA Hospital.

Gerald is survived by his brother, Kenneth "Kinker" Kuehl. He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Keith, and his brother, Eugene Kuehl.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with



arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com

A special thank you to his friends, Vern and Dee, and his neighbors,

Andy and Becky. To the Gallivanter, "We will miss you, Sonny. Please leave the light on, so we know you are home." Love, Andy "Gramps"



Gaynor Mae Stephenson

Gaynor Mae Stephenson, 79, of Shawano, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021. Gaynor was born May 15, 1941, to the late Arnold and Lydia (Huntington) Miller in Red Springs. She graduated from Sturgeon Bay High School in 1959. On April 23, 1960, Gaynor was united in marriage to Guy Stephenson in Sturgeon Bay. Guy preceded her in death in 1984. She lived in Sheboygan for several years before returning to the Shawano area.

Gaynor worked at the North Star Mohican Casino until her retirement. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Gaynor enjoyed exploring garage sales and collecting pig memorabilia. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gaynor is survived by her sons, Glenn Stephenson, of Sheboygan, Gary Stephenson, of Sheboygan Falls, and Greg Stephenson, of Sun Prairie; siblings, Claudette Weiterman, of Gresham, Andrea Smith, of Sturgeon



Bay, Marsha Toohey, of Bowler, and Patti (Nubs) Exferd, of Oconto; an aunt, Delores Ziemer, of Oshkosh; an uncle, Bert (Carol) Huntington, of Shawano; and

good friend, Pat Gruetzmacher. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a brother, Bruce Miller.

Private family services will be held. Inurnment will be held in Bay-side Cemetery in Sturgeon Bay.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of the Ella Besaw Center, Shawano Health Services and the staff at ThedaCare Medical Center of Shawano for helping Gaynor.

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Darrell J. Earley Sr.

Darrell J. Earley Sr., 83, of Lena, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. He was born to Lena Earley on Aug. 10, 1937, in Oconto. He married the love of his life, Marjorie Sagen, on Feb. 4, 1956, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Lena. Darrell enjoyed doing carpentry and mason work, playing cards and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Marjorie; 11 children, Gary (Carol) Earley, Cindy (Mark) Richter, Linda (Lloyd) Johnson, Sharon Earley, Terry (Annette) Earley, Annette (Robert) Renquin, Perry (Laura) Earley, Patrick Earley, John (Tina) Earley, Troy Earley, Pam (Doug) Stoll. Further survivors include 20 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren



and his brother, Dale (Patti) Hatton.

Darrell was preceded in death by his mother, Lena Earley; an infant son, Darrell Jr. and a brother, Robert Hatton.

A private family service was held at St. Anne Catholic Church, 221 E. Main St., Lena on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Felix Abano officiating. Burial was at St. Charles Cemetery, Lena. Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home-Lena is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.RhodesCharapata.com.

James W. Harris

James W. Harris, 85, of the Town of Franzen, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Jim was born Jan. 3, 1936, in the Town of Franzen. The son of Abe and Ina (Day) Harris.

Jim worked as a parts manager at John Deere in Caroline for many years. He loved John Deere and has a vast collection. Jim later moved to Florida, where he was a part owner of the A&W Tropicals. Jim loved genealogy, peonies and was an avid science fiction reader.

Jim is survived by one brother-in-law, Ernest Delikowski; one sister-in-law, Donna Harris; and many nieces and nephews.



Jim was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Lloyd (Sylvia) Harris, Ruby (Herman) Weller, Ila Delikowski, John Harris, Alice (Warren) Savidge,

Lucille (Florian) Buhl, Dorothy Harris and Walter Harris.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Robert L. Bubolz

Robert L. "Bob" Bubolz, born May 15, 1943, in Shawano, to the late Arnold and Lillian (Schuettpehl) Bubolz. Bob died as expected. Bob graduated from Suring High School on May 25, 1961, and then subsequently graduated from UW-Madison, January 1968, with a degree in civil engineering after a hiatus to save enough money to finish school.

On June 19, 1971, he married Barb Zellmer of Suring at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, making it just shy of 50 years. They lived in Green Bay and were blessed with two daughters. Following graduation from college, he spent 34 years working for Wisconsin Public Service in Green Bay until he retired in 2005. Despite Barb saying that she would never again live in a house during remodeling, they moved to Shawano in 2003 so Barb could work with their son-in-law. His love of old tractors, spending time in the woods and deer hunting was surpassed only by his devotion to his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Jennifer Bubolz Miller (Jay) and Carey Grieves (Brian); grandchildren, Joe, Julianna, Jacinda Miller and Jack and Charlie Grieves; special adopted family, Jeff and Wendy Fritz (Sam and Hatty) and good friends Curt and



Jean Suring. He is also survived by one brother, Arnie (Shirley); one sister-in-law, Erna; nephew and godson, Barry Bubolz; numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death his parents; three brothers, Richard, Ronald and James; two brothers-in-law, Marvin Zellmer (Bette) and Leroy Zellmer (Mitzi); and one sister-in-law, Shirley.

Memorial services for Bob will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church with the Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt officiating. Inurnment will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of service. For those who wish, services will be announced over the loudspeaker in the parking lot on radio station 104.5 FM. COVID-19 virus precautions are requested by wearing a face covering and distancing, please. In lieu of a lunch, we will share Bob's favorite candy bar with you.

Memorials can be directed to the St. Jakobi Building Fund.

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Sharon L. Gueths

Sharon L. Gueths, 77, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Sept. 22, 1943, in Wausau to the late Alfred and Alice (Steffen) Mielke. Sharon attended school in Wausau.

On Dec. 28, 1991, Sharon was united in marriage to James Gueths in Oshkosh. This year, the couple would have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. She was a member of Peace United Church of Christ. Sharon loved surrounding herself with family and friends. Her weeks were filled with her cherished friends from bridge clubs and Friday night cards.

Sharon's infectious laugh, happiness and smile always brought joy and life wherever she was. Once a year, you knew you could find her in the kitchen, baking her famous grand champion cheesecakes and bakery items galore for the Shawano County Fair. Sharon's life was filled with joy and many special moments with her dedicated and loving husband.

Survivors include her husband, James Gueths, of Shawano; her children, Greg (Pam) Jaenke and Stephanie (Mark) Ziebell; her stepchildren, Jeff (Ellen) Gueths, Jennifer (Tra-



vis) Thede and Michelle (Scott) Harenburg; her grandchildren, Logan Gueths, Caleb Gueths, Beau Riley Gueths, Hannah Thede, Lauren Thede, Rachel Thede,

Romey Harenburg, Emily Jaenke, Allie Ziebell and Austin Ziebell; her brother, Jim (Joan) Mielke; and nephews.

A memorial service for Sharon was held Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano. Richard Menning officiated.

In lieu of flowers and plants, memorials are preferred to the Shawano County Humane Society in Sharon's name.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsons.com.



OBITUARIES

Eleonora M. Schroeder

Eleonora M. Schroeder, 93, Shawano, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021. Eleonora was born July 31, 1927, in the Town of Hartland to the late William and Eleanor (Drage) Schulz.

On Aug. 17, 1968, Eleonora married Wilfred "Will" Schroeder at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel, the Rev. Virgil Joss officiating. The couple lived and farmed in Underhill township until Will retired in 2002. Eleonora was previously a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett. She is a current member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Eleonora greatly enjoyed flowers and watching old movies and "M.A.S.H."

Eleonora is survived by her brother-in-law, Ray Schroeder. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Will, in 2005; infant daughter, Lori Ann, in 1969; and brother, William Schulz, in 2020.

A funeral service was held Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at St. Paul



Lutheran Church in Bonduel at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mark R. Palmer officiating. Eleonora was interred at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery beside Will.

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

The family would like to thank the staffs of ThedaCare at Home Hospice and Evergreen Care Center for the care and compassion offered to Eleonora and her family during their time of need.



Raymond A. 'Buzz' Kandler

Raymond A. "Buzz" Kandler, 73, of New Baden, Illinois, born Sept. 22, 1947, in Milwaukee, died Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at his home.

Buzz was a retired lieutenant colonel from the United States Air Force. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, Illinois, and a mentor of the Robo Raiders FTC 7129 in Mascoutah. Buzz was part of many horseshoe leagues and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers fan.



He was extremely proud to attend the Ice Bowl at Lambeau Field in 1967.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond H. and Edith (nee Fossum) Kandler.

He is survived by his wife, Susan (nee Reisner) Kandler, whom he married in Cecil on June 15, 1969; a son, Kyle (Josephine) Kan-

Grace Vissers



Grace Vissers peacefully entered eternal life on Jan. 23, 2021, surrounded by family. Grace was born on Jan. 19, 1932, the daughter of Eugene and Minnie Tellock (Schenk). Grace met her beloved husband, Bob, in high school. They were happily married for 66 years and together raised their four children, Valerie Scarpace (Salvatore), Steven (Renata), Susan Holiday (Bob) and Dawn Marietti (Ron).

Grace was a fabulous homemaker who also held a variety of positions in the private sector. Grace and Bob raised their children in New Berlin, later retiring to Wittenberg. They subsequently moved to Dublin, Ohio, to be closer to their daughter, Dawn, and her family. Grace and Bob shared many wonderful life adventures together.

Grace was an extrovert who loved spending time with her family, hosting many holiday celebrations, and informal gatherings. Their home was often filled with laughter — especially at Christmas, with the "decking of the halls," the making of egg nog and sharing of gifts.

Grace is survived by her four chil-

dren and grandchildren, Angi (Matt) Mulcahy, Melonie Marietti, Jason (Janel) Vissers, Michelle (Joe) Hoell, Jon (fiancee Jenna) Vissers, Matt Vissers, Whitney Marietti,

and Robbie Marietti. Additionally, Grace leaves behind great-grandchildren Logan, Dominic, Marisa, J.T., Landon, Ella, Jocelyn, Vance, Veronica, Gabrielle, Noah and Jenni; sisters-in-law Verna Tellock (Edward) and MaryAnn Vissers (Donald); and many nieces and nephews.

Grace was preceded in death by her loving husband Bob; her parents; grandchildren Becky and Timmy Heaton; brothers and sisters.

The family wishes to thank The Sanctuary staff members in Dublin, Ohio, for their care and support.

A celebration of life service for immediate family will be held at a future date.

Schoedinger Dublin, 5980 Perimeter Drive, Dublin, Ohio, is assisting the family with arrangements.

nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway St., Mascoutah, IL 62258. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting mollfuneralhome.com.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Kirk Clayton officiating. Burial with military honors followed in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri.

Moll Funeral Home, Mascoutah, Illinois



3-vehicle crash yields injuries

A three-vehicle crash was reported to the Shawano County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 22. The sheriff's office said the accident resulted in injuries and road blockage on state Highway 22 at Ash Lane, in the Town of Wescott. Ash Lane is just east of Shawano. Initial investigation showed that a full-size pickup truck with trailer traveling westbound on state Highway 22 was waiting for an eastbound vehicle to pass in order to turn south onto Ash Lane. The full-sized pickup truck turned southbound and struck the rear corner of the next oncoming eastbound vehicle which was a compact pickup truck, causing it to lose control. The compact pickup truck entered the eastbound lane of travel and was then struck on the passenger side by a sedan. Shawano Ambulance transported two individuals to ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano with unknown injuries. Shawano Area Fire Department and Shawano Police Department assisted on the scene. The crash remains under investigation. No names have been released.

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SAVVY SENIOR

A Social Security perk for older parents

Plus, how to handle Medicare if you're still working

By **JIM MILLER**

Special to NEW Media

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've been told that my two children, ages 14 and 16, may be eligible for Social Security when I file for my retirement benefits. Is this true? What can you tell me?

— Viagra Daddy

Dear Viagra,

It's true. If you're age 62 or older and are still raising young children, there's a Social Security benefit strategy that can put some extra money in your family coffers.

Here's how it works. When you file for Social Security retirement benefits, your minor children can get money on your work record equaling half of what you would receive at full retirement age, now gradually rising from 66 to 67. Even if you were to take a smaller benefit by claiming earlier, your kids will still get half of your full-retirement age amount.

To qualify, your daughter — whether she's biological, adopted or a stepdaughter — must be unmarried and under age 18. Kids that are over 18 but still in high school, can collect too until they graduate or turn 19, whichever comes first. (Other rules apply to kids that are disabled.)

Because one of your children is only 14, your wife (if you're married)

can collect Social Security benefits on your work record too, and it doesn't matter if she's just 40 years old. The minimum age requirements to collect retirement benefits (62) or survivor benefits (60) does not apply when it comes to collecting benefits as the caregiver of a young child. The spouse's benefit, which is also worth up to half of your benefit, will stop when your daughter turns 16.

Note that there are limits to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The Social Security "family maximum payment" is determined by a complex formula and can range from 150% to 180% of your full retirement benefit amount. If the total exceeds that, each person's benefit, except yours, is cut proportionately until it equals the maximum.

Minor children can collect up to half of a disabled parent's Social Security disability benefit. And if the parent dies, they will get a survivor's benefit, which is up to 75% of the deceased parent's basic Sbenefit.

To learn more, see the SSA publication (No. 05-10085) "Benefits for Children" at SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf.

Social Security benefits for your kids may not be available before full retirement age if you are still working. If you lose your benefits, your dependents also lose theirs.

You can recoup those payments

later, but your kids can't.

Dear Savvy Senior,

I will turn 65 in a few months and plan to keep working for several more years. I have good health insurance from my employer now. Do I have to sign up for Medicare when I reach 65?

— Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,

Whether you need to enroll in Medicare at 65 if you continue to work and have health insurance through your job depends on how large your employer is. The same rules apply if your health insurance comes from your spouse's job.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people, and Part B, which covers doctor's bills, lab tests and outpatient care. Part B also has a monthly premium.

If you're already receiving Social Security, you'll automatically be enrolled in parts A and B when you turn 65, and you'll receive your Medicare card in the mail. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment. If you aren't yet receiving Social Security, you will have to apply, which you can do online at SSA.gov/medicare.

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have health insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department how

your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. To decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.

If your current employer has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period. If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning July 1.

If your employer has 20 or more employees, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer as long as you remain an active employee. Once your employment or group health coverage ends, you will then have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty.

You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage. Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable."

If you have more questions or need help, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShiptaCenter.org), which offers free Medicare counseling, or call the Medicare Rights Center helpline at 800-333-4114.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Book brings barn quilts home

Shawano barn quilts featured in 4th coloring book

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Reporter

John Lettau's love of geometric design and skill with graph paper is bringing him home to Wisconsin — while happily remaining a California resident.

Lettau, 93, of Santa Maria, California, has published his fourth coloring book of the barn quilts of Shawano County. Each of the 50 quilts in the book has information about its location, a large quilt block and a dozen smaller blocks, printed in black and white and ready to color.

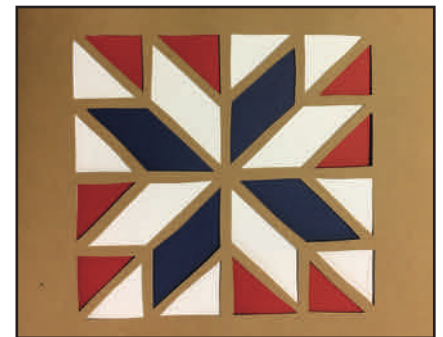
"I have been into geometric design creations since the early 1960s. I actually put together a book called, 'Graph Paper Design,' where I used graph paper just to recreate and create my own designs," Lettau said. "While teaching school, I taught first through sixth grade. One of the first things I did — even with first graders — how to do a basic design with graph paper."

Lettau's brother, who lives in Larsen, Wisconsin, had a barn quilt put on his barn called "Sara's Star," and asked Lettau for a smaller version of it. Lettau found a book, "The Barn Quilts of Shawano County, Wisconsin," by Jim Leuenberger, who initially brought the barn quilt project to Shawano, and found the pattern on the Shawano Chamber of Commerce website (<https://www.shawanocountry.com>).

"At that point, Jim had roughly 300 quilts in his book, so I did my brother's and I thought, with all these other designs on the website, I can do a book. I met Jim Leuenberger about three years when I came back for a football game," Lettau said.

He pitched the idea of a barn quilt coloring book and Leuenberger said he was on board with it.

One book led to two, two to three, and now the fourth edition, "Wisconsin Barn Quilt Coloring Book Four" is in print and for sale at Amazon.com. The newest Shawano County version joins barn quilt coloring books Kansas, Tennessee, and other states with the colorful boards attached to



The Wisconsin Barn Quilt Coloring Book Four features 50 Shawano County barn quilts.

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the top of barns.

"I've been very happy doing this. I do it as a hobby, not as a business. I get a very small royalty. It's not the money part, it's promoting the hobby and these barn quilt projects. The royalty is used for paint, and cut pictures, layers of construction paper that create the barn quilt pattern."

In addition to the coloring books, Lettau also makes small painted versions of the quilts and layered, cut-paper versions.

To adapt patterns for quilt, he makes one large version — using graph paper — for the first of the books two pages per quilt. The first page is a big page of design.

"Second page, with 12 smaller versions — some are pretty intricate. It's an interesting process with graph paper — I can duplicate any pattern I see," he said.

Although Lettau is a fan and promoted of barn quilts throughout the country, one has special meaning for him.

"Number 315 is one I sponsored for \$200 in memory of my Lettau grandparents who came from West Prussia in 1892 and when they got to the United States they settled in the little town of Herman in Shawano for

about a year, then they got 400 acres in (the Town of) Norrie," he said. "That's where I bought the quilt, to honor where they came to the country."

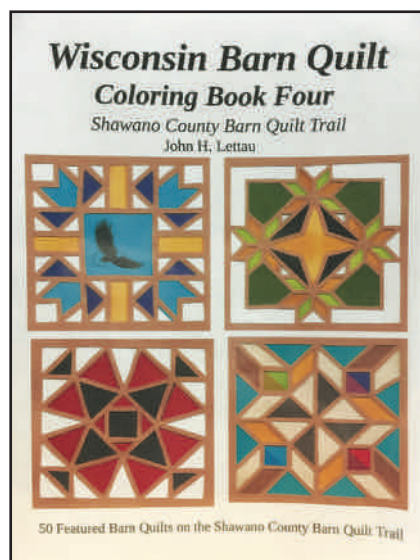
Lettau spends a lot of his time making the small wooden quilt plaques and cut paper quilt squares. He gives them away or offers them to barn quilt sponsors as fundraisers.

"The 19th of February is the date my wife died, nine years ago," Lettau said. "I took care of her for four or five years, 24 hours a day. When she passed away I had to keep going. So I was spending six, seven, maybe even eight hours a day working on coloring books and cutting these pictures. That kept me going all the while."

As he did so much work with quilt patterns, Lettau considered joining a quilt guild near his home in Santa Maria, California.

"I thought, 'I've been thinking about this for 50, 60 years, I'm going to do it.' I joined their group and when I went ... I looked in the window. I was expecting maybe 25, 30 gals. I looked in there and there had to be at least 95 women. I thought 'What in the hell did I get myself into?' but I couldn't back out. I had to go in, and obviously you introduce yourself as a new member," he said.

When asked what kind of quilting he did, Lettau said, "I do exactly the same thing you do, but not with ma-



John Lettau uses cut and stacked construction paper to make quilt designs, which he gives away to help promote the concept of barn quilts and geometric design. CONTRIBUTED

chines and material and threads. I do mine with paint and brushes."

Lettau offered to show the needle-and thread quilters how he makes his construction paper and painted versions, and eventually held workshops for the cloth-based crafters.

Although he prefers to work in construction paper or wood, Lettau said he does enjoy coloring the patterns as well.



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AARP Wisconsin is inviting community organizations and local governments across the state to apply for the 2021 AARP Community Challenge grant program, now through April 14. These grants will fund "quick-action" projects that spark change across Wisconsin and the entire country.

Now in its fifth year, the program is part of AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns,

neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to several thousand, or tens of thousands for larger projects.

Since 2017, AARP has awarded 560 grants through the Community Challenge to nonprofit organizations and government entities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The program provides direct support to all community types, with nearly 40% of past projects benefiting rural communities, 20% going to suburban locations and 40% improving urban places. Granted projects have demonstrated an ability to garner additional funds or support from public and private funders, encourage replication, overcome local policy barriers, and receive greater overall awareness and engagement.

The application deadline is 7 p.m. Central Time on April 14. All projects must be completed by Nov. 10. To submit an application and view past grantees, visit www.AARP.org/

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AARP will prioritize proposals that are inclusive, directly engage volunteers and aim to achieve one or more of the following outcomes: Ensure a focus on diversity and inclusion while improving the built and social environment of a community; support local recovery from the coronavirus pandemic with an emphasis on economic development, improvements to public spaces, and transportation services; create vibrant public places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities; deliver a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bike-ability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements; support a range of housing options that increase the availability of accessible and affordable choices; increase civic engagement and demonstrate the tangible value of "Smart Cities" with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of inclusion.

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OFES students get a taste of cross-country skiing

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"The Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club is a large factor in being able to provide this opportunity," Otto said. "Enough gratitude couldn't be expressed to all that help make this unit a success."

Over 10 years ago, Ray Tabar approached Otto about starting a cross-country unit, which has turned into one of the students' favorite units, she said. Otto and the students also appreciate those ski club members who have donated equipment for their use.

To get the school grounds ready, Dave Follett grooms tracks in the front and side of the school. Bonnie MacSwain rounds up volunteers who help the students get their equipment on and assist in teaching the students proper form.



Volunteer Dave Follett, right, gives fourth grader Stella Ripley, a first-time skier, a few pointers before she goes down the hill. She thought cross-country skiing was very fun and was happy there were people there to help so it didn't take so long for her to get back up.

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Ballot is set for April 6 election

Greetings, Morgan! The spring election will be here before you know it. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, April 6. Town board officials will be on the ballot. After the town caucus that occurred Jan. 9, it was determined that all five of Morgan's current town board members are running unopposed for another two-year term: Fran Wranosky as town chair, Leonard Wahl as town supervisor, Ron Korzeniewski as town clerk and Cindy Smith as town treasurer. Wranosky, Wahl, Korzeniewski and Smith have all served in their respective offices for numerous terms. Belongia is running for her

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second full term as town clerk. Also on the April 6 ballot is the state superintendent of public instruction. In local races, the Oconto Falls, Gillett and Pulaski school districts all have elections for school board members, and the Oconto Falls school district will have a referendum on the ballot. Thank you in advance to all of Morgan's poll workers for keeping our elections running smoothly.

The annual town meeting is

scheduled for Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Annual town meetings are built into the history of our local government structure. The University of Wisconsin-Extension Local Government Center has all kinds of interesting information regarding the history, authority and logistics of annual town meetings. Check out the section titled "Resources for Local Officials" at <https://localgovernment.extension.wisc.edu/>.

The Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department has announced that it is planning to hold its annual fundraiser picnic and car show this year on Saturday, Aug. 14. This event was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19

concerns. Though some of the usual activities will be scaled back at this year's picnic, there will still be refreshments, a car show, a raffle and entertainment by the music group Cat 5. Stay tuned for more details as they become available in the coming months.

Now that we have heavy snow throughout the area, snowmobile trails have opened, including those trails in Morgan. Both motorists and snowmobilers should exercise extra caution when they encounter each other. Let's try to have a safe winter out there on the roads and trails.

Respectfully submitted by "Megan from Morgan" -
Megan (Stranz) Oswald

Springside Cheese adds new production, retail sales managers

Thompson, Braund will be based at Oconto Falls area location

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Springside Cheese has announced a new production manager and retail sales manager for its Oconto Falls area location.

Jesse Thompson joins the Springside Cheese team as production manager. With over 18 years of experience, Thompson will lead, manage and create production schedules for all production staff. He will also partake in developing new cheese recipes and oversee all production at the Spruce factory.

Toni Braund will serve as retail sales manager in the Oconto Falls location. Braund will oversee the onboarding of the retail team while

exploring ideas to improve retail workflow. She will also assist in developing growth and marketing strategies with the leadership team.

"Springside Cheese is committed to ensuring high-quality cheese and customer service," said Keith Hintz, co-owner and president of Springside Cheese. "We are excited to have Toni on board with her years of business ownership and customer service experience, and Jesse to help us work with our production staff in developing new recipes and ensuring everything runs smoothly."

Thompson studied natural resources for two years before starting his career in the food production industry. After graduating

with his associate degree in 2001, he went straight into developing recipes, producing cheese, packaging cheese and eventually overseeing the entire cheesemaking process at a local dairy corporation.

He fell in love with the art of cheesemaking, later earning his cheesemaking, pasteurizer, food defense and many more certifications. Thompson was promoted to superintendent of the business in 2018 but said he decided to get a fresh start with a family-owned business.

"I am most excited about helping develop new products and recipes with the production staff. My favorite recipe is for our horserad-

ish cheddar and horseradish chive cheddar," Thompson said.

Braund joins the Springside team with over 12 years in business ownership.

"I am incredibly excited to bring my customer service experience and my love for cheese to Springside Cheese," Braund said.

She graduated from Northern Michigan University in 2003 with her certificate in nursing, going on to work as a nurse for eight years. In 2004, she expanded her knowledge to further connect with people, so she became a personal consultant. Braund worked as a consultant for 12 years, helping as many people as she could achieve their desires.

N.E.W. Credit Union holds food drive during March

Collection is named in honor of Penny Nicholas

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N.E.W. Credit Union has announced the first-ever Penny Nicholas Food Drive and will collect non-

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For every five items of nonperishable food a person drops off at any one of the credit union's locations, the donor's name will be put in a drawing for a chance to win one of four \$50 gift cards, compliments of N.E.W. Credit Union. Receptacles will be placed in front of the credit union branches during regular weekday business hours. Food gathered

will be distributed between several local food pantries.

To be eligible for the drawing, include name and contact information in the same bag as the donated items. Deadline to enter will be 5 p.m. March 31.

Leland "Penny" Nicholas was a well-known barber for nearly six decades; he also served as a rural mail carrier for 30 years and on the Oconto Falls City Council for 12 years. He was a member of the N.E.W. Credit

Union board of directors for 34 years.

Credit union branch locations include 301 Jackson St., Oconto Falls; 405 Pecor St., Oconto; 717 E. Main St., Suring; and 870 Frontage Road, Peshtigo. Winners will be notified by phone on or before April 2. The drawing is open to the public; no purchase necessary to enter. The credit union's employees and members of their households are not eligible to enter. For information, call 920-846-4112.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Suring girls drop foul-filled sectional semifinal

Foul trouble turns momentum

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Suring High School girls basketball team got off to a fast start in its Division 5 sectional semifinal playoff game against Athens on Feb. 18 in Suring, but foul trouble caught up to the Eagles in an eventual 62-52 loss.

Suring's defensive intensity set the tone in the early going, and the Eagles were hitting nearly every shot they took on their way to a 17-2 lead less than seven minutes into the contest.

A couple of Suring players, Christine Sleeter and Paige Krueger, were called for their second fouls, at which point coach Mitchell Woulf decided to take them out of the game. Athens took advantage in a big way, going on a 17-3 run to pull within a point, 20-19.

"We got into foul trouble. And it's always a tough decision on what you're gonna do," said Woulf. "Do you let it ride? Do you go to the bench? Paige picked up her second (foul) and she sat awhile, and then picked up her third right before half. It's second guessing — should I have let her go back in? It's just one of those things."

After coming back into the game, Krueger hit a shot to snap a five-and-a-half minute scoring drought for the hosts. The visitors responded with a 6-0 run before Suring's Kylee Stelzer hit a 3-pointer to tie the contest at 25. Athens scored the final three points of the half, which included 16 combined foul calls.

"(The game) definitely started out with us having the big boards, which put us in the lead," said Krueger.

"Then, I don't know if we got a little lazy or what, and we started to foul more. And that's when we kind of laid off the boards, and I think that's what was the big change in the game."

"I think they just got the rebounds and we didn't," said Stelzer. "They got some easy putbacks and it was tough to come back from. Once you're down by a little bit, it's hard to get that momentum back."

Kate Mahoney knocked down a jumper for the Eagles early in the second half before Athens went on a



Suring's Kelsey Smith, center, tries to pass after being swarmed by several Athens' defenders during a Division 5 sectional semifinal playoff game on Feb. 18 in Suring.

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Suring's Kylee Stelzer, center, is fouled while going up for a shot during a Division 5 sectional semifinal playoff game against Athens on Feb. 18 in Suring.

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run and started to pull away. After a bucket off a steal by Suring's Kelsey Smith, Athens hit back-to-back 3-pointers to start a 14-4 run and go up 44-34.

The teams then traded baskets

and free throws over the next couple minutes before Suring's foul troubles starting showing up again.

Sleeter fouled out of the contest with 8:30 to play. The Eagles then trimmed their deficit to seven, 49-42, before Krueger fouled out.

Soon after, Athens used a 13-1 spurt to put the game out of reach. Suring battled until the very last whistle, but eventually ran out of time.

"My team was amazing. We were so close to each other. It's hard to answer, I guess," said Stelzer when asked about what she'd remember about the season. "We were just so close and everything just fell into place in the middle of the season. We did our best and that's all we can do about it."

"The thing I'm going to remember most is just this team in general," said Krueger. "We started off so far from it. We didn't know how to win, we didn't know what it was going to be like this year and what we were going to have the chance to do. We came out here and we played our hardest. We didn't

get in quarantine, which was lucky. We put in all that extra work whenever we could just to fight for this and it's amazing making it this far."

Stelzer was Suring's top scorer with 21 points. Krueger added 13 points, while Smith had seven.

In a game that had a combined 48 combined foul calls, Suring picked up 30 of them. Stelzer, Krueger, Sleeter and Macyn Garrigan all ended up fouling out.

Athens ended up shooting 42 free throws in the game, making only 17 of them. Suring attempted 20 free throws, making 11.

Athens 28 34 — 62

Suring 25 27 — 52

Athens (62): Addyson Zettler 0-2 0, Addison Lavicka 3-9 9, Kaitlyn Riehle 3-6 8, Jazelle Hartwig 5-10 20, Sophia Coker 5-8 7, Elizabeth Van Rixel 0-1 5, Hattie Nowacki 0-2 0, McKennzie Schrug 1-4 13.

Suring (52): Hailey Thomson 1-2 1, Kate Mahoney 0-0 2, MacKenzie Bailey 0-1 2, Kylee Stelzer 6-10 21, Paige Krueger 3-4 13, Christine Sleeter 0-0 4, Kelsey Smith 1-3 7, Macyn Garrigan 0-0 2.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Suring the lone boys team to win playoff game

Oconto Falls, Lena, Gillett lost only postseason games

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Suring High School boys basketball team was the only area program to earn a postseason win.

Suring, a No. 5 seed in Division 5, upset fourth-seeded St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in a regional quarterfinal playoff game on Feb. 16 in Marinette.

Taron Haak scored 23 points to lead Suring to victory. Gavin Fredenburgh and Leo Taylor each chipped in seven points in the winning effort.

In Suring's second postseason matchup, it lost 93-29 against the top-seeded Green Bay NEW Lutheran co-op in a regional semifinal on Feb. 19 in Green Bay.

The co-op led 55-8 at halftime.

Haak again led the Eagles in scoring with 17 points. Taylor added six points.

Oconto Falls

In its lone Division 3 postseason

game, fifth-seeded Oconto Falls lost 85-63 against fourth-seeded Peshtigo in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 16 in Peshtigo.

Isaac Raddatz scored 23 points to pace Oconto Falls, while Braden Uelmen provided 19 points. Jake Sager chipped in six points.

Oconto Falls scored 41 second-half points, but gave up 50.

Gillett

Fourth-seeded Gillett was upset by fifth-seeded Crandon in a Division 4 regional quarterfinal clash on Feb. 16 in Gillett.

Austin VandeCorput and Aydin Franti each scored 12 points for Gillett, which trailed 28-14 at halftime.

Brandon DeBauch tallied nine points for the Tigers, while Aidan Patza added eight points.

Lena

Third-seeded Lena only scored nine first-half points in its Division 5 regional semifinal loss to second-seeded Oneida Nation on Feb. 19 in Oneida. Lena trailed 26-9 at halftime.

Max Beyer scored 31 of Lena's points, while Jacob Belongia had six.

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Gillett's Ben Matczek goes up for a shot during the team's Division 4 regional quarterfinal playoff game against Crandon on Feb. 16 in Gillett.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Eau Claire

Suring High School graduate Mitch Stegeman took part in a pair of events for the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team during a dual against UW-River Falls on Feb. 20. The UWEC men won 74-62.

Stegeman claimed second place in the pole vault after clearing 14 feet, 11 inches. He took eighth in the shot put after a top throw of 36 feet, 2.75 inches.

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls grad Samantha Coron put together a strong effort in the North Iowa Area Community College

women's volleyball team's loss to Iowa Central Area Community College on Feb. 16.

Coron tallied 10 digs, eight assists and an attack kill in the team's 25-16, 25-19, 25-22 loss.

Viterbo

Gillett grad Lauren Herzog

competed in a pair of events for the Viterbo University women's track and field team at the North Star Athletic Association Championships on Feb. 21.

Herzog placed eighth in the mile with a time of 6:19.47.

She also claimed eighth in the 5,000-meter run (21:41.33).



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PRO BASEBALL

Counsell counting on Brewers hitters to bounce back

Yelich returning to MVP could prove big for Milwaukee

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Milwaukee Brewers manager Craig Counsell has a pretty simple formula for boosting a lineup that struggled throughout the abbreviated 2020 season.

His hitters just need to produce the way they typically have throughout their careers.

"We had guys that just didn't perform last year offensively," Counsell said Feb. 18 in his first media session since Brewers pitchers and catchers reported to spring training in Phoenix. "It was puzzling. It was out of the norm."

The most notable case involved 2018 NL MVP Christian Yelich, who hit just .205 last year after winning batting titles in 2018 and 2019.

He wasn't the only Brewers hitter who failed to perform up to expectations.

The Brewers scored 4.1 runs per game to rank 27th out of 30 MLB teams last year as they slipped into the playoffs with a 29-31 record. Their .223 team batting average placed them 26th. Their 582 strikeouts were the second-highest total of any MLB team, behind only the Tampa Bay Rays.

Keston Hiura batted .212 and had

an NL-high 85 strikeouts last year after posting a .938 OPS as a rookie in 2019. Omar Narváez batted .176 with a .562 OPS last year after hitting .278 with 22 homers and an .813 OPS in 2019 with the Seattle Mariners. Avisail García batted .238 with a .659 OPS last year after hitting .282 with a .796 OPS in 2019 with Tampa Bay.

"We had some tough seasons and some of the most down seasons that some established players have had," Counsell said. "You're hoping, you're planning on them getting back to norm, and that's going to create a pretty big improvement in our offense. That's a big part of this."

That starts with getting Yelich back to his usual form.

Yelich had a respectable .356 on-base percentage last year thanks to his 46 walks in 247 plate appearances. But he struck out 76 times. His .786 OPS was his lowest since 2014, a dramatic fall for someone who led the NL in that category in 2018 (1.000) and 2019 (1.100).

His .205 batting average was the first time he'd ever hit below .282 in a season.

"I think we're going to see a very motivated player," Counsell said. "He was disappointed in the results last year, disappointed in his performance. He wants to be



Milwaukee Brewers manager Craig Counsell watches his players take batting practice before a game against the Washington Nationals on Sept. 30, 2019, in Washington. Counsell is hoping several individual Brewers can bounce back after down seasons last year. PATRICK SEMANSKY | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

better, and he's going to be better. I think (from our) offseason conversations, I've found Christian has been in just an incredibly optimistic place. That's kind of the thing that's struck me about him. Eager and optimistic, I guess would be the best way to say it."

The Brewers should get a boost from the return of center fielder Lorenzo Cain, who played just five games before opting out of the 2020 season. Newly acquired Gold Glove second baseman Kolten Wong has

posted an on-base percentage of at least .350 each of the last two seasons.

The biggest key to improving the offense is getting better performances from the guys who slumped last year.

Any improvement from the lineup could go a long way toward helping the Brewers earn a fourth straight playoff berth because their pitching should rank among the best in the NL Central.

Bill to protect officials gains renewed legislative sponsorship

Legislation would make it Class A misdemeanor to harass or intimidate a sports official

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association is expressing its support of a reintroduced bill in the legislature that would make it a Class A misdemeanor to harass or intimidate a sports official in response to action taken or with intent to influence a referee, umpire, judge or anyone serving similar functions.

Bills LRB 1335/1 and LRB 1606/1, to create a state statute, has received support in the assembly from Rep. Todd Novak and Rep. Alex Dallman, and in the senate from Sen. Joan Ballweg and Sen. Andre Jacque.

An identical bill was introduced near the end of last session as 2019 AB 735/SB 657 and has been reintroduced at the request of the WIAA, National Association of Sport Officials and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The proposal is also supported by the Wisconsin Amateur Athletic Union, the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and the Wisconsin Soccer Referee Development Program.

Currently, it is a Class B forfeiture if an individual harasses, intimidates, strikes, shoves or kicks another individual, or if the individual engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly

commits harassing or intimidating behavior with no legitimate purpose. Bills LRB-1335/1 and LRB-1606/1 create a new crime for harassment and intimidation of a sports official and revises the existing penalty. Statistics from the NASO Legislation Scorecard indicate 13% of sport officials have been assaulted by either a fan, coach or player.

The bill proposes a penalty as a Class A misdemeanor, which can carry a fine up to \$10,000, up to nine months in prison or both. The bill also allows judges to impose up to 40 hours of community service work or counseling, including anger management or abusive behavior intervention at the violator's expense.

There are 24 states that have assault legislation, civil statutes or

supportive resolutions protecting sport officials. Nearly 48% of male officials and 45% of female officials have responded in a survey that they have felt unsafe or feared for their safety in connection with involvement in officiating.

The decline in the numbers of high school sports officials continues at a concerning rate, and the recruiting and retaining of officials is made more difficult by the lack of sportsmanship at interscholastic and youth events.

Fifty-seven percent of officials believe sportsmanship is getting worse, and they identify parents, coaches and fans as the cause of most sportsmanship issues. Surveys also indicate 43% of officials state that most new officials quit within the first one to three years.

PRO FOOTBALL

Packers release LB Christian Kirksey, OT Rick Wagner

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Green Bay Packers released linebacker Christian Kirksey and offensive tackle Rick Wagner, two of their main veteran free-agent additions from a year ago, on Feb. 19.

Releasing both players opens about \$10 million in cap space.

Kirksey, 28, started all 11 regular-season games he played this season for the Packers, and he started one of their two playoff contests. He missed five games with a chest injury in 2020 after injuries limited him to seven games in 2018 and only two in 2019.

His 78 tackles for the Packers tied for second place on the team.

Kirksey had signed with Green Bay in March after he was released by the Cleveland Browns, who selected him out of Iowa in the third round of the 2014 draft.

Wagner, 31, played all 16 regular-season games for the Packers and made nine starts at right tackle. He also started each of Green Bay's two playoff games.

He helped Green Bay allow no more than one sack in 13 of its 16 regular-season games. Wagner also was part of a line that didn't allow any sacks in an NFC divisional playoff victory over the Los Angeles Rams. But he struggled in the NFC championship game in which the Packers gave up five sacks and fell 31-26 to the eventual Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Wagner also signed with the Packers in March after his release by the Detroit Lions. The 2013 fifth-round draft pick from Wisconsin has made 96 career regular-season starts with Baltimore (2013-16), Detroit (2017-19) and Green Bay (2020).



Green Bay Packers offensive tackle Rick Wagner, left, blocks Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt during a game on Oct. 25 in Houston. The Packers released Wagner and linebacker Christian Kirksey on Feb. 19.

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Leader staffers nab three Better Newspapers awards

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Shawano Leader received three awards last week in the annual Wisconsin Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Contest.

Tim Ryan, reporter and columnist, took second place in the Best Column category for weekly newspapers.

The columns submitted for the award were "How America would have lost World War II," a tongue-in-cheek look at how World War II would have gone if Donald Trump had been president then; "Coronavirus creating new business opportunities," a take on the then-shortage of toilet paper and other necessities at the start of the coronavirus pandemic; and "Conspiracy theories another virus we need to beware," which looked at the rampant rumors and gossip spreading when news of the coronavirus first broke.

"Brilliant and spot on" was among the judge's comments for Ryan's work. "Smart, funny and heartbreakingly cynical. Ryan perfectly sums up the age of alternative facts. Is it over yet?"

Lee Pulaski, city editor, took third place in the Reporting on Local Education category in the weekly division, a drop from his first-place honors in the daily division last year.

The articles for the award were "Virtual ceremony brings grads together in spirit," which covered how Marion High School was preparing its graduation ceremony in May 2020 when the coronavirus was in full swing; "A purple purpose," a story that covered a Menominee Indian High School campaign that highlighted dementia issues on the reservation; and "School panel hesitant about livestreaming board meetings," covering a meeting of the Shawano School District prior to the pandemic that questioned the need for livestreaming the Shawano School Board's meetings.

"The virtual graduation story is great with multiple sources, and I was especially glad to see the reporter included quotes from students," the judge wrote in commenting on Pulaski's work. "The story about the school board's resistance to live-streaming is important bringing to light a lack of transparency. The story on dementia awareness is a bit rough around the edges. There are a couple of typos, and word choice is not exact."

Pulaski and Carol Ryczek, editor-in-chief, shared a third-place award in the Best Headlines category. The headlines they submitted were "Make America Grape Again," which headlined a photo of a Baltimore oriole going after some grape jelly in a bird feeder; "What cheese curd would Jesus try?" for a feature on Sacred Heart Catholic School administrators doing videos to keep students' spirits up during the pandemic; and "A moment in the slimglight," which headlined a photo where Sacred Heart principal Gary Cumberland was doused in slime.

"There have been a lot of takes on 'Make America Great Again' over the last four years, but this was a new one for me," the judge commented. "Very clever!"

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World records set at snowmobile ice drags



A crowd lines the snow fence as racers take off at the start of the 660 foot drag race course in Oconto Falls on Feb. 20. The racers are timed at the start, at 70 feet and at the finish line. They use the times to help improve their performance.

Battle on the Bay finds home in Oconto Falls

Two world records were set when 80 drivers from all over the U.S. converged on an icy stretch of the Oconto River on Feb. 20 for a day of snowmobile drag racing.

The event was noisy, crowded, and world-record-setting fast. In short, a success.

“Originally, the Battle of the Bay was a fundraiser,” said organizer Chris Garrity. “It grew into something bigger, and I started a business, ‘Cold Speed Racing.’ We have one winter event a year — Battle

on the Bay — but the last two years we had to cancel because of the weather.”

Lentzkow/Ingval Motorsports set two world records in the Open Mod 400 class, 5.738 seconds to cover the 660 foot track at 105.68 mph; in Open Mod 700, 5.313 seconds at 120.62 miles per hour.

Garrity estimated that a couple of thousand spectators watched throughout the day. Although happy to have a venue with reliable ice, Garrity guessed that the event could outgrow its Oconto Falls location.

The original Battle of the Bay was held on Green Bay, in colder, more ice-friendly times. This year, he brought the event to Oconto Falls, at West Side Beach on the Oconto River. The event included tents for

refreshments, an electronic start and finish line, and four 660’ lanes of ice.

Snowmobile drag racing is done on ice — the snow is cleared from four ice lanes with a long swath of snow-covered river for slowing down after the finish line.

Racers compete against each other and are timed at the start, at 70 feet and at the finish line. These numbers are posted after each heat so drivers can assess how, and when, to improve.

“They come back for the print-out, so they know what to do next time,” Garrity said. For example, a driver with a slow starting time might check their clutching or gearing — or the driver’s reaction time, he said.

Each snowmobile is outfitted

with “ice picks,” spikes in the tracks that keep them from spinning on the ice. Each driver is also required to wear a tether. This device stops the machine if the driver falls off, preventing it from roaring into the crowd if there is an accident.

Winners share a \$10,000 purse. Garrity said many of the drivers have a regular summer, when races are held on grass or hay, and about a half dozen winter races.

In addition to the competitive races, the event ends with a bikini run, where women with a high tolerance for cold run the course in bikinis. The spectator crowd is reliably large for that event, he said.

Winners will be posted at the Cold Speed Racing website, <https://www.thebattleonthebay.com>.



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Oconto Falls residents Charlie Verbruggen, left, takes aim at Bow Huget as their families watched the races.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CAROL RYCZEK



Racers can approach the finish line at speeds of over 100 miles per hour.



At the starting line, Ron Umland, Oconto Falls, talks about the upcoming race with his wife, Melissa Gunderson-Umland, at the Battle of the Bay snowmobile ice drag race.



Spectators line the snow fence barrier as they watch racers return to the pit after a race. Race drivers are outfitted with a device that stops the snowmobile's engine should they fall off — preventing the machine from careening into the crowd.

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OPINION

Badger Bounce Back Budget one that says 'yes'

Early on in his speech introducing his Badger Bounce Back Budget plan Feb. 16, Gov. Tony Evers said something critically important: "Don't let anyone tell you we can't spend within our means while still supporting Wisconsinites who need help to recover."

Evers has it exactly right. We can fix what has been broken during the struggles of the past year and build on the pre-pandemic normal to make life better for all Wisconsinites than it was before the pandemic. We can bounce back from this deadly virus and move forward toward a better future.

Some politicians have tried to force false choices on Wisconsinites. They have told us we need to choose between supporting the elderly and the young and those who, for whatever reason, need a little help or, alternatively, supporting our businesses and growing the economy. The past year has revealed that there was never a tension between those goals.

Our economic well-being as a community is tied to our schools, our public health departments, our hospitals and so much more. The Badger Bounce Back Budget is saying "yes" to public health, "yes" to well-funded schools where all our children can



NICOLE SAFAR

thrive, "yes" to supporting local businesses and innovation and "yes" to being fiscally responsible and thinking long-term for the next generation.

This budget is future-facing

at its heart. Wisconsinites will surely hear a lot about some of the big-ticket items like Medicaid expansion, historic investments in public schools and economic support for our agricultural economy, innovation and small businesses. These measures are important, and they'll make a difference in the lives of so many Wisconsin families, but I want to focus on a couple of the changes that might fly under the radar in the public debate and politics. It's these policies that build for the future of our families and exemplify the long-term thinking in this budget.

Evers' budget would expand the Family Medical Leave Act, which would make more workers eligible for family medical leave and permit leave to care for a grandparent, grandchild or sibling, and allow FMLA for medi-

cal quarantine. We know that not all families look the same, but we all want to make sure our loved ones are cared for when they're ill.

No Wisconsinite should have to leave a family member who needs care at home alone for fear of losing their job. This isn't revolutionary, but it does permit working families the flexibility and stability to hold onto a job and care for a loved one in need.

The Evers budget also includes tax savings for low- and middle-income families, many of whom haven't recovered the way that wealthy individuals and corporations have from the economic fallout of the pandemic. It provides \$450 in tax relief to low and moderate income Wisconsinites, creates a nonrefundable credit for family caregivers, increases the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families, and provides credits for rent, property taxes and childcare for low-income families.

A lot of families have struggled to balance virtual schooling, caring for an elderly family member and health costs during this pandemic. This budget recognizes and helps compensate the important and thankless work of raising children or caring for seniors.

The Badger Bounce Back Budget is full of thoughtful provisions that will ease some of the burdens that Wisconsin families and communities face. Fundamentally, the Evers budget is a budget of compassion, a budget that prioritizes equity, a budget that will care for our communities, a budget for a better future. It's a budget of "yes."

The people of the state of Wisconsin have already joined the governor in his emphatic "yes" to a better future and rejecting the divisive and scarcity politics of the past. Many of us already support the policies that Evers is proposing. As the governor said, change won't happen without us. The Badger Bounce Back Budget invests in us, and it can become a reality if we show our support.

We've shown time and time again that a chorus of "yes" from all over Wisconsin, united across race and place, can overcome the handful of politicians who put corporations and the wealthy ahead of families. If Wisconsinites stand together, we can make not just this budget, but a better future for us and our children, a reality.

Nicole Safar is the executive director of A Better Wisconsin Together.

Transportation budget fixing what Wisconsin has

Gov. Tony Evers ran on a promise to repair our deteriorating roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure. The governor made good on that promise by investing the greatest amount of new transportation spending in a generation. That funding is being put to good use, helping the state, counties, municipalities and towns repair bridges and resurface roads from Marinette County in the northeast to Grant County in the southwest, and everywhere in between.

In 2020, we completed 375 projects in all corners of the state, staying on schedule during the pandemic. In fact, due to decreased traffic, we were able to finish many of these projects ahead of schedule and under budget.

While our commitment to bringing Wisconsin's transportation system into the 21st century hasn't changed, conditions have. Wisconsin is only now beginning to emerge from the pandemic, and our social and economic future is clouded in uncertainty.



CRAIG THOMPSON

While reduced traffic led to significant reductions in transportation revenues, we at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation acted early to tighten our belt and realize significant program savings. Those measures, along with the "backstop" funding state DOTs received this past month from the federal government, have allowed us to weather this crisis.

Consequently, most spending in the proposed transportation budget is maintained at current levels. However, that doesn't mean we are standing still. Wisconsinites will continue to depend on our transportation system more than ever before — not only to perform the daily activities of life, but to provide the springboard for our economic recovery.

For the second straight budget, Evers' administration prioritizes fixing what we have. The State Highway Rehabilitation Program, which provides funding for the state to repair our two-lane state highways and bridges, receives an increase of approximately \$19 million in the biennium, and general transportation aid is up 2% in both 2022 and 2023.

In 2020, counties, towns and cities expressed high praise for the Multimodal Local Supplement program for its flexibility and lack of red tape, which helped more communities fund vital local projects. That's why we're glad to see Evers propose \$75 million for this program in his budget.

The governor's proposed budget also responds to the transportation needs of people and businesses that depend on mobility options other than roads and private vehicles. It increases funding for local transit systems, creates a \$10 million fund for replacement of buses and makes it easier for transit

systems to expand their boundaries and serve more people. There is no greater barrier to employment than not being able to get to work reliably.

We will do the vital work of modernizing the arterial highways that carry the bulk of the state's people and goods, by enumerating the I-94 East West Corridor project near American Family Park. Just as local roads are the first and last mile of every trip, our interstate and state highways connect businesses and people — all over the state — with the nation and the world.

The pandemic has changed our lives in many ways. What hasn't changed is our reliance on a safe, efficient and accessible transportation system. The proposed 2021-2023 budget makes smart spending decisions while continuing to repair the transportation system that will move our Wisconsin economy forward.

Craig Thompson is the secretary-designee for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, LANGUAGE

PBS teams with Sacred Heart to teach writing through video composition

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

They say that one of the tenets of good writing is the ability to show instead of tell.

The seventh and eighth grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School are learning new ways to do that with the help of Wisconsin's Public Broadcasting System.

The students are learning all about video composition and the writing that's necessary to work in that field. The students met with PBS producers via Zoom to learn the basics, like setting up microphones, preparing lighting and more.

"There's a program through PBS where we're able to use a lot of their professional equipment," said Mallory Kruszynski, who teaches middle school English. "We have lights, camera, microphones, and we're doing media and video composition. We're learning language arts."

Now, the students are working on a class podcast, where they will have to create a question that is answered in the community. After that, there will be a research project where students will put together a news story about how the coronavirus has affected the community. Once that is done, they will be making creative films with students writing scripts and acting them out on the screen.

"This goes hand in hand with the writing process," Kruszynski said. "The planning, the producing, the editing — we're learning all those steps through podcasts. We're going to do some documentaries. We're going to do some creative writing and short films and that kind of stuff."

The students will be deciding many of the topics that they will tackle through video composition, according to Kruszynski. They spent a couple of afternoons recently brainstorming what they want to talk about for the podcast, which will be submitted to National Public Radio's Podcast Challenge for middle and high school students.

The documentary regarding the coronavirus is expected to take a little more work.

"We talked about the coronavirus, and how that's affecting the people closest to us and the community," Kruszynski said. "They're going to



Sacred Heart Catholic School students Jack Dietz, left, and Swede Corn set up one of the lights to practice for when their English class produces a podcast.

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be involved in writing all the scripts, and then they're going to take from the scripts to record everything, and then they'll be in charge of the editing, as well."

Kruszynski first learned of the PBS video composition program two years of ago at a conference in Madison.

"They gave us the rundown on audio and video and all that stuff, and then we got a day to go out in Madison with their equipment and practice and put together some little videos," Kruszynski said. "We got the hands-on experience that we could take back to our classrooms."

The lending of the video equipment by PBS is something new this year, she noted. It's a chance for students to learn hands-on and to find a way to make writing fun.

"The goal is to have students excited about the learning process, and it teaches them a lot more than just how to use a camera or how to set up a tripod," Kruszynski said. "They learn how to collaborate and how to work with each other."

Even though the projects are still

in the formative stages, Kruszynski is seeing the excitement in the students as they figure out where to go next.

"We've already had to do some troubleshooting. We had a microphone that didn't work," Kruszynski said. "That's always a good thing for them to learn. Sometimes technology doesn't want to work, and we have to figure out the next option. It's good for them to work through those kinds of problems, too."

For Swede Corn, a seventh grade student at Sacred Heart, he's excited at the prospects of not only the fun that can come from video composition, but how it can help him become a better writer.

"We're learning about how to communicate and about how to use equipment that is used by other television programs or any type of program that uses microphones and cameras," Corn said.

Video production has a lot more allure for Corn than being asked to simply write about something.

"This helps us take more of our experience and more intelligence and help us take our time," he said. "It'll

help our brains exercise and keep our brains moving."

Despite the allure of the cameras and the other equipment, Corn acknowledged there's still a writing element that's necessary to make things work, and that's fine with him.

"We might need scripts for what we're going to do," Corn said. "When we make a podcast, we need to know what we're going to say."

Kruszynski said she is confident that, given the choice between writing a report and producing a video, they'd pick the latter.

"A lot of times with traditional language arts, they're sitting at their desk. They're filling out a worksheet. They're typing on a Chromebook, and then they hit 'submit' and that's it," Kruszynski said. "In the video process, they're working in small groups all the time, and they're talking and exchanging ideas a lot more. They're getting to use technology and equipment that they otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to use. They get to be a little more creative."

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2020 RESULTS - BALLOT #1



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- ☐ Flower Shop - The Flower Shoppe, Oconto Falls & Gillett
- ☐ Grocery Store - Witt's Piggly Wiggly, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Hardware Store-United True Value, Oconto Falls

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating - School's Service & Repair, Suring
- ☐ Bank - Peshtigo National Bank
- ☐ Child Care - Sunshine Child Center, Gillett
- ☐ Chiropractor - Comprehensive Chiropractic, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Credit Union - N.E.W. Credit Union
- ☐ Dentist - Gillett Dental, Gillett
- ☐ Electrician - Wiskow Electric, Gillett
- ☐ Insurance Agency - McClure & Associates Insurance, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Gas Station/C Store - Krist Oil, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Hair Salon/Barber - 141 Clips, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Pharmacy - HSHS St. Clare's, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Physician- Dr. Amy Ro Kratz, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Plumber - United Plumbing & Heating, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Real Estate Company - Cramer Real Estate
- ☐ Retirement Community - Serenity Gardens LLC, Gillett
- ☐ Tax Service - Johnson & Rennie LLC, Oconto
- ☐ Veterinarian - Hometown Vet, Oconto Falls

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2020 RESULTS - BALLOT #2



Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley -Brooklyn Lanes, Suring
- ☐ Campground - Nicolet State Trail Campground
- ☐ Cheese Factory - Springside Cheese, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Happy Hour - Club 32, Gillett
- ☐ Live Music - The Garage, Oconto
- ☐ Meat Market - Pat's Market, Gillett
- ☐ Night Spot - The Garage, Oconto

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop - United True Value, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Golf Course - River Island Golf Club, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Lawn/Garden - Meunier's True Value, Gillett

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair - Fisher Auto Body, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - Car Quest, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Car Dealer - Peterson Ford, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center - Lambrecht's Service Garage, Gillett
- ☐ Tire Store -Bergmann's Service Station, Gillett

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#1329
February 26, March 5 & 12, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. 2019CV000213
Case Code No. 30404

Plaintiff:
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

-vs-

Defendants:

LAWRENCE C. MAY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 19, 2020, in the amount of \$56,356.71, the sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: March 23, 2021 at 10:00 am

TERMS:

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2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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2020 RESULTS - BALLOT #3



Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar - Salscheider's Antique Bar, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Breakfast - OJ's Midtown Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Burger - Spirits of Gillett, Gillett
- ☐ Coffee House -The Cracked Cup, Gillett
- ☐ Dessert - OJ's Midtown Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Dinner - Club 32, Gillett
- ☐ Family Restaurant - Falls Family Restaurant, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Fish Fry - Falls Family Restaurant, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Lunch - Wayne's Family Restaurant, Oconto
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- ☐ Sandwich - The Cracked Cup, Gillett

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TOWN OF BAGLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Please take notice that an open house and subsequent public hearing will be held on a proposed amendment to the Town of Bagley 20-year Comprehensive Plan. The open house and public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission on Wednesday March 24, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM for the open house and at 6:30 PM for the public hearing at the Town Hall, 9812 County Hwy Z, Pound WI. 54161.

The proposed amendment is intended to update the comprehensive plan including but not limited to land uses, projections and the general plan design which will extend the design year of the plan to the year 2040.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Hall by appointment only by contacting the Town Clerk, by mail at 10005 Madsen Rd. Suring WI. 54174, by phone at 920-590-0198, or by email at townofbagley@granitewave.com. A copy of the proposed amendment is also available on the county website at <https://www.co.oconto.wi.us>. The public is invited to speak on the proposed amendment at the Public Hearing. Any questions, written comments will be given the same weight as oral testimony and be part of the public record.

The Plan Commission will review the comments received prior to adoption of the plan update. Plan Commission and Town Board action will occur at future meetings, for which separate notice will be provided.

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