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After the first major snowstorm of the season Feb. 4, this friendly face appeared outside OJ's Midtown in downtown Gillett.

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Prom and graduation decisions made

The Oconto Falls School Board has authorized planning for a junior prom and in-person graduation this spring.

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GOP primary set for Tuesday

A look at the five Republicans in the 89th Assembly District special election.

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Sophomore wrestler heads to state tourney

Dylan Comins qualified for the state tournament after placing second in the 106-pound weight class at the Division 3 Valders Sectional on Feb. 6.

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Teens arrested for Menominee, Michigan, shooting

Drug seller shot in botched armed robbery

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Two Oconto County teenagers are in custody on attempted homicide charges for allegedly shooting a Menominee, Michigan, man during a botched armed robbery.

Logan D. Race, 17, who is charged in adult court, waived his right to extradition Jan. 28 and was turned over to Menominee County authorities, where he is being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bail and due back in court Friday, Feb. 12. The other defendant, a 15-year-old Lena boy, was scheduled to appear in Oconto County Circuit Court for an extradition hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

According to court documents, Menominee police were called to a home on 30th Avenue just after midnight Dec. 28 for a report that a man had been shot. It was eventually determined he had been wounded during a marijuana sale.

The victim told police that Race and the other youth had come to buy marijuana, but the younger boy made statements about not having the money. He left to go back to their car to “see if the money was there” and

came back a couple of minutes later, saying, “I guess they didn’t give us the money.”

At that point the seller refused to give them the bag of marijuana, but Race drew a pistol and shot him in the back as he turned away, the complaint said. The two boys fled without taking the bag. The bullet entered the victim’s back and exited near his armpit.

Menominee police contacted the Oconto Police Department and asked them to locate and hold Race, who was already wanted for failure to appear in court for a felony hearing. Around 2 a.m. an officer made a traffic stop and found Race in the car with his mother and her boyfriend.

The boyfriend told the officer he was driving Race to the Oconto County Jail so he could turn himself in for the outstanding warrants, and the youth was taken into custody without incident.

Race’s mother told the officer he said he’d been in an altercation in Menominee but didn’t explain anything more about it. The other boy was still at the home, having gone to a Packers watch party with Race and his mother’s boyfriend earlier in the

**LOGAN RACE**

evening, but told the officer he had not left the house again when Race and another person drove to Menominee.

But the Michigan investigator told the Oconto officer that after being treated at

a hospital for his wound, the victim had identified the 15-year-old from a Facebook photo as Race’s accomplice, and the boy was taken into custody.

Race failed to show up for a Dec. 10 court hearing in a case where he was charged with child abuse intentionally causing harm after allegedly punching a girl in the face on Aug. 10. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest, and he was booked on that warrant Dec. 28 while officials waited for the extradition case from Michigan.

He was charged with felony and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping on Jan. 7. Additional charges of stalking, non-criminal harassment and disorderly conduct were filed after a Jan. 24 incident in which he allegedly threatened a laundry worker during an incident at the Oconto County Jail.

Bellin launches long-term COVID care service

Help is available for those still experiencing symptoms, related ailments

People who continue to suffer from COVID-19 symptoms weeks or even months post-infection have a new tool in fighting their illness.

Bellin Health has launched Long COVID Care, a service dedicated to caring for patients who are still experiencing symptoms and related ailments long after their active infection has passed. These issues may include shortness of breath, cough, fatigue, body aches, joint pain, difficulty sleeping, headaches, brain fog, gastrointestinal issues and dizziness.

Though not technical terms, “post-COVID long-haulers” and “long-haul COVID” have become common names for a common condition — the failure to return to

a pre-COVID state of health weeks or even months after active infection has ended. Bellin’s new service is named for these now-common terms.

“While some patients recover from COVID-19 relatively quickly and completely, we know that up to 30 percent of patients continue to have symptoms for weeks after testing positive — even when tests no longer detect virus in their body,” said Bellin Health primary care physician Dr. James Jerzak, who has led the health system’s efforts in developing the new service. “What’s more, as many as 10 percent are still afflicted three to six months later, which can have a significant impact on their quality of life and overall

health.”

Bellin Health’s Long COVID Care service is rooted in a patient’s relationship with their primary care provider, allowing for personalized, ongoing care as long as the patient requires it.

Individuals who have a primary care provider are invited to call or message their provider’s office for an assessment of symptoms and, if needed, to connect with additional members of their Bellin care team.

Individuals who don’t have a primary care provider are invited to call Bellin’s Long COVID Care Hotline, 920-445-7395.

More information about the new service is available at bellin.org/covid19#long.

Oconto Falls aims to host typical spring activities

Plans for junior prom, scholarship night, graduation are given tentative OK

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The Oconto Falls High School Classes of 2021 and 2022 will have a prom, hopefully in mid-April, assuming COVID-19 statistics continue to look favorable, the school board decided Feb. 8.

Board members unanimously agreed to give administrators the go-ahead to plan not only the prom but an in-person graduation ceremony and senior scholarship program later this spring, with the flexibility to adjust the plans as needed.

Principal Dan Moore said the district has been developing plans to hold those events in the safest possible way.

"Activities and co-curriculars are really important to the culture of a high school," Moore said. "Last spring, we lost most of those, and it was very demoralizing to a lot of our students."

The senior night, which brings together scholarship sponsors and the graduates who earned the honors, was provided virtually last year, and an in-person commencement ceremony was held in July at ST Paper Stadium with grads limited to four family members, Moore said.

Athletics are slowly coming back, and clubs and other co-curricular groups are meeting again, although some are still virtual and sports crowds are limited, he said.

"We want to observe safety protocols and have activities in as normal an environment as we can, maintain the spirit of the activity as

much as possible," Moore said.

The senior scholarship awards program, held the second Wednesday in May, and the mid-April junior prom would be moved to the fieldhouse, where the expected attendance is well below the 25% capacity limit set by authorities.

The graduation ceremony is tentatively set to return to ST Paper Stadium.

Moore and Superintendent Dean Hess conceded it would be difficult to implement social distancing at a dance.

"Masking would be the primary mitigation step that could be successfully implemented," Moore said, adding that many school districts around the state are investigating how they may safely hold in-person proms.

Board member Jan Stranz, who has been one of the most cautious voices on the board during the pandemic, again raised concern about the risks of hosting the prom, which brought about 275 students together when it was last held two years ago.

"I dearly want these things to work out, I really do ... I do have trust the administration will do that in a safe manner," Stranz said. "My concern is if we do have prom in the middle of April, are we jeopardizing the rest of the school year?"

Hess noted that the district's 1,500 students are currently meeting face to face five days a week, and the district's COVID-19 numbers have been trending downward — many measurements are half what they were a month ago.

"We're implementing mitigation to the best of our ability, having

social distancing, having kids work in small groups, masking, washing their hands, all those things," Hess said.

The 275 students would likely gravitate into small groups at the prom rather than mingling among the entire group, he said. Also, athletic competitions and other co-curricular activities are taking place every night in the schools.

Board president Ron Leja said if the school doesn't stage the traditional formal dance, the students might organize their own informal event.

Moore conceded that idea did come up.

"We tried to get some feedback from juniors and seniors, and talked about some different mitigation possibilities and so forth," Moore said. "One of the students remarked pretty candidly, you know, 'Should we just get together our own planning group to do this privately?' So whether we do this in our field-

house or elsewhere, we're going to see those kids Monday morning in our classrooms."

Moore added that he didn't want to be pushed into doing something irresponsible, but administrators are confident that the prom could be organized in a way that protects everyone's health.

Board member Ken Harter said it's clear from everyday class activities and sports efforts that the schools have taken their mitigation efforts seriously.

"It shows in the lack of infections that have happened here," Harter said. "From that standpoint it appears (the prom) would be able to be pulled off."

Board member Clint Gardebrecht agreed.

"I feel like we have enough data points in the district to say I don't think this puts us at a significant risk any different than anything else that we've done, by any stretch of the imagination," Gardebrecht said.

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TOWN OF SPRUCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2021 Spring Primary on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 will be conducted for the Town of Spruce on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk

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Oconto County Department of Health & Human Services has an exciting professional employment opportunity in the area of child protective services. The ideal applicant will be able to establish engagement with families to create a trusting relationship that will promote growth and connections within the family unit.

Our Family Services Division is looking for a self-motivated, organized and detail-oriented individual to join our team! Minimum requirements are a Bachelors Degree from an accredited college or university with a BSW or BS/BA degree in social work or other related Health & Human Services Field.

Oconto County offers an opportunity for gainful employment while preserving a strong work-life balance in a rural setting.

Starting wage is \$24.09 per hour plus an excellent fringe benefit package. Finalists will be required to undergo a detailed background check.

A full job description is available on the website. Interested candidates must apply online at www.co.oconto.wi.us and include a cover letter, resume and references.

Application deadline is Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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LPN/MA – Medical Oncology Marinette (Part-Time)

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RN IV Specialist – Marinette Infusion/Oncology (Full-Time)

Days 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LPN/MA – Escanaba (Full Time)

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Republicans to caucus at Steel Moose

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Republican Party of Oconto County has scheduled a county caucus starting at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at The Steel Moose Bar and Grill, 7083 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls.

The order of business includes reports from the party treasurer, secretary and chair; the election of officers for the next two years; election of county delegates and alternates to the 8th Congressional District Caucus and Republican state convention for 2021; to identify county nominees to potentially serve as elected district representatives on Credentials, Rules and Resolutions committees at the 2022 Republican state convention; to

discuss and vote on resolutions; and to transact any other business that may be necessary to fulfill the county party's objectives.

The Caucus is open to members of the Republican Party of Oconto County, those interested in becoming members and interested residents of Oconto County.

However, only members in good standing may vote or be nominated as delegates, alternates and committee representatives.

2021 Annual Member dues for 2021 should be paid prior to or at the caucus.

For information, email ocontorepublicans@gmail.com or call Chair Barb Finger at 920-606-9230.

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the Spring Primary Election on February 16, 2021 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Nancy Brye
Deputy Clerk

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OCONTO COUNTY PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE BEYER HOME CHIMNEY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Oconto County seeks to contract with a qualified firm to remove existing chimney below roof line and replace the chimney with an exact replica of the existing chimney on the Beyer Home Museum property.

Proposals must be marked as "Beyer Home Chimney Replacement Project" and must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. CDT, Monday, April 5th, 2021.

Proposals should be mailed to:

Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
Office of the County Clerk
301 Washington Street.
Oconto, WI 54153

To obtain a copy of the RFP, go to the County website at www.co.oconto.wi.us or contact:

Kevin Noack, Maintenance Engineer
Oconto County
301 Washington St.
Oconto, WI 54153
(920)834-6809

Firms who submit proposals will be required to attend a mandatory meeting at the Beyer Home on Tuesday, March 9th., 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CDT in in Courthouse – County Board Room – 3rd Floor - Building A, then proceed over to Beyer Home Museum. The project administrator will coordinate this walk through.

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5-way Republican primary Tuesday in 89th Assembly District

Seven candidates are also vying for state superintendent of public instruction

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

As the rest of the state chooses among seven candidates for superintendent of public instruction Feb. 16, voters in the 89th Assembly District will be choosing the Republican nominee to succeed former Rep. John Nygren in a special election.

Elijah Behnke, Debbie Jacques, David Kamps, Michael Kunesh and Michael Schneider are on the GOP primary ballot. Tuesday's winner will face Karl Jaeger, a Democrat who currently represents part of the Town of Peshtigo on the Marinette County Board, for the right to complete the two-year term through the end of 2022.

The 89th District includes parts of Marinette and Brown counties as well as the City of Oconto and Towns of Abrams, Little River, Little Suamico, Oconto, Pensaukee and Stiles in Oconto County.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 16.

Although it is a Republican primary, Wisconsin law does not require voters to declare party membership when they register, although they may vote in only one partisan primary at a time.

There is no Democratic primary, and the state superintendent is a nonpartisan position.

The candidates for superintendent are Sheila Briggs, an assistant state superintendent at the state Department of Public Instruction (DPI); Joe Fenrick, a Fond du Lac high school science teacher; Troy Gunderson, former superintendent of the West Salem School District; Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams, assistant director of DPI's Teacher Education, Professional Development and Licensing team; Deborah Kerr, former superintendent of Brown Deer School District; Steve Krull, principal of Milwaukee's Garland Elementary School; and Jill Underly, superintendent of Peca-

tonica School District.

Elijah Behnke, 37, lives in rural Oconto, operates Echelon Professional Cleaning and is a hobby farmer, having worked on his parents' farm along County Road J while growing up.



ELIJAH BEHNKE

He said his decision to run was, in part, a reaction to Gov. Tony Evers' declaration that his cleaning business was "non-essential" and the governor's COVID-related emergency order that placed severe restrictions on such businesses.

"Any job that puts food on the table, money in your pocket and the ability to feed your family should be deemed essential," Behnke said, adding that while safety precautions are important, he endorses "common sense and allowing people the freedom to decide what is best for them."

Supporting small business, education and getting children back into schools, limited government and fiscal responsibility are among Behnke's key issues.



DEBBIE JACQUES

Debbie Jacques, 55, is owner-operator of Under the Lights of Lambeau, a Packers-related rental property near the stadium. She was chairwoman of Women for Trump in Brown County and expressed concern about accusations of voter fraud.

"Voters are concerned about the use of Dominion voting machines,

the abuse of the 'indefinitely confined' voting privilege and the insecure, unconfirmed chain-of-custody ballot drop boxes that appeared in cities funded by outside special interests," Jacques said.

She said the important issues facing Wisconsin include ensuring election integrity, preserving personal liberties, getting business back to normal, helping children thrive, creating a culture of life and promoting and protecting the family.

Her campaign website also stresses Second Amendment rights, tax reform and preserving natural resources and clean water.

David Kamps, 51, is a Coleman area farmer and warehouse worker at KK Integrated Logistics of Marinette. He spent nine years on the Coleman Board of Education.



DAVID KAMPS

"I am running for state Assembly to be a strong conservative voice for the 89th District and all of Wisconsin," Kamps said in a questionnaire published by the Green Bay Press-Gazette. "I will defend the U.S. Constitution, especially the First and Second Amendments and religious freedoms."

His issues include safely reopening businesses and getting students back to face-to-face instruction in schools.

Michael Kunesh, 51, is the owner of Place Perfect Realty in Marinette and Green Bay.

He lists key issues as clean water and natural resources — especially PFAS cleanup and ensuring citizen input with regard to any proposed mines in the area — improving rural internet ac-



MICHAEL KUNESH

cess, economic development and affordable housing, and improving mental health care resources, coverage and access.

"Rural broadband has always been a need, but with the pandemic encouraging virtual learning and work from home, rural communities more than ever need access to the internet," Kunesh said.

Michael Schneider, 52, is a former law enforcement officer who serves as an associate lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and an adjunct instructor at Lakeland and Concordia universities and Rasmussen College.



MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

He has been a member of the Suamico Village

Board for six years.

He says his top concerns are responsible and transparent government, building economic growth and preserving natural resources.

Schneider also lists veterans' rights and supporting the Constitution, especially the First and Second Amendments, as priorities.

COVID-19 has made us reevaluate our own health, Schneider said.

"I support an individual's right to either wear/not wear a mask just as much as I support a business making their own decision on this topic," he said. "We are a nation of laws and individual rights — if you feel you are in a category that is 'at risk,' you need to take every precaution you feel that is needed."

OPINION

Mursau explains vote against ending mask mandate

State Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-Crivitz, was among seven Republican members of the Wisconsin State Assembly who voted Feb. 4 against a resolution that formally repealed Gov. Tony Evers' COVID-19 public health emergency order and, in turn, the extension of his statewide mask mandate. The measure passed 52-42, with all Democrats in attendance also voting no.

Evers issued a new emergency order and mask mandate later in the day.

Mursau and three other lawmakers issued this statement.

We are a group of legislators from northeast Wisconsin, and we are writing this letter to explain why we joined a handful of our colleagues in voting against the resolution.

We, the undersigned, believe that Gov. Evers' continued issuance of emergency order extensions, including his mask mandate, is likely illegal. However, it is the responsibility of the judicial branch – not the legislative branch – to make that determination. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has had this case for more than two months, and we implore them to



REP. JEFF MURSAU

make a ruling as to whether or not the governor had the authority to issue his most recent order without legislative approval.

We need that legal clarity, because without it, the governor

could continue to implement additional emergency orders every time the full Legislature passes a resolution, including SJR 3. This potential never-ending cycle of orders and resolutions would certainly be detrimental to the spirit of compromise, especially now when we are trying to focus our energies on agreeing to a comprehensive COVID-19 relief package that everyone can get behind.

Regardless of the Supreme Court's decision on this case, we are asking the governor to issue his mask guidance through the normal, legal administrative rule process, thus allowing the Legislature to appropriately

and constitutionally provide input on this important matter. Mask-wearing has become entirely too political, and working with the Legislature in a bipartisan manner would certainly contribute to public acceptance and compliance.

Until we are able to reach an agreement, we do not believe it is prudent to remove the emergency order and mask mandate. More than 50 organizations representing the health care industry, businesses and churches have asked that we not remove the mandate at this time. We find it impossible to ignore the overwhelming concerns of these groups.

Furthermore, our research has shown that Wisconsin may potentially lose \$49 million per month in enhanced FoodShare benefits for low-income families and seniors if we do not have an emergency plan in place. While a proposal has been brought forward to work around this predicament, it is shaky at best. As a final and future concern shared by the undersigned, we fully expect the Biden administration to require a statewide mask mandate as a con-

dition of receiving future federal CARES Act funding.

While no one enjoys wearing a mask, it is a very temporary and relatively minor inconvenience. To the best of our knowledge, there has not been a single resident who has been cited for not wearing a mask under Evers' order. With so much at stake, from both a health care and financial standpoint, and so much that is unknown at this time, we believe that it would be irresponsible to repeal the mandate now without a proper alternative.

The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is well within sight. If we can be smart and behave responsibly, we will return to a life that is close to normal by summer. Now is not the time to further politicize this issue. We encourage Gov. Evers to work with the Legislature so we can come up with a strategy that we can all support and see across the finish line.

Rep. Joel Kitchens, R-Sturgeon Bay

Rep. Jeffrey Mursau, R-Crivitz

Rep. David Steffen, R-Howard

Rep. Ron Tusler, R-Harrison

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many contribute to success of Avenue of Lights

To the Editor:

The new year is here, and the Avenue of Lights is done now till next year. The Oconto Falls Lioness Club wants to say a big thank you to all who made the Avenue of Lights possible and successful again this past 2020 holiday season.

First, the club wants to thank our generous sponsors. Platinum sponsor was the Oconto Falls Lions Club. Gold sponsor was the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce,

and the silver sponsors were: Luisier Well Drilling, Oconto Falls Pharmacy, United True Value, McDermid Corp., Oconto Falls Insurance Center and Mercier's Fastop. The generosity of these sponsors is critical to the continued success and future development of the Avenue of Lights.

The club also wants to thank the many individuals and groups who participated and decorated a tree or display. These people are the ones who help turn the "Avenue" into a display of multi-colored lights. The club's goal each year is to add more lights, and thanks to the generous

participation of this community it is possible.

The Lioness Club extends a big thank you to the Oconto Falls Water & Light Utility employees who hang garland and snowflakes, and decorate and undecorate the very large trees. They make sure that when the switch is thrown, the lights go on.

A big shout-out also to Lioness Erica Beaumier, her committee and all who helped her.

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, most parts of the lighting ceremony could not take place. But the Oconto Falls Lioness Club certainly wants to acknowledge and

thank the people that were still able to be at the lighting. Their smiling faces brought joy.

It is due to the combined talents and generosity of so many that this project is successful. Hopefully, no one's efforts were overlooked.

The Oconto Falls Lioness Club looks forward to a continuing relationship with the community so the Avenue of Lights continues to grow and becomes a holiday event the community looks forward to each year.

**Respectfully,
Mary Beth Rice,
Oconto Falls Lioness Club**

sembly District needs to move our district forward.

Again, I will be supporting Elijah Behnke and encourage others to vote for Elijah in the primary for the 89th Assembly District on Feb. 16, so we can send him to Madison to bring his bright new ideas and family values to move our beautiful district forward.

**Beth Trudell,
Sobieski**

Supports Behnke in 89th special election

To The Editor:

I will be supporting Elijah Behnke in the primary for the 89th Assembly District on Feb. 16.

The 89th District consists of many rural towns with many close-knit communities reaching from Suamico in northern Brown County

and northward through parts of Oconto County including Oconto to Marinette County. Elijah grew up in Oconto County working on the family farm and now lives in Pensaukee running his cleaning business. Elijah understands the true needs of his constituents he will represent as he has lived his whole life in our district. Elijah's life values are what drew me to Elijah as the best candidate for the

89th Assembly District.

Elijah believes in pro-Constitution, pro-God/pro-life, working with law enforcement with the Hand up program for struggling opioid addiction and will be a voice for farmers and rural communities, along with local businesses. His support of our Second Amendment and pro-gun is also very important to me and many in our district. Elijah is exactly what the 89th As-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politicians should quit games, tackle COVID

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was submitted before the Legislature's actions of Feb. 4.

The Assembly is temporarily (they say) holding off voting to end the mask mandate after the Journal Sentinel reported a risk of losing millions of dollars in federal food aid if they did. I wonder if they also saw the J-S article of Jan. 26 that reported the following?

- A recent study by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed in counties with face mask mandates, new COVID-19 cases decreased by 6% between one week in July and one week in August. In counties without mandates, new cases increased by 100%.

- According to Wisconsin Medical Society CEO Bud Chumbley, "Other than vaccines, mask-wearing is one of the few tools we have in our arsenal to help prevent spreading COVID-19 even further than it already has."

- The move [overturning the man-

date] ... has drawn opposition from organizations representing hospital leaders, churches, doctors, emergency medical workers, pharmacists, small-business owners and concert venues.

- Twenty-four organizations registered against the resolution including the powerful Wisconsin Hospital Association and Wisconsin Medical Society, a children's hospital, organizations representing doctors, assisted living facilities, health care departments, people with disabilities and a state organization of churches.

- No groups have registered in favor of the proposal.

The antics in Madison seriously affect state residents. Nearly 6,000 are dead and 1,500 new infections are diagnosed every day. The Assembly pause provides the opportunity for those outraged by politicians supporting this action to join the scientific, medical, religious and business interests in demanding they quit the games and get to work reducing COVID infections.

**Ken Harter,
Oconto Falls**

OBITUARIES

Trisha Magnin-Stolpa

Trisha Magnin-Stolpa, 33, Green Bay, died unexpectedly Feb. 3, 2021, following a decade-long battle with alcohol addiction. She died in the arms of her loving husband, Jason Stolpa, in the midst of a fiercely fought battle toward recovery. Trisha "possessed a unique soul" and was known for her insurmountable love toward people and animals alike. She notoriously couldn't pass up the opportunity to add another furry member to her family, which at the time of her death included two dogs, three cats, two snakes, a litter of rats and a gecko. She was also an intensely caring person which she displayed through years of working as a medical caregiver, where she excelled at providing dignity and



comfort to people who were often in the last stages of their lives. This allowed her to proudly care for her Grandpa Jim in his last days during his death this past September – care that

allowed him to die in his home and in the company of family during the pandemic. Trisha was at many times unrealistically passionate toward helping people out, often offering her help on a task before fully assessing her resources. This would often be followed by her completing the task in the nick of time while doing her

makeup in the rearview mirror of her car – a fact that was reason for her family to playfully make fun of her driving. Trisha was family-oriented, often holding on to family traditions and always eager to add more. She longed for the day of beating her addiction and starting a family with her husband, Jason, and adding more cherished and loved members to her life. Trisha earned her B.S. in biology from UW-La Crosse along with a minor in art and loved to express herself through her tattoos and projects.

Trisha is survived by her husband, Jason Stolpa; maternal grandmother, Pat Waschbisch; parents, David "Bear" and Lori Magnin; two brothers, Corbin (Stephanie) and Collin Magnin; mother-in-law, Barbara Sell

and the Stolpa in-laws; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her "Grandpa and Grandma Kat" (James and Deloris Magnin), "Papa" (Grandpa Norbert Waschbisch), father-in-law (Richard Stolpa) and fiancé, James Schmitt.

Visitation with the urn present will be held after 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at the Oconto Falls United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls, until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 7 p.m. Friday at the church with Pastor Sherwin Parmar officiating. Burial will take place the following day in St. Anthony Cemetery, Oconto Falls. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Magnin-Stolpa families.

Emma Burish



Emma Burish, 84, Shawano, passed away Jan. 25, 2021, at home to be with the Lord.

Emma was born July 20, 1936, in the Town of Spruce, Oconto

County, to the late Jacob and Anna (Tienor) Burish. She attended grade school in the Town of Spruce and graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1954.

Emma moved to the Manitowoc area and worked as an office assistant for Mirro/Newell Aluminum until her retirement. Emma moved to Shawano and settled in at the Glenderry

Apartments and enjoyed her time with neighbors in the community room, enjoyed reading, shopping, and tracking all costs, spending time with family and especially attending Catholic Mass.

Emma is survived by her brother, Donald (Mary) Burish, Kaukauna; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and acquaintances, including special

nephew, Ronald (Susan) Lambrecht, Gillett, and his family.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Marie, Alice, Annie, Rosie and Delores; brothers, Clarence, Francis and Jacob.

Services for Emma will be announced at a later date.

Kuehl Funeral Home is honored to assist the family.

Aging Mastery Program offered by UW-Madison Extension

Register for virtual program by Feb. 26

An Aging Mastery Program will soon be offered by UW-Madison Division of Extension. Described as fun and innovative, the program is

designed to empower participants to take key steps to improve their well-being, add stability to their lives and strengthen ties to community.

Aging Mastery Program philosophy believes that even the smallest steps lead to positive changes. Topics covered will focus on aging well — including health, financial fitness,

relationships and personal growth. The series of 10 60-minute classes includes speakers, videos and discussion time.

The program is free and open to anyone age 55 and up. Classes will be offered virtually from 11 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning March 2 through April 1.

Participants can join the class online using Zoom videoconferencing or by phone. Class size is limited to 15 participants.

Register by Friday, Feb. 26, online at <http://bit.ly/ExtensionOcontoAMP>. For information, call 920-834-6845 or email Amy.Brehmer@wisc.edu.

YEARS GONE BY

90 years ago • Feb. 19, 1931 •

Gillett Times

SURING – Emmarine Lyons 18, was married to Paul Vigue Jr., 26, with the local Justice of the Peace tying the knot.

WHITE CLAY LAKE – Funeral services for Mary Dittman, 81, wife of Carl Littmann, will be held Thursday.

80 years ago • Feb. 19, 1931 •
Oconto Falls Herald

WEST KLONDIKE – A large number of friends tendered Mr. F. Porior a birthday surprise party at his home Sunday.

GREEN VALLEY – Zenks have purchased the stock of groceries from Howard Tillman and will open the store at once at Pulcifer.

80 years ago • Feb. 20, 1941 •

Oconto Falls Herald

GILLETT – Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ball, who operated Uncle Tom's Cabin located near the bridge on Highway 32, are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary with a party Sunday.

OCONTO FALLS – Carlton Eick, who suffered a broken leg, is a patient at the Oconto hospital. The injury happened Feb. 11 when a gravel truck ran over him.

70 years ago • Feb. 15, 1951 •

Gillett Times

GILLETT – The Krause-Simpson Post will conduct military funeral rites for Pvt. Duane Wilson, 22, who died in Japan on Dec. 25, 1950, while serving in the U.S. Army.

GILLETT – No settlement was in sight today as the strike at the Baldwin Plywood and Veneer Company went into its third day.

70 years ago • Feb. 15, 1951 •

Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS – James Wojner and Richard Rabas were among the Marines sworn in at the Green Bay theatre which showed the picture "The Halls of Montezuma."

60 years ago • Feb. 16, 1961 •

Times Herald

SURING – LaVonne Schuettepelz

was chosen queen of the Sweet-heart Dance, which was held Saturday night at the gym. Stanley Suring was king.

SURING — Mr. and Mrs. Russell Laasch and family moved back to their home in Suring. Russell was laid off at his job in Kenosha.

KELLY BROOK – A surprise 40th wedding anniversary party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Steve Yatso Sr. was held at their home Saturday, Feb. 4.

50 years ago • Feb. 18, 1971 •

Times Herald

MOUNTAIN – Linda Carol Hengel was wed to Richard William Hanson on Feb. 13. Attendants were Mrs. James Szymanski, Mrs. David Hengel, Mrs. David Andre, Shirley Hanson, Wende Hengel, Glenn Bierbauer, David Hengel, Gerald Heins, Richard Gardebrecht and Donald Hengel.

SURING – Seventy friends and relatives helped celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schuettepelz in their new home west of Suring.

40 years ago • Feb. 18, 1981 •

Times Herald

SURING – Dr. Wm. Kean has been appointed by the Suring Board of Education to be Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Kean's appointment will become effective July 1, following the retirement of Ray Kandler.

GILLETT – Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mantai celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 31. Otto married the former Matilde Nikolai in Latvia. They came to America in 1957.

UNDERHILL – A 28-year-old man was ordered held in lieu of \$2,000 for intentionally disfiguring a child, torturing a child and subjecting a child to cruelty and maltreatment. The victims are a brother and sister, stepchildren of the defendant.

35 years ago • Feb. 19, 1986 •

Times Herald

GILLETT – The Gillett High School gymnasium was formally dedicated in the memory of the former district administrator, Thomas

Lindow. It will now be known as the Thomas S. Lindow Memorial Gymnasium.

GILLETT – A U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist said record high flows for January were set at four stream sites in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Utah and Alaska. Included in the record flow is the Oconto River near Gillett. It averaged 574 million gallons per day, 26 times the long-term monthly average and the highest January flow in 75 years of records.

30 years ago • Feb. 20, 1991 •

Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS – A daughter, Katie Elizabeth, was born Feb. 4 to Richard and Nancy Estrem-Fuller.

LENA – Residents decorated two trees on Highway 141 with 200 yellow bows. The trees are a symbol of Lena's support of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf.

25 years ago • Feb. 21, 1996 •

Times Herald

COLEMAN – Vema Janausky, 68, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Bellin Hospital following a two-month illness.

LENA – Oliver Shallow Jr. was recently recognized as the Outstanding Alfalfa Dealer of the Year within Oliver's sales district.

OCONTO FALLS – George and Irene Konitzer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 4 with a Mass at St. Anthony Catholic Church. They held a family dinner at the Holiday Inn at Kelly Lake.

20 years ago • Feb. 21, 2001 •

Times Herald

SURING – The Rev. Michael Pahlke was installed on Jan. 21 as the new pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

OCONTO – Ernest "Ozzie" Ozorowicz, 76, passed away Jan. 19, in Pahump, Nevada. He had owned the Alamo Club, the Stiles Custard Stand and Ozzie's Sport Shop.

15 years ago • Feb. 8, 2006 •

Times Herald

OCONTO – Mark Koldos and Christy Kostrova are now the proud

owners of the infamous "Quills" from the Oconto Area Humane Society. Quills came to the shelter with a face full of porcupine quills.

SEVERN, MD – Tiernan Reagan Malone was born Jan. 8 to Reagan and Nikki Jo (Radke) Malone. Maternal grandparents are Anne and Bruce Radke, Oconto Falls.

SURING – Pete and Gina Cramer announce the birth of their daughter, Birdee Marie Cramer, born Jan. 30.

10 years ago • Feb. 16, 2011 •

Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Beginning March 1, Packerland Broadband will provide analog cable and digital TV and high-definition cable TV to Oconto Falls. The city provided the service for more than 30 years.

LENA: Sgt. Michael Meck and his brother, Spc. Jeremie Meck, graduates of Lena High School, are serving in Afghanistan. Michael is a reconnaissance and force protection noncommissioned officer, and Jeremie is working as a medic.

OCONTO FALLS: The School Board continues to fine tune its plans to get out of the food service business in response to a projected \$84,000 loss in the program this school year.

5 years ago • Feb. 17, 2016 •

Times Herald

GILLETT: A Gillett woman was arrested Feb. 10 after leading police on a 21-mile high-speed chase. The suspect was arrested on multiple charges, including second-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing/eluding an officer and battery on a police officer.

OCONTO FALLS: The Annual Cardboard Classic was held at the Oconto Falls Tubing Hill on Feb. 5. Oconto Falls Elementary fifth graders were required to design cardboard sleds to slide downhill as part of their science classes.

OCONTO FALLS: An Oconto Falls homeowner must clean up the stench in her residence caused by roaming cats by May 2 or the home will be razed. Thirty cats were removed from the home and sent to the Bay Area Humane Society.

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Devin Daniel Loucks and Heather Marie Peterson, Oconto.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Lena's Comins qualifies for state tournament

Wildcats place 15th at sectional

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Lena High School sophomore wrestler Dylan Comins qualified for the state tournament after placing second in the 106-pound weight class at the Division 3 Valders Sectional on Feb. 6.

Comins posted a 3-1 record on the day to punch his ticket to state.

"It means a lot," said Comins of qualifying for state. "My dad (Rory) was a state qualifier as a sophomore and I wanted to do the same and I did it. I worked for it since I was 4 and it's been a dream since, and I achieved that goal."

Comins' day started with a second-period pin in his quarterfinal match. The sophomore then won a 5-3 decision in the semifinals to advance to the first-place match.

In that match, Comins was pinned in the first period, but he bounced back with a 6-0 decision win in the second-place match.

"I thought I was good on my feet and my top wasn't as sloppy as usual," said Comins when assessing his day. "Even though I lost a tough one in the finals, I'm going to come back next weekend with a different attitude and prove them I'm better than that."

Comins, who is now 16-1 on the season, will now take part in the state tournament, which is being held at Wausau East High School on Feb. 13. Comins will face Iowa-Grant/Highland



Lena's Dylan Comins, right, wrestles Valders' Garrett Ulness during a 106-pound weight class semifinal match at the Division 3 Valders Sectional on Feb. 6. Comins went on to place second in the weight class and qualify for state.

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freshman Elliot Biba (17-2) in the first round at state.

"My goal for state is to just win the first match," said Comins.

For full state brackets, visit <https://www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Winter/Wrestling/Tournament>.

Comins was one of four Lena wrestlers competing at the sectional. Those four wrestlers racked up 29 points to help the team place 15th. Coleman won the sectional with 210.5 points.

Sam Marquardt (132) and Frank Desjarlais (285) each came in sixth, while Jayden Belongia (113) didn't place.

Desjarlais was pinned in his first match of the day, but responded with a win by pin in the first round of the consolation bracket. Desjarlais was pinned in the consolation semifinals and again in the fifth-place match.

Marquardt opened the day with a 9-4 decision win in the quarterfinals,

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For full results from the sectional, visit www.trackwrestling.com.

but was pinned in the semifinals. Marquardt dropped an 8-2 decision in the consolation semifinals, and then lost a 9-4 decision in the fifth-place match.

Belongia was pinned in both of his matches on the day.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oconto Falls' Pankratz, Whiting qualify for state

Both wrestlers placed first at sectional

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls High School wrestlers Graeson Pankratz and Clayton Whiting each qualified for the state tournament after winning their weight classes at the Division 2 Seymour Sectional on Feb. 6.

Both wrestlers were dominant on their way to the first-place finishes. Pankratz won the 113-pound weight class, while Whiting claimed the 182 class.

"Making it to state the third time is a great feeling knowing I'm getting better every year and all my hard work is paying off," said Whiting, who already owns two state titles.

Whiting pinned all three of his opponents on the day. He needed just

1 minute and 24 seconds to pin his quarterfinal opponent and 1 minute, 51 seconds for his semifinal win. In the first place match, Whiting got the pin 27 seconds into the second period.

Pankratz opened the day with a 16-0 technical fall win in the quarterfinals before a 9-3 decision victory in the semifinals. In the first-place match, Pankratz earned a 15-2 major decision victory.

"I was feeling pretty solid all around out there today," said Pankratz. "I was in control in all three matches."

The two Panther wrestlers will now get ready for the state tournament, which is being held at Adams-Friendship High School on Feb. 13.

Pankratz, now 13-1 in his junior season, will start the tournament against Lodi junior Parker Heintz (5-1). Whiting (14-0) will open state against Kiel senior Isaac Vandermeer (10-3).

"Just go out there with high confidence and just do what I do best,

as well as stay calm and not rush anything," said Whiting of his state approach. "Just go out there and have fun."

"This year, my biggest goal is to place at the state tournament," said Pankratz. "I have to go out there and wrestle my match and stay in control. To prepare for state, I will continue to practice hard and push myself so I can achieve my goal."

Seven other Oconto Falls wrestlers also competed at the sectional. The nine total wrestlers accumulated 79.5 total points to place sixth as a team.

Jaden Ganter (126), Jeremy Caldwell (152) and Trevor Schindel (160) all placed fifth for the Panthers.

Schindel, a senior, dropped a 13-4 major decision to start the day, but he bounced back with an 11-3 major decision win in the first round of the consolation bracket. Schindel was pinned in his next match but ended his high school career with a 7-0 decision

win in the fifth-place match.

Jaden Ganter was pinned to start the day before pinning his next opponent in the third period. After being pinned again, he ended the day with a 9-2 decision win in the fifth-place match.

Caldwell lost a 14-0 major decision to open the day, and then he was handed a bye. After being pinned in the consolation semifinals, Caldwell capped the day with a 10-3 decision win in the fifth-place match.

Garrett Ganter (106) and Landon Budz (120) each placed sixth after going 1-3 for the Panthers.

All of Garrett Ganter's matches ended by pin. He won his second match with a third-period pin. Budz's win came in his second match with an 11-2 major decision win.

Luke Trepanier (132) and Mitch Kallies (285) both went 0-2 on the day.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls High School graduate Samantha Coron posted six digs and an attack kill during the North Iowa Area Community College women's volleyball team's loss to Iowa Western Community College on Feb. 7.

After the loss, North Iowa Area fell to 2-2 on the season.

Viterbo

Gillett graduate Lauren Herzog took part in two events for the Viterbo University women's track and field team during the Waldorf Invitational

on Feb. 6.

As an individual, Herzog placed 11th in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 12:38.37 seconds. She was also on the distance medley relay team that came in fourth in 14:47.78.

Lindenwood

Oconto Falls grad Nate Trepanier posted a 3-0 record for the Lindenwood University (Missouri) wrestling team over the past week.

In the team's 54-0 win over Kentucky Wesleyan College on Feb. 3, Trepanier earned a win by pin in 1 minute, 32 seconds at the 165-pound weight class.

That same night, Trepanier won another match by pin at 165 pounds against the University of Central Missouri. He pinned his opponent in 4:39.

Trepanier claimed a 4-3 decision win at 165 pounds in Lindenwood's 32-8 win over the University of Indianapolis on Feb. 6. The win helped Lindenwood claim the Great Lakes Valley Conference title.

Carroll

Oconto Falls graduate Sammy Shallow scored two points in three minutes of action for the Carroll University women's basketball team in a 71-45 victory over Carthage on Feb. 2.

Shallow scored both points at the free-throw line.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman and Oconto Falls graduate Autumn Canavera each competed in an event for the UW-Eau Claire track and field teams during a dual against UW-Stevens Point on Feb. 6. Both UWEC teams won, with the women claiming an 83-57 victory and the men a 68.5- 64.5 win.

Stegeman tied for fourth in the high jump after clearing 1.81 meters.

Canavera placed 11th in the 1-mile with a time of 5:34.74.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: MORGAN KOWALCZYK

Oconto Falls senior hoping to help team on the court during postseason play

The Oconto Falls High School girls basketball has enjoyed a solid season under new head coach Tim Solarek. Senior Morgan Kowalczyk has seen her role increase as the season has progressed, and now she hopes to help the team put together a postseason run.

Kowalczyk does a little bit of everything while on the court for the Panthers, while also providing leadership.

The guard isn't afraid to drive into the paint and can also knock down timely 3-point shots. Kowalczyk can set up her teammates and also helps the team out while rebounding.

Oconto Falls has been a tough team to score on all season, and Kowalczyk also helps in that aspect, regardless of what type of defense the team is playing.

Kowalczyk and the Panthers are a No. 3 seed for the postseason. They begin their playoff journey Feb. 12 on the road against second-ranked Peshtigo.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: It started in third grade when I played for St. Anthony's School. I got to be the starting point guard for the team. Ever since then, I've had a love for the sport.

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

A: I like being able to spend time with my friends. We're able to be competitive, yet still have fun together.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Hard work will always pay off in the end. Also, how to be dedicated to others and how to balance my priorities.

Q: What's the key to team success in the postseason?

A: We have to work together as a team and never give up during the tough stretches. We have to stay positive and lift each other up.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Morgan Kowalczyk

SPORT: Girls basketball

POSITION: Guard

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

Q: What are you going to remember the most about playing basketball this winter?

A: Having a fresh start with a new coach (Tim Solarek), and obviously having to wear masks during practices and games.

Q: As the season quickly winds down, what kind of things are you and the team still looking to accomplish before the end of the season?

A: We're looking to play hard and stay competitive. Also, we're hoping to make it deep into the postseason.

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

A: Beating No. 3 ranked Fox Valley Lutheran in overtime a few weeks ago. It was a really tough and physical game. We really had to earn that win.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "90 Day Fiancé." Movie — "Smokey and the Bandit." Musical artist — George Strait.

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

A: I really enjoy all things history related. I especially enjoy learning about wars.

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

A: Don't sweat the small stuff because you can't control every little thing. As long as you try your best, you should be proud of yourself.

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

A: I will be attending NWTC for the dental hygienist program. I would also like to be able to travel more in the future.



Oconto Falls' Morgan Kowalczyk looks for an open teammate during a North Eastern Conference game against Marinette on Jan. 23 in Oconto Falls.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Boys' postseason seeds handed out

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association released the boys basketball postseason brackets Feb. 7.

Regional playoffs will begin Feb. 16, with semifinal games on Feb. 19 and regional title games on Feb. 20.

The brackets will be reseeded prior to sectional semifinals that are scheduled for Feb. 25, with the sectional finals on Feb. 27.

Division 2

Shawano earned a No. 3 seed in its six-team regional pod.

The Hawks will open the postseason hosting sixth-seeded Green Bay West on Feb. 16. The winner will play against second-seeded Clintonville on Feb. 19.

No. 1 Seymour, No. 4 Marinette and No. 5 Antigo fill out the pod.

Division 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood secured a No. 1 seed in its five-team pod.

The Chargers get a bye with their top seed and will play Feb. 19 against the winner of the No. 4 Tomahawk and No. 5 Menominee Indian playoff game from Feb. 16.

No. 2 Northland Pines and No. 3 Amherst are the pod's other two teams.

Bonduel and Oconto Falls are part of another five-team pod in the division.

Bonduel is a No. 3 seed and has a bye before it will travel to face second-seeded Oconto on Feb. 19.

Oconto Falls got the No. 5 seed and will take on No. 4 Peshtigo on Feb. 16, with the winner advancing to face top-seeded Wrightstown on Feb. 19.

Division 4

Gillett is the lone area team competing in Division 4 for the postseason.

The Tigers picked up a No. 4 seed and will host No. 5 Crandon on Feb. 16 to open the playoffs. The winner will advance to face top-seeded Coleman on Feb. 19.

No. 2 Crivitz and No. 3 Wabeno/Laona are the pod's other two teams.

Laona are the pod's other two teams.

Division 5

Gresham also got a No. 1 seed, doing so in a six-team Division 5 regional pod.

Gresham has a bye into the regional semifinals and will play Feb. 19 against the winner of the Feb. 16 playoff game between fourth-seeded Tigerton and fifth-seeded Northland Lutheran.

No. 3 Bowler hosts No. 6 White Lake in another Feb. 16 matchup, with the winner traveling to face second-seeded Marion on Feb. 19.

Lena and Suring are both included in a five-team regional pod.

Lena is the No. 3 seed and gets a bye before taking on second-seeded Oneida Nation on Feb. 19.

Suring picked up the No. 5 seed and will travel to face No. 4 St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Feb. 16, with the winner taking on the top-seeded Green Bay NEW Lutheran co-op on Feb. 19.

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Lena's Jacob Belongia makes a pass during a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup against Gillett on Jan. 8 in Lena. The Wildcats are a No. 3 seed for the postseason and will travel to No. 2 Oneida Nation to open the playoffs.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Coleman 82

Lena 40

Lena's Max Beyer passed the 1,000-point milestone in his high school career during the team's Marinette & Oconto Conference loss to Coleman on Feb. 6 in Lena.

Beyer hit four 3-pointers and scored 26 points in the contest.

No other Wildcat had over six points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gillett 58

Wabeno/Laona 56

Gillett ended its regular season with a tight nonconference win over Wabeno/Laona on Feb. 6 in Gillett.

Aubrey DeBauch scored 14 points to lead a balanced Gillett offensive attack. Karissa Schaal added

12 points, while Ryann Wagner had 11.

Carleigh Kaczmarek chipped in nine points for the Tigers.

Gillett 67

Lena 29

Gillett used a big first half to power past Lena in a M&O matchup on Feb. 5 in Gillett. The Tigers led 48-15 at halftime.

Aubrey DeBauch scored 22 points to lead Gillett on the of-

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fensive end. Macy Franti tallied 13 points.

Karissa Schaal added 10 points for the Tigers, while Ryann Wagner chipped in eight points.

Chaela Rabas and Kennedy Marquardt each scored eight points for Lena.



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PATHFINDERS HELP STOCK PANTRY



The Lena Pathfinders recently collected food items and monetary donations from the local community and members of their church for the local food pantry. These Pathfinders are the youth group sponsored by the Lena Seventh-day Adventist Church. This year, the group delivered about 800 nonperishable items for the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Lena, and they also stayed to help restock the shelves. From left are Savannah Maloney, Katie Zeisner, Beth Zeisner, Samantha Ruiz, Nathan Ermis, Michael Rhode and Thomas Rhode.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Feb. 4

Ashley R. Hardy, 20, Marinette, pleaded no contest to theft of movable property worth between \$5,000 and \$10,000, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 3, 2019, and forgery-uttering, in connection with an incident that occurred April 7, 2019. Other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement but will be read into the record. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for April 19 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Feb. 2

Patricia Lu Denny, 54, Green Bay, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on two counts of bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of possession

of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 25. Arraignment was scheduled for March 11.

Proceedings of Feb. 1

Bond was set at \$75,000 cash for Jesus Flores Diaz, 39, Green Bay, after he was charged with 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. His initial appearance was adjourned until Feb. 11.



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Please submit to the attention of Terry Magnin – City of Oconto Falls, PO Box 70, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

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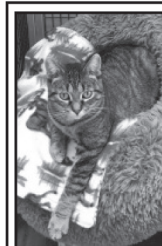
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