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The bald eagle's nest in a tree just south of Oconto's Breakwater Park has become a popular sight for photographers and bird watchers. Once a species protected by the Federal Endangered Species Act, the eagle has made a comeback, thanks to all the conservation measures taken to restore its population. **SEE FEATURE STORY ON PAGE 23.**

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Oconto County delays vaccinations for newest eligible groups

Demand continues to overtake supply

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Although additional groups of people are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination in Wisconsin, Oconto County Public Health says it has to postpone vaccinating those groups at least until mid-March because the demand for vaccine continues to exceed the supply.

Last week, the county received about one-third of its requested doses from the state of Wisconsin, the department said.

Due to the limited supply of vac-

cine, Oconto County Public Health does not plan to be vaccinating the new groups until the week of March 15, or until at least 50% of Oconto County residents age 65 and older have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, whatever is later.

Vaccine data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services can be found at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm.

Previously eligible groups are welcome to call the county department to schedule a vaccination — including frontline health care workers, police/fire/corrections, long-term care staff and residents, and those age 65 and older.

People in a newly eligible group

are asked not to call Oconto County Public Health requesting vaccination as the department does not have an adequate supply to vaccinate the new groups. A press release and information will be posted on the department's website, www.ocontocounty-covid.info and on Facebook at Oconto County a Place for You when the department clinics open up to the newly eligible groups.

This information applies to Oconto County Public Health vaccination clinics only. Those who are newly eligible are encouraged to visit <https://www.ocontocounty-covid.info/covid-19-vaccine/> for a list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics in and around Oconto County.

Ten years of techy tenacity

Packerland Websites celebrated its 10-year anniversary in February. What started as a single owner/operator at a home in Abrams grew into a thriving website development company with six employees and a Green Bay office.

Owner Bill Koehne credits walleye fishing and a whim as the sparks that started it all.

"I was walking through Best Buy and picked up 'How to Build a Website in Minutes.' The package included everything I needed to get started," Koehne said. Although that first website, Fishing with Bill, took longer than a few minutes, he was hooked. It was 1999, and a walleye fishing website was an innovative marketing tool.

"As a pro walleye angler, I wanted a way to stand out with my sponsors," he said.

Koehne continued developing websites while co-owning and managing a manufacturing and construction company. When the economy changed, he adapted his business skills to digital marketing.

Packerland Websites officially opened in February 2011 and hired its first employee in January 2016. Since



Bill Koehne, founder of Packerland Websites, created his first website in 1999 as a marketing tool to promote his walleye fishing sponsors. Packerland Websites is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

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then, Packerland Websites has grown to a team of five WordPress website developers and a content writer. The team specializes in website design and search engine optimization (SEO).

"Our motto is: 'Your success is our success,' and our goal is to provide a

solid return on investment and successful web results for our business, municipal and nonprofit partners," Koehne said.

To learn about website design or SEO, visit PackerlandWebsites.com or call 920-826-5901.

April 6 referendum would continue community support for Oconto Falls Schools

By **DEAN HESS**

Special to NEW Media

Immediately after voters generously approved a referendum in 2017, the Oconto Falls School District got to work to address a series of needs throughout our schools.

Over the past four years, the district has made key technology upgrades, including improvements to the speed and reliability of our technology infrastructure. We also moved forward with a sustainable replacement program for student devices and classroom technology.

The district has addressed deferred maintenance of our buildings and grounds and taken steps to remain competitive with staff compensation. We implemented a curriculum revision process, updated our curriculum resources in literacy and math and maintained and upgraded online curriculum.

Finally, we were able to replace seven of 25 buses that operate daily and started implementing a sustainable fleet replacement program.

The resources provided to the district were critical toward helping us maintain the quality our community members have come to expect from their local schools. However, that referendum is set to expire. The OFSD Board of Education is now asking for the community's approval of a \$4.4 million referendum to address the district's most pressing needs. The referendum would begin at \$3.3 million in the first year and then increase by \$275,000 per year until stabilizing at \$4.4 million in 2025.

If approved, the referendum would allow the district to continue our instructional and assessment improvement practices to positively affect student learning. This means continually updating curriculum re-

sources and course offerings, while also maintaining and improving technology infrastructure, student and classroom technology and the security of our cyber systems.

We will also continue to implement a sustainable bus fleet replacement program and engage in important maintenance projects to protect the investments our community has made in our local schools.

District residents will vote on the referendum Tuesday, April 6. If approved, the referendum would not lead to an increase in property taxes. In fact, the district's portion of tax bills would decrease over the next five years.

In 2021, property taxes would increase by about \$17 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value. However, taxes would then decrease by \$107 in 2022; by \$92 in 2023; by \$40 in 2024; and by \$11 in 2025 on a home worth \$100,000.

The tax decrease in the second year and beyond would be possible due to the district paying off existing debt.

Without a replacement referendum, OFSD will face a budget shortfall averaging \$3.9 million annually, or 16% of the annual budget, for each of the next five years. Not approving the referendum in April would mean \$3.9 million will need to be cut from the current budget and significant programming will be lost.

We look forward to sharing more information and answering community members' questions in the days and weeks to come. To learn about the district's needs and the proposed solution that will appear on the April 6 ballot, visit www.ofpanthers.com/referendum.

Dr. Dean Hess is superintendent of the Oconto Falls School District.

Gillett Spanish Club launches shoe drive

Shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and reduce what goes into landfills

Donating gently worn, used and new shoes can help the Gillett Secondary School Spanish Club and help small businesses in developing nations.

The Spanish club is conducting a shoe drive through April 21 to raise funds for club expenses in the 2021-22 school year. Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated footwear

based on the total weight of the shoes collected.

All donated shoes will then be re-distributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other

nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Holly Umentum, club adviser. "We know that most people have

extra shoes in their closets they would like donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It's a win-win for everyone."

The funds from Funds2Orgs will benefit the high school Spanish students. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at the Gillett Secondary School office.

Lena spaghetti dinner is drive-through for 2021

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The annual Lena School Staff Spaghetti Dinner is on for 2021 — with a COVID-era adjustment.

The scholarship fundraiser will be a drive-through pickup affair from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

March 18, at the school, 304 E. Main St., Lena. The dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, cheese, coleslaw and dessert. Meatless sauce or noodles with no sauce can be requested when you drive up.

Tickets may be purchased from

any student or staff member, or at the school office, for \$7 per ticket. Checks should be made payable to Lena Public Schools. Proceeds will go toward scholarships to deserving graduates of the Class of 2021.

To pick up orders on March 18,

enter in the elementary parking lot and follow the signs to the back of the cafeteria. Drop tickets off at the first table to place an order and pick up at the second table, then exit the cafeteria and drive away past the agriculture department and greenhouse.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Feb. 26

A new trial was scheduled for Aug. 24-26 for Tyler J. Readman, 46, Pound, on a charge of repeated sexual assault of the same child in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in 2016 and 2017. Judge Michael T. Judge vacated a previous verdict in November after ruling the prosecutor failed to ensure the defense was informed about a report of witness coaching. Motions are due June 1, at which time a motion hearing and/or final pre-trial conference will be scheduled.

Darrin A. Niec, 20, Phelps, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for fleeing an officer in a vehicle, in connection with an incident that occurred May 19. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled Niec ineligible for the challenge incarceration or substance abuse programs and ordered him to complete all assessments/counseling/treatment deemed necessary by his agent.

Nicole M. Brewer, 37, Pulaski, pleaded no contest to two counts of child neglect resulting in great bodily harm, one count of child neglect causing bodily harm, and one count of child neglect causing emotional damage, in connection with incidents that occurred from 2018 to 2020. Four other counts were dismissed but will be read into the record. Judge James A. Morrison scheduled sentencing for May 11 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Thomas E. Neff, 24, Mountain, was placed on two years probation for a misdemeanor charge of fourth-degree sexual assault and felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that occurred April 18. Judge Michael T. Judge sentenced him to 324 days already served in the county jail, ordered him to register as a sex offender during the probationary period only, and to undergo any mental health assessments and treated as determined by the Department of Corrections.

An Aug. 11 jury trial was scheduled for Jacob W. Oestreich, 31, Oconto Falls,

on charges of attempted aggravated battery and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 19. A motion hearing was scheduled for July 1.

Joshua M. Waschbisch, 32, Oconto, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred April 30, and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 27. Judge David G. Miron ordered a pre-sentence investigation; a sentencing hearing date was not yet indicated in online records.

Proceedings of Feb. 25

Daniel E Links, 51, Crivitz, was placed on two years probation beginning with six months in the county jail for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 7. Judge Michael T. Judge ordered Links to maintain absolute sobriety during probation and undergo an alcohol and other drug assessment with follow-through. His driver's license is revoked for 36 months and he must install ignition interlock devices in his cars for 12 months.

An Aug. 18-20 jury trial was scheduled for Michael N. Adams, 42, Port Byron, Illinois, was bound over on a charge of first-degree child sex assault and another related charge, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 25, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 10. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for July 26.

Reginald R Tucker, 38, Neopit, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 2. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for April 19 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Alicia M. Nompoggi, 32, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor battery, in connection with

an incident that occurred July 26. The charge was amended from a felony count in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley placed Nompoggi in the Volunteers in Probation program for one year and ordered her to perform 40 hours of community service with the Humane Society.

Proceedings of Feb. 24

After a preliminary hearing James Richard Cackovic, 22, Irma, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 16. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 15.

Proceedings of Feb. 23

Nicholas Joseph Meyer, 26, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13, and causing mental harm to a child, in connection with an incident that occurred July 4, 2013. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for April 22 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Brandon M. Pecor, 35, Green Bay, was sentenced to 18 months in county jail for felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of hit and run, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 26. Judge Jay N. Conley ordered court costs and restitution of \$1,578.50, applying Pecor's \$1,000 cash bond toward that total. The remaining \$578.50 is payable to the Clerk of Courts office at the rate of \$25 a month commencing the first month after his release.

Austin Z. Steffen, 22, Menominee, Michigan, was placed on two years probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred May 2. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that probation conditions include 60 days in the county jail with Huber work-release and good time privileges. Steffen must maintain absolute sobriety, obtain his high-school diploma equivalent and

employment, and undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and follow through.

A June 2-3 jury trial was scheduled for Jason K. Palomaki, 34, Green Bay, on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense) in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 25. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 17.

Proceedings of Feb. 22

Christopher C. Royce, 33, Mountain, pleaded no contest to third-degree sexual assault, in connection with an incident that occurred July 7, 2019. A charge of first-degree child sexual assault, and two counts of child enticement for sexual contact, were dismissed but will be read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for 2 p.m. April 26 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A jury trial was rescheduled for June 8 for Bruce J. Carr, 67, Oconto Falls, on charges of possession with intent to deliver THC and maintaining a drug place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 8, 2019, and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 5, 2019. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 25.

A March 2-4 jury trial was rescheduled for May 5-7 for Bambi L. Rodke, 62, Green Bay, who is charged with forgery and fraudulent use of a credit card in connection with running up a \$23,000 debt in early 2018. A final pre-trial conference is scheduled for April 26.

A March 2-4 jury trial was rescheduled for Dec. 7-10 for Blaze L. Agen, 57, an inmate at Oshkosh Correctional Institution, who is charged with 11 counts of second-degree sexual assault, in connection with assaults that allegedly occurred from 2013 to 2016. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 15.

Gillett, Suring clinics expand hours

Prevea Health has announced the HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Gillett Health Center is now open on Tuesdays and the HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Suring Health Center is now open on Mondays.

The provider said the extension of

hours enhances northern Wisconsin residents' access to primary care for children and adults in all stages of life, and for a variety of health care needs.

The HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Gillett Health Center is located at 340 N. Green Bay Ave., Gillett. Primary care at this location

is provided by Jennifer Gibbons, APNP, FNP-C. This health center is now open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 920-855-2823.

The HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Suring Health

Center is located at 913 E. Main St. in Suring. Primary care at this location is provided by Erin Bancroft, APNP, FNP-C. This health center is now open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 920-842-1147.

Additional emerald ash borer confirmed in the area

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources confirms emerald ash borer (EAB) in the Town of Peshtigo in Marinette County.

This latest confirmation is in addition to the Town of Abrams and the city of Oconto Falls in Oconto County.

Previously, both counties positively identified emerald ash borer, with additional locations in the towns of Goodman, Niagara and Wagner in Marinette County, and the towns of Little Suamico and Morgan in Oconto County. The DNR's forest health specialists estimated that EAB has been present at the new locations for at least 3-4 years.

EAB kills all varieties of ash trees (white ash, green ash and black ash) but is not known to affect any other

Wisconsin tree species.

More than 99% of Wisconsin's ash trees are expected to die. Once infested, ash trees generally die in 4-6 years. Due to a local high water table, sustained flooding and record rainfall in 2019, many ash trees in swamps have already been stressed or killed.

Woodpecker damage, thinning of the tree crown from the top, one-eighth inch D-shaped exit holes and branches sprouting low on the trunk could be signs of EAB infestation.

More information on EAB can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/emeraldashborer>. For questions about residential trees, check out the University of Wisconsin EAB page (<https://eab.russell.wisc.edu/>) for info and management suggestions.



Once infested with the pictured emerald ash borer, trees die within 4-6 years.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.E.W. Credit Union annual meeting will be virtual

Members may email for a Zoom invitation or call-in number

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Members of N.E.W. Credit Union are invited to the financial institution's 59th annual membership meeting starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, online and by phone this year because of health

safety concerns.

The meeting will be held using Zoom videoconferencing technology. Members who wish to attend will need to register by sending an email to asknew@newcu.org and put "Annual Meeting" in the subject line. Include the name(s) of the

person/people who will be attending the meeting.

Participants will be sent an email invitation to the meeting or a call-in number to attend by phone, and their name will also be included in a gift card drawing.

Election results for the volunteer

board of directors will be revealed, and the 2021 recipient of the Harold P. Heckendorf Community Service Award will also be announced following the meeting. For information, call Laura at 920-835-9718.

Suring FBLA places fifth at regionals

The Suring FBLA placed fifth among 26 chapters participating in the Region III Virtual Leadership Conference on Feb. 6, hosted by Seymour FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

The conference began with an opening session on Jan. 31, along with workshops on LinkedIn and resume writing, a Battle of the Chapters Kahoot competition and the awards program on Feb. 6.

Sixteen of the 28 Suring chapter members competing at the regional level qualified for state competition. They were: Hailey Thomson, first place, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures; Mackenzie Bailey and McKenzie Chesterfield, first place, Introduction to Business Presentation; Leo Taylor, second place, Accounting I; Moriah Baldwin, second place, Agribusiness; Paige Krueger, second place, Business Communication; Kate Mahone and Kylee Stelzer,



Suring FBLA chapter members who qualified for state competition include, front row from left, Moriah Baldwin, Hailey Thomson and McKenzie Chesterfield; second row, Mackenzie Bailey, Macie Reed, Harlee Wolf, Kate Mahoney, Kylee Stelzer and Veronica Napier; third row, Ethan Lally, Paige Krueger, Macyn Garrigan, Leo Taylor and Brynna Schindel.

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second place, Broadcast Journalism; Carrie Griffin, second place, Future Business Leader; Olivia Noack, second place, Introduction to Parliamen-

tary Procedures; Brynna Schindel, third place, Agribusiness; Veronica Napier, third place, Computer Problem Solving; Macyn Garrigan and

Harlee Wolf, third place, Entrepreneurship; Macie Reed, third place, Help Desk; and Ethan Lally, fourth place, Introduction to Business.

Members who also placed in competition were: Sophie Lally, fourth place, Business Communication; River Flynn, fifth place, Business Law; Kelsey Smith, fifth place, Personal Finance; Hailey Allender-Pautz, seventh place, Introduction to Business; Hailey VanRens, eighth place, Introduction to Financial Math; and Kierstan Ermis, eighth place, Personal Finance. Other members who competed were Jackson Schaal, Maddy Vandevelde, Lily Hakes, Christine Sleeter, Trinity Remic and Lillie Taylor.

The Suring chapter also won the Battle of the Chapters competition. State competition will take place throughout the month of March, with the virtual State Leadership Conference being held April 12.

OBITUARIES

Gregory L. Baugnet

Gregory "Greg" Lee Baugnet, 68, Spruce, died peacefully at home on a beautiful, warm winter day, Feb. 23, 2021, with his family by his side, after a 5 month battle with cancer.

Greg was born May 16, 1952, to Raymond and Lorraine (Charneski) Baugnet in Green Bay. He graduated from Preble High School in 1970, and then joined the U.S. Army in 1971 where he served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1973.

Greg worked at Proctor and Gamble for 19 years where he met Barb and the two were married in 1983. They moved up to Spruce in 1985 where they raised four daughters: Jessy, Erica, Emilie, and Hannah.

After leaving the paper factory, Greg worked tirelessly from sunup to sundown to build his family dream home where he'd



spend the next 26 years looking out his living room windows at Kelly Brook and the wildlife surrounding it.

Greg spent his winters making ice skating rinks on the river be-

hind his home and in his Budweiser shack at Kelly Lake ice fishing with his buddies. When not outside, he spent countless hours assembling 1,500-piece puzzles in his living room while enjoying NCIS reruns, Harry Potter movie marathons, or Hallmark Christmas movies.

In the spring and summertime, Greg loved watching the suckers swim up the river, calling turkeys in, and bird watching. He spent time on his shooting range, golfing and manicuring the lawns of Pine

Acres Golf Course, which he said was his all-time favorite job and where he met some of his closest friends.

In the fall, Greg would drive his wife crazy prepping for the upcoming hunting season and growing out his beard. His favorite memories were up at hunting camp with "the guys" where it was never really about the hunting.

Greg's simple but quirky demeanor, along with his infamous mustache, made him an enjoyable pal to enjoy a beer with, while sharing stories made better by his skill to turn any fact into a slight exaggeration. He had a love and respect for nature and the outdoors. Having done survival training while stationed in Alaska, he had a "MacGyver" solution for every problem.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Barbara (Luisier); daughters, Jessy (Kurt) Wolf, Erica (Nathan)

Maufort, Emilie (Keith) Trudell, Hannah (Keith McLeod) Baugnet; grandchildren, Bailey and Brent Wolf; Natalie, Naomi, and Elliot Maufort; Abraham and Ezra Trudell; brothers, Jim, Brian, and Perry (Karen); as well as nieces, nephews, in-laws, and many good friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents; mother and father-in-law, Dorothy (Wacek) and Arthur Luisier; sister-in-law Annette Whalen; brothers-in-law, Tom Moes and George Whalen.

Visitation will be held at Jones Funeral Service, 107 S. Franklin St., Oconto Falls on Monday, March 1, 2021 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visitation will continue Tuesday, March 2, at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at which time a memorial service will be held with military funeral honors. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Ken Morrell

Ken Morrell, 91, Oconto Falls, passed away suddenly Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23, 2021, at a Peshtigo area health care facility. He was born June 2, 1929, in Oconto Falls to Ernest and Lucille (Plude) Morrell. Ken grew up in Oconto where he attended the Catholic and public schools. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

On Oct. 8, 1955, he married Joyce Ratz at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Oconto for a short time before moving to Oconto Falls. Ken was



employed by the Scott Paper Co. for over 40 years until retirement. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Oconto American Legion Post #74

and Shawano Area Campers Club. In 2014, Ken went on an Honor Flight with his fellow Korean War veterans. Ken was proud of his service and was rarely seen without his Korea Veteran cap. He enjoyed

talking to other veterans and pretty much anyone else. He liked meeting and talking with people and had a good sense of humor. Ken enjoyed growing tomatoes and feeding the birds, especially cardinals and chickadees. The chickadees would actually sit on his shoulder while feeding. Ken collected metal bells and was always on the lookout for unusual ones to add to his collection. In later years, it gave him great joy and happiness taking care of and playing with their dog, Lady.

Survivors are his wife of 65 years, Joyce Morrell; their two daughters, Julie and Tina Morrell;

one brother, Ronald Morrell, one sister-in-law, Kaye Lynn Morrell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Jerry, his sister Carol Jean Alsteen and sister-in-law Ruth Morrell.

Visitation was held after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Mass of Christian Burial was held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Fr. Greg Parent officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Morrell family.

Kelvin 'Kelly' Matz

Kelvin "Kelly" Matz, 64, of Weston, died on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at Marshfield Medical Center, Weston, after courageously battling cancer for over five years.

Kelly was born Nov. 14, 1956, in Tigerton, the son of LaVerne Matz and Jeanette (Foth) Nemetz.

On Sept. 26, 1992, Kelly was united in marriage to Kelle Mavis at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wittenberg.

Kelly worked for Fed Mogel for 12 years before retiring. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. The couple en-



joyed riding their Harley all over the U.S. and visited many states. They were members of the local Hog Chapter and volunteered for numerous events, including the MDA and

Children's Hospital. Family was very important to Kelly, and he enjoyed smoking meats with his son and would often be found spend-

ing time with his great-nieces and -nephews.

Kelly is survived by his wife, Kelle Matz of Weston; two children, Kaleb Matz of Weston and Brenda Matz of Green Bay; his mother, Jeanette Nemetz of Weston; brother, Randy (Theresa) Matz of Wausau as well as two sisters-in-law; numerous nieces and nephews; great-nieces and -nephews and friends.

Kelly was preceded in death by his father and brother, Greg Matz.

A Celebration of Life Service

will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. The Rev. Mike Fox will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. Saturday at the church until the time of service.

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

HONOR ROLLS

SURING HIGH SCHOOL

Second quarter

HIGHEST HONORS

Seniors: Camilla Doherty, Grace Fischer, Sophia Lally, Kelsey Smith, Kylee Stelzer.

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Juniors: Emma Anderson, Macyn Garrigan, Katherine Mahoney, Veronica Napier, Harlee Wolf.

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Freshmen: Hailey Allender-Pautz, Robert Balcer, Birdee Cramer, Samantha Seibert, Lillie Taylor, Quinn Thomson, Hailey J. VanRens.

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Sophomores: Keegan Rattin, Trinity Remic, Emilee Tachick.

Freshmen: Georgia Gerndt, Claire Pommerich, Trent Thomson, Carter Whisman.

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HIGH HONORS

Eighth grade: Bunny Cramer, Autumn DeGrave, Riley Denowski, Morgan Dryja, Contessa Losurdo, Michael Pecanas Jr.

Seventh grade: Ginger Gerndt,

Gwendalin Konop, HaileyBo Pecanas, Tia Schwartzkopf, Allyson Seibert, Morgan Suring.

Sixth grade: Britta Burrack, Colin Frank, Jayden Frank, Paige Pommerich, Lexis Remic, Erin Wichman.

HONORS

Eighth grade: Michael Bailey, Morgan Laabs, Allison Napier, Ava School.

Seventh grade: Cassius Matelski, Chloe Schroeder, Ila Sundberg-Frank.

Sixth grade: Aleena Broetzman, Garrett School, Natalie Seibert, Grant Thomson.

Gillett students earn Kohl scholarships

Two Gillett High School students have been named recipients of the Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship.

Derek Hanson and Emily Umentum have been awarded scholarships of \$10,000 to be used over four years.

Hanson is a state cross-country

medalist, a Wisconsin All-State Athlete and a state track qualifier. He plans to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead, majoring in biology: health and medical sciences with plans to become a sports medicine physician in the future.

Umentum is the student council class president and National Honor

Society president. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point majoring in psychology with future plans to be a clinical psychologist.

“Congratulations to both of these fine students on this wonderful achievement,” said Jason Dreier, Gillett Secondary School principal.



DEREK HANSON



EMILY UMENTUM

YEARS GONE BY

90 years ago • March 5, 1931 • Gillett Times

SURING – The Suring sawmill, which was owned and operated by Muehl and Ehlinger, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, causing a loss of approximately \$8,000.

GILLETT – Wm. Suring has sold his jewelry stock and equipment to Edw. Thinker of Shawano.

90 years ago • March 5, 1931 • Oconto Falls Herald

GREEN VALLEY – Funeral services for Roland Nischke, 17, victim of an automobile collision at Pleasant Valley corner last Thursday, were held Monday at the Green Valley Lutheran Church.

LENA – Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rosera announce the birth of a daughter born Sunday, March 1.

80 years ago • March 6, 1941 • Oconto Falls Herald

POUND – Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van-Drise are the parents of a baby girl, Beverly Jane, born March 3.

OCONTO FALLS – Funeral rites for Martin Stoll, 77, were conducted by the Rev. F.J. Melchior of St. An-

thony's Church at the Flatley Funeral Chapel.

KELLY LAKE – A large crowd attended the auction at the Carl Schoenebeck cottage Sunday.

70 years ago • Feb. 22, 1951 • Gillett Times

GILLETT – Jeanie Sorlie has been chosen as the outstanding senior girl and given the DAR award at Gillett High School.

GILLETT – Susan Luedke, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Luedke, broke her right arm in two places when she fell Wednesday morning at her home.

70 years ago • March 1, 1951 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS – Louis O. Birr, Airman USN, is serving with Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 691 at the Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

ABRAMS – A house belonging to Jerry Byng in which the Bernard Tappa family lived was totally destroyed by fire early Saturday morning.

60 years ago • March 2, 1961 • Times Herald

GILLETT – A2-C James Muck has

been named Airman of the Month at Shaw AFB, Sumter, S.C.

HAYES — The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gipp was christened Ellen by Rev. Wendling on Sunday at St. John Lutheran Church.

50 years ago • March 4, 1971 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS – Two paintings have been donated to the Cook Memorial Library. The Oconto Falls Businessmen's Association donated a painting called “Pines and Rocks” by Ceazzane. The painting contributed by the Kiwanis is “Western Sea” by Feininger.

OCONTO – Grant Urquart, 73, died at his home after a year-long illness. He served as mayor of Oconto for one term and several terms on the County Board. He operated an insurance and real estate business and was a past master of the Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Wisconsin Scottish Rite, Tripoli Shrine, the Oconto County Shrine Club and the Oconto Legion Post.

40 years ago • March 4, 1981 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS – An era ended

in Oconto Falls as work crews arrived to remove the pumps and fixtures belonging to the Standard Oil Co. from Wellen's Standard Service on Main Street. This event marked the first time over 40 years Standard gasoline has not been available at that location.

OCONTO FALLS – Wilfred D. (Bill) Larsen, 64, died after a short illness. Bill was a retired Oconto Falls businessman having owned and operated the Larsen Ben Franklin Store for many years.

GILLETT – Tammi Genke was selected to represent Gillett as the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Wisconsin Leadership Seminar Ambassador.

35 years ago • March 5, 1986 • Times Herald

STILES JUNCTION – Temporary traffic lights were installed at the intersection of Highway 22 and 141 to aid in traffic control due to a detour on Highway 41 in Oconto. Theresa Caldie, 47, was killed in a six-vehicle accident which occurred on the first day of operation of the lights.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Feb 25

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 10000 block of Brock Road, Maple Valley, 1:34 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 100 block of North Washington Street, City of Oconto Falls, 3:34 a.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 5000 block of Twilight Lane, Little Suamico, 8:29 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 2000 block of Maple Grove School Road, Little River, 8:54 a.m.

Search warrant — executed at an address in Mountain, 9:34 a.m.

Fire control burn — in the 1000 block of Yurek Road, Chase, 12:36 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 13000 block of state Highway 64, Mountain, 3:54 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 400 block of Robin Hood Lane, City of Gillett, 7:05 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 14 traffic stops, one traffic offense, one citizen assist and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Feb. 24

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Fire control burn — reported in the 13000 block of Kingston Road, Mountain, 8:09 a.m.

Suspicious — reported along Diamond Roof Road, Townsend, 10:06 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 5000 block of Pine Avenue, Town of Oconto, 11:53 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 17900 block of Front Street, Townsend, 12:13 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 11000 block of Boomers Lane, Town of Gillett, 12:56 p.m.

Fire control burn — reported in the 5000 block of Kruegers Quarry Road, Abrams, 3:19 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 6000 block of Iditarod Trail, Stiles, 8:04 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near Konitzer and Timberline roads, Abrams, 4:18 p.m.

Feb. 23

Deputies logged 31 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 200 block of Bitters Avenue, City of Oconto,

4:26 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Havenwood Hills Drive, Little Suamico, 5:26 p.m.

Property damage — reported near County Road S and Geano Beach Road, Little Suamico, 8:38 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged one traffic stop, two traffic offenses, and two miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted two welfare checks.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident on the southbound off-ramp to Business 41, Town of Oconto, 1:53 a.m.; an accident near County Road A and North Porcupine Lake Road, Spruce, 3:59 a.m.; a property-damage crash near County Roads S and C, Chase, 6:44 a.m.; an accident near Chicken Shack and Lucas roads, Stiles, 8:04 a.m.; an accident near County Road F and Thunder Creek Road, Lakewood, 12:34 p.m.; a property-damage crash near County Road S and Haywood Lane, Chase, 3:45 p.m.; and a property-damage crash near County Roads R and M, How, 8:01 p.m.

Feb. 22

Deputies logged 32 incidents, including the following:

Drugs — reported at an address in Pensaukee, 9:55 a.m.

Wanted person — reported at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., City of Oconto, 10:47 a.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged two traffic stops, one traffic offense, and one miscellaneous traffic incident.

Welfare check — Officers conducted four welfare checks.

911 — one 911 hangup and one open line were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near County Road J and Duescher Lane, Pensaukee, 1:05 a.m.; an accident near U.S. 141 and County Road A, Village of Lena, 1:51 a.m.; an accident near state Highway 22 and Larson Road, Stiles, 2:12 a.m.; an accident on the southbound off-ramp to Business 41, Little River, 5 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 6:03 a.m.; an accident near U.S. 41-141 and Geano Beach Road, Little Suamico, 6:21 a.m.; an accident near Konitzer and South Maple Street, Morgan, 9:49 p.m.; a property-damage crash near County Roads H and V, Town of Gillett, 10:32 p.m.; an accident near County Road T and Snowmobile Lane, Townsend, 11:41 p.m.; and an accident near state Highways 32-64 and 64, Riverview, 11:58 p.m.

Feb. 21

Deputies logged 49 incidents, including the following:

Threatening — reported in the 200 block of East Railroad Street, City of

Gillett, 1:54 p.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 13000 block of Hayes Road, How, 7:10 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 9000 block of state Highway 22-32, Town of Gillett, 3:49 p.m.

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

Welfare check — Officers conducted two welfare checks.

911 — Six open 911 lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near Allen and East Frontage roads, Little Suamico, 8:07 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and Business 41, Town of Oconto, 3:31 p.m.; an accident near U.S. 141 and Liegeois Road, Abrams, 4:57 p.m.; and an accident in the 4000 block of state Highway 22, Town of Oconto, 8:54 p.m.

Ambulance — one ambulance call was received.

Feb. 20

Deputies logged 65 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 16000 block of County Road T, Townsend, 12:26 a.m.

Snowmobile accident — reported in the 4000 block of Crawford Road, Pensaukee, 6:45 a.m.

Fire control burn — along Maiden Lake Road, Riverview, 7:12 a.m.

Fire control burn — in the 17000 block of Birchwood Lane, Townsend, 7:48 a.m.

Fire control burn — in the 13000 block of Kingston Road, Mountain, 8:14 a.m.

Suspicious — in the 16000 block of County Road T, Townsend, 8:31 a.m.

Snowmobile accident — reported near Old 64 Road and Airport Road, Mountain, 9:15 a.m.

Fire control burn — in the 13000 block of West Shay Lake Lane, Brazeau, 11:24 a.m.

Fire control burn — along River Island Drive, Town of Oconto Falls, 11:43 a.m.

Fire control burn — in the 8000 block of County Road G, Maple Valley, 12:30 p.m.

Fire control burn — near County Road Z and Ucil Lake Road, Bagley, 1:36 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 200 block of Pleasant View Drive, Chase, 2:05 p.m.

Fire control burn — in the 17000 block of County Road T, Townsend, 3:02 p.m.

Fire control burn — in the 9000 block of County Road Z, Bagley, 4:04 p.m.

Fire control burn — in the 5000 block of McCarthy Road, Stiles, 5 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 6000 block of Magnin Road, Stiles, 5:07 p.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 200 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 7:51 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 10000 block of East Rost Lake Road, 11:57 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 14 traffic stops, four traffic offenses, and one miscellaneous traffic incident.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare checks.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near County Roads R and VV, Underhill, 3:40 a.m.; an accident near U.S. 41 and Lafortune Lane, Little River, 5:06 a.m.; and an accident near Tar Dam Road and Holts Spur Lane, Riverview, 7:48 p.m.; and logged three deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — one ambulance call was received.

Feb 19

Deputies logged 48 incidents, including the following:

Wanted person — reported at the jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., City of Oconto, 12:32 a.m.

Fire control burn — in the 13000 block of Kingston Road, Mountain, 7:48 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 15000 block of County Road T, Mountain, 8:13 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of South Green Bay Avenue, Gillett, 8:41 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 10000 block of Brock Road, Maple Valley, 9:06 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 1000 block of Sundew Road, Sobieski, 3:07 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged seven traffic stops, one traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accidents near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 2:51 a.m.; an accident near state Highway 22 and County Road U, Town of Gillett, 6:06 a.m.; a property-damage crash near Kroll Road and Kroll Lane, Chase, 11:44 a.m.; a fatal crash on U.S. 41 near Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 2:10 p.m.; a property-damage crash in the 5000 block of West Brown Road, Little Suamico, 4:36 p.m.; a property-damage crash near County Road AG and Erickson Road, Maple Valley, 4:54 p.m.; an accident near Elm Lawn and Konitzer roads, Morgan, 9:43 p.m.; and a property-damage crash near state Highway 32 and Thelen Road, Riverview, 10:13 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

OPINION

Time to take a new 'interim' role with the paper

Hi, folks. I've been asked to assume the role of interim editor-in-chief of NEW Media, this nimble little company that publishes the Shawano Leader, Oconto County Times Herald, and the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News.

When I first took on the position of Times Herald editor, I figured I wouldn't have time to get too personally engaged in the community.

After all, I said to myself, after 40-odd years of doing journalism — a couple of decades in radio news and then a couple of decades in newspapers, with a quixotic run for Assembly



WARREN BLUHM

in between, all of it in my beloved Northeast Wisconsin — I was almost at retirement age, and they would need someone else, someone younger, in no time at all. Better to leave it to my successor to

engage the community.

Four years later ...

I was the one who asked that the title include the word "interim."

After all, I said, I'm already past retirement age, and you'll need someone else, someone younger, in no time at all.

It'll be interesting to see where we all are in four years.

In a sense, everything we do is "interim," even our "permanent" jobs. I think I've learned it's better to dive in for the duration, however long that duration lasts.

So, how are we doing? We are approaching the first anniversary of our pandemic-related interim (that word again) decision to semi-merge the three papers into a weekly entity

that shares a little more than half of its pages among themselves, with unique local covers and interior pages more specific to our local communities — and, of course, the three outlets share the same daily online presence, www.newmedia-wi.com.

What could we do better? What do you miss? Email wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com or voicemail/text 920-848-3427 to let me know.

We may or may not be able to provide what you want, but I promise to be, well, engaged.

Readers can contact Warren Bluhm at wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com.

Transition comes to NEW Media as editor steps down

There is a time for grand speech-making and flowery prose.

This is not the time.

Rather, it is a time to reflect, and most of all, to say, "Thanks."

With this edition, I will be turning over the oversight of the three newspapers and website that make up the editorial portion of NEW Media, Inc. to the steady hand of Warren Bluhm. Some readers will recognize the name as the editor of the Oconto County Times Herald. He has had a long career in journalism and a wealth of editorial experience.

But I can't leave this position without acknowledging how grateful I am to have been in it.



CAROL RYCZEK

First, thanks to Warren and my colleagues at NEW Media for making sure that the news will continue to be printed and posted. The staff is committed to offering subscribers fact-based, fair

coverage of Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties. This type of coverage is a service that newspapers have provided since the inception of the United States, and its role was deemed so important that the found-

ing fathers included it in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In rural America, small newspapers fill a void that large-market TV stations and national media overlook. While social media has a role in local communication, newspapers take steps that social media does not — validating both facts and sources.

Newspapers, whether in print or online, are a place where the hard questions are asked. We appreciate those who answer those hard questions.

Thank you to everyone who was photographed, spoke on the phone or sat for interviews, sharing the best, and sometimes, the worst, mo-

ments of your lives.

It has been a privilege to be a witness to everything from pop-up weddings to political transitions; to share the excitement of sports and the creativity of local artists; to relay the story of someone who reached a 100-year birthday and a young entrepreneur who started a new business in the midst of a pandemic.

Thank you for your support through your subscriptions and advertising. NEW Media may be a constitutionally-protected entity, but it is also a small, local business.

As the now former editor-in-chief, it is time for a personal transition, and for one last time, to say, "Thanks."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shawano County behind times for health care

To the editor:

I just spent six days working on securing an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine for my 88-year-old mother in Shawano through the ThedaCare website. When I called

ThedaCare, they said to get her logged into their portal and keep checking back until a schedule shows up.

I checked every three hours for six days and kept getting the message that no appointments were available and to check back later. I was lucky enough to check at 11 p.m. on a Thursday when a schedule appeared. She is living independently and not in a nursing home

or assisted living in Cecil.

Why is it that a computer scheduling system is the only way to get an appointment? It is the same for Walgreens. What about our elderly that either don't have a computer and not on social media? How are they to navigate this system to get vaccinated?

I live in Bayfield County and our pharmacies and county have lists and

are going down their list. The calling order is by age or by order of being placed on the list. I am 65 and am getting my second shot this week. I would have gladly given my shot to my mom, but we live 4½ hours apart.

If Bayfield County can figure it out, why can't Shawano County? We need to do better for our elderly.

Lynn Adams, Washburn

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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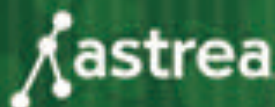
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County Board approves ATV/UTV ordinance

Supervisors take issue to licensing rules, speed limits

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance expanding which county-designated roads can be used for all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles, but not without some pushback.

Supervisor John Ainsworth took issue with allowing operators as young as 12 to drive ATVs on county roads and tried to push through an amendment that would require any ATV or UTV operator to have a state driver's license and pay liability insurance. That measure failed as only eight of the 27 board members voted in favor.

"If one of these vehicles is involved, causes an accident, nobody's liable?" Ainsworth said.

Supervisor Randy Young pointed out that some of the vehicles don't have seat belts or turn signals, as a motor vehicle is required to. Like Ainsworth, Young feels intermingling ATVs and UTVs with cars and trucks is an accident waiting to happen.

"From day one I've said this, it's just a bad idea to mix these vehicles on county roads with regular vehicles," Young said. "If the towns want to do it on theirs, I'm fine with it. It's the county roads I have an issue with."

If there are issues with the ATVs being on county roads, the Shawano County Sheriff's Department hasn't seen many complaints. Chief Deputy George Lenzner said deputies have dealt with very few incidents involving ATVs or UTVs.

"It's been a lot better than what we expected," Lenzner said.

Supervisor Mark Bolin had issue with Ainsworth's amendment because it would make a stricter ordinance than state law already has in place. State agencies like the Department of Natural Resources are under no obligation to enforce county regulations, he noted.

"It takes away the enforcement ability for the DNR and the state patrol and leaves everything on the sheriff's department," Bolin said. "They will not enforce our ordinance."

The reason for the updated ordinance, which was first passed in 2019, is that it only permitted ATV/UTV use on piecemeal segments of some county roads to the point where it was difficult to ascertain where someone could or could not ride their vehicles, according to Highway Commissioner Grant Bystol.

"We started getting so many requests in certain segments, and in enforcement it was difficult because there were so many segments where it's open, closed, open, closed," Bystol said. "The intent of this ordinance, brought to you by the highway committee, was to open it up and clarify they can all be open."

Bystol noted that ATV/UTV users between the ages of 12 and 16 are required to be accompanied by an adult driver. This can be in either the same vehicle or a separate vehicle.

Ainsworth feels that the heavy use of county roads would make expanded ATV/UTV use too dangerous.

"We have loaded log trucks. We have full-length semis on county highways that stop and back into drive-ways, taking up most of the highway and both shoulders when they back in," Ainsworth said. "We have farm equipment that can be as wide as 16 feet. We have horses and buggies that

travel 12 or 13 miles per hour. These (ATVs/UTVs) are fully capable of driving past that 16-foot farm implement or that horse and buggy.

"These kids are going into sixth grade. They are not given any driver's training, driver's instruction or anything like that. I just don't think it's safe for 12-year-olds. I think they should have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance like we need for motor vehicles."

Supervisor Richard Ferfecki took exception to Ainsworth's amendment, clarifying that tractors and other farm equipment are designated vehicles of husbandry.

"That's state law," Ferfecki said. "You can't stop them from going on

the road, and you don't need a driver's license."

Supervisor Ken Capelle also had concerns with the expanded ordinance, but not with the licensing requirements. He expressed concern about limiting ATV speeds to 35 miles per hour when the posted limit for motor vehicles can be as high as 55.

"These vehicles are capable of driving the same speed as a motor vehicle," Capelle said. "They are not a slow-moving vehicle."

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza noted that the 35 mph limit is set by the DNR, so the county can't waver from that.

"That's what we used as a model when this all started," Kautza said.

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TIME:

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Shawano at City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin until 11:00 AM, local time, on March 23, 2021 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS:

All bids shall be addressed to the City Clerk, 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, and shall be enclosed in an opaque envelope clearly identified as "PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE GARAGE" marked with the name and address of the bidder. All bidders shall bid in accordance with, and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms included in the Bid Documents.

BID DOCUMENTS:

Bid Documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, or at the office of the Engineers.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Engineers, Nordin Design Group, Inc., N5841 Hwy. 47-55, Shawano, WI 54166, for a non-refundable fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), payable to Nordin Design Group, Inc., for each set of Bidding Documents requested.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.0901(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the Engineer, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. Bidders who have submitted satisfactory qualifications for a previous project during calendar year 2021 will not be required to submit separate qualifications for this project.

BID SECURITY:

Each proposal must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as Surety thereon a company qualified to act as Surety in the State of Wisconsin. The Bid Security shall be not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which shall be forfeited to the City of Shawano in the event that the successful bidder fails to enter into a Contract and to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after Award of Contract.

BID REJECTION:

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Shawano.

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Saturday, March 20th 11AM

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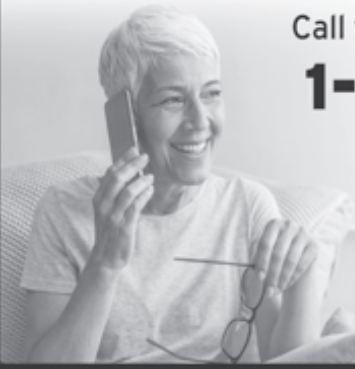
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Davel serving as interim administrative coordinator

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

James Davel is serving as the interim administrative coordinator for Shawano County after it has gone months without one at all.

The office has been vacant since Oct. 16, when Brent Miller left to become county administrator for Sauk County. Miller had been making \$105,000 in Shawano County but was offered \$138,000 by Sauk County.

Since then, the county's administrative committee has gone through two rounds of finding a permanent replacement for Miller. According to County Board Chairman Tom Kautza, the county had no one promising after the first round of interviews, and in the second round, one candidate stood out but ultimately



JAMES DAVEL

declined to take the job. Kautza said the candidate had a lot of questions about benefits and didn't try to negotiate. "I don't know what was exactly happening," Kautza said. "Perhaps we were being used to promote where he was working to try to get a little more money or not."

Davel, the county emergency management director, will serve in the interim position for about three months part-time.

"He's got a lot of catching up and, I think, some learning to do," Kautza said.

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Passion Madosh, a fourth-grade student at Keshena Primary School, uses Play-Doh to form an expression on the face of a blank person to show how she's feeling in class. The stress kits also include other coping tools like sand timers, bubble wrap, doodle pads and more.

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Stress relief comes to Keshena Primary School

Student kits obtained through DPI grant help them to sort through emotions

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

They might look like bags of toys, but the stress kits are actually bags of tools that help students at Keshena Primary School to sort through their emotions during difficult times.

The elementary school recently received a School-Based Mental Health Service Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, which allowed it to

produce 440 stress kits that include items like Play-Doh, pinwheels, sand timers and more to allow students, both in class and at home, to focus on something as they're dealing with emotions like anger and sadness or if they're just feeling overwhelmed.

Courtney Slewinski, social worker, said that KPS teaches a variety of self-regulation techniques to its students and coping tools. With the entire school district remaining in virtual learning mode

for the full first semester of the school year, the stresses that young students normally feel were magnified, and with most of them isolated from friends and other resources, Slewinski and others at the school knew they needed to get something in their hands to help.

"We kind of came up with the idea of creating an SEL (Social Emotional Learning) toolkit, known as a 'calm down kit,'" Slewinski said. "That way, they have access to things that we're teaching them

here at school at home, as well."

One of the items is a mat with a drawing of a person with no facial features. Students can use the little containers of Play-Doh to form eyes, a mouth and other features that they can show teachers and other staff members what they're feeling.

"Some of them might look like toys, but how we teach them is to use them as tools," Slewinski said. "If you're struggling with your words sometimes to say what you're feeling, sometimes it's easier to draw it out."

If words are not so difficult for

students, the kits also have tiny journals with lavender stickers that students can use to make their feelings known and why they're bothered.

"We teach them about how different scents can help with self-regulation as well as journaling," Slewinski said. "Drawing pictures is a great way to get out those thoughts and feelings in a healthy way."

Pinwheels and bubble makers help the students with breathing techniques. Slewinski noted that those items are not as effective when students are wearing masks in school, but they're helpful for students who are socially distanced at home or elsewhere.

"While we're teaching them the deep breathing exercises, we're also teaching them how physically things in their body are changing and helping them calm down and regulate," Slewinski said.

Snacks are also included in case hunger is an issue, as growling tummies can make it hard for students to be in a decent place emotionally, according to Slewinski. There are also do-it-yourself bottles with orbs that grow in water and glitter that helps students to focus on the changing and swirling patterns and help ground themselves during emotional crises.

Mary Juckem, KPS principal, said the bottles have been particularly helpful to students, and she's heard from students about how much they help with emotional grounding.

"I've had some students who have said they take them to their rooms, and one says he even sleeps with it whenever he's getting frustrated or irritable," Juckem said. "That's the tool he's using (to calm down)."

Of course, some classic items are in order, too. Each stress kit comes with some bubble wrap for students to use for popping and getting back to a calm state, and there's even a sand timer that students can watch and actually feel themselves calming down over a period of time.

"We talk about health coping tools versus unhealthy coping tools and how do we express our frustration and anger in a way that's healthy to ourself and other people and property around us," Slewinski said.

The school has been highlighting one of the items weekly in newsletters sent to families so parents can learn about the tools and how to use them to calm their children down when they're stressed at home, according to Juckem.

"They can apply those pieces in different settings," Juckem said.

All in all, the kits are making it easier for teachers to manage their



Eric Webster, a fifth-grade student at Keshena Primary School, doodles on a doodle pad that's included with the stress kits. Drawing pictures can help when emotions are hard to express verbally, according to social worker Courtney Slewinski.

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Diamond Kaqutosh, a fourth-grade student at Keshena Primary School, stretches out a coil to de-stress in class. The stress kits have proven very effective in getting students to express emotions in healthy ways.

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classrooms without having to resort to disciplinary action on students who are displaying negative behavior.

"I think it's empowering them to learn how to manage their own emotions in safe ways, but also knowing they have resources with their adults

and things like that to ask for help," Slewinski said.

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FRESH Project coming out of hibernation

CSAs, summer market, expansion to Menominee County in the works this coming year

By **LEE PULASKI**
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The coronavirus pandemic kept the FRESH Project from doing its annual winter market in Shawano, but patrons of the program can rest assured that other activities are taking place to keep food coming to the area.

The FRESH Project held a community-supported agriculture project over the weekend, featuring local food producers like Five Star Lamb, Johnson Family Cattle, Belle Plaine Cheese, Pienko's Meat Processing, Sweet Timber Maple Syrup and Milo's Eggs. According to Barbara Mendoza, the program's executive director, the one-time event is a prelude to an extended subscription program that will start around summertime.

"We've done this several times, where we would just work with our local farmers," Mendoza said. "We say that we'd like to do a CSA with your products, and then we add maybe 50 cents to their price, and it's just a small fundraiser for us."

The FRESH Project will start accepting subscriptions for the full CSA on April 1. The cost will be dependent on a family's income, Mendoza said, and prices are still to be determined.

The CSAs are a good thing to come about in light of the FRESH Project having to cancel its winter market, which started a few years ago as a monthly way for farmers to sell off excess product. Due to the coronavirus pandemic still causing a high number of cases in the area when the winter market was due to begin in November, it was determined that the indoor event couldn't be pulled off safely.

"That is so missed," Mendoza said. "That is missed by so many people and our farmers, but we are going to have a full farmers market."

The summer farmers market was able to take place last year but required eliminating a lot of the activities in order to keep people socially distanced. This year, Mendoza is confident that the farmers market can be spread across the full perimeter of Franklin Park to allow some distancing but not require people to hurry in and hurry out.

"We are getting the forms and the



Barbara Mendoza, left, executive director for the FRESH Project, and her husband, Dave Mendoza, fill up bags with food items provided by local farmers Feb. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church. The FRESH Project distributed the local Community-Supported Agriculture items to those who signed up, but an expanded CSA program will be starting April 1.

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applications ready for that," Mendoza said. "I'll be sending out an email to all of our vendors, including our craft vendors, and then we'll have our forms online April 1."

This year's market will kick off June 19 and continue through Oct. 2, going from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Once again, the market will team up with Shawanofest on July 10 and stay open later. The market will also hold its regular 5K walk/run, but it will not include the scrabble run, according to Mendoza.

The need for fresh food is there, she said, noting that the Shawano Area Food Center called the FRESH Project to help stock its shelves at one point during the pandemic.

The FRESH Project has done a mobile market program for years that has brought fresh vegetables and other items to the smaller communities. Mendoza said the program is being expanded to include Menominee County with the help of a grant.

"We are working with Keshena

Primary School to work with their third-grade class about planting, the soil, the light and the water," Mendoza said. "We are also working with the Boys and Girls Club Menominee Nation. We're going to expand their garden, and we'll have a classroom setting to talk about some higher-level education on that."

The Menominee County expansion will also include preparing garden boxes for families that will include the soil needed to grow the seeds, according to Mendoza. The mobile market and the CSA program will also take place at the tribe's farmers market every other Friday when it starts up again.

"We have a lot going on," Mendoza said, noting that she hopes to revive the winter market for next winter.



A mature bald eagle cruises the skies near Lake Michigan in Manitowoc.

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The bald eagle, master of the hunt

Bald eagles have presence. They capture your eye wherever they are. They exude a sort of majesty and an ease with themselves and their environment. And for good reason — they are well outfitted for a raptor's (bird of prey) life.

With a wingspan of 6 to 7 ½ feet, bald eagles can soar easily on thermals with nary a wing beat, but, on the strength of those same wings, can also reach speeds up to 30 mph, according to the National Eagle Center (NEC) in Wabasha, Minnesota. When intent on a meal, they can swoop down after prey (stoop) at speeds up to 100 mph and strike with deadly force.

Their talons are efficient weapons, designed to grab and carry prey such as fish and small mammals. Those talons, according to the NEC, can catch prey many times the eagle's size. Once a meal is caught, the eagle uses



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David Allen Sibley, bald eagles have five times more light-sensing cells in their eyes than we do, and 80% of those cells are cones that see color. This allows them to see much more detail than we do.

They also have two foveae (we have only one) where focus is the sharpest at the back of the each eyeball; these are packed with those light-sensing cells. The two foveae in each eye point in different directions — one

its stout, hooked and sharp beak to break it down into bite-size chunks.

The eagle's sharp vision gives this hunter a really distinct advantage. According to "What It's Like to Be a Bird" by

straight ahead, the other at about 45 degrees, allowing an eagle to focus on four different areas at the same time and providing nearly 360 degrees of peripheral vision. We have much less, about 110 degrees of peripheral vision.

When you see an eagle cock its head to one side, it is using one fovea of one eye to see something more sharply. An eagle's vision is so sharp, according to the NEC, it can see a rabbit bounding across the landscape three miles away.

According to Sibley, to approximate an eagle's visual acuity we would need to look through binoculars that magnify our world by a factor of five. And bald eagles have yet another advantage: They also see in the UV range of light which allows them to track their prey by its urine trail.

Once a species protected by Federal Endangered Species Act, and the state,

the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) has made a comeback, thanks to all the conservation measures taken to restore its population. You can now see bald eagles year-round in Wisconsin. Locally, we see them at the Oconto Harbor, along the west shore of Green Bay and perching near rivers, woodland edges and roadways.

Take care when driving rural roads where eagles may be feeding on roadside carrion. The bald eagle's large size makes it difficult for them to make a speedy getaway from approaching vehicles, and many of them are killed or injured every year by vehicles.

Enjoy your bald eagle sightings, and know that while you are watching this majestic bird, you too are "captured" in even sharper focus by this majestic and amazing raptor.

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

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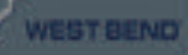
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5 area high school teams eager for start of alternate fall season

4 volleyball teams, 1 football team will play over next several weeks

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The winter high school sports season has come to a close for all area teams, which usually means spring sports are on the horizon. But because of the pandemic altering the sports calendar, it will be several weeks until those spring sports begin, and instead several area teams will compete in the alternate fall season over the coming weeks.

Volleyball teams from Gresham, Bowler, Tigerton and Menominee Indian and Menominee Indian's football team all plan to participate in the alternate fall season after having their original fall season cut short or not played at all.

The volleyball teams have already begun practicing, with games starting up this week.

With so many area teams being a part of the alternate season, schedules were a bit easier to put together and long trips were mostly avoided. While no schedule was the same, the teams are set to play around 10 matches. After those matches, the WIAA also has plans to have a postseason.

Gresham, Bowler and Tigerton would typically be competing for a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division title, but with other members of the conference having already completed their seasons in the fall, no conference title will be on the line.

"The first thing that stands out about the opportunity to play in the alternate season is it is going to give our seniors another opportunity to play volleyball before graduating," said Gresham coach Tim Wild. "Secondly, it is going to give our younger players an opportunity to play together and learn more as we move forward to next year. If we weren't able to play in this alternate season, those younger players would lose that experience."

"We are excited to get to play another season," said Bowler coach Brad Brei. "The girls are excited to get to play more volleyball. As a coach all I can ask the girls is to play hard, have



Bowler's Tynea Johnson, right, reaches out to hit the ball during a match against Manawa on Sept. 24 in Bowler. The Bowler volleyball team is one of five area teams participating in the alternate fall season.

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fun and remember it's just a game."

While the alternate volleyball season will be unlike any that came before, teams are still approaching it as if they were playing in a normal fall season.

Teams will continue to chase wins, but most importantly play hard every chance they get and try to have fun while doing it.

"We approach this alternate season with a peculiar excitement that is difficult to explain," said Tigerton coach Holly Mevenden. "There is no conference championship on the line, but that doesn't mean our athletes will settle for anything less than their best efforts. There is the tournament to look forward to that we didn't think was possible when we closed down

our season last fall."

For Menominee Indian's football team, which starts practice on March 8, the situation is much different.

The Eagles will play a seven-game schedule but have to make several long trips to do so, as not many area football teams are part of the alternate season. There is no postseason or culminating event for football.

The only team on Menominee Indian's schedule that the team has played before is Deerfield. Arcadia, Kewaunee, Parkview/Albany, Princeton/Montello/Green Lake, Poynette and Columbus round out the schedule, with only the game against Princeton/Montello/Green Lake being a home one for the Eagles.

Coach Chris Clache said playing

this schedule "is definitely a huge jump up in competition. I feel this will prepare us for our eventual move into the Northwoods Conference in the fall. We will definitely need to improve to be competitive with those teams, and I feel our schedule this spring will do just that."

While the alternate volleyball season will wrap up before the start of spring sports practices on April 19, football games are scheduled through May 6.

Clache said the school has worked out a practice schedule that will allow athletes in football to also participate in their spring sports. "I feel our athletes are able to handle it."

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Bonduel's Chris Rank retires from coaching

Rank served as head coach last 23 years

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Bonduel High School wrestling head coach Chris Rank has decided to call it a career, retiring after 30 years on the coaching staff.

"Coaching all these years has been an incredible journey for me and my family. I have been truly blessed," said Rank.

Family helped introduce Rank to wrestling when he was in high school and kept him in the sport on several occasions throughout his coaching career.

His brother, Greg, was one of the individuals that talked Rank into trying out for wrestling in high school. While Rank admits football was his favorite sport, wrestling "certainly made me the person I am."

Rank wrestled on the varsity team his final three years of high school, placing third at state in the 138-pound weight class as a senior in 1981.

He volunteered for the wrestling team his first two years out of high school before joining the staff as an assistant under Dan Weidner. He was an assistant for three years, getting to coach his younger brother, Kevin, over that time before getting a job at Pierce Manufacturing and having to give up coaching while working second shift.

After five years, Rank was moved to first shift and returned to volunteering for three seasons.

After the 1993-94 season, Weidner stepped down as coach and Jeff DeLorme took over. Rank became an assistant under DeLorme and served in that position for four years.

"Those four years were amazing," said Rank, who got to coach his youngest brother, Jeff, during that time. "I truly enjoyed being an assistant where I could drill and wrestle with the team to help make them better."

There was a talented freshman class the first year of that four-year timeframe. The team ended up placing second at the state team tournament when that class



Bonduel wrestling head coach Chris Rank, right, gives Max Sokolski a final pep talk before his first state match on Feb. 13 at Wausau East High School. Rank decided to retire from coaching after serving as the team's head coach the past 23 seasons.

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were juniors and then claimed the school's first team title as seniors, which was one of Rank's most memorable moments during his time on the coaching staff.

After the 1997-98 season, DeLorme decided to step down as coach, leaving the future of the program in question.

"I enjoyed my role as an assistant and had never even dreamt of being a head coach," said Rank. "I guess God had different plans."

After talking things over with his wife, Judy, Rank decided to apply for the vacant head coaching position.

Rank recalled talking with administrator Dr. Peter Behnke and informing him he'd be committed for at least seven years — to see his son Lucas through high school graduation.

"Those seven years flew by with some incredible team success and individual success," said Rank, who intended to turn the reins over to someone else after the 2004-05 season.

Again, family kept Rank in the sport.

Rank's daughter Peri was set to start her freshman year of high school the following year and wanted to serve as the wrestling manager under her dad while hav-

ing him coach her friends. "I looked at Judy and said 'I guess I'm not done yet,'" said Rank.

Rank's teams continued to find success over those four seasons, but Rank continued to coach after that, racking up dual wins and qualifying several individual wrestlers for state along the way.

Now after 30 total years on staff — seven as an assistant before the last 23 years as head coach — Rank is calling it a career.

"One thing that I am very proud of is that most of my staff, whether in high school, middle school or youth over the years has come through our program," said Rank. "Also, there have been some of our wrestlers that get involved in helping other programs. Also, year after year we have wrestlers coming back to help out on their Thanks-

giving and Christmas breaks which is very nice. We stress to athletes to give back to the sport."

Over his 23-year stint as head coach, Rank's teams accumulated a dual record of 309-121-1. Sixty individual wrestlers qualified for state, with 40 of them placing in the top six.

Of the school's eight individual state champions all-time, Rank was the head coach for seven of them. Six others placed second at state.

Rank's teams claimed six conference titles and five regional championships.

"A huge part of my coaching philosophies was confidence," said Rank, who is a Class of 2012 member of the Bonduel Hall of Fame and member of the 2009 wrestling Hall of Fame class. "I felt that was very important to have that confidence when competing. I always felt if you didn't believe you could win, the end result probably wouldn't be so good. I stressed that in life as well. You need to have that confidence in whatever you set out to do in life."

"His strongest suit over the years was being able to motivate anybody to believe that they could win," said Chad Bogacz, who wrestled for, coached alongside and has known Rank for about 30 years.

"He made you believe, even if you weren't as talented as the person you were stepping on the mat against, that you were going to come off a winner. It went from a kid trying to win their first match, to a .500 wrestler, all the way to trying to win a state championship."

Rank intends to be a fan of the sport going forward, although he said he'd always be willing to give advice for the team's next coach.

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Area graduates thankful to be getting in some type of college season

Many aspects of seasons affected by pandemic

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted sports at every level of play.

While the pandemic has altered several aspects of college sports for area graduates, the athletes competing are just happy to be getting in some type of season.

That's especially true for Oconto Falls High School graduate Nate Trepanier, who is a senior on the Lindenwood University (St. Charles, Missouri) wrestling team this year.

"I am very thankful my school allowed us to compete this season," Trepanier said. "I have been competing in this sport since the second grade — I could not imagine the feelings I would have if my last season was denied. While things are weird this year, all the fun is still there being able to interact with my teammates, my coaching staff, and just competing in general."

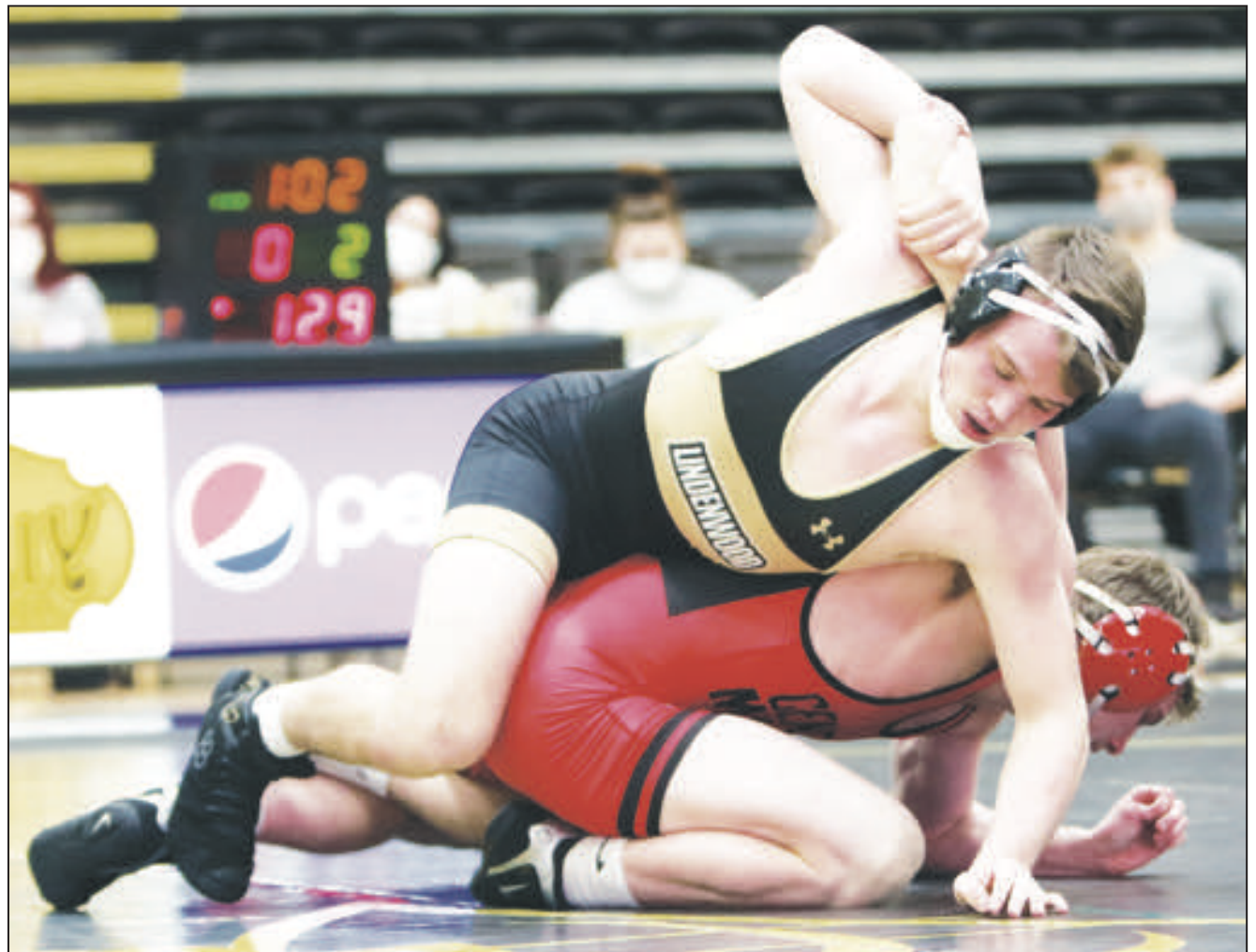
Trepanier's typical season included about 30 matches before the team competed in its regional tournament. The team competed in the regional tournament this past weekend, and Trepanier had wrestled in just eight matches to that point of the season.

Trepanier is tested for the virus several times a week, but is not required to be masked while practicing or competing. He is required to mask up everywhere else.

While traveling, Trepanier and his teammates are spread out. When the team took the mat, it did so in front of no fans until the regional tournament, where there were limited fans in attendance. His parents, Amy and Mark, flew to Edmond, Oklahoma, to watch him wrestle.

"Competing is fun no matter the circumstances, but it adds a little extra enjoyment when you can do it in front of your friends and family," said Trepanier.

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman and



Lindenwood University wrestler and Oconto Falls graduate Nate Trepanier, top, wrestles against University of Central Missouri on Feb. 3 in St. Charles, Missouri. DON ADAMS JR.

Oconto Falls grad Autumn Canavera are both members of the UW-Eau Claire track and field team.

Stegeman, a sophomore, was off to a strong start to his freshman season in the indoor portion of the season before the pandemic shut down the entire outdoor season last spring.

"I am extremely thankful for having a season this year," said Stegeman. "Having outdoor cancelled last year and half of indoor along with nationals being cancelled really made me appreciate every opportunity I have to compete. I don't take any run, jump, or throw for granted because I know how quickly it can be taken away."

Canavera is in her freshman season for Eau Claire and is getting her first taste of college athletics.

"I'm super thankful to be given the opportunity to compete in track

as a freshman," said Canavera. "Although it's not a typical season, it's nice to get a feel for what it's like to be on a college team."

The indoor portion of the season is usually full of duals and invitations, but this year includes only duals against other Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents.

Athletes are required to wear masks at practice and while riding the bus to and from duals. The athletes have their temperature checked upon arrival and are only allowed inside the area of competition 30 minutes before they compete, and then have to leave immediately after their event is over.

Depending on what county the teams are competing in, masks sometimes also have to be worn while competing. Dual meets at UW-Stout and River Falls require

athletes to be masked at all times. Regardless of where the dual has been, there have been no spectators in attendance this spring, with all meets being livestreamed instead.

Canavera said it's been tough for her to connect with all her teammates as the team and conference limits exposure, but she's tuned in to livestreams to cheer her teammates on from afar.

"The energy in the building is very different from what I experienced last year, but track has never been a sport where there are a lot of spectators. The energy and motivation comes from within," said Stegeman, who added he still approaches his events in the same manner he always has.

Another Oconto Falls graduate, Samantha Shallow, is taking part in her sophomore season for the Carroll University women's basketball team.

"I am extremely thankful that I had the opportunity to play this winter when many others were not as fortunate," said Shallow. "One thing that coach Lindsay Schultz has emphasized over the course of the season is that each practice and game day is a privilege. I took this to heart because I know we are lucky to have a season."

Shallow's second collegiate season started in a completely different fashion than her first did, as preseason workouts and practices forced the team to split into three separate groups instead of practicing all together.

Instead of starting play in early November, the team first took the court on Jan. 23. Every game Carroll plays is a College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin contest and is in front of no fans, with games being livestreamed instead.

To create energy in the arenas, Shallow said the bench is in charge of setting the atmosphere. Players aren't required to wear masks on



UW-Eau Claire track and field athlete and Suring graduate Mitch Stegeman competes during the Warren Bowlus Open on Feb. 1, 2020 in Menomonie.

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the court, but have to on the bench, which is spread out.

Shallow said she is required to fill

out a COVID symptom tracker every day. She's tested three times a week and every game day, with games



UW-Eau Claire track and field athlete and Oconto Falls graduate Autumn Canavera competes during a dual against UW-Stevens Point on Feb. 6 in Stevens Point.

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only taking place if all members of both teams test completely negative.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

UW-Eau Claire

Suring High School graduate Mitch Stegeman placed fourth in a heptathlon while competing for the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team during the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference multi duals on Feb. 24-25.

Stegeman was the top finisher in the pole vault, clearing 15 feet, 3 inches. He tied for fifth in the high jump (6-0.75) and long jump (21-3.25).

The Suring grad came in sixth in the 1,000-meter run (2 minutes, 57.06 seconds) and 60 hurdles (8.94). He was seventh in the 60

dash (7.45) and ninth in the shot put (35-4).

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls grad Samantha Coron continued her solid freshman season for the North Iowa Area Community College women's volleyball team with a pair of strong matches last week.

In a five-set win over Ellsworth Community College (Iowa) on Feb. 24, Coron recorded nine digs and two attack kills.

In a sweep of Northeast Community College (Nebraska) on Feb. 27, Coron tallied seven attack kills, 15 digs and two assists.

Lindenwood

Oconto Falls graduate Nate Trepanier placed third while wrestling for the Lindenwood University wrestling team during the Super Regional IV Championships on Feb. 28.

Trepanier competed in the 165-pound weight class, winning his first match by pin before claiming a 5-1 decision win.

Trepanier suffered a 4-2 loss in overtime of the first-place match and then dropped a 3-1 decision in the second-place match.

Carroll

Samantha Shallow, an Oconto Falls graduate and current sopho-

more for the Carroll University women's basketball team, played six minutes during the team's 73-64 victory over Augustana College (Illinois) on Feb. 25.

In her time on the floor, Shallow hit a field goal, grabbed an offensive rebounds and recorded a steal.

St. Norbert

Oconto Falls grad Mason Sefcik pitched for the St. Norbert baseball team during a win over Crown College (Minnesota) on Feb. 27.

Sefcik started the second game of the doubleheader, which St. Norbert won 13-11. He allowed five runs over 1/3 of an inning. He struck out a batter.

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Notice of Oconto Falls Cemetery Association Annual Meeting – Oconto Falls

The Annual Meeting of the Oconto Falls Cemetery Association scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Maintenance Person #2

The Oconto County Maintenance Dept. is accepting applications to hire one full time Maintenance Person #2 position. Starting wage is \$17.87/hr. Excellent benefit package including State Retirement.

Responsible for performing maintenance and repairs, construction projects, and custodial duties in various county facilities. Finalists may be required to undergo a detailed background investigation. Applications will be taken until March 19, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.. For a detailed job description and to apply on-line go to:

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ECONOMIC SUPPORT MANAGER

Oconto County Department of Health & Human Services has an exciting employment opportunity and a chance to make a difference; all while preserving a strong work-life balance. Our Economic Support Division is looking for a self-motivated, organized and detail-oriented individual to join our team! Minimum requirements are a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university in social work or related field or business, or related field. Knowledge of Economic Support policies, procedures, and regulations preferred.

The Economic Support Manager supervises, administers, and coordinates programs within the Economic Support Division. Develops and evaluates program policy and procedure, prepares and monitors division budget and assures continuity and effectiveness of agency services in conformity with pertinent Wisconsin Statute and Administrative Rules. Directly supervises employees in the Economic Support Division. This is a management level salaried position with a starting wage of \$ 32.40 per hour, and an excellent fringe benefit package. Finalists will be required to undergo a detailed background check.

A full job description is available on the county website. Interested candidates must apply on-line at www.co.oconto.wi.us and include a cover letter, resume and references. Application deadline is Monday, March 22, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.

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CITY OF OCONTO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Oconto Parks Department has job openings for the following positions:

Full-time Position:

- Parks Working Foreman - must be at least 18 years old with a valid WI driver's license

Part-time/Summertime Positions: Working months are middle of April to end of October
(Weather permitting on both start and end dates for positions)

- Parks Laborer - must be at least 16 years old with a valid WI driver's license

- Campground Laborer - must be at least 16 years old with a valid WI driver's license

- Campground Manager - must be at least 21 years old with a valid WI driver's license

- Campground Office Attendant - must be at least 16 years old with a valid WI driver's license

Applications are available online at www.cityofoconto.com or at Oconto City Hall, 1210 Main St, between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm. Applications are due by 4:00pm on March 22, 2021.

Any questions regarding any of the above information, please call the Parks Department at 920-834-7706.

EXHIBIT A

(Type A Notice)

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATING TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION

TAKE NOTICE that a referendum election shall be held on April 6, 2021 in the Oconto Falls Public School District for the purpose of approving or rejecting a Revenue Cap Resolution adopted by the School Board of said School District on January 11, 2021.

The Revenue Cap Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED REVENUE CAP COMMENCING WITH THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Oconto Falls Public School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include the amounts set forth below in excess of the revenue limits imposed by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes on a recurring basis over a period of five years commencing with the 2021-22 school year as follows: \$3,300,000 in the 2021-22 school year and \$275,000 in each of the 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years aggregating total recurring revenue cap relief of \$4,400,000 in the 2025-26 school year and thereafter for the purpose of maintaining current programs and services and funding building maintenance, competitive staff compensation, expanded course offerings and additional building security improvements.

Said resolution authorizes the School Board of the District to exceed the so-called "revenue cap" imposed on the District's school budget under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes on a recurring basis over a period of five years beginning with the 2021-22 school year by an amount of \$3,300,000 in the 2021-22 school year and \$275,000 in each of the 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years aggregating total recurring revenue cap relief of \$4,400,000 in the 2025-26 school year and thereafter for the purpose of maintaining current programs and services and funding building maintenance, competitive staff compensation, expanded course offerings and additional building security improvements.

The question to be submitted to District electors will be "Shall the School Board of the Oconto Falls Public School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes on a recurring basis over a period of five years beginning with the 2021-22 school year by an amount of \$3,300,000 in the 2021-22 school year and \$275,000 in each of the 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years aggregating total recurring revenue cap relief of \$4,400,000 in the 2025-26 school year and thereafter for the purpose of maintaining current programs and services and funding building maintenance, competitive staff compensation, expanded course offerings and additional building security improvements as provided in the foregoing resolution?"

A copy of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning district boundaries may be obtained at the District offices located at 200 North Farm Road, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin 54154.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dean Hess, Superintendent.

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This is a Union position with the IBEW- Local #2150. Successful candidate is required to live within 20 minutes of the cooperative headquarters, and hold a current Class A - commercial driver's license (CDL). Oconto Electric Cooperative is located 35 miles north of Green Bay, Wisconsin with many opportunities for hunting, fishing, and recreation available.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Attn: Human Resource, Oconto Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 168, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

Deadline for applications: 4:00 p.m., March 19th.

Forestry, Parks & Recreation Summer LTE

The Oconto County Forest, Parks & Recreation Dept. is accepting applications for the following Limited Term Employees (LTE) Positions.

- Seasonal Limited Term Employees (LTE) are responsible for general maintenance, and to perform day-to-day manual labor tasks to achieve park maintenance, forest cultural practices, and wildlife habitat improvement of the County's forest and parks. These positions are 40 hrs/wk and may include some nights, weekends & holidays.
- North Bay Shore Park Caretaker to perform day-to-day general maintenance and manual labor tasks within the campground. This position will work up to 40 hrs/wk and will include nights, weekends & holidays. A camper is available for use if necessary.

Wage range is \$10.00 to \$14.00/hr. Finalists may be required to undergo a detailed background investigation. Applications will be taken until the positions are filled. For a detailed job description and to apply on-line go to:

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Questions may be directed to Monty Brink, Forest/Parks Administrator at 920-834-6995.

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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 \$56,358.71, the sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: March 23, 2021 at 10:00 am

TERMS:

1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds at the time of the sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.

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

3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

4. Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.

PLACE: LOBBY OF THE OCONTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TREASURER'S OFFICE, 301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153.

Property description:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN OCONTO COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN: LOTS NINE (9) AND TEN (10), ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF WENSING'S SUBDIVISION, IN THE TOWN OF LITTLE SUAMICO, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Tax Key No.: 024452400614N

Property Address: 4968 BALL PARK ROAD, LITTLE SUAMICO, WI 54141

Shannon K Cummings

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Attorney for Plaintiff

633 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 408

Milwaukee, WI 53203

312-541-9710

Mailing address:

230 W. Monroe St., Suite 1125

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Johnson, Blumberg & associates, LLC. Is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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#1330
March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2021
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
GREEN BAY DIVISION
Case No. 20-cv-0218

Plaintiff,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-vs-

Defendants:
ESTATE OF CHIA VANG LEE,
PESHTIGO NATIONAL BANK,
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above-entitled action on the 1st day of September, 2020, the undersigned United States Marshal in and for the

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Eastern District of Wisconsin will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Treasurer's Office, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin, on the 15th day of April, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., the real estate and mortgaged premises located in Oconto County, Wisconsin, directed to be sold by the judgment, and therein described as follows:

The E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in the Town of Chase, Oconto County, Wisconsin, except the following described property:

Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, described as follows:

Commencing at a point where the East 1/8 line intersects the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C; thence Southerly along said 1/8 line 417.5 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C, 208.75 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the 1/8 line 417.5 feet of the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C; thence Westerly along the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C, 208.75 feet to the place of beginning.

AND FURTHER EXCEPTING:

That part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in Oconto County, Wisconsin bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the SE corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 02; 41' 01" E along the Section line 1321.65 feet; thence S 84; 06' 26" W 309.91 feet; thence N 02; 41' 01" E 50.00 feet to the North line of the said 1/4-1/4, thence S 84; 06' 26" W along the said North line 1013.64 feet to the NW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence S 02; 39' 43" W along the West line thereof 1361.56 feet to the SW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 84; 32' 10" E along the South line thereof 1321.57 feet to the place of beginning.

AND FURTHER EXCEPTING:

That part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in Oconto County, Wisconsin bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the NE corner of the said Section 10; thence S 84; 02' 10" W along the Section line 309.97 feet to the place of beginning; thence S 02; 41' 01" W 1371.26 feet to the South line of the said 1/4-1/4; thence S 84; 06' 26" W along the said South line 1013.64 feet to the SW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 02; 39' 43" E along the West line thereof 919.02 feet to a point 417.50 feet South of the NW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 84; 02' 10" E 208.75 feet; thence N 02; 39' 43" E 450.88 feet to the Section line; thence N 84; 02' 10" E along the Section line 805.59 feet to the place of beginning.

And further excepting therefrom any part thereof being used for highway and/or road purposes.

Property Address: 1991 Blazer Lane, Sobieski, WI

TERMS OF SALE:

The United States Marshal must accept from the successful bidder at the sale as a deposit or down payment on the premises a sum of not less than 10 percent of the purchase price.

Payment of such amount may be made by money order or cashiers check made out to the Clerk of District Court. NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The entire successful bid price must be paid to the United States Clerk of District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, within 30 days of the sale or the sale will be disapproved and the earnest money forfeited.

All right, title, and interest in any crops being raised on the premises will be the property of the purchaser.

All subject to accrued and accruing real estate taxes and existing real estate tax liens of record.

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Dated at Milwaukee, this 24th day of February, 2021.

s/Anna M. Ruzinski

ANNA M. RUZINSKI

United States Marshal

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Committee on urban agriculture seeks expert members

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking members for a new advisory committee on urban agriculture, part of a broader effort to focus on the needs of urban farmers.

The 12-person committee will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor and other emerging agricultural production practices, as well as identify any barriers to urban agriculture.

"We are looking forward to a robust group of nominees to serve on this important new advisory committee," said Angela Biggs, state conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Wisconsin.

"This group will underscore USDA's commitment to all segments of agriculture and has the potential to support innovative ways to increase local food production in urban environments," said Sandy Chalmers, Wisconsin executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency.

USDA is seeking nominations for individuals representing a broad spectrum of expertise, including:

- Four agricultural producers (two agricultural producers in an urban area or urban cluster and two agricultural producers who use innovative technology).

- Two representatives from an institution of higher education or extension program.

- One representative of a nonprof-

it organization, which may include a public health, environmental or community organization.

- One representative of business and economic development, which may include a business development entity, a chamber of commerce, a city government or a planning organization.

- One individual with supply chain experience, which may include a food aggregator, wholesale food distributor, food hub or an individual who has direct-to-consumer market experience.

- One individual from a financing entity.

- Two individuals with related experience or expertise in urban, indoor and other emerging agriculture production practices, as determined by the Secretary.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Self-nominations are also welcome.

Nominations should include a cover letter, resume and a background form. Nomination packages must be submitted by mail or email by March 5 to Ronald Harris, designated federal officer, director of outreach and partnerships, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Room 6006-S, Washington, D.C. 20250, or to Ronald.Harris@usda.gov.

The 2018 Farm Bill established the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production and directed USDA to form this advisory committee as well as make other advancements related to urban agriculture. It is led by the NRCS and works in partnership with numerous USDA agencies that support urban agriculture.

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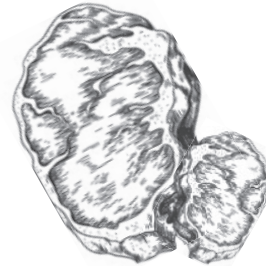
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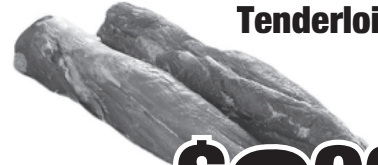


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