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Oconto Falls schools grapple with return-to-class issues

Plan rotates in-person learning with virtual classes

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Elementary school students would attend class in person four days a week and secondary students would rotate between face-to-face and virtual learning under a back-to-school plan presented to the Oconto Falls School Board on July 20.

The board hoped to make a final decision at a special meeting Wednesday night. Watch for an update at newmedia-wi.com.

Introducing a lengthy presentation about the administration's recommendations, Superintendent Dean Hess said the district has conflicting priorities that didn't used to be in conflict — protecting children's safety while providing in-person education.

"People expect us to provide them back to them at the end of the day in the same condition or better than when we picked them up on the bus that morning," Hess said, referring to an 87-page document from the state about how schools can mitigate concerns over COVID-19. "How do we meet some of those mitigation measures while at the same time being able to provide education in that face-to-face format that I think most people would really like to be in, if at all possible?"

Hess said the virtual education format in which students spent the last three months of the 2019-20 school year had a number of drawbacks and obstacles that need to be overcome before students start the new school year in September.

Those conflicting priorities were in evidence during the first 75 minutes of the meeting, which consisted of public comments read by board clerk Pam Engels. As with all board meetings since March, the session was conducted via Zoom with Hess at the district office and board members signing in from their homes.

Nearly 250 members of the public were watching the proceedings via a YouTube link at any given time during the meeting, which lasted three hours and 45 minutes.

Engel read letters from several high school students who said their ability to learn suffered without face-to-face interaction with teachers and other students.

"I believe it is very hard to learn and succeed through virtual learning," wrote Emmie Magnin, who will be a junior at Oconto Falls High School this fall. "Many teachers struggled with how to use our online technology, and it was hard for them to give their lessons a different way. My friends and I spent many hours completing our classes without getting full knowledge of what the lesson was."

A number of parents expressed concern about the health and safety of students and staff, especially those who have compromised immune systems or are at higher risk from the coronavirus.

"I believe that teaching and learning will suffer if we prematurely return to face-to-face school," wrote Ashley Maederer. "Listening to the medical community and scientists' recommendations for safely reopening is key."

Hess acknowledged the difficulty in providing a virtual option but said the community's investment in technology in a 2016 referendum has served the students well.

"I recognize that there are absolutely challenges — recognized that in March," Hess said. "But I will also say that had you not invested the way you did to get the equipment and to hire folks that provided the professional development to our staff, we would have been in a much worse situation, had this happened three or four years ago."

Administrators are recommend-

ing that students from kindergarten through fifth grade attend school in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Wednesdays used as a virtual learning day so school buildings may undergo a deep cleaning.

Grades six through 12 would be split into two "cohorts," attending in person either on Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday while learning virtually on the other three school days each week.

Board member Clint Gardebrecht asked why the secondary school schedule couldn't be managed like the elementary schools, with four days of face-to-face classes for everyone.

"It's not that you couldn't; it's that the ability to mitigate risk isn't as good," Hess said. "Your elementary classes have fewer students in them ... and the students are going to spend most of their day with the same students. So if they're in a class of 18, they're going to spend most of their day with those 18 students, except when they're going to a special (class) or when they're at lunch or recess. ... At the high school, those kids are mixing all throughout the school."

The preference is for traditional classroom learning as much as possible, if the risk can be mitigated to an acceptable level to create a safe and healthy environment, Hess said.

Administrators are also recommending that students and staff be required to wear masks in school, he said.

"We recognize the challenge; we just think it's in the best interests of student safety and staff safety," Hess said.

To reduce the number of students on school buses, the board is also being asked to consider eliminating transportation this year for students who live within 1-2 miles of school.

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EMMIE MAGNIN, who will be a junior at Oconto Falls High School

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Positive COVID-19 tests on upswing in Oconto County

Cases more than doubled during July

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor

The Oconto County Board has extended the local COVID-19 emergency declaration through Sept. 24, ratifying its chairman's action with a unanimous vote July 23.

The original emergency proclamation was set to expire July 17.

"It continues to be necessary and expedient, for the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons within Oconto County, that reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those who may become infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit and contain the community spread of COVID-19," said the emergency declaration. It was signed by County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik and approved unanimously by supervisors during their regular monthly meeting.

Public Health Director Deb Konitzer reported that the county has seen significant community spread of coronavirus since the beginning of July. From March through June 30, Oconto County had registered 59 positive tests for the virus, but that number more than doubled to 133 by the time of the board's July 23 meeting.

As of Sunday, the county was up to 140 positive cases. About a half-dozen COVID-19 patients from Oconto County were hospitalized, Konitzer said. No one from the county has died so far.

Konitzer said her office continues to encourage people to limit gatherings to 50 people or less, although "we know that's not what the community is currently doing, and there's no rules, guidelines, laws that say that cannot happen."

She told supervisors they can be "ambassadors" to advocate for common-sense ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and she said that includes social distancing, washing hands, staying home when you're ill and encouraging people to wear masks.

"People don't like to wear masks, but if we wear masks, that keeps your germs to yourself, You're helping everyone around you," Konitzer said. "But it's just a matter



Oconto County Public Health Director Deb Konitzer tells the County Board on July 23 that simple acts like hand-washing and wearing a mask in public "go a long way to make a difference" in preventing COVID-19 community spread.

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of, it needs to be a good majority of people that need to wear masks."

In answer to a question, Konitzer said about 78% of Oconto County residents with COVID-19 have recovered, but she added, "that's the largest percentage of people who are not recovered that we've ever had."

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of July 24

Tamera N. Argiewicz, 39, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to theft by false representation and a misdemeanor charge of unemployment compensation fraud, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 22, 2015. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Sept. 11.

Michael D. Williams, 48, Brockton, Massachusetts, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded no contest to a charge of failure to provide sex offender information (second and subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that occurred June 3, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge sentenced Williams to 30 days in jail, giving him credit for time served but ruling he cannot be released until an appropriate release plan is submitted.

Jason S. Jeske, 27, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to a sex offender registry violation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 14. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 17.

Proceedings of July 23

Thomas L. Zeise, 32, Cecil, was placed on 18 months' probation, beginning with 30 days in jail, for possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 25, 2019, after Judge Jay N. Conley imposed and stayed a six-month jail term followed by 18 months of probation. He was given credit for 18 days already served. Conditions of probation include that Zeise maintain absolute sobriety and employment, have no contact with known drug dealers and undergo Department of Corrections evaluations, following through on any recommendations.

Robert L. McDermid, 43, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 2, and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 5. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

John G. Erdman, 48, Abrams, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to child abuse intentionally causing harm, criminal trespass and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 3. A pretrial

conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

A \$2,000 signature bond was set for David Elliott Satorius, 29, Appleton, on charges of forgery-uttering and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 29, 2018. His initial appearance was adjourned until Aug. 13.

Cynthia M. Smith, 58, Lakewood, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 12. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Trent J. Barnier, 23, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery, criminal damage and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 24. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Mitchell Lawrence Walsh, 25, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct with a dangerous weapon, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 29. Arraignment was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Proceedings of July 21

Cassy M. Devereux, 31, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 24. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

A Dec. 15 jury trial was scheduled for Emily A. Hock, 23, Gillett, who is charged with two felony counts of harboring/aiding a felon and two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Aug. 30, 2019, and Jan. 6. A final pretrial conference was scheduled for Dec. 7.

William J. Matchopatow, 32, Keshena, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to a charge of sex registry violation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 24. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

Trenton James Propson, 25, Manitowoc, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts of strangulation and suffocation, bail jumping and misde-

meanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 16. A plea hearing was scheduled for Aug. 31.

Adam J. Charles, 50, Suamico, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 27. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

Proceedings of July 20

Alexander Rhode, 31, Suring, pleaded not guilty to misstating facts in a food stamp application, knowingly traffic food stamps, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred in April 2019. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Benjamin W. Buch, 19, Caroline, formerly Oconto Falls, who is charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, bail jumping and exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 1. His initial appearance was adjourned until Aug. 13.

Jason J. Samsa, 32, Abrams, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to misappropriation of identity information to obtain money and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 7. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Sept. 11.

Austin Z. Steffen, 22, Menominee, Michigan, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 2. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Aug. 26.

Proceedings of July 16

Breanna B. List-Kimball, 28, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to four counts of burglary, two counts of felony bail jumping, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in late April and early May. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

Decarlo L. Denny, 32, Lena, stood mute and a not guilty was entered on his behalf to possession of methamphetamine, and misdemeanor resisting an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 31. A status conference was scheduled for Aug. 27.

Proceedings of July 15

James F. King, 19, Suring, pleaded not guilty to fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle and two counts of misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 20. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

Ricky C. Blasing, 48, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, witness intimidation, and misdemeanor or disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 1. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 13.

Proceedings of July 14

A Nov. 11 jury trial was scheduled for James Edward Bieber, 39, Green Bay, who is charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and operating with a prohibited alcohol content (both fourth offenses) in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 21, 2018. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 10.

Nichole L. Earley, 43, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to two counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 8. A related felony charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley placed Earley on one year of probation, during which time she may not consume alcohol or illegal drugs and must follow any treatment recommendations of the Department of Corrections.

After a preliminary hearing Richard H. Deinert, 72, Fremont, was bound over on charges of aggravated battery of an elderly person, misdemeanor battery, and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 18, 2019. Arraignment was scheduled for Aug. 12.

On the prosecutor's motion charges were dismissed against Amanda Nicole Diedrich, 39, Oconto, who had been charged with battery or threat to a (law enforcement officer), misdemeanor resisting/obstructing an officer and two counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 13.

A Jan. 7 jury trial was scheduled for Joseph R. Arndt, 39, Gillett, on charges of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 20. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 18.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

July 26

Deputies logged 57 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — in the 7000 block of Konitzer Road, Stiles, midnight.

Intoxication — in the 400 block of East Main Street, village of Lena, 5:22 a.m.

Tree down — reported near state Highway 64 and County Road T, Doty, 9:08 a.m.

Disturbance — in the 11000 block of Tracey Lane, Riverview, 10:28 a.m.

Suspicious — reported along Business 41, town of Oconto, 10:31 a.m.

Property damage — in the 5000 block of Sampson Road, Abrams, 1:10 p.m.

Tree down — in the 500 block of Hogan Trail, Little Suamico, 2:17 p.m.

Animal bite — reported along Peninsula Lane, Townsend, 3:28 p.m.

Suspicious — in the 2500 block of East Frontage Road, Abrams, 4:22 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 300 block of South Chestnut Avenue, city of Oconto Falls, 4:57 p.m.

Attempted fraud — in the 9000 block of County Road G, Spruce, 5:04 p.m.

Structure fire — in the 17000 block of Horn Lake Road, Townsend, 5:41 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 32 and County Road AA, Breed, 6:44 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along Tar Dam Road, Riverview, 10:51 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 17000 block of County Road T, Townsend, 11:01 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported along Smokey Lake Lane, Townsend, 11:23 p.m.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

July 25

Deputies logged 85 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — in the 300 block of Orchard Circle, city of Gillett, 1:19 a.m.

ATV accident — in the 16000 block of Nicolet Road, Townsend, 2:11 a.m.

Disturbance — in the 100 block of Huron Avenue, city of Oconto, 3:07 a.m.

Noise disturbance — in the 15000 block of Grindle Oak Drive, Riverview, 4:29 a.m.

Suspicious — in the 17200 block of Emma Lea Lane, Lakewood, 7:36 a.m.

Noise disturbance — in the 15000 block of Grindle Oak Drive, Riverview, 8:22 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 5000 block of County Road S, town of Oconto, 11:37 a.m.

Trespassing — in the 14000 block of Parkway Road, Brazeau, 1:46 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 200 block of Frank Street, city of Oconto, 3:09 p.m.

Disturbance — reported at West Side Beach, 225 N. Flatley Ave., Oconto Falls, 4:39 p.m.

ATV accident — in the 16700 block of state Highway 32, Riverview, 6:21 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 12000 block of

West Crooked Lake Lane, Riverview, 6:41 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near Konitzer and Timberline roads, Abrams, 8:07 p.m.

Fireworks — in the 900 block of Riverview Drive, Little Suamico, 8:51 p.m.

Fireworks — in the 15000 block of state Highway 32, Lakewood, 9:19 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident in the 600 block of East Main Street, Suring, 11:22 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Four ambulance calls were received.

July 24

Deputies logged 66 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 7000 block of County Road A, town of Lena, 1:30 a.m.

Disturbance — in the 200 block of North Franklin Street, city of Oconto Falls, 5:11 a.m.

Child neglect — reported at an address in Spruce, 10:21 a.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in the town of Oconto, 1:38 p.m.

Disorderly — in the 2500 block of County Road EE, Abrams, 5:28 p.m.

ATV accident — reported near County Road T and state Highway 64, Doty, 6:17 p.m.

Trespassing — in the 900 block of South Ridgeview Court, Sobieski, 7:12 p.m.

Animal bite — in the 100 block of East Pelkey Street, village of Lena, 7:14 p.m.

Suspicious — in the 15000 block of Meadow Circle, Riverview, 11:02 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near Belgian and Ducaine roads, town of Lena, 9:18 a.m.; and a personal-injury crash in the 18000 block of County Road F, Lakewood, 1:43 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

July 23

Deputies logged 60 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported at the Park & Ride, County Road E and U.S. 141, Abrams, 6:37 a.m.

Theft — in the 400 block of East Main Street, city of Gillett, 8:09 a.m.

Trespassing — in the 9000 block of County Road M, Spruce, 12:12 p.m.

Noise disturbance — in the 3000 block of Froelick Road, Pensaukee, 9:42 p.m.

Fireworks — reported near Ball Park Road, Little Suamico, 10:19 p.m.

Fireworks — reported near Lilac Road and Daisy Court, Little Suamico, 10:37 p.m.

Suspicious — in the 100 block of North Main Street, city of Oconto Falls, 11:43 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 32 and Thelen Road, Riverview,

11:57 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged three deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

July 22

Deputies logged 46 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 32 and Clay Road, How, 4:05 a.m.

Suspicious — in the 8000 block of South Chase Road, Chase, 10:18 a.m.

Suspicious — in the 1000 block of County Road C, Chase, 11 a.m.

Harassment — in the City Park campground, 5182 County Road N, town of Oconto, 1:29 p.m.

Noise disturbance — in the 5000 block of Chicken Shack Road, Stiles, 6:35 p.m.

Weapon offense — in the 1000 block of Cottage Road, Little Suamico, 8:20 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 7000 block of Konitzer Road, town of Oconto Falls, 10:03 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident along Berry Lake Road, Underhill, 8:37 a.m.; and logged four deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

July 21

Deputies logged 52 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 100 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 10:38 a.m.

Unwanted party — in the 8000 block of County Road CC, town of Oconto Falls, 11:48 a.m.

Unwanted party — in the 5000 block of Fuller Lane, Stiles, 2:33 p.m.

Fireworks — in the 400 block of North Mill Street, Suring, 5:10 p.m.

Suspicious — in the 8000 block of County Road CC, town of Oconto Falls, 6:06 p.m.

Theft — reported near Serenity Lane

and Schwartz Road, Chase, 6:06 p.m.

Tree down — in the 14000 block of County Road W, Mountain, 9:06 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

July 20

Deputies logged 53 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported along Pecor Point Lane, Pensaukee, 4:15 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 4000 block of County Road J, Little River, 10:12 a.m.

Burglary — in the 4000 block of County Road C, Morgan, 10:01 a.m.

Trespassing — in the 5000 block of Framnes Lane, town of Gillett, 11:07 a.m.

Suspicious — in the 13000 block of County Road VV, Underhill, 12:07 p.m.

Fire — in the 7000 block of County Road K, Spruce, 1:52 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near Pete De Fourre Road and state Highway 64, Bagley, 7:06 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 16000 block of Reagan Lane, Lakewood, 7:26 p.m.

Disturbance — in the 200 block of Copper Culture Way, city of Oconto, 7:30 p.m.

Trespassing — in the 3000 block of North River Road, town of Oconto, 7:54 p.m.

Theft — in the 9000 block of Golden Estates Lane, Spruce, 8:57 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 32 and East Chain Lake Road, Townsend, 10:14 p.m.

Suspicious — in the 8000 block of Busy Nook Road, town of Oconto Falls, 11:25 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident at East Main and East Washington streets, city of Gillett, 8:34 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

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Work begins on 2021 Oconto County budget

COVID-19 looms over projections for reduced revenues

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Oconto County officials have formally begun work on their 2021 budget with the annual approval of a budget guidance letter to department heads.

Every year, the County Board chairman and finance committee are asked to provide guidance and recommendations to the full board regarding the next year's budget in June or July. The document serves as a road map for administrators as they draft the tax-and-spending plan, which is adopted in November.

This year's budget letter "is very similar to last year and the year before, and I expect it to be very similar next year," Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann told

the board at its July 23 meeting.

One very different feature of the letter is the proverbial elephant that lurks in every room this year.

"The 2021 budget will be greatly impacted by the fiscal impact of COVID-19 and the state budget response to COVID-19," the letter states. "It impacts our revenues collections, especially the sales tax and loss in revenues from our closures. COVID-19 also caused additional response cost that may or may not be reimbursed by the state or federal government."

Despite the reduction in revenues, employee costs and overall operating cost are expected to increase for all departments and agencies, while state-imposed property tax levy and mill rate limits are still in effect, the letter

states. "Continued under-funded and unfunded state and federal mandates will compound the need to make very difficult decisions."

The budget guidance letter calls for no across-the-board pay increase for county employees in 2021, although "step" increases will continue to be implemented in accordance to the county's pay plan, which provides automatic raises for workers as they complete another year of employment. The increase amounts to \$234,000 for 2021.

Department heads are being asked to cover personnel increases and operating costs at the same level as this year, and any increased outlay must be matched by a corresponding decrease in operating costs.

All requests that have been included in the county's five-year capital budget plan — which generally is used to cover vehicles, equipment, buildings and other long-term needs — will be reviewed to determine if the project can be reduced, delayed or eliminated.

"The goal of this County Board and administration is to adopt a 2021 budget with a minimal increase in tax rate and levy that complies with any state-imposed rate/levy limits as well as fund the essential services that the residents of Oconto County expect," the budget guidance letter states.

The letter was approved unanimously along with a schedule of budget hearings for the board's various committees.

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In-person absentee balloting starts

Three primaries affect Oconto County

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

In-person absentee balloting for the Aug. 11 primary was due to start Tuesday across Wisconsin. Voters may cast a ballot at their municipal clerk's office by appointment or, in the city of Oconto, the clerk's office is open for voting from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 7.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. Extended in-person absentee voting hours may be available by appointment. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling

place before the polls close Aug. 11. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov. The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m. on the fifth day before the election,

which is Aug. 6.

Three partisan primaries affect parts of Oconto County in this election.

Two Democrats and one Republican will vie for the 30th Senate District seat that Sen. Dave Hansen has held for the past 20 years. Hansen's nephew, Jonathon Hansen of De Pere, and Sandra Ewald of Green Bay will be on the Aug. 11 Democratic primary ballot.

The primary winner will face Eric Wimberger, a Green Bay Republican, in the Nov. 3 general election.

State Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, has a Republican primary opponent in his quest for an eighth two-year term serving the 89th Assembly District. Andi Rich of Marinette describes herself as a more moderate

Republican than Nygren.

The winner on Aug. 11 will face Karl Jaeger of Marinette in the general election.

The 89th District, and that part of the 30th Senate District that crosses Oconto County, includes the city of Oconto and the towns of Abrams, Little River, Little Suamico, Pensaukee and Stiles.

Oconto County has a tiny swath of one other district. Ward 5 in the village of Pulaski is part of the Sixth Assembly District, where Simon Moesch and Richard Sarnwick, both of Shawano, are on the ballot for the Democratic nomination for the seat now held by Rep. Gary Tauchen, R-Bonduel. However, Moesch recently announced he is dropping out of the race.

Nonprofits help Gillett High School upgrade weight room

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Grants from two local nonprofits are funding an upgrade of the Gillett

Secondary School weight room.

The Bond Community Center Foundation provided \$10,000, and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital provided

\$3,500 for the new equipment, Superintendent Todd Henscik said.

The Gillett School Board accepted the grants with thanks at its

July 16 meeting.

The board also approved the sale of the old weight room equipment to supplement the upgrade.

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Tribe, state seek information on missing Menominee cases

Task force forming to look into violence against Native Americans

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the state of Wisconsin came together July 22 to plead for information related to some of the tribe's missing person cases.

Police agencies in Keshena and Shawano have reported putting in a lot of man hours searching for Katelyn Kelley, a 22-year-old Menominee woman who has been missing for over a month. Tribal and state officials told media and members of the community about the anguish that the family is going through, waiting and hoping for her safe return.

However, there are three other families on the Menominee Reservation that have been waiting much longer for their missing kin to be found and for justice to be served. At a press conference at tribal headquarters, officials highlighted all of the cases, with one dating back 40 years.

"I wish we didn't have to be here," said Joan Delabreau, tribal chairwoman, "but I think it's warranted."

Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul announced at the press conference the formation of a task force to raise awareness about missing and murdered indigenous women and how Native Americans are most often victimized by violence.

Delabreau also announced the Menominee Tribal Legislature was offering a \$5,000 reward for anyone who provides information that leads to the return of either Kelley or Robert Lyons, a Menominee man who disappeared on the reservation in June 2017.

Law enforcement are also continuing to search of Lisa Ninham, who went missing in 1980, as well as the killer of Rae Tourtillott, whose body was recovered by Menominee Tribal Police and the FBI in April 1987. The FBI is offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her killer.

"The Menominee Tribal Legislature knows that it needs to help to keep these cases in the forefront, and that's why they approved offering rewards in the cases of Robert Lyons and Katelyn Kelley in the amount of \$5,000 each," Delabreau said. "We had \$5,000 set up



Menominee Tribal Chairwoman Joan Delabreau announces the rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for the disappearances of Katelyn Kelley and Robert Lyons as posters for the two Menominee people are displayed nearby during a press conference Wednesday at Menominee Tribal Headquarters in Keshena.

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for (the case of) Rae Tourtillott."

Delabreau noted she plans to get legislative support for a \$5,000 reward in Ninham's case, as well. She said that there has been no information regarding Ninham's disappearance since 2016.

A factor that has muddled the investigative waters is figuring out which law enforcement agency needs to take the lead when a report of a missing or murdered tribal member is made, according to Delabreau.

"One of the things that impacts missing and murdered indigenous women and men is jurisdiction," Delabreau said. "You would think that jurisdiction would be a simple thing for the Menominee because there is no state jurisdiction — it is just us and the federal government."

In Kelley's case, there has been a need for the Shawano Police Department to get involved, as a lead has indicated she was last seen in her home in the city around 3 a.m. on June 17, which was several hours after some-

one saw her near Keshena on County Road VV around 10 p.m. on June 16.

Tribal Police Chief Richard Nacotee said that the two departments have spent many hours pursuing leads in the search for Kelley, including evenings and weekends. However, the tribal police are also pursuing leads in the other cases.

"We hold this to a high priority when it comes to missing and murdered indigenous persons," Nacotee said. "We don't want people to think that we forgot that these cases are still there."

Nacotee noted that, after a gathering dedicated to Tourtillott in 2019, more tips were relayed to his department about her case.

Delabreau encouraged family members to be vigilant and to demand answers from law enforcement about their loved ones.

"You need to be informed from all of those jurisdictions as to the status of your case and the whereabouts of your loved ones," Delabreau said. "Thank-

fully, in this case, jurisdiction has been working out relatively smooth."

Kaul told the family members of the missing and murder tribal members that they should not give up, because the law enforcement agencies continue to pursue leads on some of the cases.

"The people in law enforcement are dedicated to these cases. They're not going to give up on them," Kaul said.

Delabreau said she wants the cycle of Native American people disappearing without a trace to end and said the tribal legislature would do what is needed to help.

"We don't want these cases to get any colder than they already are," Delabreau said. "We want to continue to move forward, and we hope our actions in this case can bring some closure and whereabouts information that you may think is significant, but to our police, it may be important."

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Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources
Combined Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds
GRANTEE/UGLG NAME: Town of Underhill, Oconto County

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Town of Underhill

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND
PERSONS:

The above-named UGLG has prepared an Environmental
Assessment (EA) for the following project. The EA is on file
at the address above and is available for public examination
and copying.

Project Title: Proposed New Fire Station for the Town of
Underhill

Purpose or Nature of Project: To construct a new fire station
for the Town of Underhill

Location: 5595 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124

Estimated Cost of Project: \$1,471,520

The UGLG has determined that such request for release of
funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the
quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the
UGLG has decided not to prepare a Environmental Impact
State (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of
1969 (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision is: No adverse impacts are
anticipated from this proposed project on the environment, or
from the environment on this proposed project. Minor
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replacement of an outdated building by the new structure will
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this proposed fire station will provide clear benefits to
Underhill's volunteer fire department, who will be better able
to carry out their mission to protect the public with this much-
needed facility replacement.

All agencies, groups or individuals disagreeing with this
decision are invited to submit written comments to the above
address. Such written comments should be received on or
before August 15, 2020. All such comments will be
considered, and the UGLG will not request the release of
federal funds or begin the project prior to such date.

On or about August 16, 2020, the UGLG will request the
Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources
(DEHCR) to release Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community
Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended for this
project.

The UGLG is certifying to the DEHCR that it and its chief
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consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an
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responsibilities, decision-making, and action; and that these
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satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental
Policy Act of 1969. DEHCR will accept an objection to the
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EA indicates omissions of a required decision, finding, or
step. Objections must be prepared and submitted in
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53708-7970.

Objections for reasons other than those stated above will
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Chief Elected Official: Peter Vorpal, Town Chair

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RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Patty Krueger is the Resident of the Month at The Bay at Suring. Krueger was born Dec. 24, 1952, and lived on a farm in Underhill, attending Gillett High School. She worked at a plywood factory, Friday Canning in Gillett and New View Industries. She has two brothers, Rick and Dave. She is an aunt to two nieces and one nephew. Krueger is a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Gillett. Her hobbies include bingo, coloring, 7-11 and the card game "31," which she played with her family for many years. She also enjoys being outside.

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Gillett, Wisconsin (the "Issuer"), at a regular meeting held at Town Hall, 10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, Wisconsin on July 20, 2020, adopted an Initial Resolution pursuant to Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, expressing the intention to issue not to exceed \$50,000,000 of solid waste disposal revenue bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds") on behalf of WI RNG Hub North LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and/or a related entity, and/or a limited liability entity to be formed (collectively, the "Borrower"). The Borrower desires to complete a project consisting of (i) the design, development, construction and operation of an anaerobic digester to be located on 7.5 acres of land in the Town of Gillett owned by Zahn's Farms, LLC and leased to the company for the production of renewable natural gas, (ii) the acquisition and installation of related equipment, (iii) capitalized interest during the construction period, (iv) funding of a Debt Service Reserve Fund, and (v) payment of certain professional fees and cost of issuance (collectively, the "Project"). The Borrower has represented that the net number of full-time equivalent jobs which the Project is expected to create on the Project site within three years is 15.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all requirements that the Project be subject to the contracting requirements contained in Section 66.1103 are waived, the Borrower having represented that it is able to negotiate satisfactory arrangements for completing the Project and that the Issuer's interests are not prejudiced thereby.

THE BONDS SHALL NEVER CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER, NOR SHALL THE BONDS GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE ISSUER, NOR SHALL THE BONDS BE A CHARGE AGAINST THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWERS OF THE ISSUER. RATHER, THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES AND OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE DERIVED PURSUANT TO THE REVENUE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SAID PROJECT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE ISSUER AND THE BORROWER.

The Initial Resolution may be inspected in the office of the Town Clerk at 10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, Wisconsin, during business hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GILLETT MAY PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF THE BOND ISSUE. Unless within thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of this Notice a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the registered electors of the Town of Gillett is filed with the Town Clerk requesting a referendum on the question of the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer will issue the Bonds without submitting the proposition for the electors' approval. If such petition is filed as aforesaid, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a majority of the electors of the Town of Gillett voting thereon at a general or special election.

Renee Carlson, Town Clerk
Town of Gillett, Wisconsin

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**Public Notice
Town of Lena Residents**

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

The Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Polls are open from 7 AM until 8 PM. A photo ID is now required to receive a ballot in all elections.

Dawn VanArk
Town Clerk

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**NOTICE
TOWN OF STILES RESIDENTS
PUBLIC TEST**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Public Test for the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the 2020 Primary Partisan Election for Offices on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 will be conducted for the Town of Stiles on Monday, August 3, at 9:00 A.M. at the Stiles Town Hall in accordance with WS Ch. 5.84(1).

The Public Test is open to the general public.

Marilyn Magnin, Clerk
Town of Stiles

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TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of voting machines to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, will be conducted for the Town of Oconto Falls on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Town of Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22 West, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Heather Fifield
Town Clerk

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**Notice of Public Testing
Town of Maple Valley**

The town of Maple Valley will conduct a Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machines to be used in the August 11, 2020 Election.

The Public Test will be held on August 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Maple Valley Town Hall Located at 9088 Cnty Z. The Public is Welcome.

Cindy Tousey, Clerk

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on August 11, 2020 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:30 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Nancy Brye
Deputy Clerk

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TOWN OF SPRUCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the new ICE voting machine to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 will be conducted for the Town of Spruce on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF MORGAN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test for the Election Equipment to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on August 11, 2020, for the Town of Morgan, will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Town Hall.

ALSO

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Morgan will have a Partisan Primary Election on August 11, 2020, at the Town of Morgan Town Hall. Polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM

Julie Belongia, Town Clerk
Town of Morgan

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**City of Gillett
Municipal Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer**

The City of Gillett is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Part-Time Municipal Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. Must have customer service experience, excellent communication and organizational skills, and be self-motivated. A background in accounting is desired. Strong computer skills are necessary. Responsibilities include election administration, water/sewer billing, preparing meeting minutes, licensing, website updating, cash handling, tax collections, and other duties as needed to support the Clerk/Treasurer office. A full job description can be obtained by contacting City Hall. Wage \$10-\$12 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. Part-time position (16 hours/week) plus committee meetings. Scheduled hours may vary. Preference given to qualified applicants with municipal experience. Submit resume, cover letter and references to: Attn: Deputy Clerk Treasurer Position, City of Gillett, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124. Call (920) 855-2255 with questions. Applications accepted until August 3, 2020 at 4:00pm.

City of Gillett is an equal opportunity employer.

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NOTICE TOWN OF STILES CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Stiles Town Board will meet on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 P.M. at Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Rd.

Stiles Town Board

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TOWN OF STILES OCONTO COUNTY WISCONSIN

NOTICE FOR ROAD BID

TOWN OF STILES, OCONTO COUNTY

Town of Stiles will receive bids for the following work on Funk Road. The work will start at the line adjoining the Town of Oconto's portion of the road for 450 feet in the direction of Highway 22.

The work will consist of the following items:

1. Reconstruct 450 feet of Funk Road south end of the road.
2. Widen the road to a 24 feet wide road bed.
3. Dig out the shoulder 2 feet wide by 1 foot deep.
4. Truck and place breaker rock in the dug out ditch.
5. Truck and place 4 inches of crushed rock 24 feet wide.
6. Grade, compact, and water.

ASPHALT

20 FEET WIDE X 2 INCHES THICK

SHOULDERING 2 FEET WIDE

Contact Chm. Steve Dupuis, 5084 Zimmerman Ln., Lena, WI 54139 or call 920 412-9440.

Bids can be sent to Clerk Marilyn A. Magnin, 7031 Bacon Rd., Lena, WI 54139. All bids received by 5:00P.M. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 will be opened at Stiles Town Board Meeting, August 12 at 6:00 P.M. at Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Rd. The Town of Stiles reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received or to accept the most advantageous to the Town.

Town Board
Town of Stiles

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Town of Lena Invitation to Bid

The Town of Lena, Oconto County, is accepting sealed bids for the reconstruction and blacktop of two miles of Goatsville Road from Sunshine Road towards Old 141 Rd N.

Bids are due on Thursday, August 20, 2020 by 8:00 P.M. and will be opened and awarded at the Town Hall meeting on August 20, 2020 starting at 8:00 P.M. at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139. This will be a three year project and bids must be submitted for entire project. Sub-contractors may be used.

THIS IS A (MLS) MULTIMODAL LOCAL SUPPLEMENT PROJECT

Goatsville Road is to be a 4 rod road with 28 foot road surface including 1 foot shoulders.

Road should be centered using crushed rock for the road and for the shoulders of the road.

The road should be watered and rolled ready for blacktop. Price to include replacing the culverts. Also include cleaning out the ditch on both sides of the road and back fill with crushed rock. All used culverts are to be hauled back to the Town Hall. Contractors are responsible for erosion control including mulch and seed, staking, clearing, ditching, and grading.

Blacktop will consist of two 1 1/2 inch compacted layers.

The Town of Lena reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. Bids can be mailed to the Town of Lena at 8489 Sunshine Road, Lena, WI 54139.

Please contact Town Chairman, Kevin Jagiello at 920-373-4908 or Town Clerk, Dawn VanArk at (715)281-4672 for project specs.

Dawn VanArk, Clerk
Town of Lena

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Notice is hereby given, that the City of Oconto Falls Common Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant CLOSE - Public Facilities (CDBG-CL-PF) and Community Development Block Grant CLOSE - Planning (CDBG CL-PLNG) projects on Tuesday August 18, 2020 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Building; located at 500 N. Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls. This hearing is open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend and provide comments on the proposed projects.

The agenda for the hearing is as follows:

- Overview of the CDBG-CL-PF and CDBG CL-PLNG programs
- Presentation on proposed projects
- Public Comment
- Adjourn public hearing

Additional information on the two CDBG-CLOSE projects can be obtained by contacting Vicki A. Roberts, City Administrator at 920-846-4505.

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Media Release - Summer Food Service Program

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the Gillett School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following location will be providing a free curbside pickup meal this summer at the Gillett Library Community Center from 10:00 am to 12:30pm (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). Meals are provided to eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

"This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available," said Gillett School District. "Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program."

Non-discrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Beating the heat in Oconto County

With temps around 90, people flocked to the water last weekend

PHOTOS BY WARREN BLUHM • NEWS EDITOR



A lone angler casts a line in the Oconto River near the Iron Bridge Public Boat Access.



A personal watercraft zips past the picnic grounds at Kelly Lakeside Restaurant, which sold a lot of frozen custard July 25.



A family goes fishing on the Michickanee Flowage near the Stiles dam.

Pat's Market

GILLETT (920) 855-6040

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

Deli Closing at 7:00 pm

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

HSMS Pharmacy Hours:

Mon-Fri 9:00am - 5:30pm

These Prices Good Aug 3 to Aug 9, 2020

While Supplies Last!

Accepting Mastercard, Visa, Discover and Quest Cards
We reserve the right to limit quantities.



Luige's Big Daddy Pizza



\$5.99

Asst Variety 12"

Lays Party Size Potato Chips and Munchies



2/\$8

Asst Variety 16.5-18oz

Frying Chicken Leg Quarters



\$3.99
each
10# Bag

Patty Jean
Cornish Game Hens

\$2.99
each
24oz

Homemade Bulk Italian or Breakfast Pork Sausage



\$2.99
lb

USDA Choice
Porterhouse Steak

\$8.39^{lb}

USDA Choice T-Bone Steaks



\$7.99
lb

Sweet Baby Rays
Dipping or BBQ Sauce

\$1.69
Asst Variety 14-18 oz

Best Choice
Jumbo Cake Cones

\$1.29^{12 Ct}

Dole Iceberg Head Lettuce



\$1.49
each

Dole Celery



99¢
each

Hot House Tomatoes



\$1.99
lb

Blueberries



\$2.89
1 pint

Large Red Seedless Grapes



\$1.99
lb

Kretschmar Off-the-Bone Honey Ham



DELI SPECIAL

\$4.99
lb.
Shaved or Sliced

Krestchmar Off-the-Bone Turkey Breast



DELI SPECIAL

\$6.49
lb.
Shaved or Sliced

Best Choice Pasta



89¢
Asst Variety 16oz

Coles Bread Sticks Garlic Bread or Toast



\$2.29
Asst Variety 16.5-18oz

Pringles



2/\$3
Asst Variety 4.6-5.5oz

Dutch Farms Cream Cheese



99¢
8oz
Regular or Lite

Kool-Aid Jammers



2/\$4
Asst Variety 10pk

Kellogg's Pop Tarts



2/\$6
Asst Variety 20.3-21oz

Marie Callender's Pies



\$5.99
Asst Variety 24.5-48oz

Fat Boy Novelties Ice Cream



2/\$6
Asst Variety 4-6 pk