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A view of the Little Suamico River from the bridge on County Road J on Oct. 10.

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Murder suspect competency assessed at hearing

Vannieuwenhoven appears at hearing to determine whether trial can proceed.

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With dozens in quarantine, not enough staff and students to remain face-to-face.

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Medical event delays ruling on suspect's competency

Elderly defendant awaits trial for decades-old double murder

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

A psychologist hired by the defense was scheduled to meet with an elderly murder suspect Wednesday in Marinette to get a second opinion as to whether the Lakewood man is competent to stand trial for two 1976 murders.

Raymand L. Vannieuwenhoven, 83, is charged in the deaths of David Schuldes, 25, and Ellen Matheys, 24, who were shot and killed July 9, 1976, at the McClintock Park campground in the Marinette County Town of Silver Cliff.

The case went unsolved for decades until modern DNA testing matched evidence found with Matheys' body to Vannieuwenhoven in 2018, investigators said.

He has been held since the spring at Mendota Mental Health Institution near Madison, where psychologist Anna Garcia determined in June that he was not able to assist in his own defense but had the potential to become competent with treatment.

Garcia more recently found Vannieuwenhoven has recovered to a point where the trial could proceed, prompting the defense to bring in psychologist Kevin Miller of Green Bay.

COVID-19 protocols at Mendota have so far prevented Miller from having a face-to-face meeting with the defendant, who was brought to the Marinette County Jail for a court hearing Monday before Circuit Judge James A. Morrison.

During his testimony, Miller offered to do the examination at the jail, which he said would also give him an opportunity to see the suspect in the environment where the trial would be held.

Miller and the defense team expressed concern because Vannieuwenhoven apparently suffered some kind of serious medical event about a month ago that remains undiagnosed, despite a stay at University of Wisconsin Hospitals.

"First they said he had a stroke, then an MRI showed that he had not



A corrections officer wheels Raymand L. Vannieuwenhoven out of a Marinette County courtroom Monday after a hearing about his competency to stand trial for a 1976 double murder at a rural campground.

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had a stroke," defense attorney Lee Schuchart said. "There's something going on, but they don't know what it is."

Miller said the medical incident is cause for concern and could definitely affect his competency to stand trial.

"I can assess his behavior on any given day, but without knowing the underlying pathology, I can't fully understand what's going on," he said.

From reports he's read, Miller noted the defendant has diabetes, trouble hearing, some signs of dementia and difficulty controlling his emotions ("He's a pain in the neck"), all of which could affect his ability to stand trial.

"Could this guy sit in a trial for a week? I couldn't say," Miller said, initially saying it could take him five or six months to make a determination.

Mark Williams, a special prosecutor with the state Department of Justice who is helping District Attorney DeShea Morrow prosecute the case, said it's not Miller's job to predict how Vannieuwenhoven would fare during a lengthy trial, simply to determine whether he's competent to assist his own defense.

"I don't know why this can't be done in 30 days," Williams said.

Given his condition and especially the recent medical event, Miller said

he is "truly shocked" that Vannieuwenhoven has not been examined by a neurologist since his arrival at Mendota.

"That's just a basic health care necessity," he said.

Garcia, who like Miller appeared in court via Zoom video conferencing technology, said the defendant's diabetes is under control and his hearing is adequate enough that he answers questions when he wants to.

"If it was considered medically necessary for him to see a neurologist, he would have been seen," Garcia said.

After hearing that Miller was willing to clear his calendar and come to Marinette on Wednesday for the examination, Morrison ordered that Vannieuwenhoven remain in the county jail until that time, to be returned to Mendota after his session with Miller. He also ordered that the defendant's medical records be released to Miller for his review.

Miller said if all goes well, he can have his report to the court by Oct. 23. Morrison scheduled a competency hearing for 12:30 p.m. Nov. 4 to take testimony whether the suspect can proceed to trial or will need continued institutionalization.

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CORRECTION

In the Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 editions of the Oconto County Times Herald, Laikyn St. Louis' was incorrectly identified as Kaitlyn St. Louis. We apologize for the error.

Oconto Falls goes virtual for at least four weeks

Middle and high school sports allowed to continue

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

As Oconto Falls School District officials prepared to enter four weeks of all-virtual learning, the school board voted to complete the fall athletics program after hearing from parents and students anxious to maintain some semblance of normalcy during the COVID-19 detours.

The Oct. 7 vote came after the board heard a detailed report on the various ways high school and middle school athletes were being kept safe during competitions.

Earlier in the week, the district had announced that students in grades 2 through 12 would transition to a fully virtual model beginning Oct. 8. This followed a two-week period when more than 30 staff members and 150 students were unable to attend school for multiple days because of COVID-19 quarantine protocols.

"When we have that many staff members out of the building, it's almost impossible to do. ... There's an

issue here of, 'If we want to educate the kids, which is going to be the best method?' Right now, it looks like the virtual option is the best method for that," Board President Ron Leja said. "If you can't staff the buildings or if we can't staff the buses and get the kids to school, what are we going to do?"

Administrators plan to reassess the level of community spread and student positive cases during the first week in November to determine when face-to-face learning may resume.

Athletics director Jerry Moynihan detailed the various efforts to stop the spread of the virus during sporting events, including sanitizing athletic equipment during games, requiring athletes to wear masks and observing social distancing as much as possible.

In a long conversation among 19 athletic directors, Moynihan said the statistics show that community spread is not being caused by school activities.

"(Students are) making sacrifices

in the way they're eating lunches," he said. "The whole student body, all the students — they are all doing things differently so they can continue to be here."

Board member Ken Harter said school administrators have done a good job handling the situation and getting students to respond, but the rest of the community needs to follow that example.

"If this is going to be resolved sooner rather than later, many members in the outside community have to take some additional responsibility," Harter said.

After hearing from a series of coaches, parents and students who asked for the opportunity to finish the sports season under the same stringent protocols, Harter moved to allow middle and high school athletics to move forward.

"I hope that every member of each of these athletic families is doing what is recommended to reduce the spread of this disease, but then also go out and promote and challenge

others in the community to start following those guidelines and recommendations," he said. "That's what it's going to take to get this thing under control as quickly as possible."

The motion passed on a voice vote, to a smattering of applause from a small crowd in the high school auditorium.

The board also OK'd the administrators' plan to continue face-to-face instruction with kindergarten, first grade and some special education students.

Superintendent Dean Hess said the decision to go virtual was not made lightly. The district's medical liaison is a proponent of face-to-face teaching but advised the digital option given current trends, he said.

"The intent is to get back to face-to-face as soon as we're reasonably able to that," Hess said.

The Gillett School District was planning to return to in-person instruction Tuesday with a shorter school day and adjusted bus pickup schedules.

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Suring awarded grant for squad car

The Village of Suring has received a \$46,000 grant to purchase new equipment for its public safety department.

The grant is among \$2.1 million granted in five counties announced by U.S. Department of Agriculture Wisconsin Rural Development State Director Frank Frassetto to improve public safety equipment, community buildings and education.

The Suring department is in need of a new squad car that will replace a 7-year-old vehicle that is nearing the end of its useful life.

The old squad is in need of repairs, has outdated equipment and requires parts that are no longer available. The new vehicle will be outfitted with a band radio, mobile laptop, security cages and portable emergency light bars.

The funds are from the Community

Facilities Loan and Grant Program and the \$150 million in grants included in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act signed into law in June 2019.

"These investments will allow these rural communities provide safe, modern equipment and supplies to service and meet the needs in their residents," Frassetto said. "Through our Community Facilities programs, USDA Rural Development partners with communities to maximize the affordability of their infrastructure needs. Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary (Sonny) Perdue, we have been working tirelessly to be a strong partner to rural Wisconsin in building stronger and healthier communities, because we know when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 13

Diann L. Moeller, 55, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred May 23, 2019, manufacture and delivery of amphetamine and possession of methamphetamine precursors, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 6, 2019. Several other charges were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Dec. 18 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Nova J. Winans, 21, Kaukauna, formerly Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 3, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 8 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Ryan L. Messinger, 35, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent and misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 13, 2019. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 18 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Oct. 12

Scott C. Leurquin, 36, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 4, 2019. Judge Jay N. Conley approved a deferred judgment agreement on the felony count and placed Leurquin on 18 months probation for the misdemeanors, with no-contact conditions and requirements including that he maintain absolute sobriety and undergo anger management treatment.

Proceedings of Oct. 9

Brandon P. Conradt, 25, Suamico, pleaded no contest to fleeing or eluding an officer in a vehicle and one misdemeanor count of striking a K-9 officer, in connection with an incident that occurred April 28. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 13 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Cassy M. Devereux, 31, Oconto, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 24. Two related charges were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Jay N.

Conley scheduled sentencing for Jan. 8 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Jason S. Jeske, 27, Oconto, was placed on two years and six months of probation for a sex offender registry violation, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 14, and misdemeanor criminal damage to property, in connection with a Feb. 25 incident. He was also sentenced to the 106 days in county jail that he has already served. Judge Michael T. Judge first imposed and stayed a two-year prison term, followed by three years of extended supervision, which Jeske would serve should he violate the conditions of probation. Those terms include that he maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment, comply with the sex offender registry and undergo and follow through with any treatment deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections.

A deferred judgment agreement was approved for Ryker L. Shampo, 21, Marinette, after he pleaded no contest to bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred July 2, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia in an incident that occurred Nov. 21, and misdemeanor theft, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 13. Judge Jay N. Conley placed him on probation for three years and imposed but stayed a one-year term in the county jail. During probation he must maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment, submit to random drug testing and undergo a Department of Corrections assessment, following through on any recommendations.

A plea hearing was rescheduled for Oct. 23 for Trent J. Barnier, 23, Oconto Falls, when he was brought into court after failing to appear for an Oct. 5 plea hearing on charges of strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery, criminal damage and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 24.

Proceedings of Oct. 8

Levi M. Anker, 27, Gillett, was sentenced to six years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision, for child abuse with a high probability of great harm, and misdemeanor counts of child neglect and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov.

17. Judge Michael T. Judge gave him credit for 318 days already served and ordered that among other conditions during his extended supervision, Anker may have no contact with children unless approved by his probation and parole agent, no possession or consumption of alcohol or controlled substances without a valid prescription, and he must complete any and all assessments, counseling and/or treatment as recommended by the agent.

Proceedings of Oct. 7

Steele J. Roes, 21, currently incarcerated at Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, pleaded no contest to burglary in connection with an incident that occurred in Oconto County on Oct. 7, 2019. Two other felony counts were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Dec. 11 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Mackenzie E. Lee, 26, Three Lakes, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver heroin in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 10. Two other counts were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 4 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that Shannon Marie Healey, 37, Gillett, be held without bail until picked up by the state of Florida on an extradition order. Her initial appearance was adjourned until Oct. 15.

Proceedings of Oct. 5

Adam J. Charles, 50, Suamico, pleaded guilty to possession of materials to produce methamphetamine, misdemeanor operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 18, and possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred June 27. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 4 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Robert J. Haanpaa, 33, Marinette, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 10. A further plea hearing was scheduled for Oct. 5. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 9 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A Jan. 7 jury trial was scheduled for Andy Miles Carpenter, 38, Menasha, who is charged with bail jumping, sub-

stantial battery intending bodily harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 2, 2019. A final pretrial conference was scheduled for Dec. 18.

A jury trial was rescheduled to Jan. 28 for Anthony P. Pack, 31, Gillett, who is charged with strangulation-suffocation and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct in connection with a domestic incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 18, 2018. A final pretrial conference was scheduled for Jan. 19.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Joshua L. Zilkoske, 19, Oconto Falls, who is charged with three counts of causing a child to view sexual activity, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 1. His initial appearance was adjourned until Oct. 15.

Proceedings of Oct. 1

Joshua M. Samz, 38, Gillett, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to first-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, operating a firearm while intoxicated, intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly took place July 31. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Oct. 15.

Dyllon Drake Edwards, 25, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to strangulation-suffocation, misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 11, and bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 23. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Nov. 12.

Cameron J. Gretzon, 20, Oconto, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 26, 2019, and misdemeanor sex with a child age 15-19, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 24, 2019. The battery count was reduced from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge imposed and then stayed a one-year term in the county jail, sentencing Gretzon to two years of probation, during which he may not have contact with the victim and must obtain his high-school diploma and maintain full-time employment. In every week he does not have a job, he must complete 10 hours of community service.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 8

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including the following:

Property damage — reported in the 4000 Brehmer Road, Abrams, 9:45 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 1400 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 10:56 a.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 3000 block of Delcore Road, Town of Oconto, 12:31 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 1000 block of West Frontier Road, Little Suamico, 12:47 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 9000 block of White Lake Road, Maple Valley, 1:41 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 10000 block of Quarterline Road, Town of Gillett, 8:59 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 7

Deputies logged 34 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 400 block of East Main Street, Lena, 2:37 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Elm Lawn and CCC roads, Morgan, 7:06 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 13900 block of Silver Hill Road, Mountain, 8:25 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 5600 block of Business 41, town of Oconto, 12:12 p.m.

Wanted person — reported in the 12000 block of South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 3:52 p.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 5000 block of Allen Road, Little Suamico, 6:52 p.m.

Oct. 6

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Intoxication — reported in the 100 block of Main Street, Oconto, 1:54 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 100 block of Main Street, Oconto, 3:12 a.m.

Wanted person — reported at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto, 8:05 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 6000 block of County Road E, Abrams, 3:13 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 10000 block of Claywood Road, Maple Valley, 3:24 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near U.S. Highway 41 and state Highway 22, Oconto, 7:18 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of U.S. Highway 141, Stiles, 8:51 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near U.S. Highway 41-141 and East Brown Road, Little Suamico, 5:08 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 5

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported along Sherrie Lane, Underhill, 2:07 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 1000 block of Whiffen Lane, Mountain, 7:50 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 13000 block of Arrowhead Road, Brazeau, 12:02 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 3000 block of Brehmer Road, Abrams, noon.

Wanted person — reported at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto, 12:33 p.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 5000 block of County Road B, Town of Oconto Falls, 3:54 p.m.

Property damage — reported near County Road M and state Highway 32, How, 6:06 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 7000 block of North Brown County Line Road, Chase, 6:20 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near U.S. Highway 41-141 and Allen Road, Little Suamico, 4:50 a.m.; and logged six deer-related crashes.

Oct. 4

Deputies logged 35 incidents, including the following:

Property damage — reported along County Road D, Abrams, 7:50 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near County Road A and U.S. Highway 41, Little River, 11:11 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 5000 block of Business 41, Town of Oconto, 11:49 a.m.

Noise Disturbance — reported in the 3000 block of Good Lane, Abrams, 12:19 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Allen Road, Little Suamico, 5:44 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along North White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 11:47 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near West Frontier and Geano Beach roads, Little Suamico, 3:07 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 3

Deputies logged 49 incidents, including the following:

Harassment — reported in the 6000 block of North Park Avenue Road, Little River, 7:51 a.m.

Weapon offense — reported along Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 8:05 a.m.

Burglary — reported along County V, Town of Gillett, 9:07 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 5000 block of Lemere Road, Stiles, 12:35 p.m.

ATV accident — reported in the 1000 block of Thelen Road, Riverview, 6:41 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 1000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 6:41 p.m.

Disturbance — reported along state Highway 32, Chase, 8:15 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 1000 block of Section 4 Lane, Mountain, 8:40 p.m.

Fire — reported near County Roads C and CC, Town of Oconto Falls, 10:11 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along East North Street, Suring, 11:43 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged three deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 2

Deputies logged 43 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported , jail parking lot, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto, 1:38 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 11300 block of state Highway 32, Breed, 9:21 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Road J and Ellman Lane, Town of Oconto, 8:56 a.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

Oct. 1

Deputies logged 50 incidents, including the following:

Fire — reported in the 15000 block of Island Lake Road, Riverview, 3:05 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 400 block of Third Street, Oconto, 5:24 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 6:20 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash along U.S. Highway 41-141, Little Suamico, 12:02 a.m.; and an accident in the 8000 block of South Chase Road, Chase, 9:07 p.m.; and logged six deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.



TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP

David M. Kaczmarek, of Oconto Falls, center, is flanked by Toby and Mike Peterson of Peterson Ford as he displays his \$1,000 technician scholarship from the Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association, sponsored by local dealerships and other foundation partners. The scholarship, sponsored by Peterson Ford, will provide Kaczmarek with on-the-job training and mentoring while he attends the automotive program at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. In addition to the scholarship, Kaczmarek will receive a tool set valued at \$4,270 from Snap-on Corp., headquartered in Kenosha. Foundation scholarship recipients are selected based on completed application, GPA, testing and interviews.

CONTRIBUTED

OBITUARIES

Joel L. Davis, 79, of Mountain, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020. Joel was born on June 28, 1941, to the late Lyle and Violette (Farar) Davis. He served his country in the U.S. Navy as a member of the SeaBees. Joel married Sallie Longsine in 1963 and eventually divorced. Joel subsequently started dating Tammy Christiansen and they remained together throughout his life.



For many years, Joel worked as a laborer and equipment operator for road construction. He was a member of American Legion Sylvan Post 44 in Wabeno and the Local 330 Laborers Union as a 50-year gold card member. Joel was the president of



the Pine Stump Hunting Club for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hosting rummage sales and bird watching. Joel always found something to give to someone. Whether it was

big or small, new or old, he always had something to give. Joel had a big heart, gentle soul, the best smile, and a great sense of humor.

Joel is survived by his longtime partner, Tammy Christiansen; two children, Robert (Pam) Davis and Paula (Dwayne) Bargaquast; grandchildren, Katie Jo (Michael Gardebrecht) Davis, Reggie Pohl-

man, Cassie Jo (Clayton Tucker) Pohlman and Madysen Bargaquast; three great-grandchildren, Walker School, Remi Gardebrecht, Jackson Pohlman and one on the way; three sisters, Rita Lance, Nett (Paul) Jansen and Marsha Smith; two brothers, Gail Davis, Mitch Davis; and beloved dog, Becky. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Danny Davis; brother, Tiny Davis; brother-in-law, Hollis Lance; and sister-in-law, Janet Davis.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Skinny Dave's (12848 State Highway 32, Mountain) at 11 a.m. with Pastor Bill Krauss officiating. Military honors will be performed by American

Legion Sylvan Post 44 from Wabeno immediately following the service. A celebration of life will follow the service and continue throughout the afternoon.

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



Darlene E. Skarban

Darlene E. Skarban, 81, of Suring, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020. Darlene was born Sept. 17, 1939, to the late Adolf and Elda (Wesner) Fischer at the family home. She graduated from Suring High School with the Class of 1957 and went on to earn her teaching certificate from Marinette County Normal. Darlene then began working as a teacher while continuing her education, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Oshkosh in 1963. She met her future husband, Norbert, while he was home on military leave and she was teaching at Low Valley School. They married on Aug. 17,



1963, and moved to Mukwonago. Darlene taught for the Kettle Moraine School District for 16 years. The couple then moved their family back to Suring in June 1979.

Darlene became a stay-at-home mom working on the farm while substitute teaching. She substitute taught throughout the M&O Conference, including long-term substitute teaching, and taught early childhood at Coleman. Darlene also worked for Romy's

Holiday Inn for at least 20 years. She loved spending time with her grandkids, landscaping, working outdoors, riding her lawnmower, cooking and baking.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Norbert; two brothers, Herbert Fischer and Arlen Fischer; three sisters-in-law, Georgiann Effenberger, Irene Skarban and Patricia Skarban; a brother-in-law, Otto (Cathy) Skarban; four children, Scott (Melissa) Skarban, Julie Giese, Steve "Opie" Skarban and Todd (Heather) Skarban; nine grandchildren, Riley, Brooke, Chelsie, Mitchell, Blake, Miranda, Connor, Emerich and Ellayna; three

great-granddaughters; beloved dog, Snickers. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Kenny Fischer; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church from 12 p.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m. with Pastor Michael Paholke officiating. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

Russell Mueller

Russell Mueller, 63, of Gillett, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020. He was born March 16, 1957, to the late Walter and Doris (Buhrandt) Mueller. He graduated from Gillett High School with the Class of 1975. Russell married Lorna Reed on April 14, 1978, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gillett. He was an over-the-road truck driver for many years. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle, golfing and cooking.

Russell is survived by his wife, Lorna, of Gillett; his children, Cory (Amy) Mueller, of Oregon, Wisconsin, Ryan (Samantha Wallrich) Mueller, of Cecil, and Laci (Derek) Paholke, of Bonduel; five grandchildren, Skylar, Allegra, Olivia, Kiley and Chase; two brothers, Irvin (Laurie) Mueller and Wayne (Susan) Mueller; and two sisters, Kathy (Dale) Carlson and Marge Mueller.



Russell was preceded in death by his parents.

A private memorial service will be held for Russell.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com



Scott A. Wetzel

Scott A. Wetzel, 60, of Gillett, passed away Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020. He was born Jan. 19, 1960, to the late Dale and Joy (Fabry) Wetzel. He served his country in the United States Army. Scott married Jamie Eckstein on May 30, 2003. He enjoyed spending time with his kids, nieces and nephews, and he loved his cat, Arthur. In his retirement, he enjoyed camping with his wife. Scott enjoyed helping others, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Scott is survived by his wife, Jamie, of Gillett; three children, Rachel Wetzel, Chad Wetzel and Shane Wetzel, all of Waukesha; a grandson, Ryder; two brothers, Eric and Brice; two sisters, Kailyn Lederer and



Terry Elkins. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ervin.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, from 2-4 p.m. at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

A special thank you to St. Mary's Hospital fourth floor ICU for the excellent care offered to Scott during his time of need.

Richard W. Nelson

Richard “Dick” W. Nelson, 82, of Gillett, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020. Richard was born on March 27, 1938, to the late William and Ella (Zahn) Nelson, their only child, in Suring. He graduated from Suring High School with the Class of 1957.

Over the course of his life, Richard worked many jobs, including at Zahn’s Forest Products with his uncles, Harry Kasten’s Mobil delivery truck, Warvel’s restored antiques, Gillett Cement Products for 22 years, and the Town of Gillett for 17 years. From 1986 to 1994, Richard owned R&R Service in Suring with his son, Rodney. For the past six years, he worked as a supervisor on the Oconto County Board until his retirement this past February.

On July 30, 1960, Richard married Carol Suring at St. John’s Lutheran

Church in Hayes, and they celebrated 60 years together. For the first two years of their marriage, the couple resided in Suring before moving to Gillett and raising their three children: Wanda, Rodney and Hope. Richard loved driving truck, especially plowing snow, and cutting wood with his grandsons.

While Richard participated in FFA in high school, he didn’t share the same farm passions as his wife. Even so, he would help Carol with various projects on the weekends. Richard was a social man who loved going to the Shell Station and the Cracked Cup, both in Gillett, for coffee whenever he was able. He was a 4-H leader for automotive and goats for 50 years. He was also a member of St. John Riverside Lutheran Church and also served as church president for many years. Richard

further served as the local Lutheran Laymen’s League president for close to 20 years.

Richard is survived by his wife, Carol; two children, Rodney (Christine) Nelson and Hope (Eric) Schmidt; six grandchildren, Heather Rudie, Alyssa (Mike) Green, Mandalyn (Jon) Christensen, Wyatt (Kierstin Genz) Nelson, Dylan Nelson and Temperance Schmidt; a great-grandson on the way; son-in-law, Todd (Gail) Rudie; mother-in-law, Mavis Suring; and brother-in-law, Lee (Gloria) Suring. He is further survived by cousins, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Wanda Rudie; father-in-law, Rodean Suring; brother-in-law, Thomas Suring.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at St. John Riverside Lutheran Church, 5686 State High-

way 32, Gillett, from 1 p.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m. with Pastor James Athey officiating. Richard will be interred at St. John Riverside Lutheran Cemetery.

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

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.



Mavis J. Darling

Mavis J. Darling, 90, beloved sister, aunt, cousin and friend, died Sept. 17, 2020, at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Green Bay. She was born on the Darling dairy farm in Pulcifer on June 27, 1930, to Vernon and Nora (Hansen) Darling.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents as well as twin sisters.

She is survived by her brother, Dennis (Jean) Darling, and a nephew, Chad, plus many cousins and friends.

She was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church, where the celebration of her life will take place in 2021. Mavis’s early life was



spent on the Darling dairy farm just outside of Pulcifer with her family, relatives and friends. She graduated from Bonduel High School in 1948 and then went to Green Bay where

she had training as a long distance telephone operator for Wisconsin Bell telephone company.

Her working career took her to Green Bay, Appleton and Oshkosh.

While in Green Bay, she often cared for 12 children of the Farah family, whom she has remained close to ever since. She also cared for a longtime friend, Helen Beckman. She retired in 1983 and moved back to the farm to live with her parents. They all moved to Gillett in 1984, where she has since resided.

In her family, Mavis assumed the role of regular correspondent with all relatives and friends on their birthdays, thereby hearing and sharing the latest news from each of them. Anita Bush, Anna Mae Holl and Marion Hansen (all deceased) were close

friends all of their lives.

Mavis was active in Gillett with the Meals on Wheels program and especially caring for friends and neighbors.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Bay of Suring Care Center, Suring, for the care and compassion that they showed Mavis. Pastor Bill Gruenstern of Bethel Lutheran Church is helping the family with future graveside services.

Kuehl Funeral Home is honored to assist the family. Contributions may be given in Mavis’s name to Bethel Lutheran Church Green Valley.

Esther R. Velten

Esther Roselyn Velten (nee Olson) was born in Maple Valley, Wisconsin, on Sept. 20, 1922, and passed peacefully after a long life on Oct. 5, 2020, following a brief illness. Esther is survived by her son, Richard Velten (Linda Covillon), two granddaughters, Inga Velten (Rob O’Connell) and Anna (Kurt) Svensson, three treasured great-grandchildren, Grainne and Eamonn O’Connell and Gideon Svensson, brother Stanley (Suzy) Olson, sister Eileen Block and sister-in-law Ellen Olson. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Velten, her daughter-in-law, Vickie Velten, and by beloved siblings Leona Olson, Richard Olson, Millie Peterson, Gilbert Olson and Clifford Olson.

Esther took great pride in her family, work and hobbies, which included caring for beautiful flowers and vegetables, bird-watching and baking amazing apple pies and other treats for her family. She often reminisced about a happy childhood on her family’s farm and her young adulthood in



Milwaukee, where she worked in a manufacturing plant during World War II, married the love of her life and raised their son. Esther and Ray later settled in Green Bay, and they spent their retirement

summers surrounded by nature at “the cabin” in Oconto County.

Cremation has taken place, and a private family service was held. Burial at Maple Valley Cemetery in Suring will follow at a later date.

Everyone in Esther’s family is grateful to the many friends and neighbors who helped fulfill her wishes to stay in her home for as long as possible. It was truly her happy place, and many people who loved her helped to make it so.

Please visit our website to leave your condolences for the family www.zimmerfuneralhome.com.

James “Jim” T. Albert, 62, Oconto Falls, died suddenly Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4, 2020, at St. Clare Memorial Hospital. He was born Aug. 29, 1958, in Oconto Falls to Steve F. and Donna (Schenk) Albert Sr. Jim attended Gillett Public Schools and graduated with the Class of 1976. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy for four years on Aircraft Carrier Midway as a boiler technician before ending his military obligations in 1982. Following his honorable discharge, Jim returned to the area where he farmed and also worked at one time for United Airlines as an A & P mechanic. He was currently employed with Marinette Marine. Jim will be fondly remembered as a wildlife enthusiast and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors are his mother, Donna Albert; five brothers, Steve A. Jr., Michael (Cindy) and Edward all of Oconto Falls; Robert (Teresa), Augusta, Kansas; Paul (Bernadette), Tomahawk; one sister, Kathleen (Robert) Spreeman, Peshtigo; many nieces and nephews.

James T. Albert



He was preceded in death by his father Steve in 2007, an infant sister Lynn, his paternal grandparents John and Mary Albert, and his maternal grandparents Blaine and Lillian (Martin Skowlund) Schenk.

Due to current COVID-19 concerns, private visitation and services were held at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Burial, with military honors, took place in Evergreen Cemetery, Oconto.

The Albert family would like to thank the Oconto County Sheriff’s Department, Gillett Ambulance Squad and St. Clare Memorial Hospital for their quick response, efforts and consideration shown our family.

COVID-19 spread strains Oconto County health care system

Hospital and public health officials issue joint plea to observe guidelines

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Faced with what they described as “significant uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 in Oconto County,” the CEOs of the county’s two hospitals joined with the county’s Public Health Division to plead with residents to observe precautions against the virus. These precautions, as outlined in a joint press release, include wearing masks, practicing social distancing and following other guidelines regarding hygiene and quarantines.

The state Department of Health Services recorded 500 new positive tests for the coronavirus in the first 10 days of October, an average of 50 per day and roughly equivalent to the number of new positives during the entire month of September.

The continued rise is straining the health care system, said Chris Brabant, president and CEO of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital; James Dietsche, CEO of Bellin Health Oconto Hospital; and Debra Konitzer, county public health officer.

The hospitals have activated their emergency plans. When the announcement was made, only 17% of hospital beds were available in a seven-county region that includes Oconto County.

“It is extremely important that our communities remain vigilant in their actions and how they contribute to the spread of COVID-19,” Brabant said. “If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed, please get tested at one of the testing sites in our county and not the emer-

gency room. This is one of the ways to help control the spread.”

As a result of the rapid surge of cases, the public health system is operating at crisis capacity and is no longer able to reach out to all positive cases in a timely manner, Konitzer said. In addition, public health officials are no longer able to call the contacts of the positive cases to give isolation and quarantine guidelines, which hampers efforts to contain the virus.

The health care officials said masking is an easy strategy to help stop the spread.

“We know masking works, and it’s a simple way to protect yourself and those around you,” said Dietsche. “It’s an important way to show caring for others, and to help ensure businesses can stay open and our communities can continue to thrive.”

They called for local residents to work together as a community and protect each other.

“We cannot ignore the science.”

Konitzer said. “We can prevent deaths. We can keep our family and friends out of hospitals. We can all do our part to protect each other.”

Among their recommendations:

- Indoors, do not gather with people with whom you do not live. This means stay home as much as possible; avoid parties, reunions, weddings and other gatherings.
 - Outdoors, limit gatherings to 10 people or fewer while maintaining 6 feet of space from each other and wearing masks.
 - Wear a face mask while in public.
 - Keep 6 feet of space from others while in public.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If you have COVID-19 symptoms, get tested and stay home while waiting for test results.
 - Follow isolation and quarantine guidelines.
- For information, visit www.oconto-countycovid.info.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: OWEN HUBER

Oconto Falls senior a focal point for team's offense

The Oconto Falls High School football team's run-oriented offense features a number of skilled players. Senior Owen Huber has been in the spotlight for the Panthers in the first few weeks of the season.

In a season-opening 28-6 loss to Coleman on Sept. 25, Huber recorded Oconto Falls' lone touchdown, hauling in a 60-yard pass in the third quarter.

Huber had a breakout game in the team's 40-23 victory over Northland Pines on Oct. 2. Huber rushed 22 times for 250 yards and four touchdowns, scoring on runs of 16, 8, 49 and 4 yards. He also caught two passes for 45 yards, led the defense with 10 total tackles and forced a fumble.

The Panthers suffered a 40-8 loss to ranked Lourdes Academy on Friday, but Huber still put together a solid offensive showing. He rushed for 53 yards and caught three passes for an additional 29 yards.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: I would say in fourth grade when I was put into Pop Warner football. That's when I realized I loved this sport.

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

A: This season is special as a lot of people know we don't know how many games we have this season, and as a senior I feel I need to give it my all every time football is the topic.

Q: What has the game of football taught you over the years?

A: The game of football has taught me that it's not only about being big and hitting other guys, it's learning the game and tactics and how to read their movements.

Q: You scored a 60-yard touchdown in the first week of your

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Owen Huber

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Running back/wingback, linebacker

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

senior season. Talk me through the play and how special that moment is for you.

A: That play was a big turning point I feel like for me, to show my speed and ability to find the end zone. It was special for me because that was only the start, and I still have more games to show off what I can do.

Q: You had a monster game to help your team to its first win of the season in week two. Talk me through that performance and what allowed you to be so successful.

A: That game was truly something else; I was pumped for that game. Last season against Lux-Casco, I injured my ankle on the same field we would be playing against Northern Pines on. I wanted to finish what I started before I got hurt last season.

Q: As a senior, how do you balance being a leader for your team and trying to enjoy your final season?

A: I enjoy being a leader for this team; we all love playing the game. To have them look up to me is amazing. It does suck having it be my final year, but I just want to be someone they will remember as a great teacher and player to the team.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through to get ready for a game?

A: I like to focus on myself and ready myself to be watched by my parents and other coaches. We pray as a team and thank everyone we need to thank. I like to stand before



Oconto Falls' Owen Huber runs with the football during a 2019 North Eastern Conference clash against Fox Valley Lutheran in Oconto Falls.

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the anthem and take in the feeling of the air and the lights shining on the field.

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

A: I would have to say my first game I played on varsity football my sophomore year. I remember being nervous I wouldn't be good enough. After that first snap, all I remember is enjoyment and love for the game. It all just comes natural ever since I don't feel nervous.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "The Walking

Dead." Movie — "Harry Potter" series. Musical artist — Yung Gravy.

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

A: I love collecting movie series — All "Avengers," "Harry Potter," "John Wick" 1,2,3.

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

A: To be the person you want to be and not the person everyone else wants you to be.

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

A: To enjoy life, work hard and have a good life for my future family.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Little mistakes add up for Oconto Falls in nonconference loss to Lourdes Academy

Joachim scores lone Panther touchdown

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

When facing some of the better teams in the state, playing mistake-free football is key to coming away with the win.

The Oconto Falls High School football team learned that on Friday, when the team made too many little mistakes during a 40-8 nonconference loss to Lourdes Academy in Oconto Falls.

Up until Thursday, Oconto Falls was preparing to take on Northwoods Conference opponent Northern Elite. Instead, after a coronavirus-related cancellation by Northern Elite, the Panthers wound up hosting Lourdes Academy, which was ranked second in Division 7 of the wissports.net coaches poll coming into the week.

Oconto Falls opened the contest with the football and looked to build up some early momentum. The Panthers run-heavy offense was able to pick up three first downs and march the ball into Lourdes Academy territory.

After short runs on first and second down, the Panthers decided to pass on third, but a breakdown on the offensive line led to a sack of senior quarterback Tucker Bouche. Facing fourth-and-12 at the Lourdes' 43-yard line, Oconto Falls tried to flip field position by punting.

The move appeared to pay off, as the Panthers defense forced the visitors into a fourth-and-2 from their own 37, only to jump offside on the hard count and give the Knights an automatic first down.

Five plays later, Lourdes scored the game's first touchdown.

After Oconto Falls was forced to punt on its next possession, a pair of tackles for losses from the Panthers defense would have forced a punt on fourth-and-long, but a face-mask call on the second tackle for loss gave Lourdes another crack at third down. The Knights converted and eventually worked into Panther territory.



Oconto Falls' Brant Rowland (61) and Daylen Hischke (88) chase Lourdes Academy quarterback Joshua Bauer (12) during the first half of Friday's nonconference game in Oconto Falls.

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Another Oconto Falls' tackle for loss, this one by senior Daylen Hischke, forced the Knights into fourth down. The visitors again came through, connecting on a 33-yard touchdown pass to go up two scores.

Attempting a pass on first-and-15 after a fumble on the first play of its next drive, Oconto Falls was intercepted. It took the Knights two plays to go 44 yards and into the end zone again.

"That first half really snow-balled on us right away. I saw a lot of things that I didn't like," said Oconto Falls coach Nick Bohl. "The mental errors added up. It wasn't one position, or one side of the ball, it was the whole team, coaches included on that."

"Friday's game was a tough one. Lourdes defense was physical and disciplined," said Bouche. "As for their offense, they had a few good skilled players and capitalized on some errors."

Oconto Falls next offensive drive was a promising one, as it went into Lourdes Academy territory. But a fumble on third down forced the Panthers to punt on fourth from

midfield, and the Knights blocked the kick, setting up a quick six-play, 33-yard touchdown drive.

Down 27-0, the Panthers decided to go for it on fourth-and-2 from its own 36 on the next drive. Oconto Falls converted on a run from senior Owen Huber, but on the very next play, a fumble after a completed pass ended the drive and gave the visitors another chance to score before half.

The Panthers were then hit by a bit of misfortune as a tipped pass on second down turned into a 63-yard touchdown.

Starting with the ball in the third quarter, Lourdes put together another touchdown drive — its sixth straight to start the game.

Oconto Falls had another drive end in Lourdes territory after a fumble on a fourth-down play before putting together a scoring drive early in the fourth quarter.

A pass from Bouche to Huber on third-and-10 set up third-and-3, which junior Dylan Thomson was able to convert on a six-yard run. The next play, senior Logan Joachim broke free for a 43-yard touchdown run and then powered his way in for the two-point conversion.

But it was too little, too late for

the Panthers, as a long Knights' drive drained most of the remaining time in the game.

"Lourdes Academy came out with a tougher mentality on defense than we did," said Joachim. "Offensively, Lourdes Academy came out with strong passes and made some tough runs and passes compared to our defense."

The now 1-2 Panthers hope to bounce back this week in a road clash against conference opponent Tomahawk. The game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff Friday.

Lourdes Academy 7 26 7 0
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First quarter

LA: Jack Huizenga 16-yard pass from Joshua Bauer (Will Pollack kick), 2:43

Second quarter

LA: Preston Ruedinger 33-yard pass from Bauer (kick failed), 10:05

LA: Bauer 1-yard run (Pollack kick), 9:24

LA: Ruedinger 5-yard pass from Bauer (Pollack kick), 3:19

LA: Huizenga 63-yard pass from Bauer (run failed) 0:29

Third quarter

LA: Bauer 2-yard run (Adam Arnoldussen kick), 10:03

Fourth quarter

OF: Logan Joachim 42-yard run (Joachim run), 8:21

WIAA board approves track and field rules, non-school competition accommodations

Winter sports guidelines also approved

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved two track and field coaches' recommendations and provided flexibility for non-school competitions during the spring and alternate fall seasons in 2020-21 only at its October meeting on Oct. 9.

The board supported adding language to the state association recommendations section of the track and field season regulations that reads in part "...for relay exchanges that do not occur in assigned lanes...the line-up position is determined and maintained when the incoming runners reach the straightaway before the exchange."

The other track and field recommendation approved by the board

extends the sunset clause – approved by the board in 2017 – for determining divisional placements. This will allow for the required second year of data collection, which was unable to be compiled because of the cancellation of the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board's decision to provide COVID-19 pandemic accommodations for non-school competitions and to allow those events during the WIAA culminating events for 2020-21 on a sport-specific basis. The existing rule allows student-athletes in all sports to play in two non-school events.

Boys soccer, boys volleyball and girls volleyball teams during the alternate fall season in the spring will

be allowed a total of four non-school events to be played during either the regular season or during the WIAA culminating events. Baseball and softball teams in the spring will be allowed a total of three non-school events to be played during either the regular season or WIAA culminating events. Girls soccer teams will be permitted to play their two allowed non-school events during either the regular season or culminating events.

The board also ratified a culminating event attendance policy (<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Health/Covid/CulminatingAttendancePolicy.pdf>) for culminating events that is being shared with the membership. The board also approved the winter sports guidelines (<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Health/Covid/WIAA-Winter-Sport-Guidelines.pdf>) for conducting interscholastic activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was shared with the membership.

Other discussions included continuation of the fall season culminating events, a review of the 2020 postponed constitutional amendments and the potential new amendments for the 2021 annual meeting, a membership request to revisit a competition committee, a review of the virtual area meetings, and a review of the preliminary audit report.

The board received liaison reports from John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, and Nathan DeLany of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Oconto Falls team, individuals fall short of state berth

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School girls golf team placed seventh at the Division 2 The Prairie School Sectional on Oct. 6 at Ives Grove Golf Links in Racine.

The top-two finishing teams at the sectional qualified for state. The Prairie School and Freedom earned the team state bids.

The top-three individual golfers from any other teams also quali-

fied for state. The three individual qualifiers posted 18-hole rounds of 81, 82 and 87.

Kaylee Sadowski was Oconto Falls' top golfer on the day, carding a 97 to tie for 16th place. She posted a score of 51 on the front nine before a 46 on the back nine.

"With this being my last year, it couldn't have ended any better," said Sadowski. "Making it as a team to sectionals was a time we will never forget. The experience was more than we could have ever

asked for! This season was hard knowing that we may not even get a season. Being able to go to practices, matches, and sectionals was more than I could have ever bargained for. I am grateful that we could finish out the year as outstanding as we did. Wouldn't have wanted to wrap up my senior year any other way!"

Morgan Blazek was the team's second-best finisher with a round of 107. Blazek tallied a 52 on the front nine.

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Full results from the sectional can be found online at <https://www.wiaawi.org/sports/fall/girls-golf/tournament>.

Kearra Champeau (119), Kate Pytleski (124) and Carli Fischer (125) filled out the Panthers five-golfer team. Champeau and Fischer each fared better on the back nine, while Pytleski finished with 62s on the front and back nine.

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Fire extinguishers donated in family's memory

The fire that claimed four lives in Oconto on Jan. 17 led employees of Johnson Controls to provide more than 12,000 fire extinguishers to the families of students in 26 schools in Oconto, Marinette and Menominee counties.

The donations are in response the Oconto house fire that took the lives of Katherine DeCoursin, 35, and her

children, Jeri Leigh Schroeder, 15, Dalton Schroeder, 13, and Nicholas DeCoursin Jr., 11, along with their family pet, Hagrid.

When employees at Johnson Controls became aware of this incident and that family ties existed within the company, they felt that, as a fire protection company and longtime member of the community, they

needed to take action on behalf of the family and friends of these victims to create awareness of the importance of fire prevention.

By donating one extinguisher per student during October Fire Prevention Month, Johnson Controls hopes to reduce some of the risk of another family having to endure a tragedy like this in the future, a company

spokesperson said.

“Our 800-plus employees undoubtedly represent their communities by bringing loyalty and compassion to our workplace,” said Jill Kakuk, Johnson Controls human resources manager. “It is in this spirit that Johnson Controls has chosen to support them in responding to the tragedy that occurred last winter.”

MARRIAGES

Adam John Drew and Mercedes Rose Dumas, Chase.

Tyler James Beland and Marissa Lyn Benoit, Lena.

Joshua James Arndt and Victoria Anastasia Micooley-Phillips, Lena.

Keith Joseph Warrichaet and Nancy Ann Dahlin, Brazeau.

TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance with Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of voting machine to be used at the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, will be conducted for the Town of Oconto Falls on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.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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Town of Lena Invitation to Bid

The Town of Lena is taking bids for a project on Tower Drive Road. A pre-bid meeting is set for October 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. on the corner of Tower Drive Road and Molitor Road.

The Town of Lena, Oconto County, is accepting sealed bids for the reconstruction of one mile of Tower Drive Road from County A Road towards Molitor Road.

Bids are due on November 19, 2020 and will be opened and awarded at the Town Hall meeting on November 19, 2020 starting at 7:00 P.M. at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139.

Job timing will be reviewed at the pre-bid meeting.

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Truck & Place _____ yards of Crushed Rock @ _____ per ton.

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 which the town will supply. 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.

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

Any questions please call Town Chairman, Kevin Jagiello at 920-373-4908.

Dawn VanArk, Clerk
Town of Lena

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Townsend Thanksgiving meal canceled

The annual 2020 Thanksgiving Day Dinner hosted by St. John Lutheran Church, Townsend, has been canceled because of ongoing concerns about the coronavirus pandemic.

Event coordinator Lynn Schmidt said this was a difficult but necessary decision.

“For the past 10 years, we have held the traditional Thanksgiving dinner to not only foster fellowship

among the congregation, but to offer a place to go for those in the community who wanted to join us on this very special day,” Schmidt said, “but due to mitigation efforts designed to counteract the spread of COVID-19, we are adhering to the CDC guidelines, which ask us not to gather in large groups this fall.”

Schmidt said the church looks forward to resuming the tradition in 2021.

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#1298
October 09, 16, 23, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY COURT BRANCH
OCONTO COUNTY
Case No. 20PA

Summons
In re the paternity of:
WAYLON KALINKE
Minor
AUSTIN KRUEGER
10787 State Highway 22
Gillett, WI 54124
Petitioner
And
SKY V. STUEBS
Last known address:
941 South Cleveland Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Respondent
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Respondent:
You are hereby notified that the petitioner named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The petitioner claims that he may be the father of the child that resides in Kroenwetter, Wisconsin, Marathon County. You must appear to answer this claim of paternity.
Your court appearance is:
DATE: October 30, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
BEFORE: Commissioner Peggy L. Miller
LOCATION: Oconto County Courthouse
301 Washington Street
Oconto, Wisconsin 54153

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Within twenty (20) days of receiving this summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the petition. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Clerk of Court, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin, 54153, and to the Law Offices of Czachar, Polack & Borcharadt, LLP, whose address is 107 N. Broadway, Suite II, P.O. Box 2402, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54306-2402. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within twenty (20) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the petition and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 5th day of October, 2020
CZACHOR, POLACK & BORCHARADT, LLP
/s/ Peter R. Borcharadt,
By, Peter R. Borcharadt, 1052278
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. ADDRESS:
CZACHOR, POLACK & BORCHARADT
107 North Broadway, Suite II
P.O. Box 2402
Green Bay, WI 54306-2402
Telephone: (920) 435-7300
Fax: (920) 437-1421
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC TEST VILLAGE OF SURING

PLEASE take notice that a PUBLIC TEST of the electronic voting system to be used at the FALL GENERAL ELECTION on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, will be conducted on, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 at 10:00 AM at SURING VILLAGE HALL, 604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI 54174, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 5.84(1).
This public test is open to the general public.

Dated & Posted: SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer

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Hayes potato pancake dinner canceled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of all, St. John Lutheran Church of Hayes has decided to cancel its annual potato pancake dinner, which had been scheduled for Oct. 25.

This is only the third time in 75 years that the popular meal has been canceled.

The first time was because of the polio pandemic in 1950, and the second time was due to extensive remodeling

of the church in the late 1960s.

In both instances, the dinner was back in full force the following year, the church said in a release. “God willing, we will be back again next year,” the release said. “Same time: last Sunday in October. Same place: St. John Lutheran Church, Hayes. Same menu: potato pancakes, ham, chicken booyah, etc. Come see us then. Thank you for understanding.”

NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY PUBLIC TEST

The Town of Bagley will test the elctronic tabulating machine to be used for the NOVEMBER 3,2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION on WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2020. at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 COUNTY HWY Z POUND, WI. 54161

This test is open to the public.

ALAN SLEETER, CLERK
TOWN OF BAGLEY

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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 General Election on November 3, 2020, for the Town of Morgan, will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Town Hall.

ALSO

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Morgan will have a General Election on November 3, 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 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the November 3, 2020 General Election in the City of Gillett will be conducted on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 12:30 pm at Gillett City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI. This test is open to the public.

Chelsea Anderson, Clerk Treasurer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OCONTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE JANITORIAL SERVICES

Oconto County seeks to contract to obtain professional janitorial services by a reputable firm to perform necessary services to clean the Oconto County Courthouse complex.

Proposals must be marked as “Janitorial Bid” and must be received **prior to 4:00 p.m. CDT, Monday, November 2, 2020.**

Proposals should be mailed to:

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

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

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

Firms who submit proposals will be required to attend a mandatory walk through at the Courthouse complex on Tuesday, October 20 2020 at 10:00 a.m. CDT in County Board Room, 3rd Floor, Building A.

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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 5:30 PM** at the Suring Municipal Building, 604 E. Main Street, a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the **PROPOSED BUDGET** for 2021 of the Village of Suring will be held. The Proposed Budget in detail is available for inspection at the Village Clerk’s office during regular business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2020 budget:

<u>VILLAGE OF SURING</u>	2019 ACTUAL	2020 YEAR END PROJECTED	2020 BUDGET	BUDGET NOTES	2021 BUDGET	Percentage change in budget
REVENUES						
Taxes - General Levy	\$240,000	\$265,794	\$265,794		\$247,333	-6.95%
Other Taxes	\$41,380	\$41,869	\$42,380		\$40,317	-4.87%
Special Assessments/charges	\$19,381	\$19,065	\$21,840	Garbage service-Special Chg. Per parcel of \$110	\$19,065	-12.71%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$245,427	\$210,702	\$205,910	USDA SQUAD GRANT \$46,000 & Exp Res Again \$10,723.31	\$265,613	28.99%
Licenses & Permits	\$6,875	\$4,549	\$3,500		\$3,770	7.71%
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	\$6,581	\$1,803	\$4,500		\$2,500	-44.44%
Public Charges for Service	\$5,898	\$8,915	\$2,325		\$4,150	78.49%
Intergovernmental charges	\$105,693	\$106,693	\$106,885		\$106,071	-0.76%
Miscellaneous	\$60,572	\$63,505	\$32,000		\$21,200	-33.75%
Other Financing Sources	\$45,000	\$204,000				
TOTAL REVENUES	\$776,806	\$926,896	\$685,134		\$710,019	3.63%
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	\$102,340	\$114,884	\$123,842		\$107,865	-12.90%
Public Safety	\$217,368	\$189,833	\$219,963		\$322,952	46.82%
Public Works	\$118,494	\$152,253	\$142,350		\$163,294	14.71%
Health & Human Services	\$1,849	\$2,245	\$3,000		\$2,850	-5.00%
Culture, Recreation, Education	\$36,728	\$30,643	\$28,806		\$39,606	37.49%
Conservation & Development	\$1,490	\$3,310	\$5,195		\$4,080	-21.46%
Capital Outlay & Planning	\$168,390	\$58,047	\$53,000		\$26,442	-50.11%
Debt Service	\$134,038	\$101,513	\$108,978		\$42,930	-60.61%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$780,697	\$652,728	\$685,134		\$710,019	3.63%

Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer
Posted Oct. 6, 2020
Published Oct. 16, 2020

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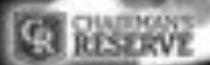
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5-lb Bag

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Dole
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each

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Bread



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or Sandies Cookies



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Assorted Variety
8-14.99

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Singles

\$3.49 12oz

Colortex Big
Mopier Paper
Towels



\$4.99
6pk

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\$1.29 12oz

Bellatoria Ultra
Thin or Pan Pizza



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Assorted Variety
12.75-23.99

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Cooked or
Potato Chips



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5-8oz

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lb

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89¢
lb

It's important to have a plan for *breast cancer prevention*



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This means the color pink is everywhere, pink wrist bands at the gym, striped, pink hats, scarves and shirts at the clothing store and even pink teddy bears around town. But it's more than just a pink ribbon. It's about prevention.

According to breastcancer.org, about one in eight women in the U.S. (about 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In 2020, an estimated 275,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 48,530 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. This could be your mother, daughter, friend, sister, grandmother, neighbor, co-worker, even *you*, self.

It's natural then to wonder about your own risk of breast cancer and what can be done to prevent it. Some say, "I'm getting a mammogram, so I'm ok." While this is a great

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first step, managing breast cancer risk is about more than having a mammogram. Read that again. **Managing breast cancer risk is MORE THAN JUST A MAMMOGRAM!**

It starts by identifying your risk. For some, your plan will be to take care of yourself and get your mammogram yearly. For others, it may be more complicated. For many participants in a high risk program with tailored interventions to decrease your risk including additional imaging, medications and healthy lifestyle modifications.

Our goal at Prevea Breast Surgery is to make sure women are on the **RIGHT** path to prevent as many cancers as possible. That's why Prevea Health offers a breast risk assessment program. The program includes:

- Review of personal medical and breast health history
- Review of family medical history for cancer
- Perform a clinical breast exam
- Calculate your risk for developing breast cancer
- Explain your personal breast cancer risk
- Discuss breast screening recommendations and ways to reduce your risk
- Assess whether there is a need for referral to a breast health specialist for high-risk surveillance and/or a genetic counselor for genetic consultation and possible testing

Our breast risk assessment services are offered in Green Bay. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (920) 272-3350.

Knowing your risk, having a plan and having your back to make sure you have all the tools you need is what Prevea Breast Surgery is All about.



Colette Salm-Schmid, MD

Dr. Salm-Schmid is a board-certified, fellowship-trained breast surgeon with Prevea Health.

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