



## ELECTION DAY ARRIVES

A statue of Themis, ancient Greek goddess of Justice, looks down from atop the dome of the Oconto County Courthouse. Oconto County Clerk Kim Pytleski assures voters that Tuesday's results will be secure.  
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### Eight new COVID-19 deaths in October

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# Oconto County clerk reassures voters

## Security in place to protect integrity of election results, Pytleski says

By **WARREN BLUHM**  
News Editor

Oconto County Clerk Kim Pytleski wants to reassure voters that the election process is secure and the numbers will be tallied accurately after Tuesday's general election.

Federal officials have confirmed that attempts are being made to disrupt the election, she said. The goal is not to hack or change results — which is virtually impossible because of all the safeguards in place — but rather to undermine people's confidence in the election process, Pytleski told the Oconto County Board during its Oct. 22 regular monthly meeting.

Her comments came as in-person absentee voting got underway for another year, and she emphasized that although the COVID-19 has brought attention to the process — inaccurately dubbed “early voting” — it's nothing new or different.

“The biggest thing I really want to make clear to everyone ... is that the process has not changed for elections. None of it,” Pytleski said. “It's no different than it was before.”

People have always had the right to vote in-person absentee or walk an absentee ballot in on Election Day, and this will be a fair election as always, she said.

“We have kept all 28 of our polling places open because our poll workers are very dedicated,” Pytleski said. “I do ask that when we go to our polling places, and I'm putting myself out there, please wear the mask. Not because it's a political statement; it is because we have poll workers who are willing to work those polls, and some of them have called me and said, ‘I'm a little nervous for this reason.’”

Officials cannot require people to wear masks while voting, but, Pytleski asked, “Don't do that to my poll workers. Don't do that to my election

workers, OK? They mean the world to me.”

City, town and village clerks are responsible for conducting in-person absentee voting, so people should contact their municipal clerk for information, she said.

In a conference call with national security officials, Pytleski said, some of the efforts to undermine the election in other states have taken the form of phoned threats to people to vote a certain way or face unspecified consequences.

“The results of the election are confidential,” she emphasized. “No one knows how you vote. We need you to come have your voice heard.”

A lot of security is in place to protect the integrity of the results, Pytleski said. There may be attempts, for example, to disrupt the system that announces the unofficial results to the public, but the real numbers are protected in a variety of ways, she said.

## COVID-19 spike continues in Oconto County

### Positive tests, deaths double during October

By **WARREN BLUHM**  
News Editor

The number of positive tests for COVID-19 in Oconto County surged past 2,000 last weekend, and eight more deaths have been recorded during the month of October for a total of 13.

Health & Human Services Director Mike Reimer told the Oconto County Board on Oct. 22 that about 5% of the county's population, or one in 20, has contracted the virus since the first case was confirmed March 27.

The latest surge is not a result of more testing, Reimer said. The positivity rate — the number of COVID-19 tests that got a positive result — was 4.8% on July 21 but grew to 36.8% on Oct. 21.

He continues to hear comments

from people who contracted the disease and said it wasn't so bad, but the statistics prove it can be deadly.

“It depends on your body; it depends on which systems it goes after,” Reimer said. “Many people do suffer with this virus.” About 95 county residents have required hospitalization.

Internally, Oconto County Health & Human Services personnel have had 10 positive tests — about 10% of the staff — but none have been transmitted at the office; all were infected out in the community, he said.

“So your department heads and the administration have done a great job establishing a safe environment in the courthouse,” Reimer said. “We mask up. We keep our distance and knock on wood that we have not had transmission through the workplace yet at Health & Human Services.”

As the numbers climb — it took six months for the county to record its 1,000th case and 26 days to reach 2,000 — the complaints Reimer fields are less along the lines that govern-

ment is overreaching and more that the government is not doing enough.

A number of callers have asked Reimer to crack down on people who don't follow COVID-19 safety protocols, but he said officials have decided to “trust our businesses and our community to be safe” and rely on education and persuasion.

“I'm sending a letter to our businesses and saying, ‘We received a complaint from the community,’ and then I'm putting the exact words of what the complaint says, so they know exactly what's being said,” he said. “Then I add that if you'd like to discuss this, just give me a call back.”

Reimer repeated that it's very effective when county board members wear masks, practice social distancing and otherwise model appropriate safe behaviors when they go into bars or restaurants.

“That example goes a long way, because folks are watching you,” he said. “When they see their leader doing that, we believe it has an effect.”

## CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.

# COVID-19 testing scheduled at Doty Town Hall

## Four dates have been set aside

At the request of Oconto County Public Health and Emergency Management, the Wisconsin National Guard will be providing free drive-through COVID-19 nasal swab testing in northern Oconto County on three more occasions over the next six weeks, starting Tuesday.

Testing will take place at the Doty Town Hall, 14899 County Road T, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 10 and from noon to 8 p.m. Nov. 24 and Dec. 8. The Guard's first visit to Doty was to have taken place Tuesday.

Anyone who is 5 and older with at least one symptom of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, can get tested at these events. Symptoms include: fever, cough, loss of taste/smell, short-

ness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, body aches, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, chills or muscle aches.

Testing is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the unknown amount of interest, prepare for potential wait times. Participants must remain in their vehicles at all times, and no public restrooms are available.

To save time, participants are encouraged to register the day of their test at [register.covidconnect.wi.gov](https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov). Do not register until the day of the test as questions about symptoms are asked. People who don't register will still be tested, but it will take more time. For information, visit [www.ocontocountycovid.info](https://www.ocontocountycovid.info).

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### NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET GILLETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5) (a), that the Gillett School District, on October 22, 2020, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2020-2021 amounts.

| GENERAL FUND                                |                               |                            |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| LINE ITEM                                   | PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT \$ | AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$ | CHANGE \$          |
| <b>Anticipated Revenue:</b>                 |                               |                            |                    |
| Transfers-In (Source 100)                   | 2,000.00                      | 2,000.00                   | 0.00               |
| Local Sources (Source 200)                  | 2,494,319.00                  | 2,434,314.00               | (60,005.00)        |
| Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)  | 244,992.00                    | 268,600.00                 | 23,608.00          |
| Intermediate Sources (Source 500)           | 5,700.00                      | 5,700.00                   | 0.00               |
| State Sources (Source 600)                  | 4,846,887.00                  | 4,843,642.00               | (3,245.00)         |
| Federal Sources (Source 700)                | 332,050.00                    | 290,464.00                 | (41,586.00)        |
| All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)        | 41,600.00                     | 41,600.00                  | 0.00               |
| <b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>            | <b>7,967,548.00</b>           | <b>7,886,320.00</b>        | <b>(81,228.00)</b> |
| <b>Expenditure Appropriations:</b>          |                               |                            |                    |
| Instruction (Function 100 000)              | 3,131,284.00                  | 3,086,788.00               | (44,496.00)        |
| Support Services (Function 200 000)         | 3,119,258.00                  | 3,129,552.00               | 10,294.00          |
| Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000) | 1,717,006.00                  | 1,669,980.00               | (47,026.00)        |
| <b>Total Expenditure Appropriations</b>     | <b>7,967,548.00</b>           | <b>7,886,320.00</b>        | <b>(81,228.00)</b> |
| <b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>               | <b>1,533,335.62</b>           | <b>1,533,335.62</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        |
| <b>Projected Ending Fund Balance</b>        | <b>1,533,335.62</b>           | <b>1,533,335.62</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        |

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# Schools grapple with virtual versus in-person learning

## Pandemic makes it hard to keep classrooms staffed

By **WARREN BLUHM**  
News Editor

The Gillett School Board urged its administrators to do all they can to keep in-person classes in session during their Oct. 22 regular monthly meeting, after being briefed on two options for adjusting the schedule during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Gillett returned from a two-week period of all-virtual learning on Oct. 13, and the Oconto Falls School District is in the third week of learning from home, as local educators deal with rising cases among students and staff.

When the Gillett board met, about 43% of the middle school student body was exercising the option to learn virtually, 42% of high school students and 19% at the elementary school, Superintendent Todd Hencsik reported.

Administrators and teachers were discussing their options should the numbers grow any higher; as much as 68% of the student body have been at home when the numbers for voluntary virtual learning are combined with students and staff who test positive and/or are quarantined.

One of the options under discus-

sion was to go all-virtual until the pandemic eases, and another was to restructure the school day and consolidate in-person classes. Neither option was close to being implemented, but a staff discussion the morning of the school board meeting led to a community backlash in the hours before the gathering.

Board President Jamie Young said he had nearly two dozen phone calls and texts that afternoon from parents because word on the streets was that the all-virtual option had been chosen.

"I did not get one positive phone call about going virtual," Young said. Hencsik said that some staff members polled their students about the ideas, and the message must have gotten "lost in translation."

Young said he opposed both options.

"I feel like our job is to be here in this school teaching kids in person, and we're moving completely away from that," Young said. "That's our core. That's what we're here for."

The virtual option is a short-term solution during the pandemic and will never be the core of local education, Young said.

Hencsik agreed that the staff

struggled with taking care of the kids who really want to be in school while also dealing with the sizable virtual cohort.

"Everybody in this room can agree that in-person learning is better than any online learning," Hencsik said. He added that teachers are concerned that they don't have time to give virtual kids the interaction they deserve, a kind of interaction that can be done as a group face-to-face but must be one-on-one via a computer.

"I have a growing stream of staff members coming in and saying, 'This is a lot,'" high school principal Jason Dreier said.

Board member Jamie Heroux said he's concerned the perception would be, "So you gave the people who did not want to come in the option of being virtual, but now you're going to take that option away from the people who say we want to be in school."

The consensus was that Gillett will continue holding in-person class five days a week for as long as possible.

Meanwhile in Oconto Falls, Superintendent Dean Hess told his district's school board Oct. 19 that

administrators had begun talking with Oconto County public health officials about transitioning back to face-to-face classes. The district went all-virtual Oct. 8 with a goal of reassessing the situation during the first week in November.

Hess said the decision was made after so many staff were sick and/or quarantined that they needed to put counselors, paraprofessionals who hold teaching certificates and administrators into classrooms to keep the school running.

"For seven to 10 days prior to going virtual, we were in a stopgap situation where we would not have enough people to teach our classes, and so we had to move people out of different jobs to have them teach even though that wasn't their primary role," he said. "That was OK for a short period of time, but you can't operate that way as a standard operating procedure."

Oconto Falls started the school year with face-to-face classes four days a week and virtual Wednesdays. Hess said this week's meetings will be to figure out criteria, a timeline and process of coming back — whether it will be the same schedule or a modified version.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gerrymandering is the tool of tyrants

To the editor:

The essence of democracy is the idea that the citizens have the right to choose, according to their best judgment, what political philosophies and public policies will govern them. In order to evaluate their choices, the citizens need to be aware of and understand all of their policy options, have the relevant facts and confidence that their choices will be implemented.

In a healthy democracy, those wishing to represent the citizens must have the courage of their convictions. They must candidly present their ideas and arguments to the scrutiny of the citizens in the open marketplace of ideas, where they will compete freely with alternative policies and philosophies. Those without such courage or convictions become afraid their ideas cannot compete. So they strive to secure political power

through other means, such as gerrymandering.

Gerrymandering strives to create a condition where only a single political party has power. One party rule is a common vehicle used by oligarchs, communists and other tyrants to seize power. By redrawing voting district lines that exclude dissenting voters, gerrymandering lets the party in power determine what policies will win. The vote of the people then

becomes meaningless because there is no competition. The open marketplace of ideas is shut down so that only the ideas and policies of those in power are heard.

In Wisconsin we need to insist on outlawing gerrymandering. I urge you to vote against the gerrymandering politicians. Choose liberty and democracy over one-party rule.

**James Carnes,**  
Oconto

### Right to life is most important issue

To the editor:

Life is a precious thing. All lives matter. In this vein, consider the lives of those who don't have a voice, who cannot protest because

their lies have been tragically ended through abortion.

I commend President Trump for his pro-life stance and urge you to unite behind our president

and support him with your vote on Nov. 3.

The right to life is the most important issue facing our country. One-issue voter, you betcha! You

know, if you have been denied life, no other issues matter.

**Jean Farrell,**  
Suamico

## MARRIAGES

Derek Allen Johnson and Anna Claire Jagodzinski, Oconto Falls.

Corey Emil Timm and Julie Ann Williquette, Mountain.

# OBITUARIES

Craig Kopatz, 61, Oconto Falls, loving son, brother, father, husband, uncle, grandfather and friend, lost his 16-month battle with pancreatic cancer on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at home with his family present. Craig was born March 15, 1959, in Suring to Fred and the late Elizabeth (Sleeter) Kopatz.

Craig was a mason by trade and a member of Local 330 for over 35 years. He worked up through the ranks of Hougard Construction to become the youngest superintendent they had ever employed. He truly loved his time at Hougard and considered them family. Craig and his business partner, Dave Blohowiak, started 5 Star Masonry in 2003. They were passionate about their trade and enjoyed working together with friends Don Blohowiak, Art Nuthals,



Bill VerHagg, Chuck Topel and Dan Weihbrecht. His dad, Fred, was a constant support and mentor throughout his life.

Craig enjoyed deer hunting with his dad, and they

had the good fortune of bagging many deer over the years. His love of golf led him to River Island Golf Club where many rounds and happy times were had with fellow golfers and friends — especially Tony, Bob, Reuben, Butch, Chiefy and Rick. He loved River Island and served on the board for many years, contributing his time and mason skills whenever he could. He will be remembered for

## Craig Kopatz

his humor and quick wit and abundant love for his family.

Craig leaves behind his loving wife, Veronica; father, Fred; daughters, Erica (Dwayne) Beaumier, Ashley Bahrke, Jessica (Shaba) Angus, Rebecca Angus; son, Richard Angus; grandchildren, Peyton and Nolan Beaumier, John and Adalee Bahrke, Aidan and Liam Andrich. He is further survived by sisters, Christine Peterman and Carmen (Roger) Behringer; mother-in-law, Vi McDermid; sisters-in-law, Pat Wranosky, Geri (Ricky) Kruse, Susie (Donnie) McDermid, Mary McDermid; brother-in-law, Dan (Debbie) McDermid; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

Craig was preceded in death by his mother, Bette Kopatz; stepmother, Marylou Kopatz; father-in-law,

Neil McDermid; brothers-in-law, Mike McDermid and Robert McDermid; his grandparents, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Due to COVID concerns, private family services were held Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls with Pastor Anthes officiating. The public joined the family at noon Wednesday for committal services at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Craig's family would like to thank the Bellin Cancer Team, Dr. Tahsildar, Janie Cook APNP, Dr. Pan, all of the caring nurses, especially Donna, and the Unity Hospice Care Team. The family also wishes to thank all of the friends who have stopped by to help, brought food, called, sent cards and sent prayers. Your generosity will never be forgotten.

## Herbert A.J. Sommerfeld

Herbert August John Sommerfeld, 98, of Gillett, passed away at a Green Bay nursing home suddenly but peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020.

Herbert was born Aug. 1, 1922, in Gillett to the late August and Hulda (Wendt) Sommerfeld. At a young age, his father died. Herb dropped out of eighth grade to help run the farm with his older brother, Merlin, and his mom. He was fond of his school days. Took the horse and buggy to school about 3 miles, yes, uphill through the woods in deep snow with skis on the buggy in winter. He kept the horse in the little shed his dad built by the school. Lunch was in a metal pail with lid for his lard sandwiches. Herb and his brother were getting the cows for milking one evening, and their mom was in the barn and noticed a tornado coming. She yelled, "There's a tornado coming! Grab and hang on to a fence post." The tornado went overhead, and they all stayed safe. Herb and Merlin would cut ice blocks from the Oconto River and sell them to the Gillett ice house. Their house was next to the Oconto River, so they also set trap lines to help their mom pay the bills.

In his younger days, he loved to play baseball on area leagues as a catcher. He loved baseball his whole life. His favorite teams were the Detroit Tigers and the Milwaukee Brewers. When his daughter lived in Milwaukee, he went to a Brewer game every year. His favorite TV shows and movies were Westerns, but also dance shows and polkas.

When his wife, Elizabeth, moved back to Gillett from Cleveland, Ohio,

they met at a dance and fell in love. His brother told him they had to be married before deer hunting season started, so they married on Nov. 17, 1945. Herb went to deer camp, and he came home with the biggest deer he had ever shot, an 11½ point buck; that hunting continued until he was 93. Herb and Liz were happily married for 69½ years. Together they worked as farm hands until they were able to purchase their own farm on Sandy Corners Road, on the Oconto River in the Town of Gillett, next to the family farm where he had grown up. They farmed for 56 years and raised a family. Card games like sheepshead and schmear occupied an awful lot of time, either hosting at their house or going to other home card parties. Herb loved animals, his cows, horses, dogs and cats. Even without seeing us, we would catch him playing with the cats and dogs like a small boy. He had a large garden, ¼ acre and a row of sweet corn in with the field corn. When he plowed and planted, his rows were perfectly straight. (He had a secret.) After he retired, he missed driving his tractor, so Herb could be found often mowing the lawn with his smaller garden tractor. Herb and Liz loved to travel during their retirement, taking bus trips around the country. When the Packers were on in the early years, the kids would go outside. Dad would yell at the coach, giving him plays like he could hear him. In his later years, he calmed down but was always a lifelong Packers fan.

He was on the board of directors for the Farmers Elevator Co-op

of Green Valley for 11 years and volunteered on the Town of Gillett Fire Department for 30 years. He belonged to the Gillett Sportsmen's Club and Trout and Ducks Unlimited, and he enjoyed trap shooting. He was an excellent bowler. His average was 280 and had to give it up because the bowling alley burned with his ball and shoes inside. Herb and Liz absolutely loved to dance together; they were so seamless that you would have thought that they were one. They were among the few who danced the Schottische in the area; everyone cleared the dance floor and were always dazzled. Herb loved to spend time with family and was always ready for a picnic, reunion and gathering of friends. Everyone knew he loved to eat; Herb was a "meat and potatoes guy," and his favorite dessert was lemon meringue pie or chocolate chip cookie with a slice of cheddar cheese. Herb was a strong, proud and good man. He loved his family, and when his grandchildren and great-grandchildren visited, it made his day and put the twinkle back in his eyes. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Herb is survived by his chil-

dren: Linda (Dick) Scapple, Steve, Gary, Debbie (Larry) Clay and Kurt Krueger. Grandchildren: Kyle (Amy) Scapple, Jamie Scapple, Matthew (Jen Schwartz) Sommerfeld, Michael (Katie) Sommerfeld, Samantha Sommerfeld, John Clay and Allison Clay. Great-grandchildren: Kate-lynn Thompson-Scapple, Abagayle Scapple, Joseph Scapple, Elizabeth Sommerfeld, Macey Sommerfeld, Leland Sommerfeld and Lennon Sommerfeld. And a sister Irene (Sommerfeld) Houck, Green Bay.

Herb was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth, brother Merlin and his wife Marie Sommerfeld, sister Elenora (Sommerfeld) and her husband Ralph Heaney, as well as many friends, neighbors and other family.

The family would like to thank Woodside Lutheran Home in Green Bay for caring for Herb for a year-and-a-half, keeping him active, happy and content.

Kuehl Funeral Home is honored to assist the family. Services were held Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at St. John's Riverside Lutheran Church (5686 State Highway 32 South, Gillett, WI), with Pastor Jim Athey officiating.

## Friends of Suring library meet Monday

The next monthly meeting of the Friends of the Suring Area Public Library is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday in the Suring Village Municipal Building Learning Center,

604 E. Main St., Suring.

On the agenda will be bylaws, Little Libraries updates and Christmas lights at the library.

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## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Oconto Falls runs out of gas in playoff match vs. Peshtigo

**By MORGAN RODE**  
Sports Editor

Having to work hard to earn every point, the second-seeded Oconto Falls High School volleyball team eventually ran out of gas in a Division 2 playoff match against third-seeded Peshtigo on Oct. 22 in Oconto Falls.

Peshtigo won by scores of 15-25, 25-19, 24-26, 25-16, 15-8.

“You have to give Peshtigo credit. They didn’t make mistakes,” said Oconto Falls coach Rochell Otto. “They put us out of system almost every single play and every time we had decent attacks, they dug things up and then they would put it to a back corner. Unfortunately, we just couldn’t adjust and get that read where we could cover those corners they were pushing them to.”

Despite being without senior Jayden Arndt and having a new lineup on the floor, the Panthers were able to still find success.

Multiple kills from junior Emmie Magnin and senior Laikyn St. Louis helped Oconto Falls out to a 6-3 lead in the first set. Senior Amelia Rice and



**Oconto Falls' Laikyn St. Louis spikes the ball during a Division 2 playoff match against Peshtigo on Oct. 22 in Oconto Falls.** MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

junior Hailey Peitersen chipped in kills during a 6-1 run to extend the lead to seven, 14-7. The Panthers continued to pull away and were able to coast to the first-set win.

The teams traded momentum during the second set, splitting the first 24 points. Magnin delivered a kill to put

the hosts up 13-12, but Peshtigo rattled off three straight points to grab a lead it wouldn't surrender.

“Their defense was incredible,” said St. Louis. “They found our weak spots, and we tried finding theirs but they adjusted a lot quicker than we did.”

“They definitely covered our hitters and picked up all of our hits really well,” said Rice. “Then they came back strong with some attacks too that hit the corners that were tough to get to.

The third set was even tighter than the second, with neither team holding a lead above four points.

Peshtigo took an early 6-2 lead before a kill from St. Louis and some strong serving from Magnin spurred a 7-0 Panthers run. Oconto Falls worked the lead up to three points on a couple of occasions, but Peshtigo eventually tied it back up at 14.

The Panthers were forced to take a timeout after going down two, 21-19. Kills from Magnin and Rice and an ace from sophomore Ashlyn Allen helped the hosts go on a 4-0 run, but the Bulldogs took the next two points to force the second Oconto Falls timeout.

After the teams traded points, a

Peshtigo attack error followed by a St. Louis kill gave Oconto Falls the set.

Even though it appeared the Panthers had taken the momentum, it was the visitors that took control early in the fourth set. Oconto Falls rallied to tie the set at nine, but Peshtigo took six of the next eight points.

After a timeout, the Panthers worked the deficit down to two before the Bulldogs pushed it back to four to force another timeout. From there on out, it was all Peshtigo.

The visitors claimed the final five points of the fourth set before claiming eight of the first 10 points in the fifth set. The closest Oconto Falls got the rest of the way was five points.

Magnin led Oconto Falls with 13 attack kills, while also tallying four aces and five total blocks. Peitersen had 31 assists, 20 digs and three total blocks.

St. Louis totaled 10 attack kills, while Rice had six. Junior Grace Oninski had five. Senior Abbi Remic tallied 18 digs, sophomore Quinn Eisch had 15, junior Karlie Kowalczyk 13 and Allen 11.

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## HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

# Gillett girls team, Hanson, Peterson qualify for state

## Oconto Falls, Suring, Lena/STAA all have runners compete at sectionals

By **MORGAN RODE**  
Sports Editor

The Gillett Secondary School girls cross-country team and a pair of boys runners qualified for the state meet after a strong week of running.

Gillett capped the week competing at the Division 3 Manitowoc Lutheran Sectional on Saturday.

The Gillett girls won a competitive race with a team score of 44. Sylvia Hansen, Carleigh Kaczmarek, Ryann Wagner, Angela Mosconi, Megan Wagner, Laney DeBauch and Alaina Herzog formed Gillett's team.

The Gillett boys narrowly missed qualifying for state after posting a team score of 65, but Derek Hanson and Evan Peterson still qualified for state as individuals.

As they have all season, Hansen, Kaczmarek and Ryann Wagner led the way for the Gillett girls.

Hansen finished sixth in 20 minutes, 7.9 seconds. Kaczmarek and Ryann Wagner took seventh and eighth with times of 21:10.7 and 21:12, respectively.

Mosconi (22:59.8) placed 21st and Megan Wagner (23:10.9) 23rd. DeBauch (23:46.5) took 30th and Herzog (24:12.4) 31st.

"We came into the meet knowing that the competition this year was going to be stronger than last year which makes this moment even better,"

said Hansen. "The win itself honestly showed our potential. We told each other we would give it our all for each other and it means so much to me because it shows that our hard work and determination to reach our goals paid off."

"Our key to success is just believing in each other and pushing ourselves for our teammates," said Ryann Wagner. "When things get hard, we think of our teammates before ourselves to get better."

Hansen was the top finisher in the boys race, completing the course in 16:46.1. Peterson earned his spot at state with a 10th-place finish in 17:45.7.

"Winning sectionals and qualifying for state one last time my senior year means a lot to me," said Hansen, who hopes for a podium finish at state. "It's a sign that the consistent effort I put towards my goals paid off big time."

Rounding out the Gillett boys team was Riley Engebretsen (18:43.1), Ben Matczak (19:05.8), Wyatt Wilz (22:41.6), Garrett Klein (23:57.8) and Grayson Klein (24:32.2).

The Gillett state qualifiers are scheduled to run at Maple Grove Venues in West Salem on Saturday.

The Gillett boys and girls each earned first-place finishes at the Division 3 Lena Subsectional on Oct. 20 to qualify for sectionals.

The girls posted a team score of 32,

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while the boys tallied a 42.

Hanson won the boys race after completing the course in 17:24.9.

Peterson was third in 17:51.2, while Engebretsen (18:43.5) and Matczak (18:57.6) came in seventh and eighth, respectively. Wilz (22:30.2) rounded out the team score by taking 24th, while Garrett Klein (24:16.6) and Grayson Klein (25:41.2) served as the team's No. 6 and 7 finishers.

"As a team we were very hopeful and confident in making it to sectionals," said Peterson. "When we finally accomplished that goal it was so special in knowing that we will be able to keep the family together for another meet. I couldn't have asked for a better group of runners to call my family."

"My first year with the team has been absolutely unbelievable and exciting," said sophomore Kaczmarek, who ran at Oconto Falls as a freshman. "To have such great leaders like Sylvia, Derek, and Riley is amazing. The bond between each and every one of us is something that you don't see often. It's just a blast to be around them, I'm happy that I made the switch."

The Gillett girls were led by Hansen, Ryann Wagner and Kaczmarek, who placed second, third and fourth, respectively. Hansen completed the course in 20:50.4, while Wagner posted a time of 21:17.9 and Kaczmarek a 21:26.8.

Megan Wagner (22:50.1) and Mosconi (23:19.2) claimed ninth and 14th, respectively, to cap the team score. DeBauch (24:24.8) and Herzog (24:24.9) filled out the team.



**Oconto Falls' Joe Adams competes during the Division 2 Oconto Falls Subsectional on Oct. 20 at The Patriot Golf Course in Abrams.**

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### Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls' Joe Adams and Hannah Ludemann each qualified for sectionals as individuals. The duo competed at the Division 2 Tomahawk Sectional on Saturday.

Adams just missed out on qualifying for state with a ninth-place finish in 17:01.5. Ludemann placed 21st in 21:13.2.

"Now I know what I have to do next year to reach that next level," said Adams, a junior. "I'll be motivated to push myself harder this offseason and then hopefully as a team be state bound for next fall."

"It has always been a goal of mine to make it to sectionals. I've worked so hard and my work paid off," said Ludemann, a freshman. "My goal next year would be to make it to state and have a faster time."

Adams and Ludemann posted top-10 finishes at the Oconto Falls Subsectional on Oct. 20.

Adams completed the course in 17:11.7 to finish third. Ludemann was ninth in 21:30.5.

Alexis Euclide (23:10.8), Maddy Przybylski (23:47.6), Sydney Bell (24:23.9), Jaden Reed (25:46.2), Helen Marquardt (25:51.9) and Aspen Cana-

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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 October 19, 2020, adopted an Amended 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 at 11620 County Road H on 7.5 acres of land in the Town of Gillett owned by Zahn's Farms, LLC ("Zahn Site 1") and leased to the Borrower for the production of renewable natural gas, (ii) the acquisition and installation of related equipment at Zahn Site 1, 6613 Mueller Hill Road in the Town of Gillett ("Zahn Site 2"), and at Dairyland located at 5420 Gauthier Rd., New Franken in the Town of Green Bay, (iii) capitalized interest during the construction period, (iv) funding of a Debt Service Reserve Fund, and (v) payment of certain professional fees and costs 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

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the Project and that the Issuer's interests are not prejudiced thereby.

THE BONDS SHALL NEVER CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER OR THE PARTICIPATING TOWN, NOR SHALL THE BONDS GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE ISSUER OR THE PARTICIPATING TOWN, NOR SHALL THE BONDS BE A CHARGE AGAINST THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWERS OF THE ISSUER OR THE PARTICIPATING TOWN. 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 Amended 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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vera (28:14.6) were the other Oconto Falls girls runners.

Braden Uelman (19:07.8), Grant Yuma (19:40), Damien Reed (22:16.1) and Landon Budz (22:21.8) filled out the Panther boys team.

### Lena/STAA

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op's Max Beyer was also a sectional qualifier as an individual. Beyer completed the Manitowoc Lutheran Sectional course in 19:43.5.

He earned his sectional spot after finishing 10th at the Lena Sectional

with a time of 19:07.6.

Dylan Comins (19:57.2), Reed Hosking (20:07.4), Luke Misco (22:03.9) and Franky Umentum (28:50.9) filled out the Lena/STAA boys co-op.

Kennedy Marquardt (23:35.3), Megan Shallow (27:16.7) Ruth Alberts (30:26.4) and Samara VanArk (33:02.4) represented the girls co-op.

### Suring

Suring's Olivia Noack also competed at the Manitowoc Lutheran Sectional as an individual.

She was unable to complete the

race but was still proud of her accomplishments this fall.

"This year overall has been such a weird year. Qualifying for sectionals was honestly really cool, since many girls got cut off," said Noack. "Being the only one from my school to qualify made me realize how far I've

come this season."

Noack turned in a sixth-place finish in 21:49.5 at the Lena Subsectional to earn her spot at sectionals.

Chantelle VandenElzen (24:04.1), Hailey Thomson (24:09.3), Georgia Gerndt (24:11.6) and Samantha Seibert (26:21.1) were the other Suring runners.

### NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

#### Town of Spruce

November 3, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Spruce on November 3, 2020, the following proposed Ordinance No. 01-2020 of the Spruce Town Board will be submitted to a vote of the people.

The Town Board of the Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

That, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.30(1e)(a), the office of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elect of the town board.

The term of office for the appointed position(s) shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed 3 years per § 60.30(1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officer(s) for additional terms. However, removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for "cause" as defined under § 17.001 and required by § 60.30(1e)(f).

This ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. The referendum question(s) shall be:

**"Shall the persons holding the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in the Town of Spruce be appointed by the Town Board?"**

The salary of the appointed position(s) shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per § 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by § 60.30(1e)(b).

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.  
Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin.  
Terry Brazeau, Chairperson  
Attestation: Lisa Petersen, Clerk  
Published/Posted: 7-30-2020

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

| Referendum                                                                                                                   |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Shall the persons holding the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in the Town of Spruce be appointed by the Town Board? |     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                     | Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                     | No  |

A "yes" vote on the referendum question is a vote to authorize the positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer to be Appointed positions and become employees of the Town of Spruce. Salary will be set by the Spruce Town Board and the hiring or termination of both positions will be decided upon by the Spruce Town Board based on job qualifications and job performance.

A "no" vote on the referendum question is a vote to keep the positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer to be Elected positions where they are elected by the Electors of the Town of Spruce and their Salaries will be determined by the Electors at the annual budget meeting in November.

Done in the Town of Spruce, on October 30, 2020  
Lisa Petersen, Spruce Town Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF SPRUCE, OCONTO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 7:00 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET for the Town of Spruce Electors in Oconto County will be held. Immediately following the public hearing, the Town of Spruce Board will vote on the proposed budget during the regular November 17, 2020 monthly meeting to follow. The proposed budget in detail will be available at the Clerk's office by appointment. The following is a summary of the proposed 2021 budget.

|                                     | 2020 Budget          | 2021 Budget          | % CHANGE      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                     |                      |                      |               |
| Taxes- Local Levy                   | \$212,281            | \$213,830            | 0.73%         |
| Taxes- Other                        | \$5,000              | \$5,000              |               |
| Intergovernmental Revenues          | \$118,431            | \$125,122            |               |
| Licenses/Permits                    | \$1,770              | \$1,150              |               |
| Public Charges for Services         | \$60,900             | \$60,400             |               |
| Miscellaneous Revenues              | \$850                | \$1,000              |               |
| Fund Balances Applied               | \$0                  | \$0                  |               |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>               | <b>\$399,232</b>     | <b>\$406,502</b>     | <b>1.82%</b>  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                 |                      |                      |               |
| General Government                  | \$77,500             | \$77,000             |               |
| Public Safety                       | \$74,300             | \$74,500             |               |
| Public Works                        | \$171,200            | \$174,155            |               |
| Health & Human Services             | \$650                | \$650                |               |
| Culture, Recreation & Education     | \$30,000             | \$35,000             |               |
| Conservation & Development          | \$750                | \$750                |               |
| Capital Outlay                      | \$3,000              | \$3,000              |               |
| Debt Service                        | \$6,832              | \$6,447              |               |
| To Contingency Fund                 | \$5,000              | \$5,000              |               |
| To Park Fund                        | \$10,000             | \$10,000             |               |
| To Reassessment Fund                | \$10,000             | \$10,000             |               |
| To Capital Fund                     | \$10,000             | \$10,000             |               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               | <b>\$399,232</b>     | <b>\$406,502</b>     | <b>1.82%</b>  |
| <b>Town Tax Rate* (Per \$1,000)</b> | <b>\$1.84</b>        | <b>\$1.78</b>        | <b>-3.33%</b> |
| <b>Total Assessed Value</b>         | <b>\$115,372,800</b> | <b>\$120,215,500</b> |               |

\*Town tax rate estimate subject to change based on final equalized values

| Town of Spruce Funds                   | Est. Balance 1/1/21   | Budgeted Revenues        | Budgeted Expenses       | Est. Balance 12/31/21   |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unassigned Working Capital             | \$40,000              | \$406,502                | \$406,502               | \$40,000                |
| Unassigned Contingency                 | \$0                   | \$5,000                  | \$0                     | \$5,000                 |
| Assigned- Park Fund                    | \$1,500               | \$50,000                 | \$40,000                | \$11,500                |
| Assigned- Reassessment Fund            | \$10,000              | \$10,000                 | \$0                     | \$20,000                |
| Assigned- Capital Fund                 | \$10,000              | \$10,000                 | \$0                     | \$20,000                |
| Assigned- Emergency Fund               | \$50,000              | \$0                      | \$0                     | \$50,000                |
|                                        | \$111,500             |                          |                         | \$146,500               |
| <b>Town of Spruce Debt</b>             | <b>Balance 1/1/21</b> | <b>Principal Payment</b> | <b>Interest Payment</b> | <b>Balance 12/31/21</b> |
| Peshigo National Bank- Webster Lawsuit | \$23,200              | \$5,800                  | \$647                   | \$17,400                |

Posted this 30th day of October, 2020  
Lisa Petersen, Town of Spruce Clerk

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Suring unable to get rolling in regional title game

By MORGAN RODE  
Sports Editor

The second-seeded Suring High School volleyball team started slow and couldn't recover in a Division 4 regional title game against the top-seeded Green Bay NEW Lutheran/ Providence Academy co-op on Saturday in Green Bay. The co-op won by scores of 25-5, 25-9, 25-11.

Suring hoped to get off to a strong start to the match, but it was NEW Lutheran/Providence that scored the first seven points to force a timeout from the Eagles. The hosts continued to roll after the timeout, scoring seven more points before Suring earned its first point on a co-op serving error.

The Eagles first kill didn't come until early in the second set, when sophomore Christine Sleeter delivered the attack. Junior Kate Mahoney then served an ace to bring Suring within two, 5-3, but the co-op claimed nine of the next 10 points to take control and pull away.

The third set started similar to the first two, with the hosts taking 10 of the first 11 points.

Suring responded with its best run of the match, winning five of the next eight points. Sleeter and sophomore Macie Reed earned points for the Eagles during the run, which also included a couple co-op errors.

The hosts regained control with a 5-0 run and soon built a 16-point advantage before finishing off the match.

Suring was disappointed with the finish to the fall, but still proud of what it accomplished during a trying season.

"In my senior season, I am very happy that we made it to regional finals but I also feel that we deserved it with all the hard work we put into practice while we didn't know when we were gonna play next and keeping a positive attitude," said Suring senior Kelsey Smith.

"The most memorable part of this year was coming out of quarantine ready to play," said Suring senior Paige Krueger. "Every moment spent on the court with the team was special because we almost didn't have a season and it was almost taken away in the blink of an eye."

sports@newmedia-wi.com

Notice of Public Hearing

Date: November 11, 2020  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: LEC Conference Room – North and South  
220 Arbutus Ave. Oconto, WI 54153

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comment on Oconto County's proposed plan and budget for the 2021 Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes to implement elderly and disabled transportation programs.

The Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant Application for 2021 is scheduled for a public hearing on: November 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to:

Michael G. Reimer, Health & Human Services Director  
Oconto County Health and Human Services  
501 Park Ave. Oconto, WI 54153

The draft application will be available for public review, prior to the hearing at the above address. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. For more information or if transportation is needed, please contact Michael Reimer at 920-834-7000.

If you are an individual who needs a special accommodation while attending this meeting as required by the "Americans with Disabilities Act", please notify the County Clerk, Oconto County Courthouse (920-834-6805) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to make suitable arrangements. Thank you.

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Each of the following organizations have worked with Representative Mary Felzkowski during her eight years in the Wisconsin State Assembly and can attest to her strong work ethic, her ability to bring stakeholders together, and her commitment to improving health care in Wisconsin.

- Chiropractic Society of Wisconsin
- Hometown Pharmacies of Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Association for Home Health Care
- Wisconsin Dental Hygienists Association
- Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians
- Wisconsin Free and Charitable Clinics
- Wisconsin Optometric Association

- Wisconsin Podiatric Medical Association
- Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants
- Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association
- Wisconsin Chiropractic Association
- Association of Dental Support Organizations
- Wisconsin Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association

Vote Mary Czaja-Felzkowski on November 3rd!

Paid for by Friends of Mary

www.MaryForWisconsin.com

**NOTICE OF BUDGET CHANGE**

The following budget adjustment/transfers have been approved by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2020:

| FROM         | TO                   | AMOUNT    | PURPOSE                             |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| General Fund | Sheriff's Department | \$232,000 | Accrued Compensation<br>Time Payout |

Published pursuant to Wis. Stats. 65.90(3)(a).

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**NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF MORGAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**

Please take notice that an open house and subsequent public hearing will be held on a proposed amendment to the Town of Morgan 20-Year Comprehensive Plan. The open house and public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission on November 30, 2020 from 6:00PM – 6:30PM for the open house and at 7:00PM for the public hearing at the Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

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

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Hall by appointment only by contacting the Town Clerk, by mail at 3276 CTH C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, by phone at 920-846-0699, or by email at townclerkmorgan@gmail.com. A copy of the proposed amendment is also available on the County website at <https://www.co.oconto.wi.us/>. The public is invited to speak on the proposed amendment at the Public Hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. Any questions, written comments, or requests for a copy of the proposed plan amendment should be directed to the Town Clerk. Written comments will be given the same weight as oral testimony and be part of the public record.

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

Dated the 28th day of September, 2020.

Julie Belongia, Clerk  
Town of Morgan

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## LIMITED TERM TRUCK DRIVER

Oconto County Highway Department is seeking qualified applicants to develop a pool of Truck Drivers primarily for snow and ice removal. Work will typically be performed outside of normal business operational hours and may be called in on short notice. May also be used during construction season to haul asphalt, gravel, fill, etc.

Applicants must have CDL with all Class A and/or B with airbrakes and N endorsements. Also requires 2-3 years of experience in a highway maintenance environment.

Hourly rate for this limited term, non-benefited position is \$25/hour. Hours and days of work to be determined by the Highway Department and will serve on a rotational basis. Qualified candidates may be subject to a background investigation. Please complete application on-line. Detailed job description also available online.

**[HTTPS://WWW.CO.OCONTO.WI.US/CAREER\\_OPPORTUNITIES/](https://www.co.oconto.wi.us/career_opportunities/)**

*Oconto County is an  
Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer*

**PUBLIC NOTICE- TOWN OF MORGAN RESIDENTS.** Public Hearing for 2021 Town Budget is Monday, November 9, 2020, 6:30PM at Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI. A Special Town Meeting immediately following Public Hearing to adopt the 2021 Budget and Levy. Contact Town Clerk for copy of proposed budget. Submitted by Town Clerk, Julie Belongia.

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING  
TOWN OF BAGLEY**

The Town of Bagley will hold the 2021 BUDGET HEARING at 6:00 PM on Monday November 9, 2020 at the Bagley Town hall 9812 County Hwy Z, Pound, WI. 54161

The tentative 2021 BUDGET will be reviewed at this PUBLIC HEARING in detail. The proposed budget is available by contacting the Municipal Clerk at 920-590-0198.

Pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes the called meeting of the electors shall adopt the 2020 tax levy to be paid in 2021.

The Town of Bagley's regular November meeting will be called to order at the adjournment of the budget hearing.

Alan Sleeter, Clerk  
Town of Bagley  
Oconto County, WI.

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**NOTICE  
TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS**

**>Notice of Public Budget Hearings<**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. at the Town of Oconto Falls Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET for the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the Clerk's home by appointment (920-412-8151).

**>Notice of Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County<**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 9, 2020- ~~immediately following completion~~ of the public hearing on the proposed 2021 year budget (which begins at 5:30 P.M.)-at the Town Hall of Oconto Falls, a ~~special town meeting of the electors~~ is called by the Town Board, pursuant to section 60.12 of Wisconsin Statutes, for the following purpose:

1. To approve the 2020 town tax levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

**>Notice of Special Town Board Meetings<**

A special Town Board meeting will be held immediately following the Special Town Meeting of the Electors for the purpose of adopting the 2021 Town of Oconto Falls budget.

**>NOTICE<**

The November Town Board meeting will be called to order IMMEDIATELY following the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020, at the Oconto Falls Town Hall.

Dated-October 20, 2020  
Heather Fifield, Clerk  
Town of Oconto Falls

| REVENUES             | 2020 Budget  | 2021 Proposed Budget |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Taxes                | \$232,330.00 | \$235,859.00         |
| Intergovt Rev        | \$133,484.00 | \$181,097.00         |
| Licenses/Permits     | \$600.00     | \$600.00             |
| Public Serv Chgs     | \$84,525.00  | \$88,464.00          |
| Misc Revenue         | \$156,000.00 | \$85,815.00          |
| Fire Tender -Loan    |              |                      |
| Total                | \$606,939.00 | \$591,745.00         |
| EXPENSES             |              |                      |
| Gen Govt             | \$85,800.00  | \$86,000.00          |
| Public Safety        | \$104,800.00 | \$114,040.00         |
| Public Works         | \$368,200.00 | \$342,600.00         |
| Other Expenses       | \$3,734.00   | \$4,700.00           |
| Debt Serv-Fire Tndr  | \$44,405.00  | \$44,405.00          |
| Fire Tndr-Cap Outlay |              |                      |
| Total                | \$606,939.00 | \$591,745.00         |

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**Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots November 3, 2020  
OFFICE OF THE OCONTO COUNTY CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF OCONTO COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in Oconto County, on the 3rd day of November, 2020, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

**INFORMATION TO VOTERS**

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the voter provides proof of residence. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth or machine and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

**Voting for President and Vice President**

A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for the presidential electors of those candidates. A write-in vote for President and Vice President must designate the name of a presidential candidate. A write-in vote for a candidate for President only will be counted. A write-in vote for a candidate for Vice President only will not be counted.

**Where Paper Ballots and**

**Optical Scan Voting is Used**

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name

does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of his or her choice in the spaces provided and fill in the oval next to the write-in lines. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "Express Vote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the names of persons of his or her choice in the spaces provided. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall

touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

**Where Touch Screen Voting is Used**

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the names of persons of his or her choice in the spaces provided. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

**Spoiled Ballots**

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initiated by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who

shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spot a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

**After Voting the Ballot**

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit his or her folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Kim Pytieski, Oconto County Clerk

The following are samples of the official ballots – one of each type of ballot Oconto County residents will see, depending on where you live and/or whether you choose to cast your ballot on a voting machine. The Town of Underhill uses either regular paper ballots or a touch screen voting machine; all other municipalities use optical scan ballots.

**Sample**

**Sample**

**Sample**

**Sample**

**Sample**

**Sample**

# Final numbers lower Gillett schools tax rate

The Gillett School District 2020-21 property tax mill rate got a late tweak downward Oct. 22 after the state released final state aid numbers for the school year. The school board voted unanimously Oct. 22 to approve

a property tax levy of \$3,206,906, about \$400,000 less than the levy OK'd during the district's annual meeting. That brought the mill rate down from \$9.86 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation to \$9.72. District bookkeeper Heather

Schowalter told the board that the budget approved earlier this month was based on an expectation that the state would cover about 24% of the district's special education costs, while the final figure is closer to 28%. The

district's equalized valuation is about \$80,000 higher than expected.

Property owners can now expect the local schools' line item on their tax bill to be about \$97.20 for every \$100,000 of their property's value.

The following is the list of ballot candidates. Depending on where you live in Oconto County, the contests and candidates for State Senator and Representative to the Assembly may differ from the sample ballots shown:

**President/Vice President**  
Joseph R. Biden / Kamala D. Harris (Democratic)  
Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence (Republican)  
Don Blankenship / William Mohr (Constitution)  
Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy Spike Cohen (Libertarian Party)  
Brian Carroll / Amar Patel (American Solidarity Party)

**Representative in Congress, District 8, Party Affiliation**  
Amanda Stuck (Democratic)  
Mike Gallagher (Republican)

**State Senator District 12**  
Ed Vocke (Democratic)  
Mary Czaja-Felzkowski (Republican)

**State Senator District 30**  
Jonathon Hansen (Democratic)  
Eric Wimberger (Republican)

**Representative to the Assembly, District 36**  
Jeffrey L. Mursau (Republican)

**Representative to the Assembly, District 89**  
Karl Jaeger (Democratic)  
John Nygren (Republican)

**District Attorney**  
Ed Burke (Republican)

**County Clerk**  
Kim Pyleski (Republican)

**Treasurer**  
Tanya Peterson (Republican)

**Register of Deeds**  
Laurie Wusterbarth (Republican)

**Municipalities represented by the State Senate and Assembly Districts are as follows:**

**Senate District 12 and Assembly District 36:** Towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Breed, Chase, Doty, Gillett, How, Lakewood, Lena, Maple Valley, Morgan, Mountain, Oconto Falls, Riverview, Spruce, Townsend, and Underhill; Villages of Lena and Suring; Cities of Gillett and Oconto Falls  
**Senate District 30 and Assembly District 89:** Towns of Abrams, Little River, Little Suamico, Oconto, Pensaukee, Stiles; City of Oconto

## OCONTO COUNTY LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

At the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 in the County of Oconto, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated below.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

**Town of Abrams W1-3**  
Jean Hansen (920) 828-2299  
5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI 54101

**Town of Bagley W1**  
Alan Sleeter (920) 590-0198  
9812 County Road Z, Pound, WI 54161  
Mailing address: 10005 Madsen Rd., Suring, WI 54174

**Town of Brazeau W1-3**  
Brooke Kriescher (920) 897-3855  
10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161

**Town of Breed W1**  
Deanna Tachick (920) 842-2166  
11155 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174

**Town of Chase W1-6**  
Dan Kroll (920) 822-1560  
8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162

**Town of Doty W1**  
Cheryl Field (715) 276-7554  
14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149

**Town of Gillett W1&2**  
Renee Carlson (920) 819-7475  
10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, WI 54124  
Mailing address: PO Box 605, Gillett, WI 54124

**Town of How W1&2**  
Mary Woods (920) 842-4584  
12896 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174  
Mailing address: 12875 Birch Lane, Suring, WI 54174

**Town of Lakewood W1**  
Denise A. Jackett (715) 276-3570  
17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, WI 54138  
Mailing address: PO Box 40, Lakewood, WI 54138

**Town of Lena W1**  
Dawn VanArk (715) 281-4672  
6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139  
Mailing address: 8489 Sunshine Road, Lena, WI 54139

**Town of Little River W1&2**  
Amy Peterson (920) 373-7065  
3627 County Road A, Oconto, WI 54153

**Town of Little Suamico W1-8**  
Nikki Tolzman (920) 826-7655  
5964A County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171

**Town of Maple Valley W1**  
Cindy Tousey (920) 598-0601  
9088 County Road Z, Suring, WI 54174  
Mailing address: PO Box 384, Suring, WI 54174

**Town of Morgan W1&2**  
Julie Belongia (920) 846-0699  
3278 County Road C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154  
Mailing address: 4093 Elm Lawn Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**Town of Mountain W1**  
Lynn Kautlaric (715) 276-6474  
Bill Lazansky Community Center  
13412 State Highway 32/64, Mountain, WI 54149  
Mailing address: PO Box 95, Mountain, WI 54149

**Town of Oconto W1-3**  
Lori Scanlan (920) 834-4351  
6129 Cream City Road, Oconto, WI 54153  
Mailing address: 3649 State Highway 22, Oconto, WI 54153

**Town of Oconto Falls W1&2**  
Heather Fifield (920) 412-8151  
8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, WI 54154  
Mailing address: 9256 Holtz Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**Town of Pensaukee W1&2**  
Jody Liegeois (920) 826-2010  
4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101

**Town of Riverview W1&2**  
Beth Hartman (715) 276-6914  
15471 State Hwy 32, Mountain, WI 54149  
Mailing address: PO Box 220, Mountain, WI 54149

**Town of Spruce W1&2**  
Lisa Petersen (920) 829-8111  
9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, WI 54154  
Mailing address: PO Box 52, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**Town of Stiles W1&2**  
Marlyn A. Magnin (920) 846-3159  
5718 Watercrest Road, Lena, WI 54139  
Mailing Address: 7031 Bacon Road, Lena, WI 54139

**Town of Townsend W1**  
Linda Ziegler (715) 276-6856  
16564 Elm Street, Townsend, WI 54175  
Mailing Address: PO Box 227, Townsend, WI 54175

**Town of Underhill W1**  
Tracy Winkler (920) 855-2942  
5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124

**Village of Lena W1**  
Char Meier (920) 829-5226  
117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI 54139

**Village of Suring W1**  
Kim Gruetzmacher (920) 842-2333  
604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI 54174

**City of Gillett W1-3**  
Chelsea Anderson (920) 855-2255  
150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124

**City of Oconto W1-7**  
Sara Pemizo (920) 834-7711  
1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153

**City of Oconto Falls W1-6**  
Nancy Brye (920) 846-4505 x106  
500 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls, WI 54154

## Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the Municipal Board of Canvassers for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Voters who wish to drop off their absentee ballot on, or prior to, Election Day should contact their municipal clerk for instructions. Ballots dropped at an incorrect address may not make it to the correct polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

# 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

HSBS PHARMACY HOURS:

MON-FRI 9:00AM - 5:30PM

These Prices Good Nov. 2 to Nov. 8

While Supplies Last!

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



## Cheetos & Fritos



**2/\$6**

Asst Variety  
7-9.25oz

## Brew Pub Lotzza Motzza Pizza



**\$5.99**

Asst Variety  
22.75-30.75

### Family Pack Frying Chicken Wings



**\$1.99**  
lb

### Boneless Skinless Frying Chicken Breasts

**\$1.79**  
lb

### Boneless Center-Cut Pork Loin Chops or Roasts



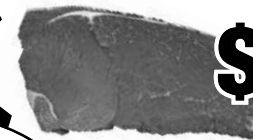
**\$2.29**  
lb

### Cher-Make Ring Bologna

each 14oz  
Old Style  
or Garlic

**\$3.69**

### USDA Choice Boneless Top Round Steak or Roasts



**\$3.69**  
lb

### Best Choice Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup

**69¢** 10.5-  
10.75oz

### Best Choice Saltine Crackers

**\$1.49** 16oz  
Regular or  
Unsalted

### New Crop Wisconsin Red Potatoes



**\$1.99**  
5# Bag

### Whole Mushrooms



**\$1.69**  
8oz

### Green Giant Peeled Baby Carrots



**99¢**  
1# Bag

### Dole Iceberg Head Lettuce



**\$1.79**  
each

### Limes



**3/1**

## Dutch Farms Bar or Shredded Cheese



**2/\$4**  
Asst Variety  
8oz

## Betty Crocker Brownie Mixes



**99¢**  
Asst Variety  
18.3-20.5oz

### Fisher's Peanuts



**2/\$5**  
Asst Variety  
14oz

### Pringles



**2/\$3**  
Asst Variety  
4.8-5.5 oz

### Merk's Cheese Spread



**\$3.99**  
Asst Variety  
14oz

### Dean's Country Fresh Cottage Cheese



**\$1.79**  
Asst Variety  
16oz

### Pillsbury Ready-to-Serve Frosting



**\$1.59**  
Asst Variety  
15.6-16oz

### Pillsbury Cake Mix



**2/\$3**  
Asst Variety  
15.25oz

### Pillsbury Toaster Strudels



**2/\$4**  
Asst Variety  
11.5-11.7oz

### General Mills Assorted Cereal



**2/\$6**  
14.9-18oz