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Large flocks of sandhill cranes can still be seen at the Oconto Marsh, but that window is closing.

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Oconto Falls grad aims to help others

NWTC's high-school equivalency diploma critical to his success

By **ELYZABETH HOFFMAN**

Special to NEW Media

Travis Keiler had a long, hard road to success — and rather than relaxing once he made it, he feels called to share the way with others.

Keiler, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College student, recently earned his high school equivalency diploma (HSED) and certificate of general educational development (GED) after spending more time on it than he'd like to admit. Keiler started with NWTC in 2002 but had to drop out due to unforeseen circumstances. When he returned years later, he was determined to succeed.

Keiler began taking HSED/GED prep courses at NWTC Oconto Falls in fall 2017. Debra Coppens, office assistant at the Regional Learning Center, worked closely with Keiler as he worked toward his credential.

"Everyone has a story, and I find his interesting and inspirational," Coppens said. "He turned his life around to move forward in a positive way — not just for himself but in helping others with his ministries."

She is also an NWTC GED grad and is passionate about helping others succeed in the program.

"I like to support them any way I can so that they are successful. I think everyone deserves a second chance (or third) and the hardest step is getting through the door the first time. The best part of my job is seeing them succeed and graduate,"



Travis Keiler credits the HSED/GED program at the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Learning Center in Oconto Falls with helping him emerge from mental illness.

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Coppens said.

Gino Gemignani, basic adult education instructor for NWTC in Oconto Falls, Marinette, and Shawano, said he was impressed by Keiler's commitment to his studies.

"He is an inspiration to me and other students. He has an awesome attitude and strong desire to learn," Gemignani said. "He genuinely wants to help others. Students like him give my job so much meaning and joy."

Keiler is committed to more than just his own success, having spent over three years in a mental health facility with a misdiagnosed mental illness. While there, he says, a peace grew in him that drove him to help others.

His illness was eventually correctly diagnosed, and he began working with AA groups after

writing an article about his experience that was published in Grapevine, one of the biggest recovery magazines in the country. Keiler has helped to start support groups in three cities in Northeast Wisconsin and Upper Michigan that help individuals gain insight into mental health, anger issues, and addiction. He has become a mentor to others who have been released from incarceration and who suffer from mental illness and addiction.

Keiler has had a trying journey thus far, but says, "I'm nowhere near finished."

He is committed to helping others who struggle with mental illness and addiction.

"I decided to use my poor choices to inspire others who made mistakes in life," Keiler said.

Recovery is a long road and Keiler sees it as an opportunity. He has been offered a job working with Oconto County as a recovery coach. He will visit people who are hospitalized after an overdose to help set up a path to recovery.

Keiler is continuing his journey with NWTC in Marinette, working toward a welding technical diploma. He plans to be a mentor to future GED students and hopes his story will inspire others. Keiler has been approached to share his story in a published novel.

For information about the GED or HSED programs, contact NWTC Oconto Falls at 920-848-6982 or nwtcocontofalls@nwtc.edu.

Sunset Concert Series 2021 announced

The 2021 Music by the River Sunset Concert Series lineup has been set by the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The popular monthly summer series at East Side Beach continued this year with social distancing requirements and other COVID-related precautions.

Gail Yatso, chamber president, announced during the organization's annual meeting Nov. 19 that Cat 5,

the Green Bay-based cover band that headlined the July 24 event, will return to launch the 2021 series on June 25.

The Third Wheels, a pop group from Wausau, is scheduled to perform on July 23, and Subject 2 Change rounds out the 2021 series on Aug. 27.

A large and socially distant crowd enjoys a Music by the River concert in Oconto Falls last summer.

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Vets 4 Vets offers free Christmas trees

Pickup scheduled for Sunday

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is offering free Christmas trees to local veterans.

The organization has partnered with Big Balsam Tree Farm in Gillett, where vets and their families are welcome to come out from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 to cut down a Christmas tree to take home, free of charge.

Advance reservations are requested for what is the fourth annual Trees 4 Vets, held at Big Balsam Tree Farm, 7520 State Highway 32, Gillett, north of Klaus Lake. The family-friendly event will feature "cut your own" Christmas trees, bonfire, hot chocolate, and holiday treats.

To reserve a spot to come cut down a tree, veterans are asked to contact the organization at its Facebook page message board (search Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin), or at Vets4vetsnew@gmail.com, or at P.O. Box 135 Suring, WI 54174.

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Suring and made up of veterans and non-veterans. The group fundraises to provide direct support to enrich the lives of veterans in Northeast Wisconsin and also contributes to local veterans service and support



Volunteers gave away 88 free spaghetti meals to veterans and served 240 meals in all during the 18th annual Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin on Nov. 11 at Red Maple Country Club.

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agencies.

The group held its annual Veterans Days spaghetti dinner as a drive-through event because of COVID-19 concerns. Students and staff from Suring High School teamed up with local volunteers, Vets 4 Vets members, and Red Maple Country Club executive chef Gary Noffke to serve

88 free "to-go" spaghetti dinners to local veterans.

Greeting cards handmade by Suring School students and a local 4-H Club, along with information on viewing a special Veterans Day thank you message from Suring Schools, were given to all veterans as they picked up their dinners. A to-

tal of 240 spaghetti dinners, including homemade desserts donated by community volunteers, were picked up curbside at the country club. Every veteran also received a \$25 gift card for a local grocery store, and in addition five lucky veterans won a \$100 grocery gift card, provided by the Vets 4 Vets organization.

Nercon purchases equipment for Oconto High School

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Nercon Engineering and Manufacturing Inc. of Oconto and Neenah has recently purchased a CNC-controlled press brake and supported training for the Oconto High School technical education programs.

A press brake is a machine pressing tool for bending sheet and plate material, most commonly sheet metal. The machine is a Baileigh Hydraulic Press Brake with a 63-inch, 33-ton capacity with a retail value of over \$15,000.

The purchase was part of a state-of-the-art expansion and upgrade of equipment at Nercon's Oconto plant, said Anindita Anaam, outreach and communication coordinator for the Oconto Unified School District.

"The initial plan was to donate some of the used equipment to help modernize and add training capabilities to the high school's programs," Anaam said. "As this plan evolved, Nercon recognized the unit that was planned to be donated would benefit greatly from technology and safety upgrades to ensure the best learning

environment."

With safety as a primary motivator, the decision was made to instead purchase and install a new machine with state-of-the-art controls and safety systems, she said.

Nercon has taken in OHS students for youth apprenticeships on a number of occasions, including this year, and donates several thousand dollars worth of materials for students to work with each year. In the past four years, no student has had to pay for materials that were used in their metals classes at OHS, Anaam said.



Oconto High School students work with a CNC-controlled press brake machine donated by Nercon Engineering and Manufacturing Inc.

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An annual
collection of essays by
community leaders on
Northeast Wisconsin

Editor's note: For several years, NEW Media has asked community leaders to write a short essay on "Why I Give Thanks." These essays can be about the Thanksgiving holiday, or what the writer is grateful for, or just the concept of gratitude.

These are personal reflections, but they also speak to issues and beliefs that many of us share. They are as interesting for how they are the same as for how they are different. Some of the authors find them easy to write, others struggle with the pressure of a blank screen, a blank piece of paper, and a looming deadline.

Knowing this, it is especially important for the editorial and advertising team at NEW Media to say "Thank you" to these writers. Thank you for sharing what is important to you. Thank you for being willing to make your feelings public. Thank you for making time to have a portrait taken. Thank you for facing that blank screen or blank piece of paper and writing the first word.

Thank you for showing us, again, how gratitude connects us all.

By STARLYN TOURTILLOTT MILLER

I am a Little Shell Chippewa tribal member and a direct descendant of Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican nations. My children and husband are all enrolled Mohican tribal members. Thanksgiving for us is complex. Do we "celebrate Thanksgiving"? I don't exactly think so.

Sure, we prepare all the traditional fixings that everyone else probably does on that day. We eat copious amounts of turkey, cranberry relish, stuffing, green bean casserole, acorn squash with homemade maple syrup, mashed potatoes and wild rice. We watch football at some point during that day. Mostly, what sets Thanksgiving apart from the everyday is the amount of family we interact with on that day.

The term "family" is in and of itself complex for us. When we say family, it doesn't usually mean just our household. Instead, family includes our mothers and fathers, natural born siblings, natural born uncles and aunts, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters (which are actually cousins to varying degrees), community members who are regarded as family, friends, and any visitors who happen to need a dinner and a family.

The point is, dinners can get big and or numerous. It is not uncommon for our family gathering to have multiple turkeys or multiple dinners. In sum, we are gathering in very large family groups and we are eating well on Thanksgiving.

Yet, one thing I have never experienced at any of these large gatherings is a moment to reflect on Thanksgiving as a celebration between pilgrims and Indians at Plymouth Rock. I am not sure if other families sit down and actually reflect on pilgrims and Indians or not. I would guess not. (I encourage



Starlyn Tourtillott Miller

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readers to check out The Invention of Thanksgiving video and article at <https://insider.si.edu/2018/01/the-invention-of-thanksgiving/> for another perspective of Thanksgiving.)

While a feast may have occurred between pilgrims and Indians in 1621, I urge you to consider what happened after the feast. In fact, after the feast our shared American history chronicles broken treaties, extermination, removal, assimilation, and termination. These are heady realities, in the face of which, I am thankful I am here to write this article.

I don't just mention these federal policies as relics of my ancestral past; they are real events that have indelibly affected my family and me. You see, after the feast,

my many times great-grandfather Menominee Chief Iometah survived all of the broken treaties he signed. After the feast, my many times great-grandfather Mohican Chief Konkapot survived upwards of nine removals of his people after serving for the United States in the Revolutionary War.

After the feast, my great-great-grandmother Mohican tribal member Lida May Konkapot Gardner survived assimilation assaults as an 11-year-old child attending the Carlisle Boarding School. After the feast, my Menominee relatives survived Termination of their tribe. After the feast, the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe survived hundreds of years of denial of their existence until recently.

No, it is not right to celebrate the feast without considering what occurred after the feast. To do so would perpetuate a false reality and deny the needed healing and growth that our collective community so desperately needs.

The legacy from my family is one of resiliency. I give thanks that I am here because of the sacrifices, strength, and determination of my ancestors. This year, the best way to honor them is to be mindful of how my actions affect my family and community. Do I wear a mask so I don't spread or get the COVID-19 virus? Can I forgo this year's large holiday gatherings so I don't spread or get the COVID-19 virus? Yes and yes.

This year will be the rare occasion where we will gather with just our household, eat the traditional fixings, and forgo our usual large family gatherings so that we can enjoy many, many more gatherings for years to come. I hope someday to see you at the table.

Starlyn Tourtillott Miller is an attorney, educator, civil servant, and volunteer

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Connections tie work, family and freedom

Grateful for a team that serves a community that cares

By PAT TRINKO

I am thankful...
For God, family and friends. These are the foundation of a healthy lifestyle. In spite of all the struggles we endure in our daily routines, we are always able to turn to our most inner circle for support, guidance, and a release from our regular grind. These are individuals who can provide us with a fresh perspective or just lend an ear when we need it most. Whatever your definition of success is, it is most likely more attainable with a supportive network close by.

To be blessed with a great “work family” where we promote simple core values, positivity, and the “let’s get it done” attitude.

For the fortitude of my fellow emergency medical team members putting themselves out on the front lines over the last year — enduring many unknowns, constantly changing directives and preventative measures, additional requirements, and increased workloads. I am grateful for the strength and resilience being displayed as we continue going forward knowing things will be more difficult than usual for the foreseeable future.

For the good health of all of the aforementioned. It is easy to overlook our own health and that of those around us until something unfortunate occurs. When you value your health, you take steps to protect it and provide an environment for those around you to do the same. When a serious health issue affects someone, it is difficult to succeed in the other aspects of



For Pat Trinko, gratitude is interwoven into the community.

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life and enjoy all the great things we can and should be experiencing.

For this great country where we have the freedom to worship as we wish and exercise all the freedoms that few other countries enjoy, with abundant natural resources and enough people maintaining a strong work ethic to sustain it for generations to come.

For the men and women who have served our nation to make sure we can sleep in peace at night.

For a place where every individual has the ability to pursue education, strive for their own success, and the ability to change that

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To live in a place where decency, accountability and respect are not completely forgotten. Our small-town values are a pretty big deal if you’ve ever lived where such values are not the norm.

An interesting point about the things I am thankful for is that they

all are interrelated in some way or another. It would be hard to say what I am most thankful for, as it seems things would not be the same for one characteristic without the other characteristics all being there for me as well. When you’re having a rough day and it seems like you don’t have a lot to be thankful for at the moment, take a look around — it’s generally not too tough to find someone who’s having a little rougher time than you are — and be thankful.

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Looking forward to the next 100 years

Company milestone will be another reason to look forward to 2021

By SCOTT NYMAN

What am I thankful for? Well, the year 2020 has put that all back into perspective and has ensured that I do not take for granted some of the little things that may have been overlooked in the past.

I certainly am always thankful for my family and how they have always been there for me and allowed me to follow my sometimes-crazy dreams. It can't be said enough how I am thankful for my wife, Kirsten, who is the rock in our household to make sure we all stay the course. She is always the level head when the tough days are there for me or our two daughters, and we are lucky to have her.

Finally, I have been fortunate that I have this opportunity to be the general manager/chief executive officer of Wittenberg Telephone and lead the amazing group of employees through the constant changing landscape that is the world of Telecommunications. I am thankful and filled with gratitude that the board of directors have put their faith in me to continue to make Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity



Scott Nyman sees telecommunications as an important part of bringing people together.

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successful and a leader in telcom throughout our area.

The pandemic of COVID-19 has shown the important role that our services will hold not only today but into the future as we transition to more work from home, virtual learning, and teledoc services. Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity is going to be celebrating 100

years of serving our area in 2021, and we are filled with gratitude, as a company like ours does not get to such a milestone without the support and constant assistance from all community members and businesses.

I am looking forward to celebrating 100 years with everyone in 2021 and share our continued plans for

growth and expansion with you all. The foundations that have been built in our communities today are going to be the pillars for continued support and success into the next 100 years, and we are appreciative of that.

Scott Nyman is general manager and chief executive officer for Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity.

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Working for community brings gratitude, satisfaction

Helping someone in need is great feeling

By JOE MILLER

When I was called and asked if I would consider scribing an essay as to what I am thankful for, I was humbled.

Where do I begin?

Let me start with my community. I have been blessed over the years with the confidence shown by my community to represent it for 20-plus years on our Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, the Bowler School District Board and the Shawano County Board.

Next year, I will attain 40 years employment with the Stockbridge-Munsee community; I guess my health has been good enough for me to continue working in and for my community, for this I am thankful. If all continues, my goal is to reach 50 years.

Representing my community as an elected official, especially in a nonpartisan office, is a great honor. It is never to be taken for granted. As elected officials, first and foremost, we must be honest and be able to disagree respectfully. All the folks we represent deserve that and, for this, I am truly thankful.

I am thankful for all the experiences I have had over the years, the many relationships and acquaintances I have gained and maintained. You never know when you might need to call



Joe Miller tells a story at his home in the Stockbridge-Munsee community near Bowler.

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on someone or have someone call on you. The feeling of helping someone in need is a great feeling. In today's world, we need more of this.

Finally, I am most thankful to and for my family, especially for my wife, Jackie, putting up with me for the past 30-plus years, our two sons



Joe Miller was photographed speaking at a Veterans Day event in Harshaw, Wisconsin.

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and daughter-in-law, and our two granddaughters. Getting together in these times of separation is trying but absence truly makes the heart grow fonder.

My sisters and brothers and their families, too many to count, and all my relatives across the country, especially the family reunions, are all reasons to be thankful. Life is short. In the blink of an eye, family and friends can be gone but never forgotten.

In the Mohican tongue, I say An-nii-shik, "Thank you and may God bless."

Joe Miller is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, the Bowler School Board and the Shawano County Board.



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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oconto Falls chasing more success with new coach

Panthers ready for tough NEC competition

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A strong core of talented and experienced wrestlers has new Oconto Falls High School wrestling coach Cody Nielsen eager for the start of the season.

Oconto Falls is coming off a 2019-20 season in which it sent four individual wrestlers to state and won a regional title as a team.

While Nielsen will have to replace a couple of wrestlers that have qualified for state, he gets three of

last year's state qualifiers back, plus several other experienced wrestlers.

Leading the way for the Panthers is junior Clayton Whiting, a two-time state champion already. He won the 170-pound weight class as a sophomore after winning the 152 class as a freshman.

"The team just has to keep pushing each other to the limits, and just grind on the mat and in the gym to the breaking point to make us physically stronger as well as mentally stronger," said Whiting on what it'd take for the team to have a successful season.

Senior Aidan Stary and junior Graeson Pankratz are the other two state qualifiers back this winter. Stary (160) and Pankratz (106) lost their lone state matches.

Also back from last year's starting group are seniors Trevor Schindel (138) and Alec Halvorsen (220), juniors Jaden Ganter (120), Weston Borkovec (145) and Jeremy Caldwell (152) and sophomore Luke Trepanier (126).

Along with Whiting, Stary and Pankratz, Ganter, Trepanier, Borkovec and Halvorsen were also individual sectional qualifiers.

Senior Brant Rowland (195), junior Dylan Thomson (152) and sophomores Landon Budz (106) and Mitchell Kallies (285) will help fill out this year's lineup.

"We have a group of guys in the weight room every day making weight already and working to get stronger for the season ahead," said

Stary before the season started. "You can expect some big things from the Falls this year, like our return to team sectionals and hopefully onto team state.

"It will take all of us to stay healthy in order for this season to be possible. That means being smart in and out of the wrestling room with COVID exposure. That means wearing masks at all given times in the wrestling room and facilities to ensure our team's health."

Nielsen is excited to see the team compete against the rest of the North Eastern Conference, which has produced the last three Division 2 team champions.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lena boys hoping experience leads to improvement

Wildcats led by junior class

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A more experienced Lena High School boys basketball team is hoping for better results on the court this winter.

Lena finished just 1-22 last season, going 1-15 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference. While coach

Fritz Weidner will need to replace a player that graduated, he does return a group of players that will try and use their experience as a strength this winter.

The team doesn't have any seniors, but its junior class includes its top-two scorers from last year in Max Beyer and Logan Shallow. Beyer landed on the M&O second team after averaging over 18 points a game last year.

Shallow averaged just under 10 points a game.

"To grow and get better as a

team and start competing more. Keep grinding and getting better every day and work hard as possible, said Beyer of some of the team's goals and what it would take to turn in a better season.

"We want to come into this year with a fire that we didn't have last year," said Shallow. "We expect to compete and win a bunch of games this year. We're going to work our butts off in practice to be as game ready as possible and come out and show people what we can accomplish."

Juniors Lane Whiting (power forward/center) and Mason Simonson (small forward/power forward) and sophomore Jacob Belongia

(small forward/power forward) also are back with starting experience for the Wildcats.

Junior Bladyn Anderson (shooting guard) and sophomore Bryce Kittredge (shooting guard, small forward) return with some varsity experience, while sophomore Sidney Sylvester (power forward/center) and Reed Hosking (guard) are among the players that will help fill out the rotation.

"I like our chances to be very competitive in our conference and to pick up a few nonconference wins and to challenge for a home regional playoff game," said Weidner.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS
OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE
TO REPLACE 5 AGENCY PATROL VEHICLES**

Oconto County seeks to obtain bids from a reputable firm to replace five agency patrol vehicles to include 1 new 2021 black Ford F150 SSV and 4 new 2021 black Ford Police Interceptor Utility patrol vehicles.

Proposals must be marked as "Sheriff's Office Vehicle Replacement" and must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, December 4, 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:
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Oconto County Sheriff's Office
301 Washington St.
Oconto, WI 54153
(920)834-6900

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**AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 01-2020
TOWN OF SPRUCE CLERK AND TREASURER APPOINTMENT**

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions:

The offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer are elected positions per s. 60.30(1) and 60.305(1) Wis. Stats. and both serve a two (2) year term.

Whereas, the town electors, via a referendum question on November 3, 2020 General Election authorized the Town of Spruce Board to take action to appoint both the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer upon elected Town Clerk and Town Treasurer terms expiring on April 19, 2021 at 11:59 pm.

The salary, hours and any other benefits of the appointed Town Clerk and Town Treasurer shall be set by the Town Board and reviewed by the Town Board each year.

Adopted on 17 day of November, 2020
Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
Terry Brazeau, Chairperson
Attestation: Lisa Peitersen, Clerk
Published/Posted: November 18, 2020

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MAIN STREET The Christmas

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Application deadline is Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
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KELLY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SEWER USE ORDINANCE UPDATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on the proposed update to the Sewer Use Ordinance. The public hearing will be held as part of the Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1 meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Kelly Lake Sanitary District Office, 9535 Green Acres St. Suring, WI 54174. The Kelly Lake Sanitary District Commission may take action following the public hearing, recommending adoption of the proposed update to the Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, Sewer Use Ordinance.

The Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, Sewer Use Ordinance regulates the use of both public and private sewers and drains, discharge or septage into the public sewerage system, and the discharge of waters and wastes into the sanitary sewer system of the Kelly Lake Sanitary District. It provides for, and explains the method used for, levying and collecting wastewater treatment service charges, sets uniform requirements for discharges into the wastewater collection and treatment systems, and enables the Kelly Lake Sanitary District to comply with administrative provisions, and other discharge criteria which are required or authorized by the State of Wisconsin or Federal Law.

If anyone would like additional information regarding the proposed update to the Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, Sewer Use Ordinance, please contact Brandon Robinson of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission by phone: (920) 448-2820 or via email: brobinson@baylakerpc.org.

Copies of the proposed update to the Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, Sewer Use Ordinance will be available for review at the following locations:

- Kelly Lake Sanitary District Office, (during office hours), 9535 Green Acres St. Suring, WI; and
- The proposed Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, Sewer Use Ordinance is also available online at the following website:

<https://baylakerpc.org/about/surveys>

Written comments on the proposed sewer use ordinance update should be submitted to Jeff Falash, Plant Operator (kellylakesanitary@gmail.com), before December 7, 2020. All written comments will be forwarded to the Kelly Lake Sanitary District Commission.

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NOTICE OF ESTATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, JUDICIAL, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION APRIL 6, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Oconto County

Spring Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday April 6, 2021, the following officers are to be elected:

Department of Public Instruction

ONE STATE SUPERINTENDENT for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent (date), whose term of office will expire on July 24, 2021.

Candyn Stanford Taylor

Judicial Officers

ONE COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, for the term of six years, to succeed the present incumbent (date), whose term of office will expire on July 25, 2021.

Daniel R. Mark Scott

A MUNICIPAL JUDGE, serving more than one municipality for a term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent (date), whose term of office will expire on April 26, 2021.

Randy Winkler

(Towns of Braid, City of Gillet, Green Valley, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverside, Townsend, Underhill, and the City of Gillet).

Information concerning multi-judicial municipal judge district boundaries may be obtained from the Oconto County Clerk.

TOWN OFFICERS

TWENTY-THREE TOWN CHAIRMEN, each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Town of Abrams	Don Germany
Town of Bagley	Greg Lachleisen
Town of Braid	Ryan Ward
Town of Braid	Richard Wenderharing
Town of Chase	Gary Van Lennep
Town of Duly	Andrew Stemp
Town of Gillet	Andy Schaal
Town of How	William Bart, Jr.
Town of Lakewood	Joanna Roy
Town of Lena	Kevin J. Jagello
Town of Little River	Michael Shaw
Town of Little Suamico	Ethan Ragen
Town of Maple Valley	Russell Brock
Town of Morgan	Pam Wernick
Town of Mountain	Linda (Skip) Malotke III
Town of Oconto	Patrick Scamier
Town of Oconto Falls	David Adams
Town of Peninsula	Mike Staggie
Town of Riverside	Ann Hogan
Town of Spruce	Terry Bruewer
Town of Stiles	Steven Dupuis
Town of Townsend	Chris Van Camp
Town of Underhill	Peter Jagann

FOURTEEN TOWN SUPERVISORS, each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Town of Abrams	Debbie Whans and Dennis Fardon
Town of Bagley	Darryl Houck and Herb Fischer
Town of Braid	John Feltz and Joan Grosse
Town of Chase	Timothy Mitchell and Deven Sabatky
Town of Duly	Dennis Knoll and Jeff Van Erven
Town of Gillet	Robert Gae and Andrew Digne
Town of How	John H. Moede and David Hachke
Town of Lakewood	Tom Vabondsen and Ray Gerdemont
Town of Lena	Anthony Feltz and Wade Kuehn
Town of Little River - Supervisor I	Ray Mathias
Town of Little River - Supervisor II	Thomas J. Pothier
Town of Little Suamico	Douglas L. Allen and David E. Philby
Town of Maple Valley	Mike Seizer and Jeffrey Hirtz
Town of Morgan	Leonard Natt and Ron Kordemont
Town of Mountain	Brenda Canny Wabke and Wayne O'Banion
Town of Oconto - Supervisor I	Paul Frenier
Town of Oconto - Supervisor II	Steve Carlin
Town of Oconto Falls - Supervisor I	Vitor Peterson
Town of Oconto Falls - Supervisor II	Mike Kucuminski
Town of Peninsula - Supervisor I	Jacki Neils
Town of Peninsula - Supervisor II	Dan Borch
Town of Riverside	Don Smith and Jim Zilke
Town of Spruce	Paul Velt and Brian Roth
Town of Stiles - Supervisor I	Steve Kuntze
Town of Stiles - Supervisor II	Robert Telford
Town of Townsend	Linda Adamczyk and Claude Spelman
Town of Underhill	Patrick Nelson and Robert (Bud) McCarthy

SIXTEEN TOWN CLERKS, each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Town of Abrams	Jean Hansen
Town of Bagley	Alan Skelton
Town of Braid	Deanna Tachik
Town of Gillet	Renee Carlson
Town of Lakewood	Dennis A. Jackel
Town of Lena	Dean Van Ark
Town of Little River	Andy Peterson
Town of Maple Valley	Cindy Tourey
Town of Morgan	Julie Belongia
Town of Oconto	Lon Swanson
Town of Oconto Falls	Hannah Feltz
Town of Peninsula	Jody Leggett
Town of Spruce	Lisa Peterson
Town of Stiles	Marilyn A. Wagnon
Town of Townsend	Linda Ziegler
Town of Underhill	Tracy A. Winkler

SIXTEEN TOWN TREASURERS, each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Town of Abrams	Tam Klog
Town of Bagley	Joe Hovath
Town of Braid	Ellen Figgins
Town of Gillet	Ken Schneider
Town of Lakewood	Virginia Nelsen
Town of Lena	Jean St. Louis
Town of Little River	Lon Easley
Town of Maple Valley	Jim Wendt
Town of Morgan	Cindy M. Smith
Town of Oconto	Mandy Leonard
Town of Oconto Falls	Sam Kuntze
Town of Peninsula	Sandra Feltz
Town of Spruce	Angela Huber
Town of Stiles	Sonya Peterson
Town of Townsend	Beth Hartman
Town of Underhill	Mrs. A. Winkler

TWO TOWN CLERK TREASURERS, each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Town of How	Mary Woods
Town of Mountain	Lynn Maustens

ONE TOWN ASSESSOR, for the term of two years, whose term will begin on June 1, 2021:

Town of Lakewood	Peter A. Lybeck
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TWO TOWN CONSTABLES, each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Town of Abrams	Ray Rytko
Town of Lena	Bruce Jagello

TWO VILLAGE PRESIDENTS, each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Village of Lena	Steve Marcum
Village of Sunng	Leslie Seifick

SIX VILLAGE TRUSTEES, each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Village of Lena	Terry Hinde
	Julia Petersen
	Nicholas Hesse
	Healey Miller
	James Kullberg
	Brian Williams
Village of Sunng	

EIGHT ALDERPERSONS, each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

City of Gillet	Matthew Strick - Ward 1
	Gary Spradling - Ward 2
	Debbie Rude - Ward 3
City of Oconto	Joan Feltz
	Wesley Matheson
City of Oconto Falls	Devin Hirtz
	District 1, Wards 1 & 2
	Kevin Russell
	District 2, Wards 3 & 4
	Matthew McDermid
	District 3, Ward 5 & 6

TWELVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, each for a term of three years, whose term will begin on Monday, April 26, 2021:

Gillet School District	James Kark
	Jeanne Hansen
Oconto-Gillet School District	Rick Richter - Rural Seat
	John Peterson - City Seat
Oconto Falls School District	Ron Harter
	Patricia Engel
Peninsula School District	Carl Gerdemont
	Sara Wangford
	Zone 1 (Township of Pittsburg, Village of Sunng)
	Jeremy Gerdemont
	Zone 2 (Townships of Chase, Little Suamico, Morgan)
	Dawn Clark
	Member at Large
Sunng Public School District	Dennis Peterson (Village of Sunng)
	Wesley Matheson (Town of Braid)

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office. Schools located in Oconto County but not listed above (Coburn, Clark, Lena, Pennington, and Wisconsin) publish separately in another paper. *Indicates that the present office holder was appointed by the board to fill the term ending Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, in the office of the responsible clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2020, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Judicial Office candidates (except multi-judicial municipal judges) file with the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed officers will be scheduled during the month of January. The caucus will be held on a date not earlier than Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and not later than January 24, 2021. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus. The Towns of Bagley, Gillet, Morgan, and Underhill hold a caucus.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if an incumbent does not file a Notification of Noncandidacy by 5:00 p.m., on December 24, 2020, and does not seek reelection, the deadline for filing nomination papers is declaration of candidacy papers will be extended an additional 72 hours or no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 5, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

DOMS is the City of Oconto, the 10th day of November, 2020.

Kim Pylews, Oconto County Clerk, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54901

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