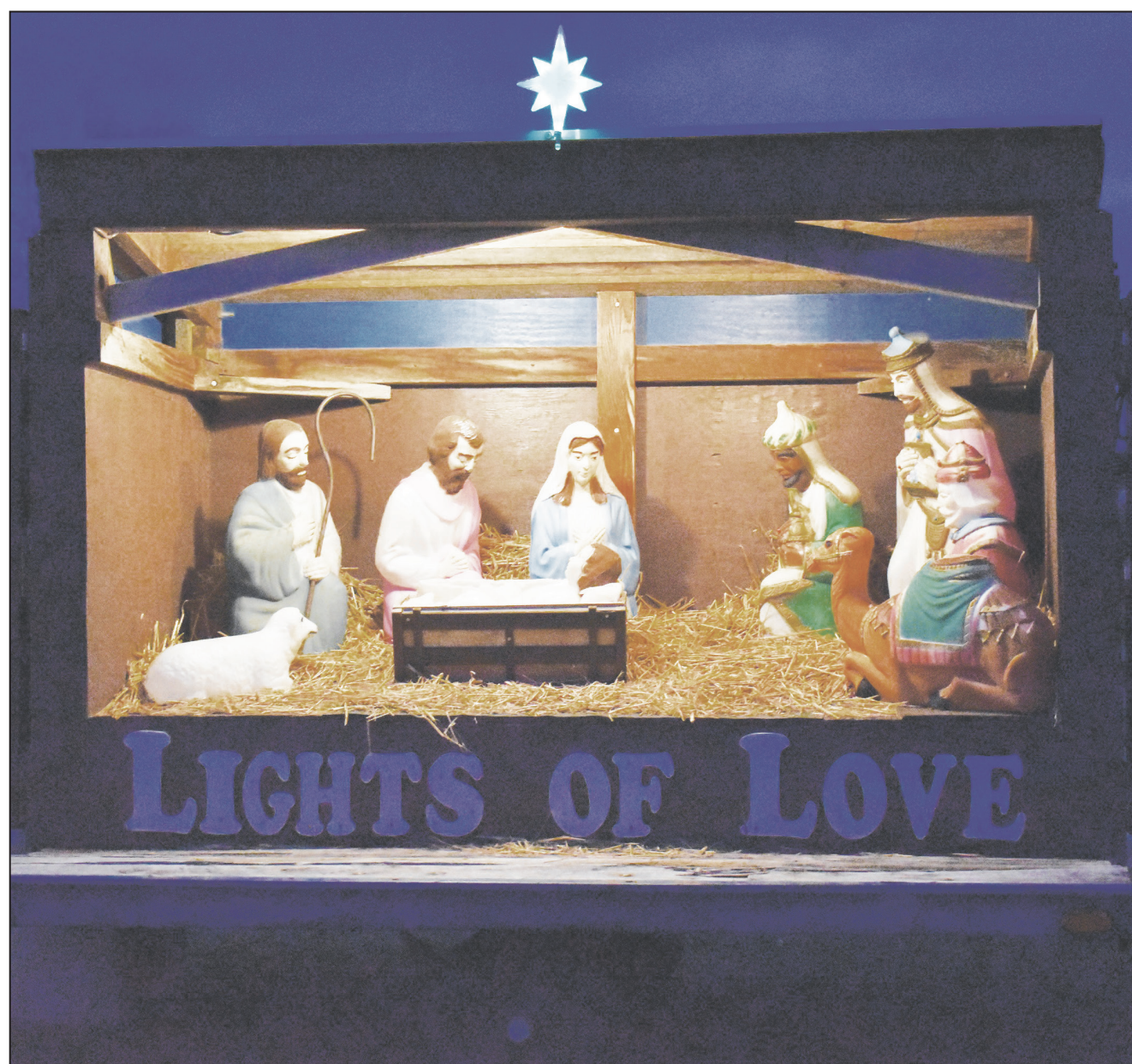




LIGHTS OF LOVE

A list of loved ones' names surrounds the symbol of the season at Winter Wonderland, the Christmas light display at Holtwood Campground in Oconto, which will be open to the public nightly throughout the season.

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County Board considers upgrade to admin post

Oconto County supervisors were voting this week on an upgrade to longtime Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann's position.

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Blood donations especially needed during holidays

The Red Cross reports donors are especially needed during the holidays, with four local blood drives scheduled.

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Falls senior hoping to lead on court

Panther basketball player McKayla Goebel ready to step up, guide team to strong season.

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Oconto County votes on administrator position

Hamann has been administrative coordinator for almost 24 years

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Oconto County Board was expected to vote Dec. 17 on whether to give longtime Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann a new job title and description for the new year.

After several months of study, the board's Personnel & Wages Committee recommended on Nov. 16 to change the position to county administrator and adjust the wording of county ordinances to specify that the person holding the job shall coordinate "and direct" all administrative and management functions of the county government that aren't otherwise run by boards, commissions or other elected officials.

His top job as listed in the proposed ordinance changes remains to "execute the orders of the County Board," but the revised language

reflects that a county administrator is expected to have a greater degree of autonomy and responsibility than an administrative coordinator.

For example, the administrator "submits the annual county budget," where the old language called on the coordinator "to assist the Finance-Insurance Committee in preparing the annual budget." Final approval of the budget remains with the full county board.

Hamann will supervise all non-elected department heads and make appointments to boards and commissions subject to confirmation by the County Board.

The proposed change would be effective Jan. 3, and Hamann would earn a \$122,442 annual salary in 2021 with credit for his nearly 24 years of service with the county. Hamann joined the county in March 1997 as the successor to retiring administra-



Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann briefs the Oconto County Board during its Oct. 29 budget deliberations. The board was expected to promote Hamann on Dec. 17 to the newly created position of county administrator.

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tive coordinator Eugene Dolata. He had previously served as administrative coordinator for Menominee County, Michigan.

Red Cross urges blood donations

December may be the season of giving – but it's typically a challenging time to collect enough blood donations. Add in a pandemic, and this year could be even tougher than usual. That's why the American Red Cross is urging those who are feeling well to give the gift of life by donating blood or platelets this holiday season.

The need for blood doesn't stop for holidays. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than 1 million blood transfusions will be given in the United States. Donations of all blood types are needed to ensure hospital shelves remain stocked to meet patient blood needs.

Appointments to give blood, platelets or plasma can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Those who come to donate blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross from Dec. 18 through Jan. 4 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt,

while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include the following:

Abrams: Dec. 21: noon to 5 p.m., Pensaukee Community Center Town Hall, 4684 Brookside Road.

Gillett: Dec. 29, noon to 5:30 p.m., Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22.

Oconto: Jan. 7, noon to 5 p.m., Bond Community Center, 1201 Park Ave.

Pulaski: Dec. 23, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., New Life Community Church, New Life Community Church, 6258 Crest Drive.

As COVID-19 hospitalizations increase, hospital demand for convalescent plasma has also grown. COVID-19 convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation given by those who've recovered from this coronavirus. Their plasma contains antibodies that may help patients actively fighting the virus. Learn more about convalescent plasma and sign up to give at RedCrossBlood.org/Plasma4COVID.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for

COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Fire damages Oconto restaurant

Three area departments,
other agencies assist
Oconto Fire Rescue

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Fire attributed to the mishandling of smoking materials damaged an Oconto restaurant on Dec. 11.

Oconto Fire Rescue said its crews were dispatched around 8:49 p.m. to The Shiloh Lounge, 124 Chicago St., for a report of smoke in the building and coming from the basement. While responding, Oconto 911 updated the report to say that flames were visible.

The two-story, wood-frame commercial structure had small flames

coming from the front corner of the building and smoke visible in the first floor, when the department arrived. Fire crews located and knocked down a fire near the front corner of the building.

Five engines, one ambulance, one ladder truck, one rescue truck and one command vehicle with approximately 29 firefighters from the surrounding area responded. Oconto firefighters received assistance from Oconto Falls Fire, Little River Fire and Pensaukee Fire, along with Wisconsin Public Service, City of Oconto Public Works, Oconto Police Department officers and the Oconto County Sheriff's Office.

Everyone inside the restaurant and attached living quarters escaped safely, and no injuries were reported.

Prevea podcast episode features Aaron Rodgers

Aaron Rodgers is the featured guest in the newest episode of the Prevea Health podcast, "Plug In to Health."

The episode, "Off the field, on the Mic with Aaron Rodgers" is available for download. "Plug in to Health" can be found on all major podcasting platforms and at www.prevea.com/podcast. There is no cost to access this podcast.

Rodgers, a longtime partner of Prevea Health, and Dr. Ashok Rai, president and CEO of Prevea Health, joined podcast host Angela Deja for a discussion about life amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Rodgers shares words of

encouragement to all during this time and the ways in which he works to stay healthy physically and mentally.

"Plug in to Health" was launched by Prevea Health in January. In addition to the newest episode featuring the star quarterback, the podcast also features episodes that navigate multiple other aspects of health with medical experts from throughout the Prevea family. This includes episodes focused on staying healthy amid the pandemic and more. Listeners are also encouraged to submit ideas for future episodes and can do so by visiting www.prevea.com/podcast.

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CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER 2020

The 40th annual Christmas Day Dinner will be from 11:30 am through 1:00 pm on Friday, December 25th, 2020 at the Oconto Falls Senior Center. This will be curbside pickup (no in-facility dining) and also delivery as in the past, and will follow the current Wisconsin Covid 19 protocol.

Please call (920) 848-2409 to make your reservation. Please leave a message- to include your name and phone number. We will call you back to confirm.

We look forward to seeing all of last year's guests and hope that there will be many new friends who will join us for this year's free dinner.

If anyone knows of an individual who will be alone for Christmas and would like to have a meal delivered, please call us to make arrangements.

In order to make sure we have enough for everyone, please respond by **December 16, 2020.**

THANK YOU!



OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 10

Deputies logged 48 incidents, including the following:

Trespassing — reported in the 8000 block of Hoyt Hill Road, Maple Valley, 8:35 a.m.

K9 deployment — at Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Village of Lena, 10:18 a.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in the City of Oconto Falls, 11:31 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Windross Lane and County Road S, Pensaukee, 2:39 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of Jefferson Street, City of Oconto, 4:24 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 10 traffic stops, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist and five miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

911 — Five 911 hangups and six open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident near U.S. 41-141 and East Brown Road, Little Suamico, 11:35 a.m., and a property-damage accident near U.S. 41 and County Road SS, Pensaukee, 8:25 p.m.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Dec. 9

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including the following:

Attempted fraud — reported in the 13000 block of Weller Road, Mountain, 10:49 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 5600 block of Business 41, Town of Oconto, 3:59 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 1000 block of River Street, Sobieski, 4:57 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 12000 block of South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 8:02 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 8:36 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged seven traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one citizen assist and four traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted three welfare checks.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury accident along Heider Road, Abrams, 8:21 a.m.; and a personal-injury crash in the 5000 block of County Road S, Town of Oconto, 5:09 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 8

Deputies logged 52 incidents,

including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of Columbia Street, City of Oconto Falls, 6:46 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — reported in the 3000 block of County Road J, Pensaukee, 8:33 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 9000 block of Cross Road, Little Suamico, 9:41 a.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in Stiles, 10:05 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 13000 block of Weller Road, Mountain, 10:30 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 10000 block of Balcom Lake Road, Town of Gillett, 1:33 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Shamrock Way, Little Suamico, 3:02 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 4000 block of Brookside Cemetery Road, Pensaukee, 10:44 p.m.

Jail incident — at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., City of Oconto, 11:11 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists and four miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Road C and Morgan River Road, Morgan, 2:34 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 7

Deputies logged 64 incidents, including the following:

Unwanted party — reported at an address along state Highway 22, City of Gillett, 8:29 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 13000 block of South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 11:12 a.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 8000 block of state Highway 22, Town of Oconto Falls, 12:43 p.m.

Child neglect — reported at an address in the City of Oconto Falls, 2:07 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 3000 block of Delcore Road, Town of Oconto, 3:20 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 8000 block of Hale Road, Little River, 4:15 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near Vermeiren Road and U.S. 41, Pensaukee, 4:30 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 4000 block of Ira Lane, Little River, 5 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 15 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists and two

miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and County Road SS, Pensaukee, 6:28 a.m.

Dec. 6

Deputies logged 43 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Gale Street, City of Oconto, 1:50 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near County Road F and West Riverside Road, Lakewood, 6:32 a.m.

Harassment — reported along Bear Lane, Doty, 11:55 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 4000 block of Cook Road, Town of Oconto, 1:23 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Gale Street, City of Oconto, 4:20 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 3000 block of County Road J, Pensaukee, 10:01 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged three traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist and four miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted three welfare checks.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near Lower Dam and Linda Lane, Mountain, 11:49 a.m.; and a property-damage crash near state Highway 22 and Rea Road, Town of Oconto Falls, 6:40 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes and a bear-vehicle collision.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Dec. 5

Deputies logged 43 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of Pine Avenue, Town of Oconto, 12:41 a.m.

Intoxication — reported in the 12800 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 1:17 a.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 5000 block of Oak Orchard Road, Abrams, noon.

Suspicious — reported in the 300 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 3:04 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 6000 block of Birchwood Shores Lane, Stiles, 4:33 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Gale Street, City of Oconto, 7:08 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 8000 block of state Highway 22, Town of

Oconto Falls, 7:26 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 100 block of South Birch Avenue, City of Gillett, 8:05 p.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in Suring, 10:40 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist and seven miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near Klaus Lake Road and Kirsch Lane, Town of Gillett, 5:07 a.m.; a property-damage crash in the 8000 block of U.S. 41, Little River, 11:43 a.m.; and a property-damage crash in the 200 block of Harley Street, Village of Lena, 8:12 p.m.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 4

Deputies logged 50 incidents, including the following:

Internet Crimes Against Children — reported at an address in the City of Oconto Falls, 7:36 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 100 block of East Main Street, City of Gillett, 9:42 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 200 block of Pleasant View Drive, Chase, 10:59 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 14000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 12:45 p.m.

Child neglect — reported at an address in Spruce, 1:21 p.m.

Criminal damage — reported in the 12000 block of Grindle Lane, Riverview, 3:19 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 13000 block of Bonita Lane, Mountain, 4 p.m.

Fire — reported near County Road A and Trinity Church Road, Maple Valley, 4:53 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 15000 block of County Road W, Riverview, 4:52 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 13000 block of Lake View Court, Brazeau, 5:27 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 6000 block of Fredrickson Road, Stiles, 8:07 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses and four miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Roads T and W, Doty, 6:54 a.m.; and logged five deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Dec. 9

David J. SanRoman, 45, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on four counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child under age 12, four counts causing a child younger than 13 to view or listen to a sex act, four counts exposing oneself to a child, two counts of repeated sexual assault of a child, child enticement for sexual contact, witness intimidation, second-degree sexual assault of a child and three counts of bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred between 2016 and 2020; and two counts of bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Jan. 17 and Aug. 24. Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 14.

Bond was set at \$20,000 cash for Tracey Lee Bartlett, 59, Oconto, after he was charged with 13 counts of possession of child pornography, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 27. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 14.

Decarlo L. Denny, 32, Lena, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 31. A related felony charge was dismissed in a plea agreement, and he was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail. In a separate case, Denny entered a no contest plea to a 2014 burglary charge, which had been subject to a nine-year deferred prosecution agreement that was revoked

after he was arrested this year; he has been in state prison awaiting the outcome of the case. On the burglary charge, Judge Michael T. Judge imposed and stayed a two-year prison sentence followed by three years of extended supervision and instead placed Denny on three years' probation, during which he must maintain absolute sobriety and complete any assessment deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections.

Robert J. Haanpaa, 33, Marinette, was sentenced to 18 months in prison followed by two years of extended supervision for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 10. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that during his extended supervision, Haanpaa must maintain absolute sobriety and complete all assessments and treatment deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections.

Jeremiah T. Irving, 24, Oconto, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 21. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Feb. 12 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

David J. Burrie Jr., 53, Gillett, pleaded not guilty to fleeing an officer, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and misdemeanor charges of operating while his license was revoked, battery and disorderly conduct, in connec-

tion with a high-speed chase and traffic crash on state Highway 32 at Claywood Road on Oct. 14. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 14.

Proceedings of Dec. 8

Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Martin Cooper, 51, Mountain, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (10th or more offense), misdemeanor operating while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 7. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Feb. 1.

William J. Matchopatow, 32, Keshena, was placed on two years of probation after a four-year sentence was imposed and stayed for a sex registry violation, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 24, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that the probation is consecutive to a sentence Matchopatow is already serving. He imposed court fees and costs and ordered the defendant to comply with any assessments deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections.

Francesca Inez Ellan Henckel, 23, Peshtigo, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 28. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 14.

Bond was set at \$2,000 for Elliot Lee Preston, 37, Wallace, Michigan, after he was charged with possession

of narcotic drugs in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 7. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 17.

Proceedings of Dec. 7

After a preliminary hearing, Kevin Lynn Ruhnke, 65, Hermantown, Minnesota, was bound over on a charge of second-degree reckless injury, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 30. Arraignment was scheduled for Dec. 22.

Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for William E. Pasterski, 31, Green Bay, after he was charged with strangulation-suffocation, substantial battery, bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 26. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 14.

Bond was set at \$2,500 for Tristen T. Brunette, 18, Oconto Falls, after he was charged with two counts possession of child pornography, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 3. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 13.

Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for Tykeisha Neshay Miller, 29, Menominee, Michigan, after she was charged with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, possession of an illegal article and misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 5. Her initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 14.

Website aims to fend off property fraud

The Oconto County Register of Deeds Office has implemented a new website it says will give residents another way to avoid falling victim to fraud.

Land Notification, a website that allows residents to monitor real estate activity, is a free service that creates alerts based on information residents provide. The alert will generate emails to subscribers when documents regarding their property have been recorded with the Oconto County Register of Deeds office.

"The website is a proactive way to prevent fraud," Register of Deeds Annette Behringer said. "While the

county has not seen many instances of fraud, a person could forge signatures of homeowners on a new deed or mortgage and commit fraud worth thousands of dollars."

Behringer said the program allows potential problems to be caught early and promptly fixed.

"Customers can now take a proactive approach to monitoring their investments, and a home is often the largest investment one will make in their lifetime," she said.

Visit <https://landnotify.co.oconto.wi.us/Ins.app/> for information or to sign up for Land Notification alerts.

Serio now offering vascular care in Oconto Falls

Prevea Health is now offering vascular care at the Prevea Oconto Falls Health Center – Medical Services Building with Dr. Stephen Serio, a board-certified and fellowship-trained vascular surgeon.

"Vascular disease is a chronic disease, and it is important those affected by it have access to high-quality health care that is close to home," Serio said. "I am pleased to offer this care in the wonderful community of Oconto Falls, where I look forward to building relationships with and helping patients get the care they need."

Serio specializes in carotid artery surgery and stenting; peripheral arterial bypass and angioplasty; endo-



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vascular repair of thoracic and abdominal aneurysm; open aneurysm repair; dialysis access; thoracic outlet syndrome; and varicose vein treatments and complex venous disorders.

The Prevea Oconto Falls Health Center – Medical Services Building is located at 853 S. Main St. on the campus of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital. Appointments with Serio can be made by calling 920-436-1358.

OBITUARIES

Betty Delzer Sosinske

We are sad to announce the death of our mother, Betty Delzer Sosinske, 81, on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at her home at Emerald Bay Assisted Living in Hobart. She was born Aug. 15, 1939, to Harold and Irene (Van Ess) Wilson. On July 12, 1958, she married Hugo Delzer Jr., and they were married for 43 years until his death in 2001. Their marriage was an example of true love and devotion, and we were witnesses to that as they were often holding hands and showing affection to each other. They were strong Christian role models to all of us children, and we aspire to follow their life lessons to this day. Mom had more love to give and was blessed again in finding Wes Sosinske, a longtime friend of Mom and Dad when they traveled to Texas. On June 17, 2006, Mom remarried and was married the last 14 years. What a blessing Wes has been to Mom and our family. This year we have been isolated for too long, but knowing the



love Wes had for her and the wonderful, gentle care he provided up until the end, we are forever grateful to him.

Mom was a child care provider for over 20 years until she and Dad

retired in 1991. In both of her marriages, they enjoyed being snowbirds — living at Holtwood Park in Oconto during the summer months and Florida, Arizona or Texas in the winter months. Dancing and bike riding were just a couple of her favorite things she enjoyed doing with her loved ones.

Betty is survived by her husband, Wes Sosinske, Hobart; four of her five children, Donna (Howard) Messenger, Oconto, Scott (Denise) Delzer, Appleton, Dan (Ann) Delzer, Sarasota, Florida, and Lynn (Tim) Carpenter,

Hobart. Betty was given the gift of nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Mirkella and Macy Foth; Miranda, Noah, Joselyn, Allison and Alivia Abbott; Kyle, Seth, Isabelle and Hugo Messenger; Mindy, Lilly, Hazel and Finn Paszek; Wayne Delzer; Daniel and Matthew Delzer; Jenna and Cameron Carpenter. Through her second marriage she was blessed to have four stepchildren, Jerome (Brenda) Sosinske, Janet Sosinske, Julie (Mark) Arndorfer and Jim (Natalie) Sosinske; four step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Hugo Delzer Jr., and her son Wayne Delzer.

In the book of John 16:33 it says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Our family, like yours, has seen its share of trouble, and we have found this verse to ring

true. God doesn't promise to change our circumstances when we are experiencing trouble, but he does promise to carry us through them, when we trust him and lean on him. Our prayer for you this Christmas season, is that you would find God's peace and love so no matter what happens, you can see how he uses everything for your good and for his Glory. You simply need to ask Him to reveal himself to you and receive his gift of love, forgiveness and eternal life.

We are comforted in knowing that in Christ there are no goodbyes.

A special thank you to Emerald Bay and Heartland Hospice for the special care that they provided Mom when we could not be there.

Due to current COVID concerns, private viewing will be taking place prior to cremation. When circumstances allow for the public to attend, funeral services and burial next to her first husband, Hugo, will take place.

Richard Stein

Richard "Chunky" Stein died Dec. 8 at his home from sudden cardiac arrest. He was born Oct. 7, 1943, to the late Alfred and Muriel (McDonald) Stein. He lived his early years in Lena and moved to Oconto Falls, where he graduated in 1961. At 17, he joined the Navy and served until his discharge in 1964. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathryn Zima, on May 7, 1966, in the Abrams United Methodist Church. Dick worked for 35 years at Fort Howard Paper Co. in Green Bay, retiring in 2000. Throughout his working years



and during retirement, Dick greatly enjoyed the outdoors, including hunting out West and here in Wisconsin, gardening and walking every day. He spent time traveling with Kathy and

friends to places around the country and world, including Kenya, Panama, Iceland, Canada, Mexico, Alaska and most states west of the Mississippi

River. In his retirement years he also spent much of his time in his wood shop, meticulously working on projects. He loved to watch his grandchildren in all their various sports and activities, attending their events as much as possible. Whenever the girls asked, "Dad, can you fix this, make this or do this?" the answer was always, "Yes."

Dick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kathy; daughters, Sara (Jerry) Arndt, Deanne (Brennan) Wyatt; and was the proud grandfather to Jayden, Jake, Max and Zoe. Also survived by

brother, Don (Jan) Stein and sister, Marcia (Ted) Thronson.

The family received relatives and friends at the Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Frederick Schulz officiating. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery with military rites. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given.

Florence H. Schenkoski

Florence Hazel Schenkoski, 86, of Gillett, passed away on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020. Florence was born Feb. 8, 1934, in the Town of Underhill to the late Albert and Margaret (Krause) Schutt. On Oct. 9, 1945, Florence married Bennie Schenkoski. They owned a farm in rural Gillett. Florence belonged to St. John Riverside Lutheran Church in Gillett. She was always there to help the ladies with their potato pancake dinner and help out where needed.

Florence is survived by her three sons, Pete (Chris) of Abrams, Allen (Jane) and Gary (Laura), both of Gillett; grandchildren, Dana (Doug) Wojcik, Stachia (Ryan) Desterheft,



Clarisse (Ross) Klosterman, Jennifer Miller, Luke Schenkoski, Jeremy Schenkoski, Justin (Denae) Schenkoski, and Ashley (Roger) Thiry; step-grandchildren, Paige and Taylor

Dillenberg; many great-grandchildren; sister, Ruby (Henry) Siech of Green Bay; three sisters-in-law, Lenora Schenkoski of Gillett, Josie Schutt of New York, and Nancy Schutt of Milwaukee. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie, and son, Gaylord; four brothers; two sisters.

The family will gather privately for a funeral service at St. John Riverside Lutheran Church with Pastor James Athey officiating. The family asks that social distancing and mask wearing be observed, due to serious concerns with the virus. Burial will follow the service at the church cemetery. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

A special thank you to Pastor Athey for going and giving Florence

communion and sharing scriptures with her. Further thanks go to Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Oconto Falls for taking care of Florence during her time of need and to Gruetzmacher Funeral Home for assisting the family.



Buck James Kozlovsky

Buck James Kozlovsky, 22, Oconto Falls, died suddenly of natural causes early Wednesday morning, Dec. 9, 2020. He was born Nov. 24, 1998, in Green Bay to Richard Kozlovsky and Cristy Meunier. Buck attended Oconto Falls public schools, graduating from high school with the Class of 2017. Buck was currently employed at Witt's Piggly Wiggly in Oconto Falls.

"Buck was many things in his life," as his twin sister said, "a friend, a nephew, a grandchild, a son, a Dungeon Master, a video game guru; but over all of that, he was my better half ... my everything ... my best friend." He was good, pure, genuine and would have given you the shirt off his back, even if it was a few sizes too big.

Survivors are his parents, Cristy Meunier and Richard (Stacy) Kozlovsky; twin sister, Victoria Kozlovsky; one brother, Josh Sylvester; paternal grandparents, Nicholas Sr. and Mary Kozlovsky; maternal grandparents, Jeff (Ruth) Thomson and Susie (Don) McDermid; four great-



grandmothers, Pat Thomson, Vi McDermid, Germaine Meunier and Arlene Rocheleau; aunts and uncles, Mitchell and Bradley (Heather) Thomson, Andrea Beaumier, Annette (Terry) Earley,

Mary Jo (Ronald) King, Nicholas Jr. (Mandi) Kozlovsky, Robin Kozlovsky and Shelly (Eric) Rudolph; numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dennis Meunier, and four great-grandfathers, Dale Thomson, Neil McDermid, Denver Meunier and Owen Rocheleau.

Visitation took place after 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial followed in St. Anthony Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Elizabeth A. Trever

In loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Trever, 66, Town of Underhill. Passed away peacefully at her home on Dec. 7, 2020.

Elizabeth was born July 21, 1954. She was a loving CNA and spent her time cooking for the ones she loved. Her hobbies were picking apples to make pie, strawberries to make jam and asparagus. She loved feeding her birds, as well.

She was married on May 27, 2000, to her late husband, Richard Trever. He was the love of her life. She loved all her children and grandchildren. Elizabeth was a firm believer in the Lord, our Savior.

A special thank you to St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay and Unity Hospice for the loving care that they showed her.

Mary L. Woodke

Mary L. Woodke, 86, of Gillett, passed away at home on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, surrounded by her family. Mary was born April 8, 1934, to the late Edward and Isabelle (Swiekatowski) Jarock. Before marriage, Mary worked as a beautician in Pulaski and Green Bay. On April 24, 1954, Mary married Robert Woodke in Pulaski. The couple farmed for 40 years in Gillett. After retirement, Mary and Robert enjoyed going to casinos and out polka dancing. She also enjoyed gardening, growing flowers, watching birds, cooking and baking. Her family will always remember her famous dill pickles and her delicious fruit cake and other desserts. For many years, Mary was a member of the women's bowling league. Mary was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Gillett.

Mary is survived by her five sons, Robert Jr. (Molly), Larry (Connie), Chuck (Jodie), David (Sue), and John (Susan); her daughter, Kristin; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and one on the way; siblings, Len (Kathy) Jarock, Judy Larscheid, Joanne Thorkelson, Dick (Joann) Jarock, Paula (Louis) Raska and Vicki Marotz. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by



her husband of 54 years, Robert; a brother, Norm (Boots) Jarock; brother-in-law, Merle Larscheid.

Public visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at Gruetzmacher Funeral

Home in Suring from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. A private funeral service for the family will be held. She will be interred at Wanderer's Rest Cemetery beside Robert. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacher-funeralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Christine Berndt, APNP, for the excellent care and compassion offered to Mary during her time of need.



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SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: MCKAYLA GOEBEL

Oconto Falls senior looking to lead in final season

The Oconto Falls High School girls basketball team came into the season under the direction of a new coach and needing some players to step up. McKayla Goebel is hoping to be one of those players in her senior season.

Goebel made the North Eastern Conference honorable mention team as a junior after averaging 7.3 points per game.

She helped the Panthers open their season with a win over NEC for Clintonville, scoring 20 points in the contest.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball started when I was younger. My dad (Matthew Compton) has always pushed me to be the best I can be by bringing me to the park after school and shooting hoops and playing 1 vs. 1 together.

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

A: My favorite part of basketball is playing the game with my friends, being able to accomplish goals while enjoying the moments.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Basketball has taught me many things, such as teamwork and leadership. When playing basketball, the success of each individual player really depends on the performance of other teammates. It also helped with communication, which helps when trying to be a leader. Having good leadership helps others respect you and believe in you.

Q: As a senior, what are you most looking forward to this winter?

A: As a senior, the thing I'm most looking forward to this winter is being able to start fresh with a new



Oconto Falls' McKayla Goebel dribbles toward the basket during a North Eastern Conference game against Marinette on Feb. 7 in Oconto Falls.

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coach and new teammates and try to accomplish some new goals as a team.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you are hoping to reach this season?

A: Some individual goals I have this season are to shoot at least 80% at the free-throw line, an average of 12-25 points a game and get the first-team all-conference.

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

A: Some rituals I go through

before a game is I always try to take a short nap either on the bus or at home. I then always listen to my pre-game songs and jam in the locker room with the team. Then as a team, we come together and hold hands and then take a moment to reflect on the game and to take a moment to gather all the nervousness. We then bring it together and to a chant.

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

A: My favorite memory competing on the Oconto Falls basketball

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: McKayla Goebel

SPORT: Girls basketball

POSITION: Point guard/wing

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

team was my junior year when we were playing Wrightstown and usually we don't keep up super close, but last year we were winning at some points. It was exhilarating. We worked super hard to come that close to winning against them.

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school basketball?

A: The thing I am going to miss the most about high school basketball is definitely my team and just the environment. There are always memories being made and just being able to play the game with the people who understand me the most.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie, and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Grey's Anatomy." Movie — "The Karate Kid." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: Not many people know this but I have never gotten hurt or broken a bone.

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

A: The greatest piece of advice I got was, "No matter how busy you are, if you want to accomplish something you will make time to do it."

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

A: After graduating from high school, I plan on attending Marian University in Fond Du Lac to get a degree in nursing.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gillett 45

Suring 37

Gillett jumped out to a 15-point halftime lead before hanging on late for a Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Suring on Dec. 10 in Gillett.

Aubrey DeBauch and Macy Franti each scored 12 points to lead Gillett on the offensive end. Ryann Wagner added 11 points, while Karissa Schaal had seven.

Kylee Stelzer tallied 14 points to pace Suring on the night. Kelsey Smith added nine points.

Gillett 56

Niagara 47

Gillett used a balanced scoring

attack to take down Niagara in a M&O clash on Dec. 7 in Niagara.

Carleigh Kaczmarek knocked down three 3-pointers and paced Gillett with 15 points. Macy Franti added 13 points, while Alaina Herzog had 10.

Ryann Wagner hit three triples to score nine points for the Tigers. Aubrey DeBauch chipped in six points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bowler 63

Lena 55

Lena came up short in a nonconference battle against Bowler on Dec. 11 in Lena.

Max Beyer scored 28 points to lead Lena on offense. He made 11 field goals and six free throws.

Logan Shallow, Jacob Belongia

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and Mason Simonson each added six points for the Wildcats.

Bowler 76

Gillett 51

Gillett came up short in a nonconference clash against Bowler on Dec. 10 in Bowler.

Brandon DeBauch scored 17 points for Gillett. Aydin Franti hit five 3-pointers and added 16 points.

Devin Waranka chipped in eight points for the Tigers.

STAA 50

Gillett 42

Gillett fell just short in a M&O matchup against St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Dec. 8 in Marinette.

Evan Peterson led a balanced Gillett offensive attack with 11 points. Aydin Franti and Ben Matczak added nine points each.

Brandon DeBauch grabbed eight rebounds for the Tigers, while Franti had seven. Matczak had five assists and four steals.

WRESTLING

Freedom 42

Oconto Falls 22

Oconto Falls dropped a North Eastern Conference dual match to Freedom on Dec. 8 in Oconto Falls.

Clayton Whiting (195) and Graeson Pankratz (113) each won by pin for Oconto Falls.

Luke Trepanier (138) earned an 11-1 major decision win for the Panthers. Landon Budz (120) picked up a forfeit win.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

5 Lena/STAA players make all-conference list

Suring has 3 players recognized

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

After putting together a 5-3 season, the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy high school football co-op had five players named to a MONLPC-8 team.

Senior Ethan Russell (defensive back), juniors Logan Shallow (running back) and Lane Whiting (linebacker) and sophomores Sam Marquardt (quarterback) and Josh Kristof (linebacker) were the five co-op players recognized.

Suring senior Leo Taylor (of-

fensive and defensive lineman) and juniors Gavin Fredenburgh (defensive back) and Taron Haak (kicker) also made the all-conference list, which only had a first team, instead of the typical first, second and honorable mention lists.

Russell intercepted three passes during the season to lead the co-op's defense. He also tallied 20 tackles and two tackles for loss.

"Honestly, getting all-conference is a great accomplishment for me, but I'm glad that we were able to get a winning season," said Russell. "Winning the so-called 'COVID Cup' was the perfect way to go out, and I think the rest of our seniors would agree."

After Lena/STAA and Wausaukee split a pair of regular season match-

ups, the teams decided to forgo the playoffs and instead play a third game against each other, with the game being coined the M&O Pod Championship, and the teams playing for a "COVID Cup." Lena/STAA won the game 26-8 on Nov. 13 in Lena.

Shallow rushed for 559 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also catching a touchdown pass and throwing for 224 yards and three more touchdowns.

Marquardt threw for 425 yards and four touchdowns this season. He rushed for 448 yards and six scores.

Whiting and Kristof helped anchor the co-op's defense, which didn't allow more than 14 points during the team's five-game winning streak to end the season.

Whiting had 22 tackles, six tackles

for loss, four fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and five sacks. Kristof accumulated 39 tackles, eight tackles for loss, one fumble recovery and one sack.

Along with leading Suring's offensive line, Taylor racked up 33 total tackles 12 tackles for loss on defense. He also forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Fredenburgh finished the season with 20 total tackles and three passes defended.

Along with providing strong kicking, Haak was a steady contributor on offense and defense for the Eagles.

No Gillett players were named to the all-conference team.

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Wisconsin DNR announces wolf season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced Dec. 4 that the official wolf season will begin Nov. 6, 2021.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will delist gray wolves from the federal list of endangered species on Jan. 4, returning management authority to the lower 48 states and tribes.

Under Wisconsin law, when the wolf is delisted, the state's annual hunting and trapping seasons shall resume.

The recovery of gray wolves is a triumph of the Endangered Species Act and stands as a testament to the cooperation of federal, state and tribal agencies, as well as other conservation partners working together to support wolf recovery. The most recent monitoring effort indicated a minimum of 1,034 wolves in Wisconsin, primarily across the northern third of the state and the Central Forest region.

The DNR has successfully managed gray wolves for decades and will continue to follow the science and laws that influence our management. All wolf management, includ-

ing hunting and trapping, will be conducted in a transparent and deliberative process, in which public and tribal participation is encouraged.

Once wolves are removed from the federal list of endangered species, the DNR will work collaboratively and transparently to create a new wolf management plan to reflect our increased understanding of the biological and social issues relevant to wolf management. The new plan will ensure sustainable management of Wisconsin wolves for the future.

In addition, the DNR will also create a new Wolf Management Plan Committee, a group comprised of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, tribal interests and conservation perspectives representing diverse interests.

The existing wolf management plan, originally approved in 1999, was reviewed and updated in 2007 and helped guide recovery efforts in the state.

Following delisting – and until the official season goes into effect – it remains unlawful to shoot a wolf unless there is an immediate threat to



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human safety. However, if on private land, you can shoot and kill wolves that are in the act of killing, wounding or biting a domestic animal.

Although gray wolf management will be under state authority in early 2021, implementing a wolf season requires adequate time not only to develop a science-based harvest quota but also to engage the public and tribal partners in the development of a season plan that adequately reflects the interests of diverse stakeholders throughout Wisconsin. As such, the DNR is focused on planning a wolf season that begins Nov. 6, 2021.

The federal delisting of wolves on Jan. 4 once again provides Wisconsin the ability to implement an integrated wolf conflict abatement program. Each instance of wolf conflict is unique, and the DNR works with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services to assess the best management approach on a case-by-case basis. Going forward, the department will be able to implement the most effective abatement measures as wolf conflicts arise, including both nonlethal and lethal options where necessary.

As a reminder, under Wisconsin law, when the wolf is delisted, the state's annual hunting and trapping seasons shall resume. In the meantime, the DNR will continue to partner with USDA-Wildlife Services to address wolf conflicts in Wisconsin.

If you suspect wolves in the depredation of livestock, pets or hunting dogs, or if wolves are exhibiting threatening or dangerous behavior, contact USDA-Wildlife Services staff immediately. If in northern Wisconsin, call 1-800-228-1368 or 715-369-5221; if in southern Wisconsin, call 1-800-433-0663 or 920-324-4514.



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Sixth grade: Mason J. Konop, Grace A. Lakehouse, Christopher A. Mucha, Paige A. Pommerich.

FFA HOLIDAY DINNER



Gillett FFA members and volunteers prepare for the 15th annual Holiday Dinner, which was held Dec. 6 at the Gillett High School parking lot. The homemade meal was prepared for senior citizens in the community to spread holiday cheer. The FFA served over 100 meals and offered drive-through pickup due to COVID-19. Sponsors of the meal included Gillett Milling Co., Brown-Star Farms, Thrivent Action Grant, Horsens Homestead Farms, The Cracked Cup, The Flower Shoppe, Kohls Dairy Farm, Gillett FFA Alumni, Rank's Northern Distributing, Pat's Market, Peshtigo National Bank, Romy's Holiday Inn, Witt's Piggly Wiggly, Meunier's True Value, Steven Drake Vision Care, United Cooperative and Northwoods Veterinary Clinic.

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- Application form is available at the Suring Public School District Office and online on the school website- www.suring.k12.wi.us
- Application deadline: December 21, 2020 by 4:00 P.M.
- Mail Applications to Suring Public School District, PO Box 158, Suring, WI 54174

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
TOWN OF UNDERHILL
TOWN OF UNDERHILL FIRE STATION**

The Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin is seeking Statement of Qualifications submissions for architectural/engineering services for the Town of Underhill Fire Station Project.

Proposals must be marked as "RFQ for Professional services for Town of Underhill Fire Station" and must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

RFQs should be mailed to:

Tracy Winkler
Town of Underhill Clerk
5597 Cardinal Road
Gillett, WI 54124

To obtain a copy of the RFQ, go to the Town website at www.townofunderhill.com or contact:

Miles Winkler
Town Treasurer
5597 Cardinal Road
Gillett, WI 54124
(920) 590-2991

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CHILD SUPPORT DIRECTOR

Oconto County has an exciting career opportunity available for a Child Support Director. This is a Department Head position responsible for understanding and implementing State and County policies, statutes and regulations that govern the child support program, and to monitor agency compliance. Organizes the agency workload to maintain high levels of performance. Position will ensure that children receive monetary support from both parents and will represent the State of Wisconsin and Oconto County in family and paternity cases.

Position requires a Bachelor's Degree, knowledge of State and County government procedures and debt collection training, and knowledge of child support laws regulations and procedures. Please see detailed job description on County website for detailed information.

https://www.co.oconto.wi.us/career_opportunities/

Salary range is \$63,180 - \$67,216 depending on qualifications and experience. Includes a generous benefit package including participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System. Finalists may be required to undergo a detailed background check. Anticipated starting date will be March 8, 2021 or after.

Submit application on-line and include resume, letter of interest and a letter of recommendation. Completed application materials must be received by December 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

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Christmas Eve candlelight service open to public

Hillside Assembly of God welcomes the public to its Christmas Eve candlelight communion services at both of its locations, Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett, and

Hillside North, 2023 County Road Q, Pound.

The one-hour family service is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24. The program will also be broadcast via live stream at www.hillsideassembly.com.

For information, call 920-855-2962.

Part Time Help Wanted: City of Oconto Falls - Recycling Attendant

Approximately 25 hours per week – hours will vary; however include every Tuesday & Saturday and every other Thursday. Application and job description are available for pick up at City Hall drive up window - 500 N. Chestnut Avenue, print and view on-line at www.cityofocontofalls.com, may be requested via e-mail from dclerk@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us, or may request information to be mailed by calling City Hall at 920-846-4505. Completed applications are due no later than 8:00 AM on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. Mail to: City of Oconto Falls – Attn: Street Superintendent, PO Box 70, Oconto Falls, WI 54154 or drop off at City Hall drive up window/night drop box located at 500 N. Chestnut Ave.

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolutions have been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on December 8, 2020. A full text of said resolutions may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 20-010; Resolution authorizing salary increases for employees.
RESOLUTION 20-011; 2021 Utility Commission Budget resolution.

Nancy Brye - Deputy Clerk

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**EMPLOYMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Oconto County Dept. of Health & Human Services has an opportunity for job seekers interested in a full-time position in a professional office setting. Our Administrative Support Division is looking for a self-motivated, organized and detail-oriented individual to join our team! Qualifications include one to three years of related office experience and a high proficiency in computer skills, including extensive knowledge in MS Office products. Excellent customer service skills are also required.

This position is responsible for performing a variety of administrative functions including receptionist duties, typing, transcription, record keeping, filing, and general clerical support. This position is the assistant to clinical staff, which includes contacting pharmacies, scheduling client appointments, verifying required documentation and screening callers to determine service needs. Good organizational skills and a high degree of accuracy are also required.

This position works 37.5 hours per week with a beginning wage range of \$17.87 per hour, and an excellent fringe benefit package. Finalists may be required to undergo a detailed, background investigation and may be required to take a skills test.

Interested applicants must apply on-line at www.co.oconto.wi.us and include cover letter, resume and references. Application deadline is Monday January 4, 2021 at 4:00p.m.

Oconto County is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer

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SOCIAL WORKER

Oconto County Department of Health & Human Services has an exciting professional employment opportunity in the area of child protective services. The ideal applicant will be able to establish engagement with families to create a trusting relationship that will promote growth and connections within the family unit.

Our Family Services Division is looking for a self-motivated, organized and detail-oriented individual to join our team! Minimum requirements are a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a BSW or BS/BA degree in social work or other related Health & Human Services Field.

Oconto County offers an opportunity for gainful employment while preserving a strong work-life balance in a rural setting. Starting wage is \$24.09 per hour plus an excellent fringe benefit package. Finalists may be required to undergo a detailed background check.

A full job description is available on the website. Interested candidates must apply online at www.co.oconto.wi.us and include a cover letter, resume and references.

Application deadline is Monday, December 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
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OCONTO FALLS AREA VETERANS MONUMENT

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• **FULL NAME** _____

PLEASE INDICATE BRANCH OF SERVICE.

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• I'd like to make a donation only in Honor of All Veterans \$ _____

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

BOB MALONEY | 920-621-2771
OR BEV UMENTUM | 920-373-5162

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- ANY VETERAN THAT SERVED OR IS SERVING IS ELIGIBLE...NOT JUST AREA VETERANS.

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Heart calcium scoring. A screening tool to determine your risk of heart disease.

Not knowing your risk for heart disease isn't a treatment plan. A heart calcium scoring is an easy and powerful way to spot the signals of heart disease early—while there's still time to stop it. This simple screening can detect years of plaque buildup in as little as 10-15 minutes.

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CHRISTMAS
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Pat's Market

GILLETT (920) 855-6040

STORE HOURS: Mon-Fri 7:00am-7:00pm
Sat 8:00am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am-1:00pm

CAH PHARMACY HOURS: Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm
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While Supplies Last!

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\$4.99
lb
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BAKERY SPECIAL

Fancy Naval
Oranges
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Schoep's Ice Cream

\$3.49
Asst Variety
48oz Scoopends

HOLIDAY SAVINGS

Farm Rich
Appetizers

\$3.99
Asst Variety
18-24oz

Wildwood
2 Liter Soda

89¢
Asst Variety

Ory's Ultimate Rizers or
Pizzeria Ultra Thin Pizza

3/\$9.99
Asst Variety
18-28.45oz

Sugardale
Smoked Portion
Hams

\$1.69
lb

Pork Standing
Rib Roasts

\$2.99
lb

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lb
3 1/2 & 1/2

USDA Choice
Boneless Chuck
Shoulder Roasts
or Steaks

\$3.49
lb

Chairman's
Reserve Prime
Pork Tenderloins

\$2.99
lb

Hillshire Farms
Little Smokies

\$2.99
each
1-6oz

Red
Raspberries

\$2.99
6oz

Whole
Mushrooms

\$1.69^{lb}

Green Giant
Russet Potatoes

\$1.99
5-lb Bag

Cool Whip

99¢
Asst Variety
Box

Saralee
Classic Pies

\$3.99
Asst Variety
34oz

Gold Medal
Flour

\$2.49
5-lb Bag
All Purpose or
Unbleached

Pillsbury
All Ready Rolled
Pie Crust

\$2.99
14.1oz

Keebler Fudge
Shops, Chips
Deluxe, Sandies,
and Frosted
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2/\$6
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8.5-12.5oz

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Dean's TruMoo
Chocolate Milk

\$2.99
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or Chicken in a
Basket Snack
Crackers

2/\$5
Asst Variety
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Nabisco
Ritz Crackers

\$2.99
Asst Variety
11.8-13.7oz

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Fresh Cottage
Cheese

\$1.79
16oz Asst Variety

Kraft
Philadelphia
Cream Cheese

2/\$3
Box
Regular or Lite

Dean's Dip

\$1.69
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Lay's Party Size
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Fritos, or Ruffles

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