



Water enthusiasts converge on Kelly Lake during the summertime. The lake’s advancement association is among groups asking the Oconto County Board for a water quality specialist on the staff of the Land and Water Conservation Department.

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Board urged to consider creating water quality resource position

Could serve to identify issues and help educate ‘citizen scientists’

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

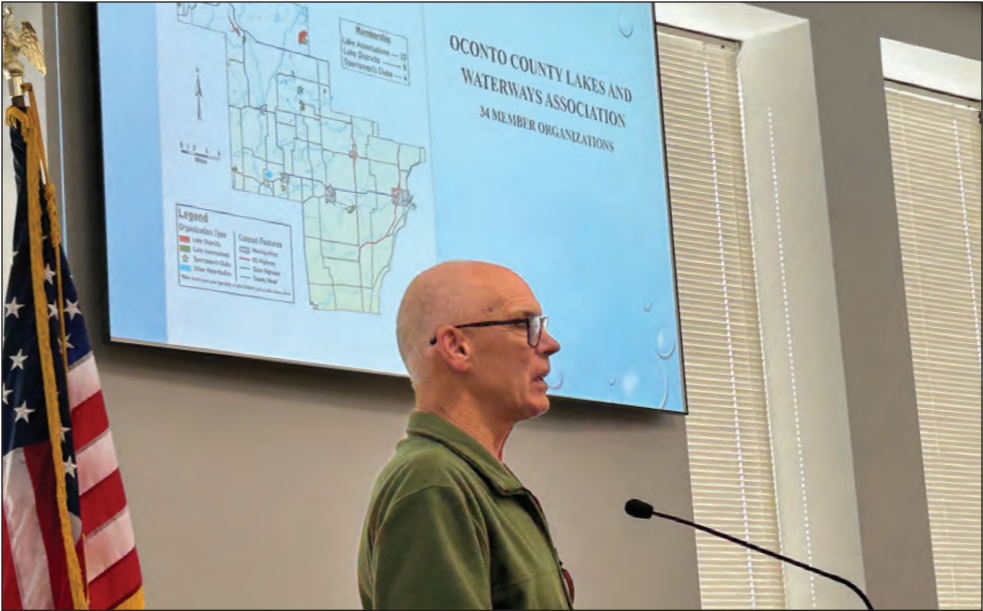
Officials and volunteers for local lake districts and associations are asking the Oconto County Board to consider adding a water quality resource position in the Land and Water Conservation Department in the 2026 budget.

The request came during a presentation March 20 updating the board on the ongoing effort to maintain water quality on 62 of the county’s inland lakes.

Ken Dolata, head of the county Land and Water Conservation Department, said the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection requires counties seeking state grants to maintain a 10-year land and water use management plan that focuses on how county is going to utilize its land and water resources, especially with regard to water quality.

The county is currently working on a rewrite after 10 years that will be coming before the board in a few months. Dolata said as they were preparing the original plan 10 years ago, they found they had plenty of good data on streams, not so much on lakes.

They embarked on a countywide lake study. Dolata and Dale Mohr, community development educator in the Extension office, started applying for grants to do water quality studies lake by lake. From 2016 to 2024 they obtained \$656,589 in state dollars to implement these studies.



Steve Heimerman, board member and past president of the Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association, addresses the county board during its regular monthly meeting March 20.

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“We were doing six to nine lakes a year and doing a two-year comprehensive study, everywhere from water quality, plant communities, shoreline studies — do they have a dock out there, do they have rock, do they have buffers, all that stuff is documented,” Dolata said. “The big benefit is the lakes got a 10-year comprehensive plan, we built a relationship with the lakes (associations) and the lake members out there, and we have a county-wide summary on our website.”

The result is 56 out of 62 lakes have improved access and completed comprehensive studies, he said.

“It’s a huge project. When it’s done it’ll be the largest one in the state,” Dolata said. “Nobody’s even come close to doing this many lakes in a countywide study.”

The work is also supported by the Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association (OCLWA), comprised of 22

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Longtime educator to retire

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Curt Angeli, who has spent his entire 35-year career with the Gillett School District, plans to retire at the end of this school year.

Superintendent Nathan Hanson announced to the school board March 20 that Angeli had announced his intentions. The board was expected to approve his retirement request after a closed session at the close of its regular monthly meeting.

“I think he started teaching in Gillett in what, 1924?” Hanson said to laughter. “It is exceedingly rare for an educator to start in a district today and end in the district.”

Much like professional sports, the field of education has turned to free agency in many ways, so people don’t tend to stay in one place, Hanson said.

“To have somebody who has been here and dedicated this much of his life and his time and his energy and his emotions, I think it’s something that is amazing, and I’m really proud to have gotten the opportunity to work with him this year,” he said. “We still have a couple of months to finish out, but I want to make sure everybody in the crowd knows that we’re losing a really, really great principal.”

Angeli was hired as a teacher in 1990 and said he served under all four of the other principals who have led Gillett Elementary School since it was built in 1977 — Bob Hruska, Stuart Rivard, Marjorie Mueller and Tammy Lipsey.

He became the school’s fifth principal in 2014.

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Curt Angeli has been principal of Gillett Elementary School since 2014. He has served all 35 years of his education career in Gillett.

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Egg prices increase demand at Gillett Milling Co.

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Gillett School Board approves 10-year plan

Replacing an obsolete switchgear rises to the top of the list

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The Gillett School Board approved an updated 10-year buildings and grounds capital improvements plan March 20 and immediately OK'd the first major expense on the list.

Under state law, a school board with an approved long-term capital improvement plan (minimum of 10 years) may establish a "trust" known as Fund 46 that is funded with a transfer from the general fund.

Board member Jamie Heroux, who chairs the building and grounds committee, said Superintendent Nathan Hanson and Scott Krause, maintenance director, reviewed the district's previous five-year

plan and produced the update.

The committee reviewed the new 10-year plan as a guideline for future projects and set about deciding possible projects that could be funded with the current balance, Heroux said.

The top two priorities were upgrading or replacing the air conditioning at Gillett Elementary School and a switch gear in the portion of Gillett Secondary School that was built in the 1960s, he said. A switchgear is a vital component of a building's electric distribution system.

Given enough funds to implement only one of the priority projects, the committee recommended the switchgear.

"Our concern is that

if part of that switchgear fails, we would lose power to the gymnasium and most of the and 1920s and 1960s parts of the building, which would basically mean that we couldn't have school in those parts of the building," Heroux said. "Just a workaround could take weeks, if you could get one."

Pieper Power, an electrical contractor from Park Falls, received the contract to do the required work for \$189,350, in part because it estimated a 10-week lead time to acquire the parts, while two other bidders said it could take up to a year.

"They looked at the building as a whole rather than just that switchgear and they said over in the 1990s part of the building we have a 2,000-amp

feed that's being underutilized — it's more than big enough to put a patch panel in the 1960s part of the building and feed it from that feed," Heroux said. "It would have an additional benefit that we wouldn't have two power feeds for that area, we'd just have the one from the 1990s."

Hanson said the existing switchgear "is huge and it's so outdated that we tried to see if we could rebuild it, so we had people come in to look at it, and the parts are so outdated that they really can't, they have to replace the whole thing."

Heroux estimated that the old switchgear is 1.5 meters wide by 2 meters high. He said the bid increased by \$4,500 after the committee made its

recommendation, because the price of copper is skyrocketing. The proposal was to approve the contract now to lock in the price and keep school open if something goes wrong, he said.

Hanson noted that the other two bidders would probably also need to raise their price because of copper.

Now that the plan is updated, school officials will continue to review potential projects.

"It's really important when you look at this list to know that none of these things are locked in as 'they have to happen,'" Hanson said. "We know that repairs come up, we know that things have to be prioritized as we go, this is really just a very loose projection on things

that we know we want to look at, continue to try to work on and stay ahead of."

Board member Cliff Gerbers said the district will soon be making last big payment on a long-term loan.

"The district borrowed \$6 million to do repairs that we hadn't done for a lot of years," Gerbers said. "Somehow we have to get this 10-year plan to where we can keep up with that stuff. Once you get behind in maintenance — as you found out this year — you're done. We have to have a plan to maintain the facility."

Heroux said Krause is in the process of developing a districtwide maintenance schedule.

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Oconto County to pay volunteers for emergency calls

Fiscal impact is minimal, human resources director says

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Oconto County wants its employees who serve as volunteer firefighters and EMS workers to know their work is appreciated.

The board voted 27-1 on March 20 to continue paying those workers in the rare occasions when they're called away during their regular hours.

Shelly Schultz, the county human resources director, told the board she recently received an inquiry about whether the county should pay its volunteers who have to leave because of a major call.

"We really didn't have a policy for Oconto County,

and I can't just make that policy, so we decided to bring it forward," Schultz said.

A review of nine other counties found that most require their employees to clock out when they receive a call. Marinette County does pay its volunteers, but then they have to sign over any pay they receive for the call from the fire or ambulance service.

"Our philosophy as department heads is that obviously it's a huge value to our community and (the number of) volunteers is going lower and lower for some of our municipalities," Schultz said. "This was a way that we thought

Oconto County could support our volunteers and go above and beyond what some other counties do."

The proposal received the endorsement of the board's administration committee, which brought the resolution to the full board.

"If they have to come in late due to being on a fire call or EMS run, or if they have to leave work for that, we would pay them their base wage while they are out," Schultz said. "We're not talking about a lot (of money). It's rare that they get the big call during the day — we're not talking about lift assists or something like that, we're talking

about some of these major fires or incidents that would require a few of our people to be able to leave if their department head or supervisor allow them to leave."

Supervisor Elizabeth Holman cast the lone dissenting vote, saying she didn't like the resolution's wording that the fiscal impact was "minimal" but "unknown." She also noted that eight of the other nine counties do not pay their employees who respond to emergency calls.

Schultz said because the employees' wages and salaries are a budgeted line item, there is no extra cost to the county. She also asked that workers not be

required to reimburse any money they earn from a call during county work hours.

"It would be an administrative nightmare, especially because some of them only get paid like once a year; some don't get paid at all," Schultz said. "It would be too hard to distinguish that that one hour was due to their leaving Oconto County, do you know what I mean?"

Supervisor Bart Schindel said he has been on the Oconto Falls Fire Department for 40 years and estimated he might have been called off his regular job 10 times during those four decades.

"So once every four

years for one day is minimal when you look at it," Schindel said. "And Oconto Falls gets a lot of calls — once every four years would be very minimal."

The new policy would only be required in rare instances like a major fire or a mass casualty incident, Schindel said.

Schultz said department heads have said it's not really an issue.

"They've never not allowed someone to go; there's never been an issue up to this point at all," she said. "It was just we needed to have a policy so that we knew how to handle it."

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Burglary suspect waives preliminary hearing



Alfred Duane Gristeau is escorted from an Oconto County courtroom March 21 after waiving his right to a preliminary hearing on a number of burglary and theft charges.

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Gristeau remains in custody in lieu of \$100K bail

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The man suspected in a series of burglaries late last year waived his right to a preliminary hearing during a brief appearance in Oconto County Circuit

Court on March 21.

Alfred Duane Gristeau, 25, Gillett, is charged with eight counts of burglary to a building or dwelling, one count of theft of movable property — special facts, and 19 misdemeanor charges: 11 counts of theft of movable property worth less than \$2,500, five counts of criminal damage to property, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia and bail jumping.

Judge Jay Conley scheduled arraignment for 2 p.m.

April 24, at which time Gristeau is to enter a plea. He remains in custody in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond.

The burglaries allegedly took place between Oct. 31 and Dec. 14. According to the criminal complaint, the break in the case occurred Dec. 14, when a trail camera was stolen in the Town of Underhill.

The camera had a feature that sent photos to its owner, and its last two images showed a man approaching the camera and then a blurry image that appeared to show the man

taking it.

The deputy who responded to the burglary showed the photo to neighbors, and one identified the man as Gristeau, according to the criminal complaint.

A short time later, authorities received a call that a burglary was in progress at the nearby Northern Grace Youth Camp, where a Ring camera had sent a notification that someone was inside the camp's kitchen building.

The responding deputy spotted a man in the drive-

way to the camp and identified him as Gristeau from the trail cam image, and the suspect was taken into custody a short time later with the help of K-9 officer Turbo.

Among the burglaries the complaint attributes to Gristeau are break-ins to 15 cabins at the youth camp and the thefts of four guitars, a chainsaw and security cameras. A rifle, BB gun and game console were taken in another burglary at a residence.

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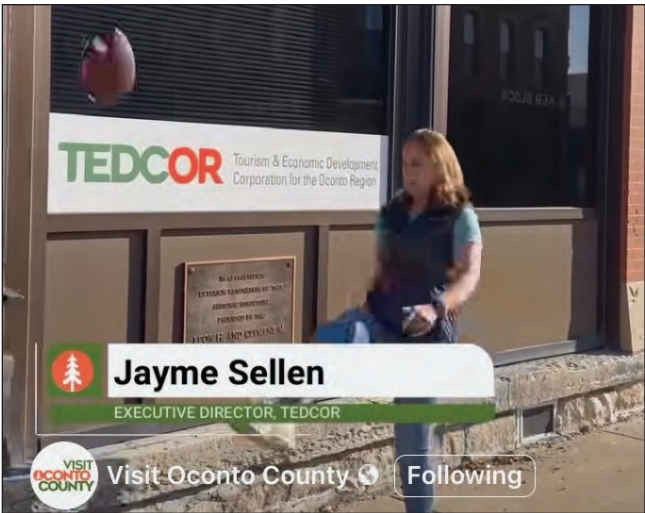
By WARREN BLUHM
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Local officials and business owners are starring in online videos encouraging visitors to check out Oconto County communities while they're in the area for the 2025 NFL draft.

The draft is being held April 24-26 in Green Bay, an event expected to draw hundreds of thousands of visitors to northeast Wisconsin.

During her monthly report to the Oconto County Board on March 20, Jayme Sellen, executive director of the Tourism and Economic Development Corporation for the Oconto Region (TEDCOR),

said her colleague, Kelly Schwartz, has been making a series of Reels — short videos on Facebook, Instagram and other platforms — to promote the county.



Jayme Sellen, executive director of TEDCOR, punts a football to Oconto Falls Mayor Clint Braun in one of several social media videos prepared to promote local communities in advance of the NFL draft.

“Basically, it’s going to every community and tagging businesses in that community and saying, you know we’re 30 miles from Lambeau Field, which is a 30-minute drive, come visit

us for our good food, our retail establishments, whatever that is,” Sellen said.

She encouraged supervisors and residents to seek out the videos, “Like” them, share them and leave

comments.

“I need your help to get this out to all those people who are going to come and visit and hopefully get some traffic up our way,” Sellen said.

TEDCOR offers loans to winter weather businesses

The Tourism and Economic Development Corporation for the Oconto Region (TEDCOR) has announced the launch of a new Emergency Nano Loan program.

The temporary program will be open until July 30 and aims to provide swift financial relief to businesses reliant on outdoor recreation activities that have been negatively im-

pacted by the lack of snow and other adverse weather.

“We recognize the challenges our local hospitality businesses face during unpredictable winter seasons,” said Jayme Sellen, TEDCOR executive director. “This Emergency Nano Loan program is designed to provide quick access to vital funds, helping these businesses navigate through these difficult

times.”

Loan amounts range from \$500 to \$2,000 with 1% fixed interest. Borrowers must match the loan at a minimum of 25%, and the term is for two years.

Interested businesses are encouraged to visit www.tedcor.org to learn about the program details and to apply or contact TEDCOR at 920-834-6969 or jsellen@tedcor.org.

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Notice of Referendum Election

APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

To create section 1m of article III of the constitution; relating to: requiring photographic identification to vote in any election (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 73, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 9, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1m of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 1m (1) No qualified elector may cast a ballot in any election unless the elector presents valid photographic identification that verifies the elector's identity and that is issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state. The legislature shall by law establish acceptable forms of photographic identification, and the legislature may by law establish exceptions to the requirement under this subsection.

(2) A qualified elector who is unable to present valid photographic identification on election day shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot may not be counted unless the elector presents valid photographic identification at a later time and place as provided by the legislature by law.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2025; and, be it further Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that "[o]nly a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum." Wis. Const. art. III, § 2. The referendum question would add a new provision to Wis. Const. art. III to require that voters present valid photographic identification to exercise their rights as electors.

The proposed constitutional text would provide that acceptable photographic identification must be "issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state." The proposal therefore would exclude identification such as out-of-state driver's licenses and tribal identification issued by non-Wisconsin tribes.

The proposal would allow, but not require, the legislature to create exceptions to the identification requirement. Courts have held that some exceptions are required by the U.S. Constitution. The proposal would also prevent future legislatures from repealing statutory photographic identification requirements altogether.

A "yes" vote would vote to create a new article III, section 1m of the Wisconsin Constitution to require voters to present "valid photographic identification" in order to vote.

A "no" vote would vote not to create the new constitutional provision.

DONE in the City of Oconto this 7th day of March, 2025.
Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153

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In recognition of Doctor's Day, we would like to say
Thank You for your commitment to our Meadowbrook residents, families, and care team. Your time, dedication, and leadership continue to help us to live our vision of providing quality care in our community, one person at a time.

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Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots

April 1, 2025

Office of the Oconto County Clerk

To the voters of Oconto County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in (insert name of county, town, village, city, or school district) on (insert full date of election), at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

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

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "Image-Cast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

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

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

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

Spoiling Ballots

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

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

The following is a list of contests, ballot candidates, and a sample of the official ballot published in accordance with state statute. Each polling location will have samples of official ballots specific to that location posted. Please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> for more information.

Done in the City of Oconto on January 16, 2025

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

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Oconto, Wisconsin 54153

920-834-6800

Ballot ID: 2127

Town of Mountain, Ward 1

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Municipal	School District
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1	School District of Suring School Board Member Towns of Bagley, Maple Valley and Spruce Area Vote for 1
To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	☐ Brenda Carey-Mielke	☐ Rhonda Stuart
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	☐ Lindor Skip Maletzke	☐ write-in: _____
	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2	School Board Member Towns of Doty, Mountain and Riverview Area Vote for 1
	☐ Wayne O'Barski	☐ Amanda Seibert
	☐ Jody Wydeven	☐ write-in: _____
	☐ write-in: _____	
	Town Clerk/Treasurer Vote for 1	Referendum
	☐ Lynn Kauzlaric	To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●
	☐ write-in: _____	To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●
		State
	Judicial	QUESTION 1: "Photographic Identification for voting." Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"
	Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1	☐ Yes
	☐ Brad Schimel	☐ No
	☐ Susan Crawford	
	☐ write-in: _____	
	Court of Appeals Judge District 3 Vote for 1	
	☐ Lisa K. Stark	
	☐ write-in: _____	

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Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Referendum (cont.)

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

School District

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED REVENUE CAP

COMMENCING WITH

THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Suring Public School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in excess of the revenue limits imposed by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes each year for a period of five years on a non-recurring basis, beginning with the 2025-26 school year and ending with the 2029-30 school year, for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems.

Question

Shall the School Board of the Suring Public School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes beginning with the 2025-26 school year through the 2029-30 school year on a non-recurring basis by an amount of \$1,500,000 each year for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems as provided in the foregoing resolution?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

for

Town of Mountain, Ward 1

Oconto County

Ballot ID: 2127

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

If issued by SVDs, both must initial

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

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Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

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OCONTO COUNTY ELECTION CANDIDATES

All Oconto County Voters will vote for:
Justice of the Supreme Court
Vote for 1
Brad Schimel
Susan Crawford

State Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Superintendent
Vote for 1
Brittany Kinser
Jill Underly

Court of Appeals Judge District 3
Vote for 1
Lisa K. Stark

Statewide Referendum Question 1: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

The following municipalities will also vote for the candidates and offices of their jurisdiction:

Town of Abrams
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Don Demeny

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Bonnie Hearley
Erik R. Leonhardt
Dennis Ferdon

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Jean Hansen

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Tara Klug

Constable
Vote for 1
Raymond L. Rybka

Town of Bagley
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Tom Bauer

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Mike Fischer
David Leisner

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Alan Sleeter

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Joe Hoerth

Town of Brazeau
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Ryan Wendt

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
John A. Fetterly
Craig Kasten

Town of Breed
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Phillip Christenson

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Mark Quandt
Ahren Telford

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Kristen Telford

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Ethel Firgens

Town of Chase
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Gary Van Lannen

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Dennis Kroll
Jeff D. Van Enkevort

Town of Doty
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Andrew Stemp

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Randall Siewert
Andrew Dryja

Town of Gillett
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Andy Schaal

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Marilyn Reichwald
Marty Luther

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Renee Carlson

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
John Peterik

Town of How
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Ken Holmes

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
David Hischke
John H. Moede

Town of Lakewood
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Mike Musil
Kevin L. Ballangee

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
James Bostwick
Joanne Roy

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Michelle Moczynski

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
James W. Beno

Town Assessor
Vote for 1
Peter A. Liptack

Town of Lena
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Kevin J. Jagiello

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Holly Marie Marquardt
Scott Cook

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Dawn Van Ark

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Jean St. Louis

Constable
Vote for 1
Bruce Jagiello

Town of Little River
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Thomas Big T. Portier
Randy Hahn

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Paul Porker Madson

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Darlene Bourassa

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Amy Peterson

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Nancy A. DeWindt

Town of Little Suamico
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Dale Mohr
Frank Nowak

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
David E. Pribyl
Liz Paape
Tracey Krumrei
Penny Helmle
Dan Herzberg
Frank Nowak

Town of Maple Valley
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Mike Beyer

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Anthony Gauthier
Andrew Angus

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Cindy Tousey

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Jill Wendt

Town of Morgan
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Lori Witthuhn

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Jeff Folts
Joe Brusky

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Erin Mooers

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Lorie Wiese

Town of Mountain
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Brenda Carey-Mielke
Lindor Skip Maletzke

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Wayne O'Barski
Jody Wydeven

Town Clerk/Treasurer
Vote for 1
Lynn Kauzlaric

Town of Oconto
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Patrick J. Scanlan

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Paul Pansier

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Chad Van Hulle

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Lori Scanlan

Treasurer
Vote for 1
Mandy Leonard

Town of Oconto Falls
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Robert Wolf
Dave Alsteen

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Victor Peterson

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Michael L. Kaczmarek

Town of Pensaukee
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Dan Bergh

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Daniel A. Rehbein

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Kyle W. Nelis

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Trudie Chico

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Sandra Falk

Town of Riverview
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Jim Zittlow

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
David R. Szepanski
David VanZeeland

Town of Spruce
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Terry Brazeau

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Bradley J. Paitl
Suzanne Verhagen

Town of Stiles
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Jason Flynn

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Write-in*

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Robert Telford

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Terrah J. Patton

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Caitlin P. Gillum

Town of Townsend
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Monica M. Zeller

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Chuck DeMoulin
Willis Evans

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Linda Ziegler

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Beth Hartman

Town of Underhill
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Mark Winkler
Peter Vorpahl

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Robert BJ McCarthy
Patrick Nelson

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Tracy A. Winkler

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Miles A. Winkler

Village of Lena
Village President
Vote for 1
Steve Marquardt

Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 3
Terry L. Hinds
Kathy L. Lindstrom
Write-In*

Village of Suring
Village President
Vote for 1
Leslie Steffek

Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 3
James F. Kohlwey
Tina Nieling
Roderic D. Miller

City of Gillett
Alderpersion
Ward 1
Vote for 1
Ashley VanStraten

Alderpersion
Ward 2
Vote for 1
Jerome Luther

Alderpersion
Ward 3
Vote for 1
Irene Drake
Keri Hicks

City of Oconto
Alderpersion at Large
Vote for not more than 2
Ron Gunner Daul
Bob LeBrack
Casey Sowle
Wibble Sowle
Kim Bronikowski
Violet McFadden Hornick
Mike Feldt

City of Oconto Falls
Alderpersion
District 1 Wards 1, 2, 6 & 8
Vote for 1
Devin Wirtz

Alderpersion
District 2 Wards 3, 4 & 7
Vote for 1
Ashley Bahrke

Alderpersion
District 3 Ward 5
Vote for 1
Mathew McDermid

OCONTO COUNTY VOTERS WILL VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS: *The Districts of Coleman, Crivitz, Lena, Peshtigo, and Wabeno publish separately.*

Gillett School District
School Board Member At Large
Vote for not more than 3
Lorie Beyer
Robin Banaszynski
Tonia Kruschke
Trisha Ondik

Oconto Unified School District
School Board Member Rural Seat
Vote for 1
Crissy Thome Kumhala

School Board Member City Seat
Vote for not more than 2
Sara Trepanier

Oconto Falls School District
Vote for not more than 2
Chad Earley
Sarah Schindel

Pulaski School District
Vote for 1
Zone 1 – Village of Pulaski
Heidi Bukowiec

Zone 3 – Townships of Angelica and Green Valley
Josh Kolodziej

Suring Public School District
Vote for 1
Towns of Bagley, Maple Valley and Spruce
Rhonda Stuart

Towns of Doty, Mountain & Riverview
Amanda Seibert

Referendum Question: Shall the School Board of the Suring Public School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes beginning with the 2025-26 school year through the 2029-30 school year on a non-recurring basis by an amount of \$1,500,000 each year for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems as provided in the foregoing resolution?

WNAXLP

New Shawano DQ owner already feels at home

Barot planning to keep existing restaurant as is for time being

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Customers at Shawano's Dairy Queen may have noticed a new face in the popular restaurant.

Akash Barot and his business partner, Ravi Patel, purchased the business, located at 1005 E. Green Bay St., earlier this year.

"I purchased this restaurant on Jan. 24," Barot said. "This is the first one and with this business, we bought a Dairy Queen in Carmi, Illinois."

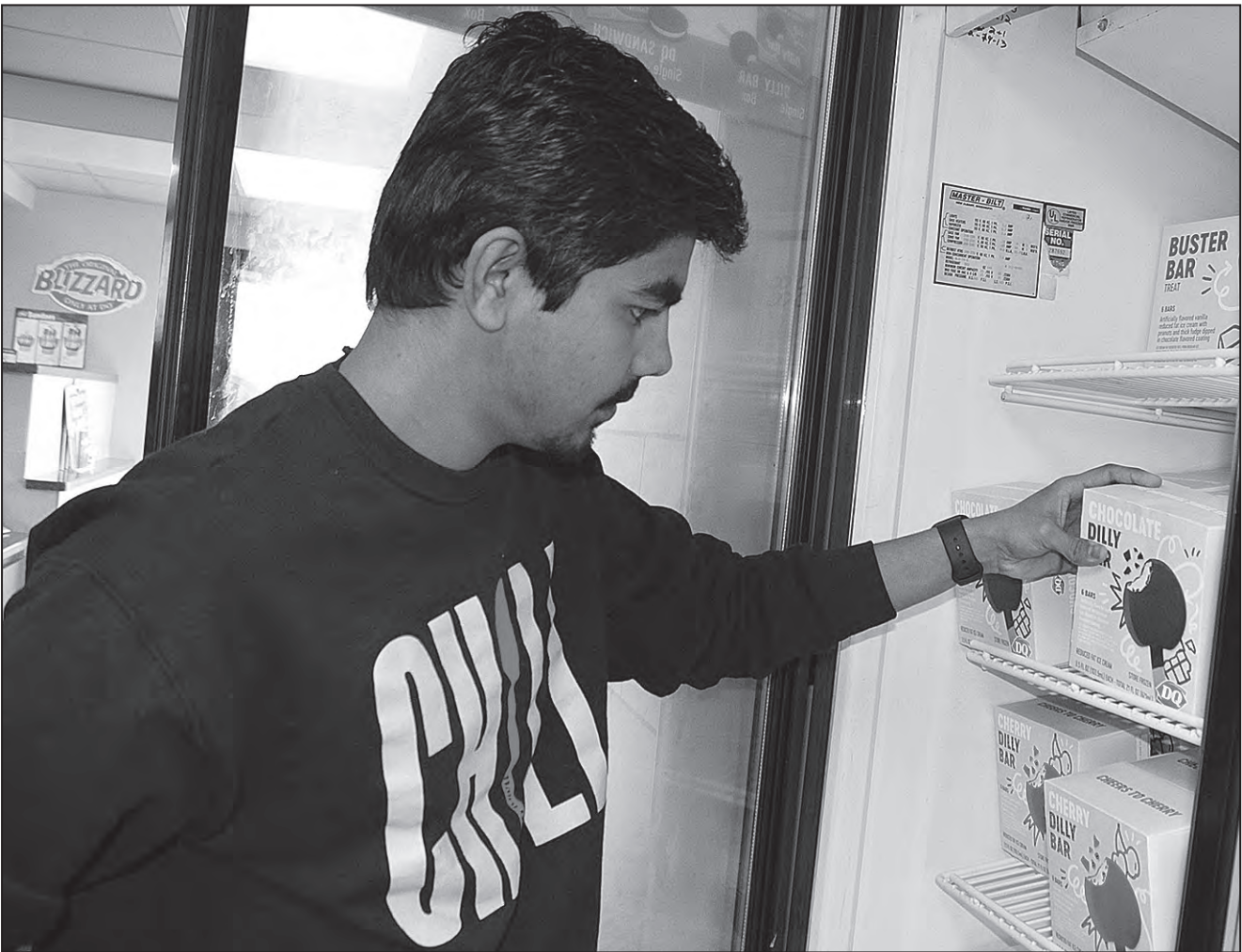
Barot had been looking for a business to purchase and was intrigued after hearing that Shawano's Dairy Queen franchise was up for sale.

"We were looking for a good business," he said. "We had an interest in buying this one. Ravi found this place. He talked with me and we decided to buy it. He and I purchased this place. I was looking for a business, and Ravi has two Dairy Queens. He said, 'Hey, there's a good opportunity for another Dairy Queen.' That's how we started."

Barot isn't planning any major changes to the restaurant.

"No, never," he said. "The customer gets the same things as in the previous time. I give you my promise that under the new ownership, the customer will get better service."

Dairy Queen, which opened its first restau-



Akash Barot checks the supply of Dilly Bars in a freezer at Dairy Queen in Shawano that he recently purchased.

GREG SEUBERT

rant in Joliet, Illinois, in 1940, is well-known for its ice cream treats, but over the years has added everything from burgers to chicken strips to onion rings to cheese curds to its menu.

Although the restaurant is open year-round, Barot is looking forward to increased business that accompanies warm weather each spring.

"Summer is always challenging for all kinds of businesses," he said. "We are ready to hire new people. This staff is very good, so I don't need to train them more."

The restaurant currently has 22 employees, and Barot plans to add four or five more to his staff.

Current lobby and

drive-thru hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Dairy Queens are located throughout Wisconsin and currently has restaurants in Antigo, Clintonville, Hortonville, New London, Seymour and Waupaca.

Barot didn't have to think too hard when asked what makes Dairy Queen unique.

"Everything is special, but Dairy Queen has specialties like the Blizzard, which is amazing," he said. "I think there are about 20 flavors. For the strawberry Blizzard, we don't use strawberry syrup. We use real strawberries."

Blizzards, first introduced in 1985, are made with frozen soft-serve ice cream and blended with everything from cookies to candy to sauce. Popular flavors include Oreo, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup and cookie dough.

Dairy Queen is also well-known for the Dilly Bar, first introduced in 1955; the Peanut Buster Parfait, a menu item since 1971; and frozen ice cream cakes.

Menu items like burgers, chicken sandwiches and chicken strips are made to order, which is not always the case at other restaurants.

"When we get the order, we make it at that time," Barot said.

Although the small

lobby and seating area can get crowded at times, another option is the drive-thru, which accounts for much of the restaurant's business.

"That is a good business for me," Barot said.

It also helps to be located on Shawano's busiest street and across the street from the Shawano County Fairgrounds.

Barot and his employees got a taste of how busy the restaurant can get during its annual Customer Appreciation Day on Feb. 22.

"On that day, we featured 50% of on cakes and novelties like the Dilly Bar and Buster Bar and DQ sandwiches," he said. "We had huge business that day."

A line of customers stretched from the lobby through the dining area and out of the back door.

"The whole day was like that," Barot said. "The previous owner told us that was going to happen. We were ready for it mentally, but seeing it for the first time was an amazing experience for me."

Although Barot is new to Shawano, the community has embraced him and his new business venture.

"The community is super-supportive," he said. "I don't have numbers, but it's good for me. There are lots of things I have to learn. This is a full business, which is new for me. I am here every day, but sometimes I'm not here. I'm going to the bank or the post office."

Barot had never been to Wisconsin until visiting Shawano to check out the restaurant for the first time.

"When I came to Shawano for the first time, I looked at this town and loved it," he said. "I'm trying to get knowledge about the culture of Shawano."

Barot considers himself a hands-on business owner. He may take orders at the counter, help prepare and serve food, or assist customers at the drive-thru window.

"I expect this kind of work I have to do," he said. "I was ready for that."

He said he's received positive feedback from customers so far.

"I believe the customer is like a god to me," he said. "I always respect them. I don't have any other businesses, so this is my life. I'm ready to accept any challenge. This was the right decision for me."

Arrival of spring brings open season on allergies

Aurora allergist encourages preventative measures, planning

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The snowstorm preceding the first day of spring might not show that the season is beginning, but itching eyes and runny noses could be just around the corner.

The end of the winter season usually means the start of a variety of allergy seasons, starting with tree pollen, according to Dr. Monica Vasudev, allergist and immunologist with Aurora Health Care. Tree pollen usually impacts northeast Wisconsin in March, April and May. Grass pollen starts float-

ing around in May, while weeds release pollen in June.

"Ragweed has its own season," Vasudev said. "It usually starts mid-August and goes until the first frost hits, the first hard frost."

With trees being the first to bloom when they flower after winter hibernation, it helps to keep track of pollen counts online. At www.pollen.com, it shows that regional pollen counts were low to medium on March 20, the first day of spring, with the potential of juniper, alder and elm being the trees to bloom and spread the most allergens.

"If you have tree allergies or know someone who has tree allergies, you're going to start noticing they have symptoms like itchy, watery eyes; stuffy nose; nasal itching; sneezing;

runny nose; and post-nasal drip. They might show up with the allergic salute," Vasudev said with a finger underneath her nose. "It could be a combination of all of those things that indicate the pollen counts are going up."

Once people recognize they have certain allergies, the next step is prevention, followed by treatment if prevention is not enough. Vasudev recommended trying to avoid being outdoors when the pollen count is high.

"We know that pollen counts are lower in the morning before the dew dries," she said. "When the pollen is out in the morning, it gets trapped in the dew and makes it heavier. It settles down. At the end of the day, it dries out and aerosolizes, so then you have a higher pollen count at the end of the day."

If it is necessary to go outside when higher pollen counts are in effect, Vasudev said it's best once returning indoors to shower and change clothes. She also recommended keeping windows closed and turning on air conditioning, which will reduce the humidity in the room.

"That (humidity) can also produce other allergens, such as mold," Vasudev said.

Predicting exactly when pollen will hit a community can be difficult, Vasudev said.

"I always feel like every season is the worst season ever," she said. "If you have a cold or viral infections, it can make your allergies feel worse. During spring break, when people catch colds, it can make your allergies feel worse."

Warm, windy days can

also worsen pollen spread, according to Vasudev, and the days when wildfire smoke hits the area can also spread pollen more.

Knowing what you're allergic to can also help in planning preventative measures when it comes to medications, according to Vasudev. Steroid nose sprays, antihistamines and eye drops help with most allergy symptoms, she said, and they're available over the counter, but some treatments can take up to two weeks to work. It is important to know what should be taken, so talking with a doctor or health official is recommended.

Vasudev said that seeing an allergist is best, but it should be facilitated through primary care doctors, as it's not always easy or quick making appointments with specialists.

"There's no right or wrong, but asking for help is always great," Vasudev said. "There's two ways to evaluate allergies. Obviously, there's an exam, but there's also a blood test that is accessible to many people. Seeing an allergist goes one step further where you can do skin testing."

Skin testing helps to determine what someone is allergic to, which can be invaluable when it comes to strategizing preventative measures and when to implement them, Vasudev said.

Allergists can also offer allergy shots that allow people's bodies to be more tolerant to pollen, but that's a multi-year process and is only recommended in extreme cases, Vasudev said.

Syrup from maple trees better for health

This March morning, the sun is taking its time climbing over the horizon. The flowage is glistening, covered in a new sheet of ice formed by recently melted snow that has frozen to form a huge ice rink. It is a spectacular sunrise, breathtakingly beautiful. I reluctantly pull myself away from the window, saying a prayer of thanksgiving to the creator for my bountiful blessings.

Opening my laptop, I run through the list of things I have to do today. I better get going if I want to accomplish my goals: writing this column, signing a contract to install a solar system here at Otter Run and doing errands before attending the Townsend Town Board meeting to deliver my report on Lakewood Library. I smile with sweet satisfaction at the thought of being able to continue giving back to make the world a better place.

One other sweet thought keeps popping up this morning. Sugar Camp Season is upon us, and Otter Run will be an especially sweet spot for the next few weeks. Though I can't see or hear them, I know Bill Cox and Dennis Sachs are in our woods harvesting sap. Using a method employed by humans for untold centuries, the guys will transform a watery amber liquid provided by sugar maple trees into delicious maple syrup, one of Mother Nature's most prized fruits of the forest.

The guys are busy carrying on a Sachs family tradition of making maple syrup the old-fashioned way. I am not exaggerating when I say this is a lot of hard work. The trees must be tapped in the right weather conditions. Once the sap starts



Sugar camp season has started in the northwoods, with Otter Run in the Townsend area expected to be a sweet spot for sap harvesting. KATHLEEN MARSH



flowing through tubes into five-gallon plastic containers, it must be collected by hand and transferred to their stainless-steel cooking pan. The sap is then slow-boiled over a carefully tended wood fire.

Just gathering that much wood is a yeoman's task in itself.

It takes hours of watching, stirring and testing to reduce forty gallons of sap into one gallon of syrup. When the sap reaches the right viscosity, it's meticulously filtered and poured into sterilized bottles that will keep unrefrigerated for years if stored in a cool dark place. The finished product has just one ingre-

dient: maple sap.

The time and effort are more than worth it. Here in Kathie's Kitchen, this amber gold liquid will be drizzled over my famous no-carb cottage cheese pancakes or mixed into a sumptuous low-gluten banana bread or sauteed with butter to make a side dish I call guilt-free glazed apples. Some will become gifts to grateful city folks and some bartered for fresh-caught fish, organic eggs or even an occasional bottle of my favorite Reisling.

Pure maple syrup may cost more than commercial pancake syrup, but it's a far better choice if you're looking for something sweet to pour on pancakes or French toast. Unlike cane and corn sugars, maple syrup is a naturally sweet product that contains many antioxidants, plus minerals such as magnesium, zinc, manganese, calcium, potassium

and iron. One tablespoon contains 12 grams of sugar, 52 calories and 13 grams of carbohydrates so you do need to exercise moderation if you are counting calories or diabetic.

Let's compare maple syrup to commercial pancake syrup, a concoction of corn syrup and artificial flavoring that may be less expensive but is a deep fake. Consider the ingredients printed on the bottle of a well-known brand. Listed in the order of quantity

contained: corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup, water, cellulose gum, caramel color, salt, natural flavor, artificial flavor, sorbic acid, sodium benzoate, sodium hexametaphosphate.

Take a look at the last ingredient listed: sodium hexametaphosphate. According to Wikipedia, sodium hexametaphosphate is a salt with a chemical formula of Na₆[(PO₃)₆], a white solid that dissolves in water. It is typically part of a mixture of metaphosphates

(NaPO₃), more correctly called sodium polymetaphosphate. While the average person can probably not correctly pronounce its name, it doesn't take an English teacher to wonder if sodium hexametaphosphate might not be good for human consumption.

It isn't. This chemical additive can cause short-term side effects: headaches, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and gastrointestinal irritation. It can also cause an allergic reaction, most commonly resulting in mild chest pain and general respiratory irritation. In animal studies, it caused serious side effects, including growth inhibition, kidney weights increasing, bone decalcification, parathyroid hypertrophy and hyperplasia, and inorganic phosphaturia. I'm not sure what those last three conditions are, but the ones I do recognize are significant.

Maybe eating that fake stuff loaded with chemicals won't hurt you or your family, but why take a chance when Mother Nature supplies the real thing? As my own earth mother used to say, you can't put a price tag on your health, now can you?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

SHAWANO: Spring Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic School gymnasium, 124 E. Center St.

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N172 State Highway 47-55. Free corn meal and beans bags. Local vendors, artisan native crafts, baking, food, honey, woodcraft, maple syrup, cans, crochet, tea, more.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

SHAWANO: Spring Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sacred Heart Catholic School gymnasium, 124 E. Center St.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Glas Coffeehouse, 511 N. Main St.

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

POUND: North Country Kickers line dance lessons, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. \$5 admission. Playing a variety of music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Nancy, 920-829-6316, or Charles, 920-606-4370.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

CLINTONVILLE: "The Little Mermaid," 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 Green Tree Road. Free admission. Present-

ed by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts.

BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N172 State Highway 47-55. Free corn meal and beans bags. Local vendors, artisan native crafts, baking, food, honey, woodcraft, maple syrup, cans, crochet, tea, more.

SHAWANO: Lenten Fish Fry, 4-7 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and School, 124 E. Center St. Cod, fries, bread, beverages, non-fish food options available. \$20 adults, \$8 age 12 and under.

BONDUEL: saYPro Axe-Citing Connections, 6-8 p.m., Captain's Axe and Arcade, 110 Green Bay St., Suite A. Shawano Area Young Professionals members-only networking event. Join for \$20 on saYPro Member Facebook page or email saypro13@gmail.com.

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Northern flickers bringing their songs to state

It's mid-March, the time of year when those winds from the balmy south send many of the migrating songbirds our way, soon to show up in our backyards and surrounding landscapes.

One of our favorite woodpeckers to watch for is the Northern flicker. We usually just catch sight of it as it seemingly makes a mad dash through our backyard. Its low, undulating flight pattern is a key giveaway for this species. The flash of a white rump and yellow on the underside of its wing and tail feathers as it dips and soars confirms we are catching a fleeting glance of a Northern flicker.

Northern flickers are very colorful birds. In addition to the coloration noted above, Northern flickers have black speckled backs and bellies, a black bib, a red spot on the back of the head and, if male, black “mustaches” near the base of either side of the bill; these are lacking in the female.

According to The Cornell Lab All About Birds website (AAB), there are two groups of Northern flickers. The flickers we see in Wisconsin belong to the yellow-shafted group due to the yellow coloration of the flight and tail feathers. You can see this golden coloration

when the bird is in flight. The red-shafted group sports salmon-colored flight and tail feathers. It is the flickering of white and yellow (or salmon) of these birds in flight that gives the species its name, according to David A. Sibley in his book, "What It's Like To Be A Bird."

According to an article on the Flocking Around website entitled “Northern flicker Intergrades — Red-shafted vs. Yellow-shafted flickers,” the range of our yellow-shafted group is extensive, extending throughout the eastern United States and most of Canada. The red-shafted group is found in the western U.S. and Canada, Mexico and Central America. Where the ranges of the two groups meet, mating occurs between the groups and you can find intergrades whose coloration varies from that of either group.

You can learn to identify the Northern flicker by its songs and calls. According to AAB, the song of a Northern flicker is a loud, piercing, rolling rattle that rises and

falls in volume several times and lasts about 7-8 seconds. Listen for it now, as it is heard in the spring and early summer and is a sign that birds are pairing up and establishing their territories.

Other calls made by the flickers include a single quick (about ½ second) kyeer call and a quieter, rhythmic wick-a, wick-a call made when birds

are close together or displaying.

Songbirds communicate by song; woodpeckers add drumming to their repertoire. Like other woodpeckers, male and female Northern flickers make loud, evenly spaced, rapid drumming sounds by hammering their sturdy, slightly down-curved bill against trees or metal objects. Interestingly,

the drumming lasts only about a second, but, amazingly, during that long second, the bird strikes the tree around 25 times.

Ouch, you'd think these woodpeckers would have constant headaches with all that hammering. Woodpeckers are built to handle this, according to Sibley. Their brains are lightweight and orientated to absorb frontal impacts. Their lower mandible (bill) is a bit longer than the upper, so it takes the brunt of the force of those hammering blows, sending it through the lower jaw rather than the skull. A spongy bone layer at the base of the upper mandible also provides a cushion to soften the impact.

Unlike many woodpeckers that spend their time foraging up in the trees, the Northern flicker spends much of its time foraging on the ground. According to AAB, they eat mainly insects, a favorite being ants. They will hammer at the ground seeking out ants and their nutritious larvae, scooping them up with tongues that can extend 2 inches from the end of their beaks; they even break into cow patties to find an insect meal. They also eat berries and seeds, especially in the winter when insects are not as available.

According to AAB, Northern flickers raise one brood of five to seven young a year. Their nests are located in cavities that they excavate (or find) in tree trunks or large branches about 6-15 feet off the ground. According to Jennifer Ackerman in her book, "The Bird Way," Northern flickers mimic other animal calls to keep predators from their nests. Flickers will buzz like a hive of bees to keep those pesky squirrels at bay.

While Northern flicker populations have declined over the last 60 years, numbers are still healthy; according to their Continental Concern Score, they are rated as low conservation concern.

Look for Northern flickers visiting open habitats near trees or busily foraging on the ground. This includes woodland edges and parks — even your own backyard, if you are lucky. They certainly add a mad dash splash of color and song to life and are a harbinger of spring and more birds to come.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and, prior to that, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.



A yellow-shafted male Northern flicker bears a black “mustache” near the base of the bill. When in flight, watch for the flickering of white and yellow coloration giving this species its name. JOEL TRICK

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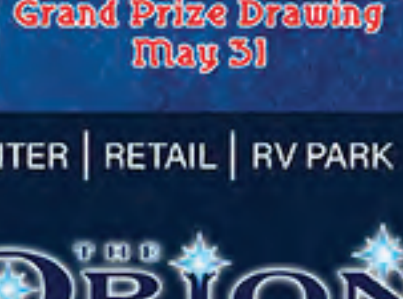
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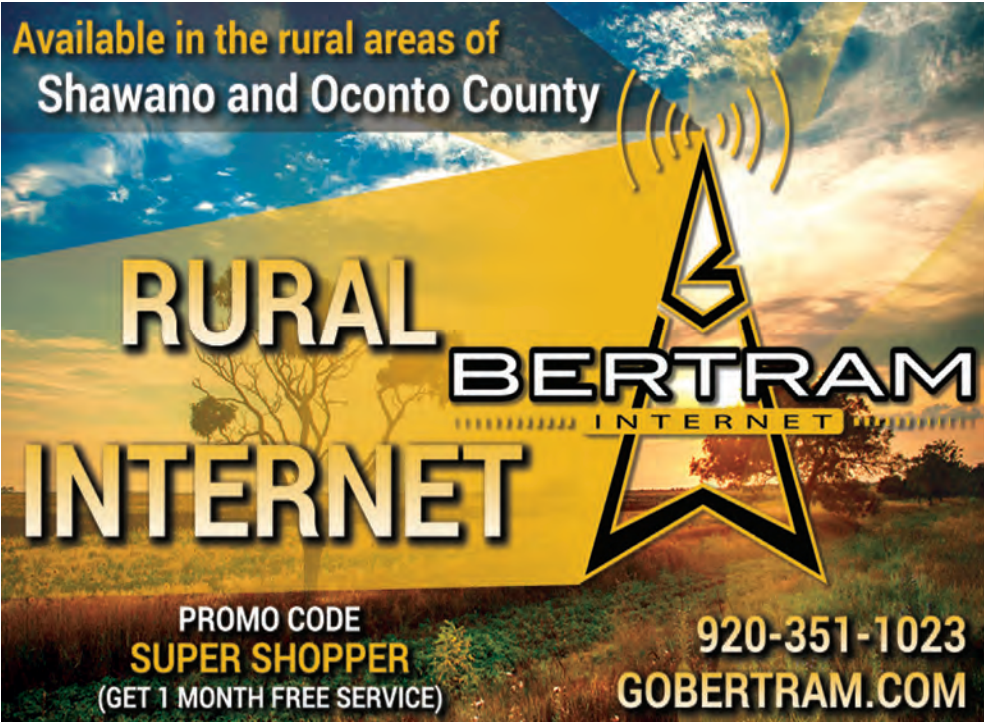


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Rabbits eat a wide range of plants including flowers, vegetables and weeds throughout the spring and summer. As these plants



fade in fall, they begin dining on trees and shrubs. You may find bark gnawed, evergreen needles nibbled, and branches, stems and buds clipped off the plants.

Their sharp teeth make a clean cut much like a bypass pruner at a 45-degree angle. Rabbit damage usually occurs within three

feet of the ground where they can easily reach and dine on the plants. Look for tracks and droppings, often called pellets, if additional clues are needed. The pellets are little, round, hard and usually yellowy-brown to green.

Our landscapes provide the perfect habitat for rabbits. They tend to concentrate in open grassy areas that have patches of desirable cover like brush piles, shrubs and gardens that provide an escape from predators.

These short-lived

mammals tend to be very productive, giving birth to two to six litters of four or more babies in a season. Diseases, weather, predators, hunters and cars help limit the number of surviving offspring.

Start by removing hiding places like brush piles, weed patches and stone piles that provide places for rabbits to live and hide. Work with your neighbors who may not realize they are housing rabbits feeding in both of your yards. Leave a few weeds and perhaps some clover in the lawn as an alternate food source for them.

You will find lists of rabbit-resistant plants, but as gardeners know they will eat just about any plants when populations are high and food is scarce. Protecting key gardens and plants will help reduce the risk of damage and increase your enjoyment.

Fencing is an effective management strategy but may not be practical or aesthetically pleasing. When employing fencing, be sure it is high enough to keep rabbits out and the openings are 1 inch or less. A 3-foot-tall fence with an outward baffle at the top or one 4-foot tall is more effective. Secure the fence tight to the ground or bury



Rabbits eat a wide range of plants, including flowers, vegetables, weeds, trees and shrubs. MELINDAMYERS.COM

the bottom few inches to prevent rabbits from crawling under. Check the gate, adding flaps and sweeps as needed to prevent rabbits from gaining access to the garden.

Use 4-foot-tall cylinders of hardware cloth around young trees and shrubs to prevent damage. Place the cylinder several inches away from the trunk and bury the bottom few inches in the soil to prevent rabbit and vole damage.

Repellents are a less obtrusive option and more practical for many gardeners. Select a product labeled for rabbit control and preferably an organic option like Plantskydd (www.plantskydd.com). This odor-based repellent is rain

and snow resistant so you will need to reapply less often. Whenever possible, apply repellents before the rabbits begin feeding, and follow the label directions for the best results.

Evaluate and adapt your landscape design as needed and continually monitor for damage. Employ various strategies to help reduce rabbit damage while boosting your enjoyment and garden's productivity.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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Erdman has been with Results Broadcasting in Shawano for 36 years and became a legend when he referred to himself as one in his own mind. Now, through the efforts of many people, Erdman is considered a legend by the Wisconsin Broadcast-

ers Association. At WTCH, Erdman gets up at 4 a.m. to host the morning show where he loves to entertain his audience with wit, wisdom and country music.

Suhr is the author of story collections “Nothing to Lose” and “Close Call.” Other Suhr stories have appeared in various journals and won contests. She also teaches writing classes.

Suhr is the director of Red Oak Writing which hosts Creative Writing Camp for aspiring young writers entering grades

6-12 every summer. Kim holds a master of fine arts degree from the Solstice program. She lives and writes in southeastern Wisconsin.

The student writing contest is free to enter with no limit to number of entries. Students in grades 1-12 who live or go to school in Shawano or Menominee counties can compete. The deadline is April 5. For information, go to www.shawanoareawriters.org or call John Mutter Jr. at 715-524-4520.

River cleanup presented at Oconto County Historical Society event

The Oconto County Historical Society will host its monthly speaker series program at 6:30 p.m. April 3 in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto.

This month’s program, “Cleaning Up the Oconto River,” will be presented by Al Stranz.

Stranz, a 1978 UW-Green Bay graduate with a degree in environmental science and biology, began working with the Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources in 1979 as part of the Oconto River Restoration Project. With a long career dedicated to environmental improvements, Stranz will share insights into the history of pollution in the Oconto River, initial environmental conditions and the impact of restoration efforts.

The cleanup efforts stemmed from a 1979 joint settlement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the state of

Wisconsin against a paper mill in Oconto Falls. The state received \$600,000 to restore habitat and fish populations from Oconto Falls to the Bay of Green Bay, with work planned from 1979 to 1984. Stranz’s role included assessing environmental conditions, developing restoration plans and implementing improvements.

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Alan Francis Kaiser bravely fought lung disease for five years before passing peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, on March 15, 2025.

Alan was born April 5, 1960, to Gerald and Carol (Baake) Kaiser. The oldest of their five children, he worked alongside his siblings on their family farm. Al spoke of his family and their memories there and beyond fondly and often.

After marrying Laura Williquette on Aug. 1, 1992, they raised three daughters together in Oconto Falls. Al's Gals, as he affection-



ately called them, were always by his side. He taught them to change oil in their cars, fix a lawnmower, make home repairs and so much more. When he wasn't teaching them to

be handywomen, he was taking them hunting, fishing or up to the cottage for the weekend.

Al and Laura's favorite time spent together was on the lake in the early morning in the kayaks, bumming around vintage stores, tending their beautiful gardens and taking romantic strolls through the farmers markets. His girls were the apple of his eye, that is until his three grandsons came along and stole his whole heart.

Al was a great baker, mentor, nature guide and Hot Wheels mechanic. His boys were the guiding force in his fight. With a skill set as big as his heart,

Alan Kaiser

Alan was a helper to all, a maker of anything imaginable and a fixer of everything. He was often found in his garage, listening to oldies, fixing or building something.

Al spent a lot of his career in construction and driving semi and dump truck, most of those years at McKeefry & Sons and McDermid's. He later found his calling in boat manufacturing. He worked at Northport Marine in Gillett for over 10 years and found great pride in building boats by hand, seeing them on the water while he was out fishing, saying, "Hey, I probably built that boat over there."

Al had an amazing work ethic and missed working after having to retire in 2024.

Al is survived by his wife, Laura; daughters and sons-in-law, Bobbi Jo and Jeff Jelen, Michaela Kaiser and Kenan Pulver, Samara and Eric Junio; grandsons, Henry Jelen, Eli Kaiser-Junio and Arthur Junio; grandpup, Peggy Sue Kaiser; siblings, Greg and Lori Kaiser, Missy and Jeff Pashek, Holly and Carl Montoure, Bob and Nikki Kaiser; mother-in-law, Marilyn Williquette; brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunt, cousins, nieces and nephews; and many close family friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Carol Kaiser; father-in-law, Ken Williquette; and grandchildren, Alivia and Brock Jelen.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, after 10 a.m. at Jones Funeral Service, Oconto Falls, until the time of service. A memorial service will follow at noon at the funeral home with Pastor Shadrach Muhima officiating.

The family would like to thank the medical staff and support teams who helped along the way, especially the ICU team at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

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Utility Commissioner Appointment
The Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls will meet on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 for their Common Council Reorganizational Meeting. Council will appoint a Utility Commissioner. If any resident from the City of Oconto Falls is interested in this position, please submit your letter of interest for consideration before Friday April 11, 2025.
Send to: City Administrator, Peter Wills, 500 Chestnut Avenue/PO Box 70, Oconto Falls, WI. 54154

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Ordinance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on April 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:
Public Hearing NO. 1 at 5:30pm
Ordinance 25-001 Amending 480-8. Zoning General Commercial District (C-1)
Public Hearing NO. 2 immediately following NO. 1 estimated 5:40 pm
Ordinance 25-002 Amend Ch 455-49 Cross Connection Inspections
Public Hearing NO. 3 immediately following NO. 2 estimated 5:50pm
Ordinance 25-003 Designation of Michael McDermid Family Park
All residents of the City of Oconto Falls are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. A copy of proposed ordinances can be picked up at the Municipal Building. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact City Hall at (920) 846-4505.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OCONTO COUNTY
Capital Credit Union
Plaintiff,
v
Kenneth Leuer
XYZ Unknown Defendant,
Defendants.
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25CV38
Code No. 30301
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To each person named above as a Defendant:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action.
Within 40 days after March 21, 2025, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153-1621, and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473.
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/s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates
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David "Chummy" R. Wagner, 70, of Suring, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Chummy was born March 15, 1955, to the late Roman and Rufina (Gardebrecht) Wagner. He graduated from Suring High School with the class of 1973 and was a lifelong resident of Suring.

Following high school, Chummy attended Fox Valley Technical School for one year to study automotive collision and repair. Upon returning to Suring, he was employed at Ehlinger's Garage, then the village of Suring before settling in at the Oconto County Highway Depart-



ment in December 1977, where he retired after 43 and a half years in 2021.

In the spring of 1975, Chummy became a member of the Suring Fire Department. After serving as

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lakes associations, eight lake districts, four sportsmen's or conservation clubs, and the Oconto County Healthy Waters cost share program formed in 2018, which currently is working on 54 projects with a total project cost of \$1.6 million. The county's share of the cost is \$204,000, Dolata said.

The board also heard from Greg Jensen of the Wheeler Lake Association and Jane Randerson of the Kelly Lake Advancement Association about their experiences, especially with combating the inva-

sive Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), which crowds out native plants.

"EWM will take over a lake and just make it unusable for any kind of recreation like fishing," Jensen said.

Randerson said her group's efforts have kept EWM at bay and allowed native weeds to start re-establishing themselves. But it has been costly — a total of \$347,000 between 2012 and 2025 — which she said fell on the people who live on Kelly Lake.

"Our concern is for property values ... What happens if our property

values decrease? What happens if people can't sell their homes or don't want to live there anymore because of what's in front of their house in the water?" Randerson said. "So it's falling on us, and we're falling on you asking for your support. We're so grateful that you're here to listen to us."

Steve Heimerman, past president and current board member of OCLWA, pointed out that five northern towns — Townsend, Brazeau, Lakewood, Riverview and Mountain — are among the top 10 municipalities contributing

to the county property tax levy, with a large percentage of each town's levy coming from its waterfront property.

"If those lakes weren't there, and that land was just land, you would not be getting that kind of levy," Heimerman said. "That's why these lakes have to be protected."

The communities with the highest valuations are near the bottom in terms of population, he added.

"These same towns do not have much population ... and the majority of the locals do not live on the water," Heimerman said.

Cemetery.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers the family asks any contributions in memory of David be given to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.



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"They don't have the same stake in the health of the lake that the landowners on the water do."

The lakes groups need water management help, because the work always falls on the same one to three people on any given lake, and they burn out, he said. Hence the request for a full-time lakes water quality specialist on the county payroll.

"We know it's a big ask, but money won't solve it if you don't have the skilled people to solve it," Heimerman said.

He suggested that the specialist could build a network of "citizen scientists" to perform basic evaluations on a lake, and the county official could serve as a resource to identify issues and help educate them.

"Right now, when we talk to each other, we talk about the problem when we get together," Heimerman said. "We don't talk about the solution, because we don't know what that is."

Adding a technical resource dedicated to Oconto County inland lakes could help maintain water quality and prevent deterioration of the property values that fuel the levy, he said.

Egg prices increase demand at Gillett Milling

On track for another record setting year, chicken feed production

By **NATHAN BIRR**
Correspondent

High poultry and egg prices have motivated many in the Gillett area to raise their own birds. A local family-owned feed mill is working hard to meet that demand. In 2024, Gillett Milling Co. produced more than 30 tons more egg-layer crumbles than the previous year — a total of 321 tons. This does not include the 420 tons of chick-starter/grower, scratch grains and broiler grower also produced for poultry feed. “Chicken feed demand really took a leap,” said Shawn Vandermause, the third-generation owner of the family business. “Folks really got interested in raising their own chickens in the last few years. They’ll get their baby chicks here and feed. We got everything, even small-

square straw bales for laying boxes, that’s really popular.” As a dealer for Sunny Side Hatchery, Gillett Milling sells baby chicks. And based on chick sales, it is expected that 2025 will be another record-setting production year for layer crumbles. “Customers bought 3,900 baby chicks last year,” said Vandermause. “This year, they bought 4,050 chicks. And they would have bought a lot more, too. And some people are mad at us, because they can’t buy more chicks till July, but the hatchery ran out of chicks. I wish we could get more chicks to sell, but there’s nothing we can do.” Greater production puts the mill’s vintage equipment to the test. Gillett Milling will be installing a new cracker. Cracked corn is a neces-

sary ingredient in many of the animal feeds produced, especially for poultry. The current unit, which was in service prior to 1974 when the Vandermause family began operating the mill, cracks corn at a rate of 2 1/2 tons every two hours. The new unit would double the rate. The 1960s era pelletizing and crumbler machine faithfully steams ground feed into pellets and crumbles but requires new dies annually. The replacement dies are manufactured in Brazil and New Zealand, and can take more than nine months to receive. “The pellet machine pretty much runs every day now,” Vandermause said. “It’s a lot for that little machine.” Gillett Milling is located one block off state Highway 22 on East Railroad Street in Gillett.



Rick Rusch bags 50-pound bags of chicken layer on a chilly January morning.

NATHAN BIRR



Steve Vandermause fills up a scale-cart with cracked corn for a recipe of chicken-layer crumbles.

NATHAN BIRR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town of Little Suamico needs new leadership

To the editor:

With the upcoming elections in the Town of Little Suamico, we clearly need new direction. After voting in a new board two years ago, election of Chairman DaleMohr clearly was a mistake. He does not understand his new role as he is wearing too many hats. The cloud of working for Oconto County has brought many challenges of who Mohr truly represents. Dale has trouble running meetings and cannot keep the meetings under proper decorum. At a recent plan commission meeting, the sheriff's department had to be called, because Dale lacks leadership skills. I would like to see our sheriff's department do their very important job of keeping our towns safe instead of babysitting at our meet-

ings because Mohr cannot handle them. Since taking over, Mohr has created a Park Commission and Ordinance Committee (both of which he put his friends on, etc., even though many others volunteered). Both committees were given no direction and cost the taxpayers more money. In my opinion, the committees are accomplishing nothing other than wasting tax dollars. Chairman Mohr continues to lack transparency and does not listen to the public and consistently puts public comment at the end of agendas after items have been discussed and decisions have been made. This is not a leader and does not deserve a second term. Another major mistake of Little Suamico was bringing back members of the old board for our plan commission. The old town board had many

costly blunders too many to name, but one cost the town nearly \$250,000, because of a lost state grant because of questionable bidding practice on the Cross Road project. If the Town of Little Suamico is going to advance, leave the old board nowhere near current government as we do not need repeat of the damage they caused in the past. As election day nears, one has to look at who truly has earned a spot on the board now that we will be up to five board members, which brings more cost to the taxpayers. We do have candidates running, some of whom never attended past meetings and yes even an old board member who was part of the debacles of the past. As I suggested many times, Town of Little Suamico needs an administrator who has the knowledge of running a town and has no connec-

tion to the county and can actually better our town and not expand government. Government should be smaller, not larger, and this is a mistake for Little Suamico. Again, I encourage citizens to push for an administrator in Little Suamico if we truly want to move our town forward. **Beth Trudell, Little Suamico** Center good reason to vote no on referendum To the editor: DOSE, the Department of School Efficiency. The Suring Public School District is asking voters to approve a \$1.5 million referendum on April 1 — a 55% increase from the previous \$900,000. Meanwhile, the school board chose to build a \$370,000 experimental community center, known as SMAC, without a separate building referendum. This cost does not even include the land. A school official has

confirmed that less than \$200,000 has been raised to fund this project. The board proceeded without ensuring full funding, relying on the assumption that donations would cover the costs — but always knowing that taxpayers would be forced to bail them out. Most school districts hold a building referendum before approving such projects, yet Suring bypassed that process. As a self-employed business owner for 34 years, I am outraged that my tax dollars are being used to build a marketplace that directly competes with local businesses. Small businesses must cover overhead, wages, taxes, and utilities — yet this taxpayer-funded market receives an unfair advantage. At a time when new businesses are working hard to establish themselves, this project undermines their success. The district claims this

project teaches students valuable life lessons, yet the real lesson seems to be: “Charge it now and figure out how to pay for it later.” There has been minimal community outreach regarding this referendum. Many residents I’ve spoken to were unaware of it. The district even failed to send a representative to the Maple Valley Town Board meeting on Feb. 20, despite previously stating they would attend. While the district insists that this is a “community” center, I have spoken to far more individuals who are unable to use it than those who can. This was an unnecessary financial risk, and I will be voting no on April 1. Furthermore, I believe that the school board members who approved SMAC should be held financially responsible for the unfunded balance — not the taxpayers. **Mike Van Den Elzen, Suring**



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Bears come up short in title game

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

The first state championship in program history was not in the cards for the Bonduel boys basketball team.

Aquinas handed the Bears a 74-45 loss March 22 in the WIAA Division 4 title game at the Kohl Center in Madison. It was only the second loss of the season for Bonduel, while the Blugolds wrapped up a 26-3 season.

Bonduel had advanced to its first championship game in its first-ever trip to state March 20 with a 59-41 win over The Prairie School in the semifinal round.

While the Bears led for most of that game, they trailed the Blugolds for almost the entire game.

"Obviously, it didn't go quite the way we wanted it to," coach Duke Copp said. "(We) ran into a heck of a good basketball team. Things didn't go right for us. They were hitting shots like crazy."

Aquinas connected on 19 of 29 shots - including seven of 13 3-pointers - to take a 45-27 lead into the locker room at halftime.

"The other night (against The Prairie School), everyone thought we were more physical," Copp said. "They were more physical with us today, and we wanted to ramp that up a little bit. We had one foul in the first half. We needed to be more physical and keep pushing the ball. We tried a few defenses, but I don't think it was going to matter a whole lot. We just couldn't get it done."

The Blugolds quickly added to their lead by scoring the first 10 points



Cade Johnson brings the ball up the court for Bonduel on March 20 during the second half of the Bears' 59-41 win over The Prairie School in a WIAA Division 4 state semifinal game at the Kohl Center in Madison.

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of the second half for a 28-point advantage.

"We were pretty worried about the athleticism," Copp said. "They're fast, strong athletes and we weren't quite sure if we could guard them well enough. We didn't expect them to shoot that way. Our plan was to go down and get it to the big guy (Ryan Westrich) when you can and knock down some 3's of our own. It didn't work out."

"We had a tough time penetrating and creating shots for our guys. They were going to try to stop (Westrich), so they were surrounding him. That's a good basketball team."

Westrich, who led all players with 20 points and

12 rebounds in the Bears' semifinal win, scored 11 points against Aquinas and only two in the second half.

"Our coaches always taught us to be tough and be resilient in the face of adversity," he said. "We tried to battle back, keep hustling, keep playing our game, keep trying to claw our way back. I think our team gave a very valiant effort today in trying to do so. They played with a lot of physicality and intensity on defense, and it was tough to get passes around, tough to post up. They did a really great job on offense trying to get us moving. They're a heck of a team and played a heck of a game today."

Carter Moesch also scored 11 points for the Bears, while Race Anvelink added eight.

Trey Bahr led the Blugolds with 20 points.

"I love our town and all the community members," Westrich said. "They show up to all of our games to support us. All of the teammates work super-hard to get to these moments."

Copp said the team won't forget about being the first team in program history to make it to state.

"That's something that we're going to hang on to," he said. "This past week has been pretty exciting and pretty special in Bonduel. There's always a first time for something, and these kids got that accomplished."

"Being a senior, it means everything to me making it to the last possible game you can play," Anvelink said. "I know our community won't forget this. It means everything to me to set the standard for



Ryan Westrich scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Bonduel in a state semifinal win over The Prairie School.

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this program. The younger generation coming up kind of looked up to us a lot this year. I hope that they can do the same thing in the future."

"The little community of Bonduel showed up here, and we're competing against basically the city of La Crosse," Copp said. "I just couldn't be more proud of my kids, my coaches, my managers, the school. There would be a best outcome today, but there is no bad outcome, and I think that's the way we're taking it. We had a heck of a season, and we're going to cherish that the rest of our lives."

Bonduel 59, The Prairie School 41

A stingy defense and a lot of Ryan Westrich.

That turned out to be an effective one-two punch for the Bonduel boys basketball team in its first trip to state.

Westrich finished with

20 points and 12 rebounds March 20 in the Bears' 59-41 win over The Prairie School in a WIAA Division 4 state semifinal game at the Kohl Center in Madison.

"That was a tough ball game," coach Duke Copp said after the Bears' eighth straight win. "They play kind of a slower game, and we're typically fast-paced. We kind of played their game, but we did OK at it. I thought our defense was fantastic tonight."

The Prairie School came into the tournament as a No. 6 seed in its sectional bracket with a 9-15 record.

The Hawks took a 9-8 lead on Dalton Ahlendorf's 3-pointer six minutes into the game, but that turned out to be their only lead of the game.

Westrich's 10 points and seven rebounds helped the Bears take a 23-15 halftime lead.

The Hawks never got

any closer than that in the second half and trailed by as many as 20 points late in the game.

"We relied on our defense more than we have all season," Copp said.

"We've been shooting the ball really well during the regular season. It dried up a little bit during the tournament, but our defense has stepped up. They take pride in that. They have a lot of confidence that they can play defense against pretty much anyone. We have multiple players that can guard multiple guys, which is really helpful."

"We've all dreamed about this since the beginning of the season," said Race Anvelink, who finished with 10 points, five rebounds and five steals.

Quinn Wesenberg also finished in double figures for the Bears with 14 points.

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Colin Fischer reacts while watching the Bonduel boys basketball team score against The Prairie School.

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“We had a vision starting from summer to get to this point,” said Anvelink, one of six seniors on the roster. “I’m really proud of these young guys who have stepped up, and they’ve been playing way past their years.”

The Hawks didn’t have an answer for Westrich, a junior who scored six of the Bears’ first 11 points of the game.

“I’m just grateful that we have this opportunity,” he said. “Our coaches push us hard in practice, and guys are pushing each other in practice to make each other better. The whole town’s supporting us, and it’s just really awesome to get to the state championship game for all of them.”

Copp said his team’s goal was to take advantage of Westrich’s inside game.

“We would not be very smart if we would not go there very much, and our kids know that,” he said. “We go to him as much as we can. I’ll tell you what, through the tournament run, he has really carried us. In the Southern Door game, he really dominated, and against Auburndale, he was tough as nails.

“We don’t feel there are many guys who can guard him. He’s just a big, strong guy and he’s an athlete.”

“I’m always excited to play basketball, no matter who we’re playing,” Westrich said. “We just saw our matchups and knew that I could handle it inside pretty well. Give (The Prairie School) credit, they’re an amazing team, and they played really hard tonight. I’m just glad that we can come out here, play our game and come out with a win.”

Bonduel opened the season with 20 straight wins before dropping a 70-47 nonconference game to Roncalli. The Bears regrouped and went on to win the Central Wisconsin East Conference with a 14-0 record.

“We just kept winning and winning,” Copp said. “We ended up with a makeup game against Roncalli and got our butts kicked. Since that night and the next day in practice, we just simply changed the way we’re going to play. We’ve been rolling since then.”



Carter Moesch guards The Prairie School's Emmett Wassil in the second half of Bonduel's state semifinal win. The victory sent the Bears into the championship game against Aquinas on March 22.

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Quinn Wesenberg concentrates before shooting a free throw for Bonduel in the first trip to the WIAA state tournament for the Bears.

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1	Cade Johnson	G	5'9"	2025	15	Jack Zernicke	G	6'0"	2027
2	Cole Westphal	G	5'7"	2025	21	Carter Moesch	G	6'2"	2027
3	Mason Zuleger	F	6'1"	2025	22	Mason Ballwahn	F	6'3"	2026
4	Jack Weier	SG	6'2"	2028	23	Quinn Wesenberg	G	6'3"	2027
5	Ryan Westrich	PF	6'6"	2026	24	Race Anvelink	G	6'0"	2025
11	Beckett Hartlaben	F	6'2"	2026	30	Sam Roberts	F	6'3"	2025
14	Griffin Uelmen	G	5'9"	2026	32	Aiden Hillsberg	SG	6'3"	2027
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Coach Duke Copp watches his team in the second half against The Prairie School.

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Dec. 6, Iola-Scandinavia W 89-61	Feb. 7, Shiocton W 85-75
Dec. 10, Kewaunee W 81-60	Feb. 13, Wittenberg-Birnamwood W 73-55
Dec. 12, Manawa W 77-35	Feb. 19, Roncalli, L 70-47
Dec. 17, Menominee Naton W 74-53	Feb. 21, Amherst W 79-39
Dec. 20, Shiocton W 102-75	Feb. 24, Peshtigo W 88-32
Dec. 21, Manitowoc Lutheran W 105-62	Feb. 27, Weyauwega-Fremont W 87-69
Dec. 16, Pacelli W 82-42	March 7, Shiocton (regional) W 87-50
Dec. 28, Assumption W 55-29	March 8, Oconto (regional final) W 70-49
Jan. 3, Reedsville, W 88-61	March 13, Southern Door (sectional semifinal) W 71-57
Jan. 7, Wittenberg-Birnamwood W 69-49	March 15, Auburndale (sectional final) W 56-44
Jan. 10, Amherst, W 57-32	March 20, The Prairie School (state semifinal) W 59-41
Jan. 14, Valders, W 71-58	March 22, Aquinas (state final) L 74-45
Jan. 16, Weyauwega-Fremont W 78-29	
Jan. 23, Iola-Scandinavia W 61-58	
Jan. 31, Manawa W 66-38	
Feb. 1, Coleman, W 106-53	



Breah Ballwahn, a freshman at Bonduel High School, performs with the school's performance team before the start of the Bears' state semifinal boys basketball game.

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**March 21
UWSP Girls Invitational 2025**

Pulaski girls captured two second-place finishes in Stevens Point.

Emerson Fabry was second in the 800-meter run in 2:23.43, and the 4x200-meter relay team was runner-up in 1:49.18.

Olivia Sprangers placed fifth in the 60-meter dash in 8.02, and Faye Brunke was eighth in 8.21.

The 4x400-meter relay team was sixth in 4:25.92, as was Lily Urben in the high jump at 4 feet 8 inches.

Anna Friedman placed 10th in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.40.

Also competing were Addison Krueger, Lydia Friendshuh, the 4x800-meter relay team, Brooke Barry, Megan Kraft, Talyn Pratt, Noelle Manning and Elliana Maroszek.

Two Gillett girls placed 14th in their respective events to lead the Tigers.

Hope Soper was 14th in the triple jump, and Audrey Pate was 14th in the shot put.

Also competing were Maggie Kaczmarek, Hailey Bullock, Carli Holub, Harmony Sallier, Sophie Limberg and the 4x400-meter relay team.

**March 20
Wausau West Early Bird 2025**

Ethan May and Riley Hohensee had the best finishes for the Gresham/Bowler boys track team at Wausau West, both finishing fifth place.

Hohensee was fifth in the 400-meter dash in 1 minute 7.83 seconds. May was eighth in 1:11.75, and Mason Martin also competed.

May was fifth in the triple jump at 32 feet 7 inches. Hohensee was sixth at 32-5, and Leif Steffen placed seventh at 30-8.

In the 55-meter dash, Cody Mehlberg led his teammates, placing 26th. Roberto Martinez and Steffen also competed.

Mehlberg also led his

team in the 200-meter dash, with Kobe Miller, Hohensee and Chase Stevens also competing.

Darwin Sechrist was 14th in the 800-meter run, ahead of Brett Schreiber.

Martin was seventh in the 55-meter hurdles in 11.49 seconds, with Adam Gourley placing eighth in 11.87.

Gourley was 10th in the 200-meter hurdles in 38.96, followed by Martin in ninth in 39.28.

The 4x160-meter relay team placed eighth in 1:28.45, while the 4x400-meter team was seventh in 5:06.46.

Miller placed sixth in the high jump at 5 feet, and Mason Wilber was 10th at 4-10.

Miller also led his teammates in the long jump, placing ninth at 16-10. Also competing were Wilber, Mehlberg, Gourley, Martinez, Martin, Steffen, Sechrist and Schreiber.

Addison Fischer led the girls team with a trio of top 10 finishes.

She finished fourth in the 400-meter dash in 1:16.44, fifth in the 200-meter dash in 34.02 and sixth in the 55-meter dash in 8.70. Alivia Perez was eighth in the 400-meter dash in 1:23.87, and Rose-lynn Rosenow competed in the 55-meter dash.

Emily Jensen finished second in the shot put at 29-10. The 4x800-meter relay team placed second in 13:00.00, and the 4x160-meter relay team was ninth in 1:50.70.

Perez placed sixth in the high jump at 4-2. Cami Gourley was ninth in the triple jump at 25-0, with Rosenow also jumping.

Fischer also placed 15th in the long jump at 11-11.

Northland Pines Indoor Invitational 2025

Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Menominee Nation track and field athletes captured several top 10 finishes in Eagle River.

Faith Resch led her Wittenberg-Birnamwood teammates and many other competitors in Eagle River. She placed first in

the 55-meter hurdles in 9.48 seconds, first in the 200-meter hurdles in 30.13 and first in the high jump at 5 feet 3 inches.

Kylee Beversdorf was first in the 200-meter dash in 28.73, and Harper Rogowski was first in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.97.

Brooke Huffman finished first in the shot put with a throw of 31-10. Also earning first places were the 4x400-meter relay team in 4:26.78 and the 4x800-meter relay team in 11:44.51.

Menominee Nation's Lena Waukau won first in the triple jump at 28-7.

Other top 10 finishes were:

Second place: Beversdorf, W-B, 55-meter dash, 8.16; Urijah Reeves, MN, 800-meter run, 1:08.45; Harper Krull, W-B, 200-meter hurdles, 33.73; 4x200-meter relay team, W-B, 2:09.81; Madeline Tomow, MN, long jump, 13-9.

Third place: Gabrielle Timm, W-B, 1,600-meter run, 6:35.54; Krull, W-B, 55-meter hurdles, 10.03; Jayden Zeinert, W-B, 200-meter hurdles, 37.38.

Fourth place: Kelsie Davis, W-B, shot put, 27-8.

Fifth place: Waukau, MN, 55-meter dash, 8.31; Waukau, 200-meter dash, 30.79; Timm, W-B, 800-meter run, 2:55.68; Charlie Eichman, W-B, 1,600-meter run, 7:01.67; Davis, W-B, 55-meter hurdles, 11.54.

Seventh place: Zeinert, W-B, 55-meter hurdles, 11.80.

Ninth place: Davis, W-B, 200-meter hurdles, 41.61.

10th place: Tomow, MN, 55-meter dash, 8.51; Izzi Schmalfus, W-B, 400-meter dash, 1:35.47; Eichman, W-B, 800-meter run, 3:02.72; Shia Madosh, MN, shot put, 24-2.

Winning in their boys events were Menominee Nation's Barron Waupoose in the 400-meter dash in 56.19, the Witt-Birn 4x200-meter relay team in 1:41.59, Menominee Nation's Mikey (Aiden) Chapman in the high jump at 6-2

and Witt-Birn's Landen Schmidt in the shot put at 45-2.

Other boys and their top 10 finishes were:

Third place: Barron Waupoose, MN, 200-meter dash, 25:00; Witt-Birn 4x400-meter relay team, 4:05.22.

Fourth place: Kaden Yeager, W-B, 55-meter dash, 7:11; Jett Rogowski, W-B, 200-meter dash, 25.39; Bryant Waupoose, MN, 1,600-meter run, 5:04.10; Michael Salgado, MN, long jump, 17-4.5.

Fifth place: Barron Waupoose, MN, 55-meter dash, 7:15.

Sixth place: Jose Perez, MN, long jump, 17-2.

Seventh place: Bryson Schmid, W-B, 55-meter dash, 7:21; Marty Nowinski, W-B, 800-meter run, 2:33.61.

10th place: James Awonohopay, MN, triple jump, 25-11.

UW-Oshkosh Boys D2/D3 Invitational

Suring and Gillett competed in the Division 3 events at Oshkosh.

Results were:

Second place: Braydn Wendorff, Gillett, 800-meter run, 2:08.08; Dayne Ermis, Suring, triple jump, 36-6.75.

Third place: Ermis, Suring, high jump, 5-6.

Fourth place: Garret Peters, Suring, triple jump, 36-2.5.

Fifth place: Blake De-Grave, Suring, 60-meter hurdles, 11.18.

Sixth place: Nash Stage, Gillett, 400-meter dash, 58.59; Scott Herroux, Gillett, 1,600-meter run, 5:15.16; 4x400-meter relay team, Herroux, Jedrick Herzog, Stage, Wendorff, Gillett, 3:59.52.

Seventh place: Jedrick Herzog, Gillett, shot put, 37-11.

Eighth place: 4x200-meter relay, Peters, Kroix Kempka, CJ Richard, Dayne Ermis, Suring, 1:47.55.

Ninth place: Jeremiah Froelich, Gillett, 1,600-meter run, 6:22.43; Michael Bailey, Suring, shot put, 37-4; Kempka, Suring, long jump, 18-1.

10th place: 4x400-meter relay team, Ermis, Kempka, Richard, Peters, Suring, 4:11.37.

Shawano competitors and their top 10 results in Division 2 were:

Third place: Ryan Schweitzer, pole vault, 11-0.

Fourth place: 4x200-meter relay team, Aiden Rasmussen, Schweitzer, Maverick Theis, Francesco Court, 1:39.36.

Seventh place: Rasmussen, 60-meter dash, 7.37; Rasmussen, 200-meter dash, 24.53.

Eighth place: 4x400-meter relay team, Joshua, Lesperance, Sosaeh Tepiew, Theis, Schweitzer, 3:54.90.

Ninth place: Heriberto Rubio, 200-meter dash, 25.09; Josiah Kuehl, 1,600-meter run, 4:51.55.

**March 18
Ripon College**

With so much attention turned to Bonduel's boys basketball team competing at the state tournament, it may have slipped past some fans that the boys and girls track teams kicked off their seasons with an indoor meet at Ripon College.

In the girls events, Mariah Wondra ran to first place in the 1,600-meter run in 5:25.49. Kember Frome also competed in the event.

Paige Niquette was 11th in the 60-yard dash in 8.70. Also running were Audrey Weier, Rachyl Hutter, Josie Pawlak, Letoriah Brantley, Hailey Spates and Serenity Saldana Busch.

Addison Raymakers led the Bears with a 15th-place finish in the 200-meter run in 29.77. Joining her on the track were Brantley and Arika Doxtator.

Peyton Westrich was

seventh in the 400-meter run in 1:04.96. Amelia Wilcox placed 10th in 1:06.84. Doxtator also competed.

Cierra Schnell placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles in 10.96.

In the shot put, Hutter placed seventh at 29-4.25. She was joined by Abbi Heller, Spates, Morgan Staszak, McKenna Onesti, Caroline Richter, Saldana Busch, Elena Schultz and Payton Huntington.

Wilcox placed 10th in the high jump at 4-6.

Pawlak finished fourth in the long jump at 15-10.25. Schnell was eighth at 15-1.5. Also jumping were Westrich and Brantley.

For the boys, Malachi Gray finished seventh in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.60 seconds. He was joined by Jayden Popp, Liam Rosenthal, Noah Gretzinger, Hayden Eisner and Jackson Krause.

In the 200-meter run, Gray placed fifth in 25.37. Jose Lagunes, Kaiden Thornborrow and Eisner also ran.

Gage Scholl placed 11th in the 400-meter run in 59.14. Also competing were Thornborrow, Oliver Chitwood and Gage Anderson.

Ben Reisner led the Bears with a 17th-place finish in the 800-meter run. Following him were Corbin Vandenberg, Joah Dworniczak and Thomas Vanderzanden.

Garrett Anderson placed 18th in the 1,600-meter run. He was joined by Dylan Keller and Reisner.

In the shot put, Popp led the Bears, placing eighth with a distance of 38 feet 8 inches. Lagunes, Ryley Kurtz, Krause, Liam Rosenthal and Gretzinger also competed.

Gray finished 11th in the long jump at 18-3.5. Scholl, Gage Anderson, and Eisner also jumped.

In the triple jump, Thornborrow was 15th at 28-10.25.

Chapman competes in 3-Point Challenge

BY GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

An area basketball player represented his high school March 22 at the 3-Point Challenge at the WIAA State Boys Basketball Tournament in Madison.

Menominee Nation senior Mikey Chapman attended the competition, which included nine other players in five divisions, but did not place in the top three.

Pewaukee's Karson Os-

terman ended up winning the challenge, while D.C. Everest's Cade Felch and Roncalli's Matthew Bonin placed second and third, respectively.

Other competitors included Jake Pfister, Catholic Memorial; Elijah Fenner, Ashwaubenon; Tyler Roche, Greendale; Will Franzen, Manitowoc Lutheran; Brayden Smith, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah; and Logan Nystrom, Assumption.

The girls 3-Point Challenge, held March 15 during

the girls tournament at the Resch Center in Green Bay, also included a local player.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood junior Melania Granquist placed third in that competition, which also included Lauren Strifling, Homestead; Kristina Oui-mette, Lakeland; Sydney Subke, Neillsville; Toria Devoe, Belleville; Ellen Dotzler, Waunakee; Mandi Wehrle, River Ridge; Armani Tauschek, Greenfield; Abby Hollis, Albany/Monticello; and Marti Rebman, Edgerton.

Two more Panther all-conference selections noted

The March 21 issue noted Oconto Falls girls basketball players earning North Eastern Conference honors.

However, two honors were inadvertently left off the list.

Senior Maddy Maloney earned honorable mention

status.

Also, junior Rylie Shallow was named to the defensive first team all-conference.

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33 "Fall back" mo.

35 OPEC member

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38 Burns of the *Baseball* documentary

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42 "The Waste Land" poet

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52 Japanese piano maker

53 Goes wrong

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63 Crime lab clue

64 Caitlin Clark's org.

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69 Fighter jets' HQ

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74 Reddish brown

77 Update, as topography

81 Keep your ___

84 Bunch of

86 A third of a 1/1 song title

87 Working class in 1984

88 Keep your ___

92 Midday ritual

93 Burst of growth

94 All of ___ (without warning)

95 Angsty music

96 Barcelona bear

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100 "Deck the Halls" contraction

102 Science guy with a bow tie

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112 Junior varsity reserves

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46 Formal teen dance

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52 "Uh-huh"

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75 "I should say ___!"

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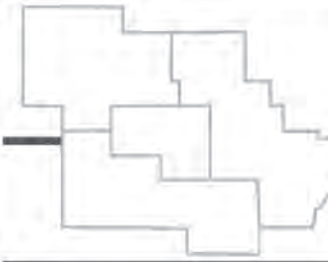
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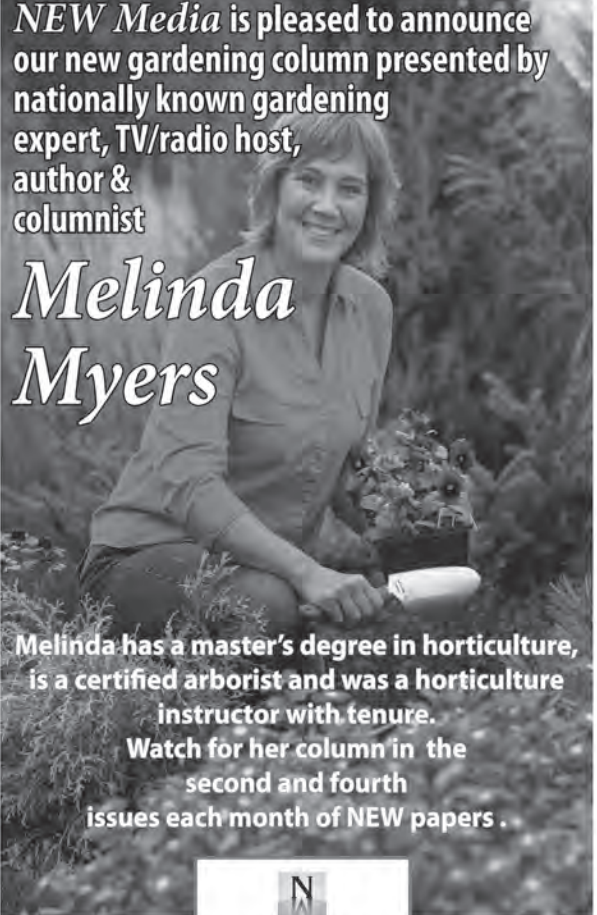
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CITY OF GILLETT ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

The following have applied for an Alcohol License and Tobacco License with the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Said application will be presented in person to the City Council on April 3, 2025 for possible approval/denial.

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CITY OF GILLETT TOBACCO LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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City of Gillett Notice:
Dog and Chicken License Reminder:

Dog-City of Gillett residents are reminded that all dogs over the age of five months must be licensed by March 31st. A state law requires a rabies vaccination for all dogs over the age of five months in order to get a dog license. Please bring in your dog's proof of rabies vaccination papers so that a dog license can be issued. Since the law requires your dog be license by April 1st of each year, a penalty is added after that date. A citation can also be issued for failure to license you dog. Please call City Hall at 920-855-2255 with any questions.
Chicken-April 1 through March 31 -the fee shall be \$10 annually plus \$3 per chicken annually

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Discontinuance of a Part of Duame Road in the Town of Stiles

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Stiles at the Town of Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercress Road, Lena, Wisconsin, on April 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., to discuss the proposed discontinuance of the following described Town road initiated by introduction of a resolution by the Town Board of the Town of Stiles under § 66.1003(4)(b), Wis. Stats., specifically:

Twenty-seven (27) feet of the East and West sides of Duame Road commencing at Olson Road and continuing North approximately One Thousand Three Hundred (1,300) feet to the North section line of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 15, Township 28 North Range 20 East Town of Stiles, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

Anyone interested in the proposed discontinuance of this portion of Duame Road may attend and comment on the proposed action. The Town Board shall act on the resolution at a duly scheduled meeting following the public hearing.

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under § 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2025.

TOWN OF STILES

BY: /s/ Terrah Patton
Terrah Patton, Town Clerk

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the Town Clerk at ((920) 516-7381 at least one business day prior to the meeting.

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EXHIBIT C
(Type C Notice)

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
Suring Public School District

TAKE NOTICE that a referendum election shall be held on April 1, 2025 in the Suring Public School District for the purpose of approving or rejecting a Revenue Cap Resolution adopted by the School Board of said District on January 8, 2025.
The Revenue Cap Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED REVENUE CAP
COMMENCING WITH
THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR
BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Suring Public School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in excess of the revenue limits imposed by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes each year for a period of five years on a non-recurring basis, beginning with the 2025-26 school year and ending with the 2029-30 school year, for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems.

The referendum ballot will ask District electors: "Shall the School Board of the Suring Public School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes beginning with the 2025-26 school year through the 2029-30 school year on a non-recurring basis by an amount of \$1,500,000 each year for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems as provided in the foregoing resolution?"

A "yes" vote is in favor of the resolution set forth above and is a vote to approve exceeding the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the 2025-26 through 2029-30 school years on a non-recurring basis by an amount of \$1,500,000 each year for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems,

A "no" vote is opposed to the resolution and is a vote to deny exceeding the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the 2025-26 through 2029-30 school years on a non-recurring basis by an amount of \$1,500,000 each year for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs including upgrades to elementary classroom heating and cooling systems.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Laurie Asher, Superintendent.

Suring Public School District

Cathy Lundgren

District Clerk

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Blackbird Boutique
opens in Oconto

Amanda Derry, the owner of Blackbird Boutique, 1102 Main St., Oconto, officially opened her doors to the public March 15.

The boutique, which was formerly known as BeYoutiful Boutique, has undergone a transformation, both in name and in spirit.

"The name Blackbird Boutique is a special tribute to my late mother,

who loved watching blackbirds and crows outside her window," Derry said. "The four birds in our logo represent my four children. This shop is dedicated to them and to my mother, whose memory I hold close."

Blackbird Boutique is designed to offer more than just clothing; Derry said it's a place to feel a connection to the community and to experience

a thoughtfully curated selection of fashion and accessories.

"It's not just about the clothes," Derry said. "It's about creating a space where people can feel welcome, find unique pieces and take part in the growth of our wonderful town."

Hours are 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

03/28/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Test

In accordance with Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the April 1, 2025 Spring Election in the City of Gillett will be conducted on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Gillett City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI. This test is open to the public.

Chelsea Anderson, Clerk Treasurer

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WATER MAIN
FLUSHING NOTICE
VILLAGE OF LENA

The Village of Lena will be flushing water mains on Sunday, April 6, 2025

The mains will be flushed starting in the morning. Please check your tap water for discoloration before washing clothes. Customers can clear discoloration by letting the cold water run until it is clear. If you have any questions or problems call the Lena Village Hall at (920) 829-5226. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 14

• Bond was set at \$7,500 cash for Travis M. Grun, 30, Crivitz, after he was charged with strangulation and suffocation, battery and disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 12.

• Bond was set at \$800 cash for Michelle Jean Jasmin, 49, Appleton, after she was charged with harboring or aiding a felon and two counts of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 11.

• Bond was set at \$500 cash for Sarah J. Hujet, 42, Gillett, after she was charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 13. Judge Jay Conley adjourned their initial appearances until April 24.

Proceedings of March 17

• Bond was set at \$250 cash for Laurie Ann Wendt, 60, Stanley, after she was charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock device order and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 16. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until April 24.

Proceedings of March 18

• Kevin James Landree, 43, Marinette, was found not guilty by reason of mental defect for taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, in connection with an incident that occurred April 9, 2024. Judge Michael Judge set a commitment hearing for May 27.

• A final pre-trial conference was held for the April 1-3 jury trial scheduled for Cody John Krueger, 37, an Oconto man currently serving time at Green Bay Correctional Institution. He faces charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, armed robbery and first-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred in Oconto on Sept. 3, 2021. Krueger is also awaiting trial on two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer, and misdemeanor driving while his license was revoked, in connection with his arrest a week later on Sept. 10, 2021.

• An April 1-2 jury trial was postponed for Shane Brandon Ksobiech, 32, Tomahawk, on charges of substantial battery intending bodily harm and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 23, 2022. Judge scheduled a status conference for May 22.

• Brett Joseph Bertrand, 44, Abrams, pleaded no contest to fleeing an officer in his vehicle in connection with an incident that occurred May 8, 2024, and felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 24. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 27.

Proceedings of March 19

• Tiffany A. Peshek, 33, Oconto, pleaded no contest to child neglect with a consequence of bodily harm, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 25, 2024. Judge withheld finding her guilty under a deferred judgment agreement that suspends the case for one year.

• Brett W. Nichols, 54,

Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 8. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 22.

Proceedings of March 20

• James John Crouse, 53, Menominee, Michigan, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision with conditions, for possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, and possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) in connection with incidents that occurred Nov. 13, 2024, and Nov. 16, 2023, and felony bail jumping in connection with the 2024 incident. Judge ruled that he is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program after serving two and a half years, which can lead to early release upon successful completion.

• After a speedy trial demand was filed, a Sept. 9-10 jury trial was rescheduled to May 20-21 for Kurtis Lee Peters, 28, Keshena, who is charged with armed robbery, first-degree recklessly endangering safety and false imprisonment, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 13. Conley scheduled a final pre-trial conference for May 5.

• Sean R. Calewarts, 41, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 9, and misappropriating identity information to avoid penalty and three counts of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 15. He also awaits trial on charges of stalking, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor domestic abuse order violation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 9, 2024; felony bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 1, and two counts of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 3, 2024. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for April 24.

• James P. Linz, 43, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 12, and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 9. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for April 24.

• Raymond A. Tourtillott, 45, Keshena, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of fleeing an officer in a vehicle and two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 3. Conley scheduled arraignment for April 24.

Proceedings of March 21

• Robby J. Lewis, 31, a Gillett man serving a sentence at Redgranite Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct,

in connection with an incident that occurred June 30. Conley set sentencing for May 27.

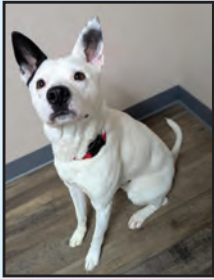
• Tammy J. Gauthier, 43, Seymour, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of an illegally obtained prescription, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 30. Judge had approved a two-year deferred judgment agreement with Gauthier on Aug. 30, 2022, after she pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine in a Nov. 23, 2021, incident. He scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 22.

• Joshua W. Longsine, 36, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 13. Conley scheduled arraignment for April 24.

• Russell P. Radaj, 55, Lena, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 29. Judge scheduled arraignment for April 24.

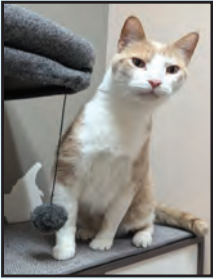
• Nicholas Donald Collar, 31, New London, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 12. Conley scheduled arraignment for April 24.

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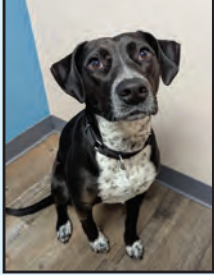
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Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place

At the election to be held on April 1, 2025, in the County of Oconto, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated below. If you have questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Abrams W1-3
Bagley W1
Brazeau W1-2
Breed W1
Chase W1-5
Doty W1
Gillett W1-2
How W1
Lakewood W1
Lena W1
Little River W1-2
Little Suamico W1-9
Maple Valley W1
Morgan W1-2
Mountain W1

Oconto W1-2
Oconto Falls W1-2
Pensaukee W1-2
Riverview W1-2
Spruce W1
Stiles W1-2
Townsend W1-2
Underhill W1

Village of Lena W1
Village of Suring W1
City of Gillett W1-3
City of Oconto W1-7
City of Oconto Falls W1-8

Jean Hansen (920) 826-2299
Alan Sleeter (920) 590-0198
Brooke Kriescher (920) 897-3855
Kristen Telford (920) 842-2166
Jeromy Delebreau (920) 822-1560
Cheryl Field (715) 276-7554
Renee Carlson (920) 819-7475
Becky Dickson (920) 842-9851
Michelle Moczynski (715) 276-3579
Dawn VanArk (715) 281-4672
Amy Peterson (920) 834-3617
Lisa Gliński (920) 826-7655
Cindy Tousey (920) 598-0601
Erin Mooers (920) 846-0699
Lynn Kauzlaric (715) 276-6474

Lori Scanlan (920) 834-4351
Susan Mogged (920) 373-6663
Jacki Nelis (920) 826-2010
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10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161
11155 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162
14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149
10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, WI 54124
12896 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, WI 54138
6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139
3627 County Road A, Oconto, WI 54153
5964A County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171
9088 County Road Z, Suring, WI 54174
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Bill Lazansky Community Center
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6120 Cream City Road, Oconto, WI 54153
8680 State Hwy 22, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101
15152 Island Lake Road, Mountain, WI 54149
9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
5718 Watercrest Road, Lena, WI 54139
16564 Elm Street, Townsend, WI 54175
5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124

117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI 54139
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150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124
1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153
500 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls, WI 54154

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.
All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities.

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

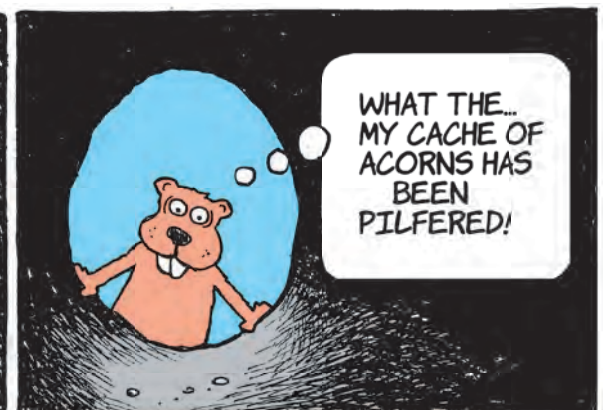
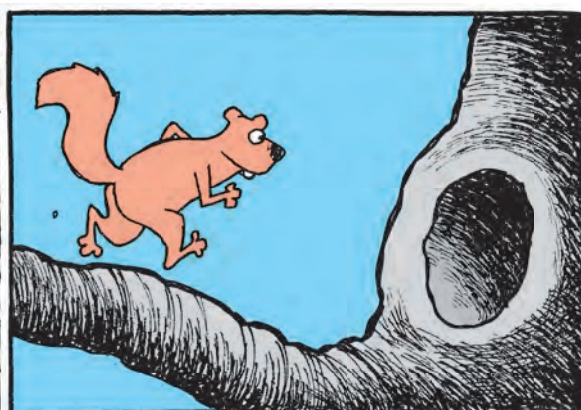
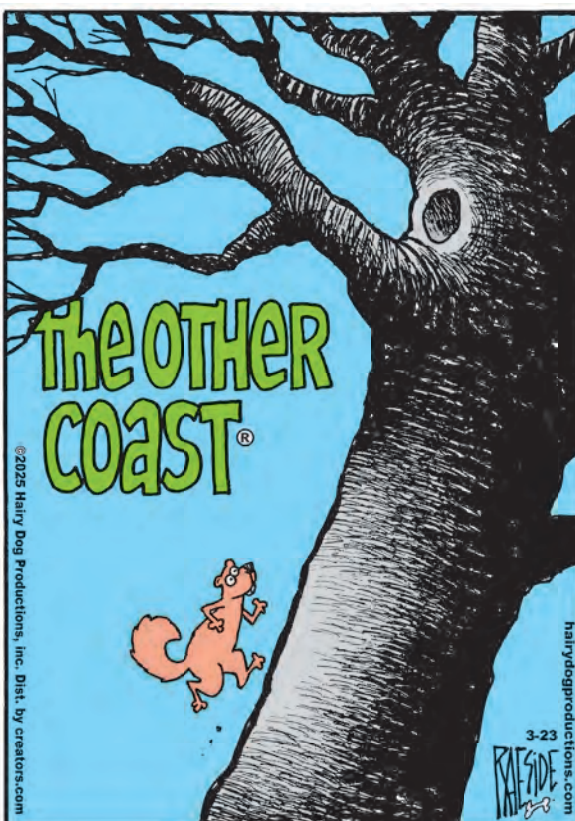
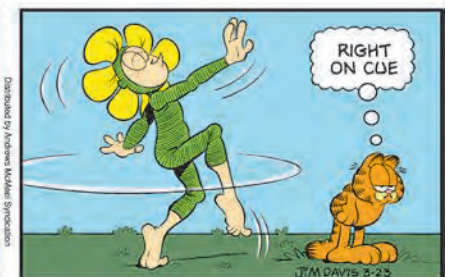
Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)

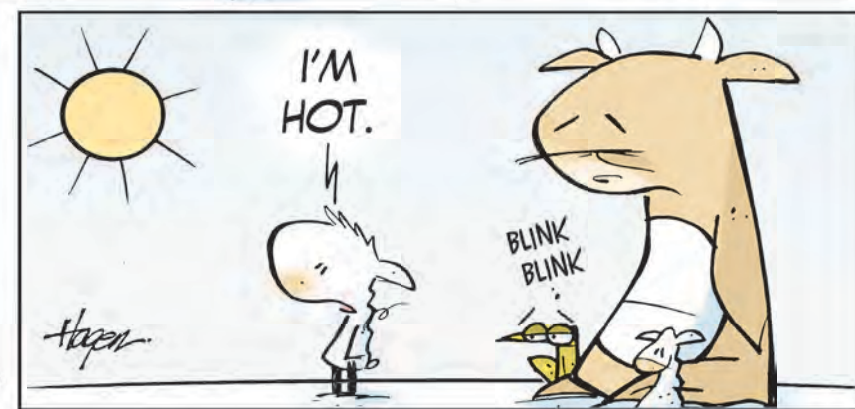
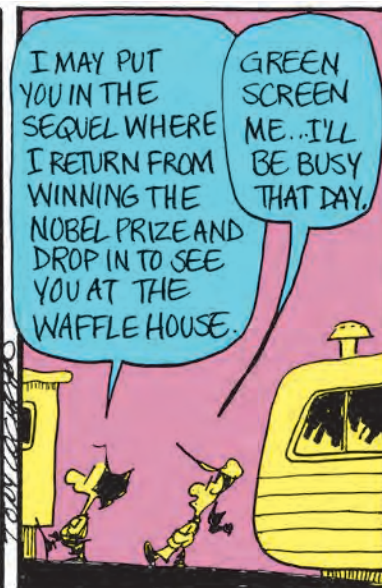
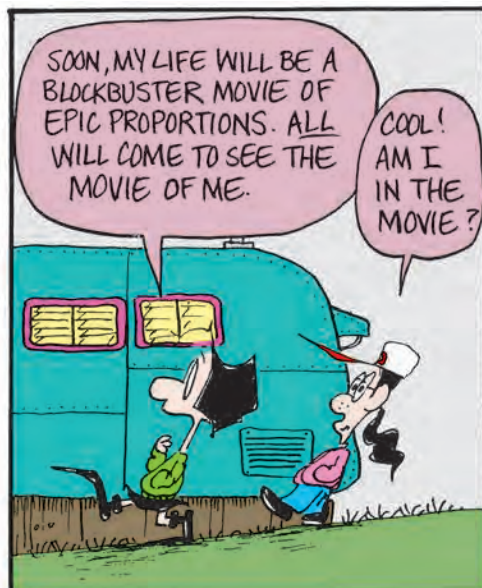
At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(1). This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

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots

If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

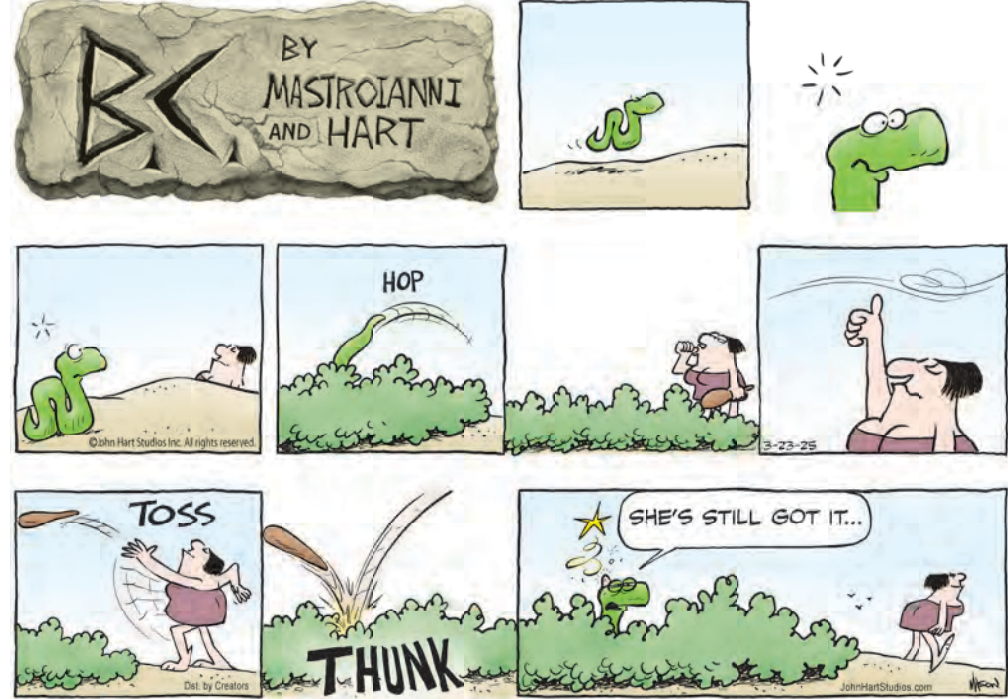
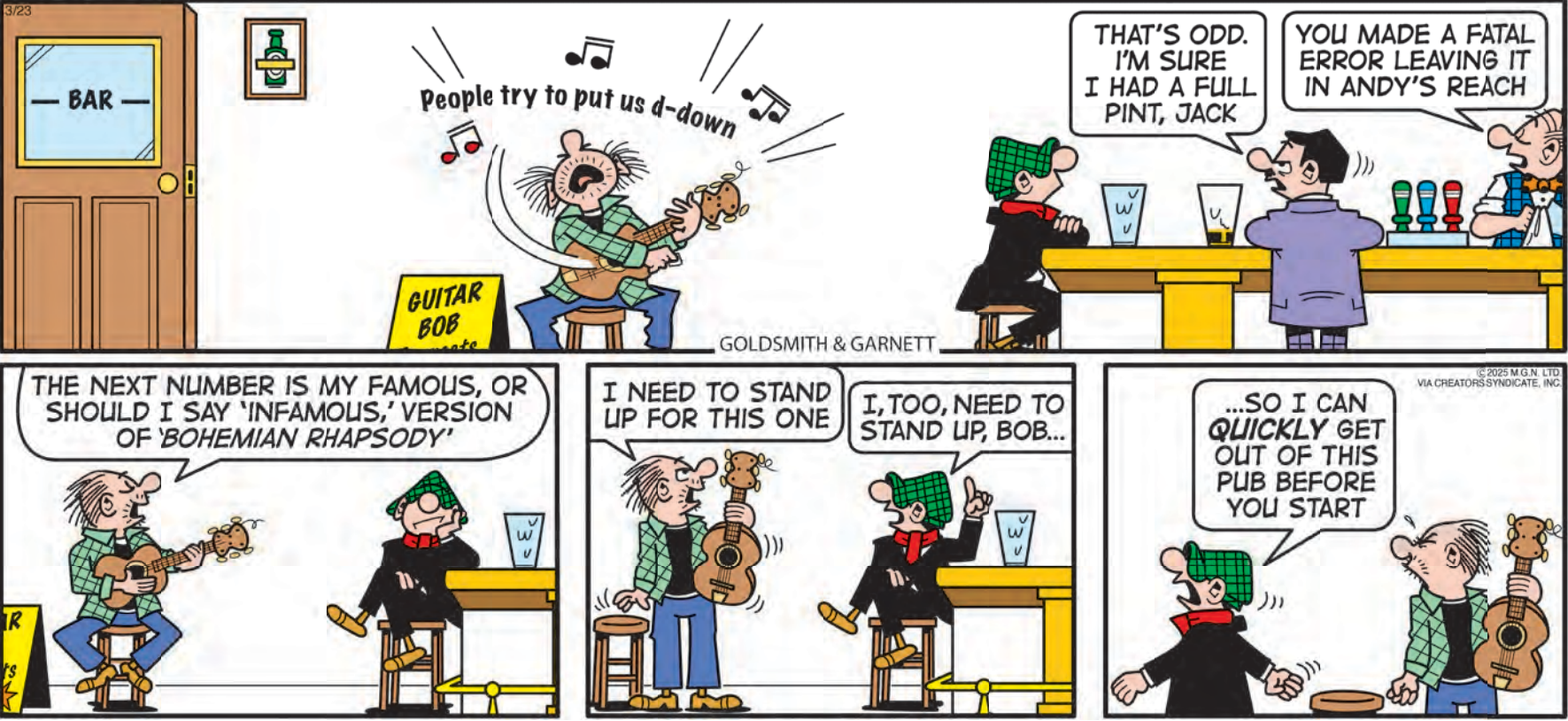
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