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A bald eagle soars over the bay of Green Bay near Oconto's Breakwater Park on New Year's Day.

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Oconto Falls board to consider school referendum

A survey showed tentative support for extending, increasing the 2016 approval

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor

The Oconto Falls School Board expects to finalize plans for an April referendum when it meets Jan. 18.

The board will likely consider a \$3.3 million recurring referendum that extends the 2016 measure authorizing the school district to exceed state-imposed revenue limits through the 2021-22 school year. The new question would ask voters to increase that amount by \$275,000 annually.

A survey of school district residents in November found tentative support for an increase as high as \$300,000.

Bill Foster, of consulting firm School Perceptions, gave the board a report about the survey during its Dec. 14 meeting. He said the poll garnered 1,300 responses as opposed to 895 for a similar survey four years ago.

The 24% return rate allows for a statistical margin of error of a relatively low 2.7%, Foster said.

After providing some background material, the survey asked respondents whether they were mostly likely to support one of four options.

The first three options were for \$3.3 million recurring referendums that would allow the school district to increase revenues by an additional \$200,000, \$250,000 or \$300,000; the

fourth option was no further referendum.

The \$300,000 option was supported by 53% of all district residents, 83% of staff, 60% of parents and 42% of the largest group — taxpayers who are neither parents of current students nor staff members.

The survey showed another referendum is opposed by 20% of all respondents, 2% of staff, 15% of parents and 27% of the non-parent, non-staff group.

“Staff represent less than 1% of your community, so they literally don’t get many votes,” Foster said, adding that about one in four school district residents currently have children in school.

The consulting firm recommends that the district pursue the \$275,000 alternative, which Foster said.

This would result in a tax mill rate reduction for each of the next four years and still provide funding for ongoing building maintenance, staff compensation competitive with neighboring districts, expanded course offerings and additional security improvements at each building.

Although the survey showed support for up to \$300,000, Foster said asking for a lower figure would signal to taxpayers that the board is serious about lowering the mill rate for the next few years.

“Now, you might have to sharpen

your pencils to do that a bit, but it strikes me that that’s what we learned from this survey, that that’s what folks would like you to do,” he said.

The survey also asked residents if they supported studying the potential for another referendum in April 2022 focused on school district buildings, especially the aging Washington Middle School structure.

Foster said the consensus of respondents was: “Go ahead and explore. I’m not necessarily saying yes I’m going to support it, but I think there probably is a need there and you should probably put together a plan.”

Continued review of district buildings was supported by 82% of staff, 68% of parents and 49% of the non-parent, non-staff group, he said.

Superintendent Dean Hess said the Dec. 14 presentation was for informational purposes, not immediate action.

“The intent is to give you a chance to think about this, let it percolate a bit and bring it back to you for the January board meeting,” Hess told the board. “It gives us a chance as a district to do that double, triple check, all the numbers, the legal counsel, to ensure that all the language is absolutely correct.”

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Pie auction raises \$6,600 for St. Jude

An old-fashioned pie auction was held Jan. 2 as part of Yoap & Yoap’s New Year Auction in Stiles Junction.

The auction raised \$6,600 for St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. This is the seventh year of the local fundraiser.

Thirty homemade pies were provided by Rosemary Styczynski of Gillett, Red Rooster Café of Bonduel, OJ’s Midtown of Gillett and Wayne’s Family Restaurant of Oconto.

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of Merrill and Lakeside Recycling of Cecil. Several other donations were made by area individuals to help the cause of St. Jude Hospital.

Yoap & Yoap Auctioneers started the fundraiser at the first Holiday Auction in their new Auction Gallery in 2014 and raised \$2,000. Each year saw more businesses and individuals taking part, and the auction company said this year’s auction results were really unexpected.

To date, the annual pie auctions have raised almost \$40,000 to help with the life-saving efforts and research carried out by St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Service held for fire victims

Funeral services were held Monday in Shawano for a Mountain area couple who died Dec. 26 when their house burned down in the town of Riverview.

Oconto County authorities identified the victims as Joseph Reinke, 39, and his wife, Rebecca

Powers, 34.

Firefighters responding to the home on North Maiden Lake Road found the structure "consumed by fire down to the foundation," Sheriff Todd Skarban said last week.

The couple's obituaries may be found on page 6.



A pair of ice fishermen head out to their shelter at the mouth of the Oconto River on Jan. 1.

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Deputies logged 23 incidents, including the following:

Unwanted party — reported in the 200 block of Ontario Avenue, City of Oconto, 5:33 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 6000 block of Young Road, Town of Oconto, 8:43 a.m.

Animal neglect — reported in the 9000 block of North Brown County Line Road, Chase, 1:32 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of West Slope Lane, Stiles, 1:48 p.m.

Overdose — reported at an address in Mountain, 4:34 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

911 — One 911 hangup and one open line were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near Goatsville and Old 141 roads, Town of Lena, 7:37 a.m.; and a property-damage crash in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 9:30 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near the Mountain Town Hall, 13503 Weller Road, Mountain, 1:16 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 7000 block of County Road Y, Little River, 10:28 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of state Highway 22, Town of Oconto Falls, 11:28 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 13000 block of County Road AA, Breed, 12:28 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 2000 block of Sherman Road, Town of Oconto, 3:31 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Erie Avenue, City of Oconto, 5:54 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 22 and County Road I, Stiles, 5:55 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 8000 block of North Brown County Line Road, Chase, 6:39 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist and one miscellaneous traffic incident.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property damage accident in the 500 block of Main Street, City of Oconto, 6:26 p.m.

Deputies logged 35 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 8000 block of Gray Lake Road, Town of Oconto Falls, 11:15 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 4000 block of County Road J, Little River, 3:27 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Pine Tree Road and County Road T, Doty, 4:22 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 4:32 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged one traffic stop, one traffic offense, three citizen assists and two miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident along state Highway 22, Stiles, 6:40 a.m.; an accident near Bullfrog Bend and Presbyterian Road, Townsend, 9:23 a.m.; a property-damage crash along U.S. 41-141, Little Suamico, 3:40 p.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41-141 and Allen Road, Little Suamico, 3:55 p.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41-141 and County Road S, Little Suamico, 4:36 p.m.; an accident on the southbound off ramp from U.S. 41 to Business 41, Little River, 5:16 p.m.; an accident along U.S. 41-141, Abrams, 5:41 p.m.; an accident near U.S. 141 and County Road A, Village of Lena, 7:10 p.m.; and an accident on the southbound off ramp from U.S. 41 to Business 41, Little River, 10:22 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 400 block of Madeline Lane, Little Suamico, 2:54 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Wood Brook Circle, Little Suamico, 8:16 a.m.

Death investigation — along North Maiden Lake Road, Riverview, 8:23 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 4000 block of Airport Road, Town of Oconto, 1:34 p.m.

Missing person — reported in the 6000 block of Goatsville Road, Town of Lena, 8:16 p.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 200 block of Erie Avenue, City of Oconto, 10:22 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of South Maple Street, Town of Oconto Falls, 11:11 p.m.

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

911 — One 911 hangup and three open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Road J and East Brown Road, Little Suamico, 1:21 a.m.; and a property-damage crash in the 8000 block of Valley Line Road, Town of Oconto Falls, 11:36 p.m.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Deputies logged 25 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 9000 block of Tanglewood Drive, Little Suamico, 9:27 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 4000 block of Cook Road, Town of Oconto, 2:01 p.m.

Burglary — reported in the 15000 block of Vernon Way, Riverview, 4:27 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Magnin Road, Stiles, 6:40 p.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 14000 block of Parkway Road, Brazeau, 6:47 p.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 2300 block of Doran Street, Town of Oconto, 9:43 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged one traffic offense, one citizen assist and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

911 — Four 911 hangups were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies logged three deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Deputies logged 20 incidents, including the following:

Property damage — reported in the 6000 block of state Highway 32, Town of Gillett, 8:47 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 5000 block of County Road S, Little Suamico, 11:41 a.m.

Animal neglect — reported in the 800 block of West Frontier Road, Little Suamico, 6:01 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 64 and South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 6:02 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged one traffic stop, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses and two miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

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

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Deputies logged 35 incidents, including the following:

Wanted person — reported in the 8000 block of Gohr Road, Chase, 2:05 p.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 14000 block of Einberger Lane, Lakewood, 6:06 p.m.

Tree down — reported near state Highway 64 and Pipeline Road, Mountain, 7:50 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 6000 block of Young Road, Town of Oconto, 8:22 p.m.

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

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident in the 200 block of North Chestnut Avenue, City of Oconto Falls, 7:52 p.m., and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Jason K. Palomaki, 34, Green Bay, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor

counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 25. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 14.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Dean D. Christl, 32, Beaver, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and misdemeanor operating a

motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 26. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 14.



SHE GUESSED IT: Shary Meilahn, of Oconto Falls, left, came closest to guessing the weight of the pumpkin and receives a \$25 gift certificate from Kathy Flipiak of United True Value. The giant 621-pound pumpkin was grown by Bryan Kohls, of Gillett, during a friendly competition among friends and relatives. Guesses ranged from 75 pounds to 3,361 pounds.

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BISTRO TABLE WINNER: Vicki Thomson, of Oconto Falls, left, is congratulated by Chris Clifford after her name was picked to win a three-piece bistro table set during the weeklong 73rd anniversary sale at United True Value in Oconto Falls.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph 'Joe' Reinke

Joseph "Joe" Reinke, 39, of Mountain, and his wife, Becca, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020. Joe was born in Shawano on Feb. 20, 1981, to the joy of his parents, Rodney and Kathryn (Steenbock) Reinke. The oldest of three children, he was a great older brother and took his younger brother under his wing and allowed his little sister to tag along, as well. They shared a very special sibling bond and true friendship.

He attended St. James Lutheran School, where he was also baptized and confirmed his faith in the Lord. He was a 1999 graduate of Shawano Community High School where he especially enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. Joe went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh School of Business. Joe worked at U.S. Bank for many years as a loyal employee.

In 2008, he met his future wife, Becca, and their personalities complimented each other's perfectly.



Lakewood, Joe built on his love for woodworking and started his own business as a general contractor, Reinke Painting and Home Improvement.

Joe loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing with his dad, brother, cousins and in-laws with whom countless memories were made in the Nicolet National Forest, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Canada. He enjoyed remodeling his home, watching sports, boating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, playing in volleyball, horseshoe and pool leagues with Becca, and time spent with family, friends and their beloved

black lab, Toby.

His childlike love for life and sense of humor served him well as a proud uncle to many nieces and nephews. If you got to know Joe, you were the lucky one. He was quiet, humble and gentle on the outside. Joe's wit, wisdom, kindness, loyalty, selfless giving, level-headed and compassionate insight are what made having a connection with him so special. He had a genuine smile, a contagious laugh and was focused on helping others, always seeing the good in them.

Joe and Becca lived a full life in a short time. Their life was full of happiness and enough memories to last a lifetime for the beloved family and friends that they leave behind.

Joe is survived by his parents, Rodney and Kathryn Reinke, of Shawano; brother, Mark (Brittany) Reinke, of Shawano; sister, Amy (Andrew) Hartman, of Cross Plains; nephew, Hudson Reinke; niece, Emery Reinke; niece and goddaughter,

Charlie Mae Hartman; aunt, Sherry Frost, of Clintonville; uncles, Steve (Holly) Reinke, of Clintonville, Doug Steenbock, of Green Bay, and Dan (Carrie) Steenbock, of Appleton; mother-in-law, Karen (Dave) Kerber, of Shawano; and father-in-law, Tony (Ginger) Powers, of Mountain.

He is further survived by several close brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews, including goddaughter, Dani and godson, Jameson; cousins; and friends.

He was joined in death by his wife, Becca, and their dog, Toby. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Edwin and Joan Reinke and Henry and Doris Steenbock; numerous great-aunts and great-uncles.

A memorial service was held for Joe and Becca at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Steve Schauder officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is being established.

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Rebecca 'Becca' Reinke



year-round regardless of the weather and didn't possess what you would call an "inside voice." She enjoyed playing in volleyball, horseshoe and

pool leagues with Joe, being outdoors, golfing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and snowboarding.

Becca loved people in general and was very outgoing, often the life of the party. Her smile could light up the room, and she made an impression on everyone she met. Her family was a huge part of her life, especially her many nieces and nephews. She was a wonderful aunt and loved them all dearly. Becca and Joe lived a full life in a short time. Their life was full of

happiness and enough memories to last a lifetime for the beloved family and friends that they leave behind.

Becca is survived by her parents, Tony (Ginger) Powers, of Townsend, and Karen (Dave) Kerber of Shawano; siblings, Tony (Deyani) Powers, of Shawano, Jeremiah (Dana) Powers, of Arizona, Jennifer Powers, of Shawano, Kristin (Tony) Werdick, of Minnesota, Travis (Melissa) Kerber, of Indiana, Michelle Powers, of Shawano, Ryan (Janessa) Gust, of Green Bay, Cody (Jade) Gust, of Appleton, Jordan (Aiden) Gust, of Waupaca, and Hailee Powers, of Shawano; nieces and nephews, Teagan, Mikalah, Taylor, Madilyn, Mya, Amelia, Morgan, Dani, Jameson, Lucy, Clare, Madison, Grayson, Levi, Hudson, Emery and Charlie; grandmas, Dot Greasby, Bev Powers and Marilyn Kerber; grandpa, Bill Berken; mother- and father-in-law,

Kathy and Rod Reinke; sister-in-law, Amy (Andrew) Hartman; brother-in-law, Mark (Brittany) Reinke; as well as extra special close friend, Jarrod Rankin, of Shawano.

She is further survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was joined in death by her husband, Joe, and their beloved black lab, Toby. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Earl Dunks, William Greasby, Kenneth Kerber and Thomas Powers; and two nephews, Thomas and William Johnson.

A memorial service was held for Becca and Joe at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Steve Schauder officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is being established.

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Dawn A.C. Welch



traveling with family and camping. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Dawn is survived by her husband of 66

years, Ralph; children, Kathleen Marie (Angel) Fuentes, of Milwaukee,

David Allan Welch, of Minnesota, Gregory Scott Welch, of Milwaukee, Peggy Jean (Jeff) Lemke, of Bowler, and Bobbie Jo Welch, of Wittenberg; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Beverly Oleson, of Wausau. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dawn was preceded in death by two daughters, Lisa Faye Welch and Linda Mae Kohler; her parents, Otto

and Roberta Hass; two brothers, Arthur Hass and Corlis Hass; and a sister, Lucy Bowerstock.

A memorial service for Dawn will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. Inurnment will be in the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be held at the church from noon until the time of service.

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Rebecca "Becca" Reinke, 34, of Mountain, and her husband, Joe, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020. Becca was born March 31, 1986, to Tony and Karen (Dunks) Powers in Green Bay. She graduated from Shawano Community High School in 2004. Becca went on to receive her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

In 2008, she met her "Joey," and their personalities complimented each other's perfectly. On May 16, 2015, Becca was united in marriage to Joseph "Joe" Reinke at St. Mary's of the Lakes Catholic Church in Lakewood. Becca worked as a purchasing agent for Nicolet Plastics; you could also find her bartending, beer carting or "hustling" at Shawano Lake Golf Course, McCauslin Brook Golf Course or Old Town Hall.

Becca enjoyed sporting flip flops

Dawn A.C. Welch, 85, of Bowler, passed away on Dec. 27, 2020. Dawn was born July 1, 1935, to the late Otto G. and Roberta (Lamb) Hass in Shawano. In 1953, she began employment with Northwestern Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee. On Feb. 6, 1954, she was united in marriage to Ralph Welch at Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. In 1985, they moved from Milwaukee to Bowler. Dawn enjoyed quilting and sewing,

Charles 'Chuck' Adams

Charles "Chuck" Adams, 66, Marion, passed away on Dec. 26, 2020, at his home, surrounded by family.

Charles Albert Adams was born Jan. 4, 1954, at Clintonville Hospital to Eugene and Doris (May) Adams. He grew up in Marion and graduated from Marion High School in 1972. Chuck was united in marriage on Nov. 4, 1978, to Joni K. Wendler at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wittenberg. He was employed at Marion Plywood two different times over a 23-year period. Chuck served as the plant manager at Besse Forest Products in Mattoon for 24 years. Then he worked for several months at Clayhill Custom Cabinets and Millwork in Marion, before retiring in January 2020.

Chuck was a longtime member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Falls, where he was active on the church council. He was a proud member of the Marion Rotary Club for many years, earning the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Chuck also served on the



Marion School Board for 10 years.

In his early days, Chuck sang for lots of weddings around the area. He appreciated music and especially liked the Marion Lions

Club performances. He was handy with woodworking projects around the house. He enjoyed baking breads, cookies and candies for friends and family. He also liked collecting wildlife prints and winning on the slot machines at the casino. Chuck frequently helped other relatives with whatever they needed. He often took his mother-in-law to appointments and helped her with lots of other tasks. Chuck always had a heart of gold and an excellent sense of humor. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Joni; and three children, Aman-

da Adams, Winona, Minnesota, Jason Adams, Fond du Lac, and Rebecca (Steve) Niesen, Winneconne. There are eight grandchildren, Serenity (Antwon), Zane, Bubba, Carlos, Gracie, Alexander, Channing and Jasmine; and one great-granddaughter, Gianna.

There are eight siblings, Margaret Zwirschitz, Clintonville; Jeannie Morrison, Appleton; Georgia (Bob) Wagner, New Holstein; Betty Rhode, Oshkosh; Billy (Patty) Adams, Marion; Bonnie Pfeiler-Adams, Annandale, Minnesota; Connie (Jeff) Barthels, Van Dyne, and Terry (Lisa) Adams, Appleton.

He is further survived by his mother-in-law, Pat Wendler, Wittenberg; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Wendler, Clintonville, and Theresa (Mike) Stai, Watertown; two brothers-in-law, Charlie (Shirley) Wendler, Wittenberg, and Willy (Laura) Wendler, Chippewa Falls; his dog Patches; a granddog, Scooby; and numerous nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Doris; his father-in-law, Clarence Wendler; a niece, Amy Oviedo; three nephews, Ryan Wendler, Clayton Pfeiler and Jeff Tarlton; two brothers-in-law Bill Zwirschitz and Jim Morrison; and his dog Tanya.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Falls. The Rev. Janice Kuder officiated, and inurnment will be at a later date at Roseland Cemetery, Town of Dupont.

Memorials are preferred to The-daCare at Home Hospice, St. Peter's Lutheran Church or to your local humane society. Please go to www.beil-didier.com to sign the online guestbook or to send a card to the family.

We wish to extend a huge thank you to all the doctors, nurses and staff who provided such compassionate care to Chuck.

Charles (Chuck) Matyska 1942-2021

Born and educated in Chicago, Chuck's passion was the outdoors. He married Marti in 1969. They bought 40 acres in Underhill township, enjoying the rural life at their hobby farm for over 50 years. Chuck and Marti had two children, Kate and Mary.

Chuck was mechanical, building and maintaining industrial plants. Chuck was artistic, owning a taxidermy business for years. Chuck was an ardent hunter, locally and in the Western states. He yearly went bowhunting for elk with his brothers, and he was a Pope and Young record holder.

A longtime outdoorsman, he not only hunted but also fished and developed habitat for birds, butterflies



and animals. He helped legislate laws dealing with endangered species. He loved his garden and chickens.

Chuck, a strong conservationist, was honored by Sen. Herb Kohl for his work. As a longtime member of the Wisconsin Wildlife Foundation, he served on the board as an officer and president. He also worked as a board member of the Traditional Archers and was vice president/treasurer of the Wisconsin Bowhunting Heritage Foundation Museum.

Passing on traditions was im-

portant to Chuck. With others, he founded a bowhunting museum, and he taught young people how to make long bows. He was a certified archery instructor and, earlier in his life, a Boy Scout leader.

Locally, Chuck participated on the Underhill township Land Use Committee, worked on the Underhill Park Committee and helped establish the Frank Settlement School and Artesian Well.

Loving father of Mary (Jim) Wood and the late Kate (Lee) Page. Grandfather to Ethan and Scott (Helen) Wood and great-grandfather to Luke Wood. Fond brother of Dick (Margaret) Matyska and Don (Kris) Matyska. Brother-in-law to Carl (Vivian) Homolka and Jean (Jim Munger) Hill.

Cousin to Barb (Sil) Sucich. Uncle to many nieces and nephews; he especially enjoyed baby-sitting his grandnephew, Maddux.

Chuck died on Jan. 1, 2021, after suffering a stroke at Silver Cross Hospital in Illinois, and the family would like to thank Dr. Reynolds and the staff for their care. A private service with family members is planned for the late spring.

As his brother says, "He lived life as we all should, in honesty and humbleness."

Memorials can be made to the Wisconsin Wildlife Foundation, <https://wiwf.org>; or the Wisconsin Bowhunting Heritage Foundation, Inc., <https://www.wisconsinbowhunters.org/museum>.

Donna Jean Hawkinson

Donna Jean Hawkinson, 91, of Shawano, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020. Donna was born Dec. 24, 1929, to the late Henry and Clara (Larson) Holtan in Stoughton. Donna was a graduate of Stoughton High School. On Nov. 28, 1952, she was united in marriage to Donald Hawkinson in Stoughton. Donald preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1990.

Don and Donna owned and operated Hawkeye Appliance, and Donna also worked at the Skelgas Store. She was a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Florida and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 40 years. Donna and



Donald lived on the Wolf River for many years, and they enjoyed boat rides, fishing and traveling. Their home was always open and welcoming to friends and family.

Donna was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and then St. Jakobi Lutheran Church. She was an avid Wisconsin Badgers and Green Bay Packers fan. Donna enjoyed playing cards in her weekly bridge and other card clubs and loved teaching her

grandchildren many games. Donna loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Donna is survived by her sons, Dean (Jean) Hawkinson, Dan (Judy) Hawkinson, Dave (Sue) Hawkinson and Dale (Lisa Lange) Hawkinson; her grandchildren, Eric (Abby) Hawkinson, Chad Hawkinson, Troy (Samantha) Hawkinson, Stacy (Kevin) Behrns, Angela (Josh) Perzee, Hunter Hawkinson and Hailey Hawkinson; 11 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Gordon May; and two sisters-in-law; Patricia Hawkinson and Carol Hawkinson, both of

Stoughton. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; an infant son; a granddaughter, Heidi; her parents, Henry and Clara Holtan; and three sisters, Rosie Lund, Fay Erickson and Betty May.

Private family services will be held and a public celebration of life is being planned for a later date. Inurnment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Donna's family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Donna's nurses from ThedaCare at Home Hospice for the wonderful care.

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OBITUARIES

Merilla Konitzer

Merilla (Mert) Konitzer, 84, passed away peacefully Jan. 1, 2021. She was born on Oct. 5, 1936, to Ralph and Marge (VerBoncouer) Belanger Sr. Mert attended East High School where she met Ken Konitzer, whom she later married on Jan. 3, 1956. Ken was in the Army, so they were stationed in many areas before he retired and then settled in Abrams with their three sons.

Mert and Ken were co-founders in the scouting program in Abrams, where she received several awards, with the highest being the Silver Beaver Award.



She went back to school and received her GED and associate degrees in marketing communication and police science from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Mert loved dogs and was the animal control person for Abrams and the surrounding areas for 36 years, and was also the fire warden for 22 years.

Survivors include her three sons,

Roger (Lisa), Randy "Fred" (Rosiland) and Scott "Bugsy" (Debbie); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Dean Belanger; sisters, Cynthia Fuller and Joanne Peterson; sister-in-law, Sandy (Bob) McGlothlen; brother-in-law, Maynard (Donna) Konitzer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken Konitzer; her parents; brother Ralph Jr.; in-laws Martin and Edna Konitzer, Jim and Loretta Konitzer, Clyde Petersen, Elaine Belanger and Dick Fuller; and great-granddaughter Peyton Konitzer.

A memorial gathering will be held at the Pfothenhauer Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Howard-Suamico location, 1145 Cardinal Lane, on Friday, Jan. 8 from 4-6 p.m. Memorial service at 6 p.m. Masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. Online condolences welcome at www.pfothenhauerfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, we are donating to the Oconto and Brown county humane societies in Mert's memory.

A special thank you to Allouez Parkside Village and Heartland Hospice.

Jon C. Topping



Jon C. Topping, 45, Oconto Falls, died suddenly Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, 2020, in ICU at a Green Bay hospital following complications from COVID. The oldest of three children was born July 9, 1975, in Oconto Falls to Kenneth and Judith (Wise) Topping. Jon grew up in Lena and attended public schools.

On July 21, 2017, he married Jennifer Thorp in Oconto Falls. Jon was employed as an aide

for 24 years in the local nursing home and was looking forward to returning to work. He will be lovingly remembered as a kind and gentle person who liked taking care of his residents. Jon enjoyed watching old TV shows and being outdoors with his two dogs, Gabby and Suzie.

Survivors are his wife, Jennie Topping, and his mother, Judy Topping, both of Oconto

Falls; one sister, Jill (Jeremiah Taylor) Topping, Hatley; one brother, Phillip, Green Bay; his mother-in-law and brother-in-law, Cathy Theisen and Benjamin (Katie) Jones, all of Wausau.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ken, on Oct. 1, 2020.

Due to the pandemic, no services will be held at this time.

Harold Johnson

Harold Johnson, 90, formerly of Suring, passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Aurora Hospital. Harold was born Aug. 17, 1930, to Walter and Amelia "Asplund" Johnson.

He graduated from Suring High School in 1949 and went on to college in Marinette, where he received a degree in teaching. Later on, he moved to Milwaukee to do receptionist work at a hotel.

Harold is survived by a brother, Leonard, and two sisters, Joyce Bruni and Ruby Buchholz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Janice Johnson; brothers-in-law, Emil Gardebrecht, Marvin Bruni and Ernest Buchholz; and a niece, Cindy Buchholz.

A graveside memorial will be held at a later date.

Donald A. Yankee

Donald "Don" A. Yankee, 95, of Clintonville passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting his family with arrangements.

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SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: CHLOIE POTTER

Lena senior enjoying last season on court

The Lena High School girls basketball team came into the season off back-to-back one-win seasons. Because of the dedication and leadership shown by players like senior Chloe Potter, the Wildcats already have three wins this season.

Potter recorded five points, three steals, two assists, two rebounds and a block in the team's first win of the season against Wausaukee on Dec. 1.

In the team's second win against St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Dec. 14, Potter had seven points, four steals, five rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Potter totaled five rebounds, a steal, an assist and two points in a win over Goodman/Pembin in a Lena Holiday Tournament matchup on Dec. 28.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began when I was in fourth grade. That year was when I realized how much I enjoyed it, and I have been playing ever since.

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

A: My favorite part about basketball season would have to be the teamwork that is involved with this sport. Not just one person can win a basketball game — it is a team effort, and that is my favorite part about it. Being able to rely on others and being able to achieve goals together as a team is something I have enjoyed these past four years.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Basketball has taught me many things over the years. It has taught me how to deal with success and failure, and to believe in myself. Also that hard work does pay off and lastly, it has taught me how to be a team



Lena's Chloe Potter prepares to take a shot during a Marinette & Oconto Conference game against Suring last season in Suring.

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player on and off the court.

Q: As a senior, how do you help lead your team?

A: As a senior I help lead my team by trying to always stay positive and to support my teammates at all times. I do this because I know that when I was an underclassman, I would get down on myself if I made a mistake during a game, causing me to give up. I wish I had someone who would have told me to not give up and to push and keep going. This is why I lead in this way, because I want my younger teammates to be able to keep that confidence and keep that positivity and not give up.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to achieve or team goals you want to help obtain by

the end of this season?

A: One of my personal goals I hope to achieve by the end of the season is to be more vocal and provide more hustle on the court and to create more shots for others on our team.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Lena girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory of competing on the Lena girls basketball team would have to be the time when I hit a 3 right before the buzzer went off, which then led us into halftime with the lead (against Stockbridge in 2020). I remember the gym erupting and it was a loud, and exciting moment.

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

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Chloe Potter
SPORT: Girls basketball
POSITION: Guard
SCHOOL: Lena High School
YEAR: Senior

A: The biggest thing that I am going to miss most about high school basketball would have to be playing with my teammates. They are like my second family, and it will be sad to no longer be a part of that next year. I enjoy playing, but I think I love it even more because of the people I am playing with. Being able to have people around you who enjoy playing basketball just as much as you do and are also willing to put in a bunch of effort is something really cool to be a part of.

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

A: TV show — "Friends." Movie — I have too many to pick just one! Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: One thing about myself that not many people know is that I like to read. I like to read mostly mystery books.

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

A: The greatest piece of advice I have ever been told is that sometimes you have to learn to fail or lose before you can truly succeed or win.

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

A: Some things I hope to accomplish after graduating high school are to attend and graduate from college with a major in the medical field. I'm just not sure of the specific medical area I would like to focus on.

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Oconto Falls girls rally falls short at home

Panthers show fight after being down double digits

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School girls basketball team showed fight and resiliency while trying to rally past New Holstein in a nonconference matchup on Dec. 30 in Oconto Falls. Despite their efforts, the Panthers came up on the wrong end of a 57-46 final.

"It's been kind of frustrating for us," said first-year Oconto Falls coach Tim Solarek. "We seem to miss a lot of layups. That's kind of been our M.O. the last few games. We work on them every day in practice, so I guess we just have to keep working on them."

Oconto Falls trailed for most of the contest and was down 27-14 early in the second half after a pair of New Holstein baskets.

Over the next several minutes, the Panthers clawed their way back into the contest, scoring nine straight points to make it a four-point game. Had the hosts knocked down their four free throws over that stretch, they would have taken the lead.

The teams traded baskets over the next few minutes before a pair of free throws from Hailey Peitersen, a bucket by Alexis Euclide and another free throw by McKayla Goebel brought the Panthers within two, 32-30.

New Holstein responded with the next three points before Euclide knocked down two free throws. The visitors then scored four straight before free throws by Jaden Reed and



Oconto Falls' Grace Oninski, center, makes a pass while falling to the court during a nonconference game against New Holstein on Dec. 30 in Oconto Falls.

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a basket from Goebel brought the Panthers within three, 39-36.

This time, the visitors scored six straight points to bump their lead up to nine, but Oconto Falls wasn't done fighting just yet, as Goebel hit a 3-pointer.

"Usually, we really don't start off very strong," said Goebel. "Being down by that much is really frustrating so we just of just push ourselves to keep going and I feel like we're pretty good at that, but we just have to keep pushing harder in order to stick with it."

Solarek appreciated his team's effort, especially trying to make a

comeback in the second half, but also believes exerting so much energy to get within a couple points maybe led to some tired legs down the stretch.

New Holstein pushed the lead back to 10 before and then traded points with the Panthers. Euclide made a pair of shots — one bringing the hosts within eight and the other within seven — and then Peitersen connected on a triple to make it 51-46 with just over a minute to play.

New Holstein was finally able to deliver the dagger, knocking down a 3-pointer of its own with a minute left before adding another free throw and



Oconto Falls' Alexis Euclide drives to the basket during a nonconference game against New Holstein on Dec. 30 in Oconto Falls.

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bucket in the waning seconds.

"Really as a team, we work well together to try and build each other up all the time," said Peitersen on the team's ability to keep battling. "We're always working to try and build each other up even if we're kind of behind by a lot. So that helps us to fight back and once we get that momentum it really helps us."

Peitersen finished with a team-leading 16 points for Oconto Falls. Euclide and Goebel each added 14 points. Reed was the only other Panther to record a point.

New Holstein 23 34 — 57

Oconto Falls 14 32 — 46

New Holstein (57): Brianna Guelig 3-5 3, Cameron Guelig 0-0 3, Alyssa Woelfel 1-4 5, Lauren Danes 1-4 17, Grace Schisel 6-7 15, Jessica Diedrich 4-5 10, Karly Schmitz 0-1 4.

Oconto Falls (46): Alexis Euclide 2-2 14, McKayla Goebel 1-2 14, Hailey Peitersen 2-4 16, Jaden Reed 2-2 2, Amelia Rice 0-2 0, Brenna Morrissey 0-2 0.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ball drop: Wisconsin wins Duke's Mayo Bowl, breaks trophy

Badgers have 4 interceptions

By STEVE REED

The Associated Press

The Wisconsin Badgers captured the Duke's Mayo Bowl and the trophy that came along with it.

And then they broke it.

While dancing around to celebrate his team's 42-28 victory over Wake Forest on Dec. 30, quarterback Graham Mertz dropped the football-shaped piece of Lenox crystal, leaving it shattered on the floor of the locker room after it fell off its base.

"We just wanted everybody to have a piece of that trophy," Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst joked.

That would seem appropriate.

Mertz accounted for three touchdowns and Wisconsin turned four second-half interceptions, all by different players, into 21 points to turn a close game into a near-rout of the Demon Deacons. Five players scored touchdowns for the Badgers.

Mertz, a redshirt freshman, threw for 130 yards and ran for two short TDs as Wisconsin (4-3) finished a rocky 2020 season on a high note.

"Yeah, I dropped it," Mertz said sheepishly. "That's on me. It happened."

The Badgers might be willing to

forgive him.

With the game tied at 21 late in the third quarter, Noah Burks intercepted Wake Forest's Sam Hartman on a pass in the flat when the intended receiver failed to turn his head around. Burks returned the ball 41 yards to set up a 14-yard scoring strike from Mertz to Mason Stokke on a wheel route, giving the Badgers their first lead.

Hartman, who had thrown only one interception all season, was picked off on the next three possessions as well.

Scott Nelson had a 60-yard interception return and Collin Wilder returned a pick 72 yards to set up short TD runs that gave the Badgers a 42-21 lead, resulting in Hartman getting benched. Jack Sanborn had 11 tackles

and an interception and was named MVP of the game.

"It felt like one led to the other," Sanborn said. "After three picks, we said, 'Collin you have to get one' — and then Collin went and got one."

Sanborn said the Badgers picked up on some of Hartman's tendencies.

"Throughout the game, similar concepts (started) coming up," Sanborn said. "We kind of knew where he wanted to throw the ball. He was making throws early in the game. But we got a tell on where he wanted to go with the ball."

Wake Forest (4-5) outgained Wisconsin 518-266 on offense, but the Badgers had 176 return yards off interceptions.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Gillett 63

NEWCHAA 42

Gillett knocked off Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschool Athletic Association in a matchup on Dec. 30 in Gillett.

Ben Matczak pumped in three 3-pointers and led Gillett with 21 points. Devin Waranka added 10 points.

Brandon DeBauch tallied nine points for the Tigers, while Austin VandeCorput had eight. Bradin Bjeland chipped in six points.

Gillett outscored NEWCHAA 30-17 in the second half.

Stockbridge 67

Lena 32

Lena couldn't keep up with Stockbridge during the title game of

the Lena Holiday Tournament on Dec. 29 in Lena.

Max Beyer and Logan Shallow each scored seven points for Lena. Sidney Sylvester chipped in six points.

Lena was held to 11 points in the first half.

Lena 61

Wausaukee 42

Max Beyer scored 27 points to guide Lena past Wausaukee in a Lena Holiday Tournament matchup Dec. 28 in Lena.

Lane Whiting added 11 points for Lena, while Jacob Belongia tallied nine points.

The Wildcats outscored the visitors 35-20 in the final half.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gillett 64

Oconto 49

Aubrey DeBauch scored 34 points

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to power Gillett past Oconto in a clash on Dec. 29 in Gillett.

DeBauch made 11 field goals and added 12 points at the free throw line.

Karissa Schaal added 15 points for the Tigers, while Carleigh Kaczmarek tallied 10 points.

Stockbridge 47

Lena 45

Lena dropped a tight battle against Stockbridge in the Lena Holiday Tournament title game on Dec. 29 in Lena.

Natalie McNurlen hit three 3-pointers and led Lena with 15 points.

Kennedy Marquardt and Chloe Potter each added nine points for the Wildcats, while Chaela Rabas had six points.

Wabeno/Laona 63

Suring 39

Suring's Kylee Stelzer topped the 1,000-point mark for her high school career, but the team fell short against Wabeno/Laona on Dec. 28 in Laona.

Stelzer, Suring's all-time leading scorer, needed 15 points to reach 1,000 and finished with 20 points.

Paige Krueger added eight points for the Eagles.

Lena 47

Goodman-Pembine 20

Lena dominated the first half and eased to a win over Goodman-Pembine during a Lena Holiday Tournament matchup Dec. 28 in Lena. The Wildcats led 31-5 at halftime.

Chaela Rabas scored 14 points to pace Lena on the offensive end. Kennedy Marquardt added 11 points, while Breanna Koslowsky had seven.



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Lena Lions Club announces Students of the Month

The Lena Lions Club honored three Lena High School students during the last three months of 2020.

Alissa Mae Wenzel, daughter of Allen and Melissa Wenzel, was Student of the Month for October; Kennedy Ann Marquardt, daughter of Cory and Jody Marquardt, was honored for November; and Brance Bethke, son of Jeff and Bobbie Hermersmann and Matt Bethke, for December.

The awards were presented each month by Jim Torzala, Lena high school and middle school principal.

Alissa Wenzel's activities include volleyball and basketball. She is a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. Her friends describe her as smart, loyal, honest, creative, nice, funny and a good listener.

Wenzel's hobbies include playing volleyball, swimming and spending time with family and friends. Her community activities are helping with the Dairyfest Stampede, Toss for Charity games, and wrestling tournaments. She has volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and at Dirt City Concessions.

Wenzel's work experience includes



Alissa Wenzel is the Lena Lions Club Student of the Month for October. CONTRIBUTED

working as a CNA at Sharpe Care Nursing Home in Oconto Falls. She is still working on her CNA certification.

Wenzel plans to earn a degree in nursing. She is undecided at this time as to which college she will attend but is leaning toward Bellin College of Nursing.

Kennedy Marquardt's activities include basketball, cross-country, and



Kennedy Marquardt is the Lena Lions Club Student of the Month for November. CONTRIBUTED

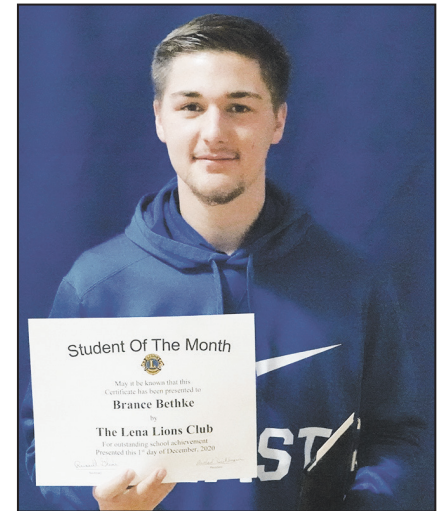
track and volleyball manager.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, L-Club and the Academic Bowl team. Her friends describe her as hardworking, smart, kind and funny.

Marquardt's hobbies include downhill skiing, running, hiking, fishing and spending time with family. Her community activities are helping with the Lena Lions Club Fish Fry, Dirt City, Lena Fire Department Picnic, Toss for Charity, Adopt a Family, Breakfast on the Farm and Youth Wrestling.

Marquardt's work experience includes working as a CNA at Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Oconto Falls.

Marquardt plans on earning a bachelor's degree in nursing at the college of her choice. She wants to continue her education to earn a



Brance Bethke is the Lena Lions Club Student of the Month for December. CONTRIBUTED

master's degree in nursing to become a nurse practitioner. She also wants to compete in track and field while in college.

Brance Bethke's activities include football, basketball, and golf. He is a member of the Student Council and Hi-Q Team, and he also holds the office of vice president for the Class of 2021. His friends describe him as perfect, extravagant and guileful.

Bethke's hobbies include hunting, fishing, working on cars and creating art work. His community activities are working at the Dairyfest and Red Cross blood drives.

Bethke's work experience is working for the Lena Public Schools as a maintenance assistant and doing landscaping work.

Bethke plans on attending college to earn a degree in engineering.

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Is that a hairy or downy woodpecker?

By **CATHY CARNES**

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It's cold, and I'm glad to see a downy woodpecker at our suet feeder. It's fueling up on those fats, carbohydrates and proteins to

help it through a wintry day. The bright red patch on the top of its head adds a cheerful splash of color that brightens the otherwise gray day.



CATHY CARNES

Considering that our suet feeder is also

visited by the closely related hairy woodpecker, it occurs to me that the feeder would provide a quick visual guide to help distinguish between these two woodpecker species that look so much alike.

From the photos, you can easily see that the hairy is larger than the downy. According to National Geographic's "Field Guide to the Birds of North America," the downy is the smallest North American woodpecker (6¾ inches long), about two-thirds the size of the larger hairy woodpecker (9¼ inches) and has a smaller bill than a hairy. In what other ways are these two woodpecker species similar or different?

Consulting the field guide, the two species are a study in black and white; they have white backs and breasts, and their black wing feathers are speckled with white spots and bars.

The male of both species sports a red spot on the top of the head; the female does not. Also, if you look closely, you can see that the downy has black bars on its white tail feathers, while the hairy does not.

Their calls are somewhat different. The downy's pik and whinny (downward descending call) are softer and higher-pitched than that of the peek and slurred whinny of the hairy.

According to TheCornellLab "All About Birds" website, both species use their chisel-like bill to secure meals, eating mainly insects like beetle larvae that live inside wood or tree bark, as well as ants and caterpillars. About one-fourth of their diet is plant material, e.g., berries, acorns and grains. They



A female hairy woodpecker visits a suet feeder. Hairy woodpeckers are larger and have a slightly different call than downy woodpeckers.

JOEL TRICK

also enjoy the suet and sunflower seeds in backyard feeders, and the smaller downy may feed at hummingbird and oriole feeders as well.

Woodpeckers like these help control insect pests such as bark beetles and codling moths in orchards. Cavity trees (trees with holes in their trunks) provide food and nesting sites for woodpeckers, a good reason to keep old trees standing.

The stout bills of both sexes of the two species are also used to drum on trees as a means of communication — like a bird song. This is also why woodpeckers sometimes drum on metal objects — to be heard!

Drumming may be done to establish and defend a territory, as part of courtship and mating, to attract a mate or in response to an intruder. When excited, both species

may produce a wing noise in flight: a brr in the hairy and wing ruffle in the downy.

According to Alan Haney's wonderful bird book "Jewels of Nature," the downy and hairy are the only two species of woodpeckers found in all 49 of the continental United States. Downys are the most common woodpecker in Wisconsin, occurring in about twice the numbers as hairys, and the population numbers of both species appear stable.

They tolerate our presence well and are easy to attract if you have trees. So put up a suet feeder and enjoy the company of these beautiful, resourceful and beneficial birds. They will be even more fun to watch now that you know how to tell them apart.



A male downy woodpecker finds a suet feeder. These are the smallest of North American woodpeckers.

CATHY CARNES

Cathy Carnes of Oconto is a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who volunteers with Bird City Oconto.

DNR hosts virtual walleye meeting

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plans to host a public meeting to discuss updating the Wisconsin Walleye Management Plan for Florence, Forest, Marinette and Oconto counties.

The meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Individuals interested in walleye management for Florence, Forest, Marinette and Oconto counties and who would like to participate should contact Max Wolter at Max.Wolter@wisconsin.gov or 715-634-7429. Pre-registration is required.

The current walleye management plan serves as a guide for one of the most sought-after fish species in Wisconsin and outlines seven goals and strategies for walleye management. The updating process will include a review of the existing plan, an analysis of available data and trends and significant public input on angling and management preferences.

The DNR is seeking public feedback on stocking priorities, regulation acceptance and agency resource allocation.

Deer hunters invited to share views

Wisconsin deer hunters in Shawano, Oconto and Marathon Counties have until Jan. 13 to weigh in on the future of deer hunting will look like in their county.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) conduct a survey on proposed herd size objectives every three years.

The link is https://www.research.net/r/FALL_CDAC_2020.

The fall of 2020 marked the end of

the last three-year cycle and meetings are being held this winter to determine the herd size objectives for 2021-2023.

The DNR staff will also discuss a review of deer management unit and zone boundaries as part of this process.

The DNR will review final herd objectives following the January meetings and provide recommendations to the Natural Resources Board for approval in February.

COLLEGE NOTES

Knox

Caitlin Johnson, of Little Suamico, has been named to the Knox College dean's list of distinguished students for the 2020 fall term. An Oconto Falls High School graduate, Johnson is still considering her major at the Galesburg, Illinois, liberal arts college.

MSOE

Two local students received academic honors from Milwaukee School of Engineering for the 2020 fall quarter: Travis Bohl, Abrams, was named to the dean's list with high honors as he pursues a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering; and Cody Smith, Suring, is on the honors list, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

St. Norbert

Members of the 2020 fall semester dean's list at St. Norbert Col-

lege, De Pere, include Paige Bain-Vrba, Abrams; Lindsey Dinkelman, Mountain; Joseph Earley, Oconto; Aaron Gonnering, Oconto Falls; Abigail Gonnering, Oconto; Emily Gonnering, Oconto Falls; Brynna Gray, Little Suamico; Scotlynn Host, Sobieski; Julia Johnson, Sobieski; Zachary Kratky, Sobieski; Alex Kroeber, Sobieski; Elizabeth Lesatz, Little Suamico; Lucas Ruechel, Oconto; Lilia Shallow, Lena; Sarah Sprout, Lena; Joslyn Tolzman, Oconto Falls; Jada Vandavelde, Suring; and Andrea Waschbisch, Oconto Falls.

UW-Superior

Three local students have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Superior dean's list for academic achievement during the fall 2020 semester: Haley Pritzl, Little Suamico; Lindsey Schuster, Oconto Falls; and Madeline Witt, Lena.

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December 24, 31, 2020 &
January 08, 15, 2021
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
GREEN BAY DIVISION
Notice of Foreclosure Sale
Case No. 20-CV-218

United States of America,
Plaintiff,
v.
Estate of Chia Vang Lee,
Peshtigo National Bank,
Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above-entitled action on the 1st day of September, 2020, the undersigned United States Marshal in and for the Eastern District of Wisconsin will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Treasurer's Office, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin, on the 4th day of February, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., the real estate and mortgaged premises located in Oconto County, Wisconsin, directed to be sold by the judgment, and therein described as follows: The E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in the Town of Chase, Oconto County, Wisconsin, except the following described property: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point where the East 1/8 line intersects the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C; thence Southerly along said 1/8 line 417.5 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C, 208.75 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the 1/8 line 417.5 feet of the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C; thence Westerly along the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C, 208.75 feet to the place of beginning. AND FURTHER EXCEPTING: That part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in Oconto County, Wisconsin bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 02° 41' 01" E along the Section line 1321.65 feet; thence S 84° 06' 26" W 309.91 feet; thence N 02° 41' 01" E 50.00 feet to the North line of the said 1/4-1/4, thence S 84° 06' 26" W along the said North line 1013.64 feet to the NW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence S 02° 39' 43" W along the West line thereof 1361.56 feet to the SW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 84° 32' 10" E along the South line thereof 1321.57 feet to the place of beginning. AND FURTHER EXCEPTING: That part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in Oconto County, Wisconsin bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the NE corner of the said Section 10; thence S 84° 02' 10" W along the Section line 309.97 feet to the place of beginning; thence S 02° 41' 01" W 1371.26 feet to the South line of the said 1/4-1/4; thence S 84° 06' 26" W along the said South line 1013.64 feet to the SW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 02° 39' 43" E along the West line thereof 919.02 feet to a point 417.50 feet South of the NW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 84° 02' 10" E 208.75 feet; thence N 02° 39' 43" E 450.88 feet to the Section line; thence N 84° 02' 10" E along the Section line 805.59 feet to the place of beginning. And further excepting therefrom any part thereof being used for highway and/or road purposes. Property Address: 1991 Blazer Lane, Sobieski, WI TERMS OF SALE: The United States Marshal must accept from the successful bidder at the sale as a deposit or down payment on the premises a sum of not less than 10 percent of the purchase price. Payment of such amount may be made by money order or cashiers check made out to the Clerk of District Court. **NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The entire successful bid price must be paid to the United States Clerk of District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, within 30 days of the sale or the sale will be disapproved and the earnest money forfeited. All right, title, and interest in any crops being raised on the premises will be the property of the purchaser. All subject to accrued and accruing real estate taxes and existing real estate tax liens of record. All subject to existing highways, recorded easements and recorded restrictions, if any. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 17th day of December, 2020 /s/ Thomas P. Conlon Acting United States Marshal **WNAXLP**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 174.052, Wisconsin Statutes, rabies vaccinations and Dog licenses are required for all dogs who are 4 months of age or older. Vaccinations against rabies are required, Section 95.21 (2), Wisconsin Statutes, within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and shall be repeated within one year after the initial vaccination. In addition, dogs shall be revaccinated when their rabies certificate expires. A certificate documenting that the dog's rabies vaccinations are current shall be presented to the treasurer when obtaining an annual dog license.

The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 or within the licensing year shall obtain an annual dog license. Any person who keeps more than one dog shall contact their municipal treasurer regarding the availability of a multiple dog license.

2021 Dog Licensing tags shall be obtained by April 1, 2021 from your municipal treasurer. Licensing Fees may vary by municipality. Late fees are assessed after April 1, 2021.

T-Abrams 920-826-5511	T-How 920-842-4554	T-Mountain 715-276-6474	T-Townsend 715-850-1216
T-Flagley 920-842-4619	T-Skewwood 715-276-3579	T-Oconto 920-373-6270	T-Underhill 920-555-6565
T-Brazeau 920-897-3865	T-Lena 920-829-5487	T-Oconto Falls 920-848-3826	V-Lena 920-829-5226
T-Broad 920-842-2561	T-Little River 920-834-2013	T-Pensaukee 920-826-2010	V-Suring 920-842-3333
T-Chase 920-373-8308	T-Little Suamico 920-826-7555	T-Riverview 715-276-9478	C-Gillett 920-555-2255
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BY: Kim Pyllieski, County Clerk

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Please return form and money to local Municipal Treasurer:

Name of Dog Owner: _____
Address: _____

Please check all that apply:

Neutered Male	_____ (\$3.00)	\$5.00 - Cities of Gillett & Oconto Falls
Un-Neutered Male	_____ (\$8.00)	\$10.00 - Cities of Gillett & Oconto Falls, \$25.00 Town of Chase
Neutered Female	_____ (\$3.00)	\$5.00 - Cities of Gillett & Oconto Falls
Un-Neutered Female	_____ (\$8.00)	\$10.00 - Cities of Gillett & Oconto Falls, \$25.00 Town of Chase

Kennel License _____ (\$35.00 + \$3.00 per dog in excess of 12 dogs)

Name, Color & Breed of dog: _____

Enclose copy of certificate documenting that the dog's rabies vaccinations are current.

• For more than one dog, attach individual dog information on separate sheet.

Total money included: _____

• Checks made payable to Municipal Treasurer

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