



EASTER WEEKEND ARRIVES

Christians carry crosses along Main Street in Gillett during the 2018 Crosswalk event, which is scheduled to be repeated beginning at noon this Good Friday, April 2. The Gillett-Suring Clergy Association hosts the observance, which is intended to be way of identifying with the real Good Friday/Easter message on a personal level. Local pastors begin the journey at the Gillett school, with a brief Scripture reading and prayer at each of four stops along the way, concluding at St. John's Lutheran Church where coffee and snacks will be available. The public is welcome to join.

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Felzkowski 'cocktails-to-go' bill signed into law

Evers also signs senator's bill reining in predatory pharmacy benefit managers

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Two bills sponsored by Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, will make it easier for people to get drinks from their favorite watering holes, whether they're open or not, and also do something to rein in the costs of prescription drugs.

Until now, alcoholic beverages from restaurants and bars could only be enjoyed on the premises, which was a dilemma for many in the food service industry when the coronavirus pandemic required them to close off dining areas and, at best, provide curbside service. Although many restaurants in the area have reopened to diners, there are still some requests to get curbside service for food and beverages, and before Act 9 was signed into law by Gov. Tony Evers, any beverages distributed had to be sans alcohol.

Felzkowski, who was in the Town of Oconto Falls on March 27 for a state budget listening session, noted that her bill, dubbed "cocktails-to-go," will be a good thing for struggling hospital-ity providers who saw their bottom lines plummet during the 12 months the pandemic has been in force.

"I'm going to order ahead and get a fish fry, and I'm also going to get my old-fashioned with it," Felzkowski said. "This allows a restaurant or anyone with a Class B license to sell a mixed cocktail, but they have to seal it."

Act 9 allows bars and restaurants to



MARY FELZKOWSKI

sell cocktails in tamper-evident sealed containers, which keeps with existing laws regarding open alcohol and drunk driving standards. Felzkowski said that, if somebody is pulled over by law enforcement, those officers will be able to see if the alcohol is still sealed up.

Forty other states have a law similar to Act 9, Felzkowski pointed out, so it only made sense that Wisconsin, known for its love of beer and other intoxicating beverages, catch up with the times.

"With an industry that has, in my opinion, been unfairly attacked through this whole thing, it allows them a little bit more of an income earning," Felzkowski said.

Felzkowski's second bill, Act 21, puts parameters in place for Wisconsin's pharmacy benefit managers. Currently, PBMs are tasked with influencing pricing and drug selection, but some of their practices make it more difficult for patients to get their medications at a reasonable price and also inflict harm on pharmacies themselves, according to Felzkowski.

"A PBM is between an insurance company and the actual pharmacy," Felzkowski said. "The idea in the beginning was to allow them to negotiate rates, buy in bulk, and really drive down the cost of drugs, but there are

some practices of the PBMs that are against the pharmacies."

This is especially true for the small and independent pharmacies, according to Felzkowski. Some of the practices in question include predatory audits that would withhold if those pharmacies didn't have their T's crossed and Is dotted, she said. She noted that a Senate committee hearing revealed that, for some PBMs, the audits were built into their profit margins.

"We reined them in so that you can only audit for waste, fraud or abuse," Felzkowski said. "Other things (in the bill) included transparency in prescriptions, and what it does is give our small and independent pharmacies the ability to continue. It allows them to function and it reins in the cost of drugs."

One transparency issue was that pharmacies were forbidden by PBMs to reveal to customers that they could get a generic variant for a cheaper cost. Act 21 would forbid such caveats and potentially save customers when it comes to filling their prescriptions.

"It was illegal for them in their contracts with the PBMs," Felzkowski said. "We're the only country in the world that uses a PBM, and the concept was good in the beginning, but now there are only three or four PBMs in the state, and they're owned by the insurance companies."

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Voters head to the polls

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Voters will decide a statewide contest for superintendent of public instruction, an Assembly seat, local referendum questions, and a number of municipal and school board contests when they go to the polls Tuesday, April 6, in the annual spring election.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8

p.m.

The Oconto Falls, Lena and Oconto school districts are each asking taxpayers for permission to continue to exceed state-imposed levy limits in extensions of initiatives that passed four and five years ago. The Oconto district is also asking voters to borrow \$13 million to fund improvements at its three school buildings.

In eastern Oconto County, voters in the 89th Assembly District will be choosing a representative to succeed John Nygren, who resigned shortly after being elected to his eighth two-year term. The candidates for that post introduce themselves starting on Page 6 of this edition. A list of other local candidates and sample ballots can be found beginning on Page 43.

Oconto Falls' Rowland lands spot on Drury University fishing team



Oconto Falls senior Brant Rowland, center, signs his letter of intent to Drury University alongside his parents Lori, left, and Jerry on March 24 at Oconto Falls High School.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Many young people are passionate about fishing, but very few get the opportunity to be rewarded for it.

Oconto Falls High School senior Brant Rowland grew up in a family that enjoyed fishing and now he will get the chance to bass fish for Division II Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Rowland signed a letter of intent to join the university on March 24.

Rowland also received a scholarship for bass fishing. Drury is one of just 13 schools across the country that offer bass fishing scholarships, according to Rowland.

"It's unbelievable. I can't believe it most days that I'm going to have this opportunity to go out and fish underneath their name," said Rowland. "I'm excited for it, just ecstatic."

In Rowland's sophomore year, he teamed up with then-junior Greg Gottheardt. The duo won the Wisconsin High School Bass Fishing Championship before competing in the national championship.

Rowland said that helped him get noticed by National Youth Director Joey Bray, who helped find schools that were interested in recruiting new anglers.

While keeping an eye out for potential schools to fish for, Rowland won a second state championship in 2020 with Nick Frisk as a fishing partner.

Bray told Rowland that he had the talent to compete at the college level,

so the Oconto Falls student wrote a cover letter and resume and started sending it out to schools.

"Immediately, I was getting feedback from all sorts of different coaches that were wanting me to come check out their school," said Rowland.

Rowland was told to check out Drury through some connections he made at fishing tournaments. The team is coached by Rick Emmitt, who has more than 35 years of experience in the fishing industry. He's also managed the Bass Pro/Nitro bass fishing team for 13 years.

"Big names in the fishing industry, and I thought that would just benefit me more and more as I progressed through fishing," said Rowland of what was appealing of Drury.

Connections helped Rowland eventually settle on the university. He has a few family members within a couple of hours, and he said there's some added comfort knowing he's not too far away from home and familiar faces.

Emmitt introduced Rowland to a couple of the anglers on the current team, including a senior in the biology field, which Rowland intends to study in. Rowland got nothing but positive reviews.

Rowland thanked his fishing partners and Bray for getting him exposed to competitive fishing. He also thanked his parents Lori and Jerry and the rest of his family for their time and support over the years.

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CALENDAR

OCONTO FALLS: The 38th annual St. Anthony School Auction, "Be The Light," is about to go "live" online.

Bidding is scheduled to open at noon Sunday, April 4, at the BiddingOwl fundraising auction website, and continue through 6 p.m. April 11. Items may be viewed and bid at www.biddingowl.com/StAnthonySchool21893.

Usually a live event, the auction is the school's largest fundraiser of the year, usually accounting for more than half of its annual \$75,000 fundraising goal. Many of its fundraisers have been changed or canceled during the pandemic.

St. Anthony School is the last Catholic grade school remaining in Oconto County and is open to all faiths.

GILLETT: Hillside Assembly of God invites children of all faiths to its Easter Eggstravaganza from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 3, at the church, 5890 State Highway 22 West, Gillett.

Kids will win candy while playing carnival-style

games, free of charge. Register online at www.hillsideassembly.com/egg hunt.

Hillside is also hosting an Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 4, followed by a 10 a.m. service.

OCONTO FALLS: Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main St., Oconto Falls, plans to hold Easter services at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 4. Seating is limited due to COVID; go to www.graceocontofalls.org to sign up to attend; services will also be livestreamed.

OCONTO FALLS: An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls. For information or to register, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

LENA: The Lena Pathfinders will be holding their 27th annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 9, and Sunday, April 11 (no Saturday

hours), at the American Legion Hall, 412 E. Main St., Lena.

Because of COVID, the sale could not be held last spring. This sale provides funds for the Lena Seventh-day Adventist young people to enjoy club activities, such as camping trips, and to purchase supplies used toward completing over 480 honor badges. This fall, the Pathfinders are planning to attend the Lake Union Camporee in Michigan.

Along with the club activities, the youth are also involved in community service. This past winter they collected food, hats, mittens and socks that were donated to the "Feed My Sheep" food pantry in Lena.

SURING: YMCA Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, 12101 Y Camp Road, Suring, is hosting its annual Maple Sugar Festival and Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10.

The event celebrates the arrival of spring and the age-old tradition of making maple syrup. Visitors may tour the camp, watch tree tapping

demonstrations and enjoy a plate of pancakes and sausages with real maple syrup. This event is free and open to all ages; donations accepted.

SURING: Tickets must be purchased by April 10 for the Suring Area Historical Society Spring Breakfast, which is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, at the St. John Lutheran Church multipurpose room. The event features a hearty breakfast, a quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle. The feature for the day will be St. John Lutheran Ladies world relief quilts on display. Proceeds support the Suring Museum Roof Repair.

GILLETT: Hillside Assembly of Gillett will be hosting a weekly DivorceCare Support Group from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays beginning April 11. Childcare will be available, and a light lunch will be served. There is a \$20 fee for the workbook, but scholarships are available. For information, visit www.hillsideassembly.com or call 920-855-2962.

Share your organization's or church's special events with an email to editorial@newmedia-wi.com.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 26

John E. Fredenburgh, 36, Suring, filed a request for a substitution of judge after Judge Jay N. Conley declined to recuse himself from the case, which involved 24 felony counts related to an alleged five-year sexual relationship with a child since she was 12, starting in 2016, and a charges of second-degree child sex assault in connection with an alleged incident with a 14-year-old girl in 2008. Conley kept bail at \$500,000 cash with the added condition that he have no direct or indirect contact with the alleged victims, their residences or family members, and that he must stay at least 50 feet away if there is ever incidental contact. The next court hearing will be scheduled by the new judge in the case.

Joshua J. Young, 28, Oconto, pleaded no contest to child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 1, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for June 16 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

David J. Burrie Jr., 53, Gillett, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (sixth offense) and misdemeanor failure to stop, in connection with a high-speed chase and traffic crash on state Highway 32 at Claywood Road on Oct. 14. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 24 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of March 25

Bond was set at \$50,000 cash for Travis Michael Welch, 25, Shawano, after he was charged with repeated sexual assault of the same child. Judge Jay N. Conley ordered that while out on bail, Welch have no contact with four specific individuals or any minor children under age 18. His initial appearance was adjourned until April 15.

Lee W. Phillips, 40, Oconto, pleaded no contest to strangulation-suffocation, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 22. Judge James A. Morrison scheduled sentencing for May 26 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of March 24

David Elliott Satorius, 30, Appleton, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of theft by false representation, in connection with an incident that occurred July 29, 2018. A related felony charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley levied \$573 in court costs and fees and ordered Satorius to pay \$462 restitution forthwith.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Taylor R. Peterson, 28, Wabeno, after he was charged with three counts of possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 22. His initial appearance was adjourned until April 15.

Proceedings of March 23

Armando A. Pena, 24, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to possession of amphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 27. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for June 18 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

David Jordan Engel, 38, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 16. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 21 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for Damian Jade Borman, 21, Little Suamico, after he was charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of theft and possession of a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 22. His initial appearance was adjourned until April 15.

Proceedings of March 22

Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for David R. Riskus, 33, Oconto, after he was charged with felony bail jumping, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 28. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 5.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Casey James Kelly, 32, Pound, after he was charged with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, strangulation-suffocation, aggravated battery and misdemeanor dis-

orderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 20. His initial appearance was adjourned until April 15.

Crash victim was Neopit woman

The victim of a fatal crash March 22 in the Town of Underhill has been identified as a 21-year-old Neopit woman.

According to an Oconto County Sheriff's Department traffic report, Brina Jade Neconish died after the car she was driving failed to negotiate a curve on County Road W near Kalaua Road, struck two road signs and a tree before coming to rest in a wooded area.

The car was fully engulfed in flames when a fire crew arrived shortly after the 3:10 a.m. crash. Neconish was pronounced dead at the scene.

A funeral service for Neconish, also known as Brina Neconish-Beauprey, was held March 27 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald "Jerry" Wicinski, 79, Stiles, died Wednesday morning, March 24, 2021, at home, surrounded by his loving family, following a short illness. He was born June 1, 1941, in Hammond, Indiana, to Frank and Florence (Ogrodowski) Wicinski. Jerry grew up in Calumet City, Illinois, where he attended St. Andrews Catholic grade school and developed a deep affection for Bishop Sheen, carrying the bishop's picture with him his entire adult life. Following graduation from high school, Jerry attended Purdue University and worked for his uncle building homes.

On Sept. 8, 1962, he married his high school sweetheart Marge "Sis"



his way up to superintendent. In 1987, the couple moved to Stiles and Jerry worked as a representative for Bankers Life Insurance Co. Living in Stiles, Jerry felt like he was living in God's country and serving Him as a devoted member of St. Patrick Catholic

Pawlak at Mother of God Catholic Church in Burnham, IL. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Calumet City where Jerry started a 25-year career with Republic Steel, working

Church in numerous capacities.

Survivors are his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Marge "Sis" Wicinski, Stiles; their three children, Jerome (Denise) Wicinski, Shiocton; Jacqueline (Rey) Mireles and Julie (Jim) Basich, all of Valparaiso, Indiana; three grandchildren, Niko and Payton Mireles, Brittany Wicinski; one great-grandson, Anubis Wicinski; one brother, Thomas Wicinski, Wheatfield, Indiana; one brother-in-law, Ronald Romandine Sr., Florida; special nieces and nephews, Ronald (Carrie) Romandine Jr. and children Corrina and Connor; Anthony (Cindy) Romandine and children Syd, Izzy, Ally and Adrian; Jill (Dave) Brasier

and children Sam and Bri; Amy (Chris) Romandine-Kratz; Toni Lynn, Renee, Tommy and Emily Wicinski.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Michael and sister-in-law, Jeannette Romandine.

Visitation was after 9 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Stiles until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Frs. Greg Parent and Bob Karuhn officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Wicinski family.

Larry H. Gipp

Larry H. Gipp, 84, of Suring, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021, with family by his side. Larry was born on Jan. 1, 1937, to the late Herbert and Isabel (Gerndt) Gipp in the town of How. He attended Grignon School and Gillett Elementary School; he went on to graduate from Suring High School in 1954. After high school, Larry worked at Allen Bradley in Milwaukee. Larry served his country in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1965. On July 15, 1961, Larry married the love of his life, Carolyn Ruege, at St. John Lutheran Church in Gillett. The couple moved to Suring to work on the family farm in 1964. In 1965, Larry purchased a Standard Oil gas route and then the couple's home in 1966. Larry later bought Larry's Garage from the Elfe family and ran it until 1986. He was the caretaker of the Shawaukee Game Farm from 1985 until his retirement. During his



retirement, Larry enjoyed building his Ford Jubilee tractor and taking care of Carolyn. He also enjoyed building and flying radio controlled model airplanes with his friends up North. Larry was a

part of the Suring Area Historical Society and was well-known as a prolific photographer. He also served on the Suring Village Board as the Village Trustee from 2003 to 2014. Larry was a member and elder at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Suring.

Larry is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Carolyn; two children, Lisa Gipp and Colin (Alicia) Gipp; six grandchildren, Beau (Allison) Gagnon, Cara Pionek, John Pionek, Lydia Pionek, Matthew Gipp, and

Joshua Gipp; step-grandchildren, Brianna (Wardell) Ashford and Brittany Lancour; seven great-grandchildren, Henry Styczynski, Sydney Gagnon, Braxton Youngs, Jordyn Gagnon, Elyana Gagnon, Lakelyn Gagnon, and Santrell Ashford; two siblings, Muriel Klein and Curt (Joanne) Gipp; brother-in-law, Glenroy "Tony" Tietyen. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother- and father-in-law, Arthur and Lydia Ruege; brothers-in-law, Ralph Klein, Ronald Ruege, and Arthur "Jim" Ruege; sisters-in-law, Betty (Richard) Hill and Agatha Tietyen; nephew, Gary Tietyen.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 26, 2021, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Suring from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. with Pastor Michael Paholke officiating.

Larry will be interred in Mount Olive Lutheran Cemetery. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staff of Serenity Gardens for the excellent care and compassion offered to Larry and his family during their time of need.



Wallace J. Reed Jr.

Wallace "Wally" J. Reed Jr., 81, of Gillett, went home peacefully on Friday, March 26, 2021. Wally was born on Feb. 22, 1940, in Maple Valley, the son of the late Wallace Sr. and Freda (Vorpahl) Reed. He was a dedicated husband, father, friend, and mentor to many people and family members in his lifetime. Wally was a quiet, easy going, spiritual man. He was a hard-working man and started cutting wood alongside his father when he was 11 years old. Wally continued logging later in life with his eldest son for many years. On July 25, 1959, he married Karen Schultz at St. John Catholic Church in Gillett. Wally in his spare time was a great philosopher, reader and writer, having



wrote numerous articles. He loved going on trips on his motorcycle with his wife, Karen. Wally was a proud member of the motorcycle group, "The Fossils." He also attended Sunday

breakfast at the Country Roads Diner in Gillett.

Wally is survived by his wife, Karen; three daughters, Kym (Dan) Abler of Sturgeon Bay, Treana (Paul) Van Rens of Gillett, and Sharlene (Augie) Giese of Gillett; two sons, Shawn (Karen) of Gillett and Ethan (Allison) of Green Bay;

grandchildren, Dennis Helgeland, Kristin Zorn, Shera Giese, Delaney Reed, Braeden Reed, Taryn Reed, Zowie Reed; great-grandchildren, Martin and Mason Helgeland. three brothers, Phillip (Janice) Reed, Stanley (Ruth) Reed and Dwight (Gerri) Reed; four sisters, Vivian (Ken) Pearse, Colleen (Joe) Wicker, Valerie (Roger) Fernandez and Maureen (Robert) Fernandez. He is further survived by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per Wally's wishes, no services will be held. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at

www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Unity Hospice and Meadowbrook at Oconto Falls Nursing Home for the care and compassion offered to Wally and his family during his time of need.



Candidates for 89th Assembly District seat state their case

Behnke, Jaeger square off in Tuesday's election

Elijah Behnke



ELIJAH BEHNKE

I am a proud resident of the 89th district, born and raised on a farm. I learned the value of hard work at an early age, always working odd jobs to make money. I currently am a small business owner and live on a hobby farm with my beautiful wife and two wonderful daughters. I went to college to become a youth pastor and am currently a ministry leader at my church. I am a proud hunter and sportsman and want to be a voice for our rural residents and communities.

For me, I believe in a government that is by the people and for the people. I grew up on a farm and run a hobby farm myself. Farmers and other rural business owners will have a champion in me.

I am pro-life and pro Second Amendment and will never back down on my beliefs. I will always vote for pro-life policies as I believe every single life is precious. I will vote for policies that protect your right to own a firearm to hunt and to protect yourself. I have support from pro-life groups like Pro Life Wisconsin and Wisconsin Right to Life.

I am a small business owner who knows what it's like to save every penny to put back into my business to support my family and create jobs. We need a representative who knows what it is like to build a business and to create jobs

in our community. I am honored to be supported by many business owners

The size of our government is too big; we need to trim the bureaucracy and support fiscally responsible budgets. I won't be afraid to even stand up to my own party if they support budgets or other legislation that isn't conservative enough.

Keeping our community safe is important to me. I am lucky to be supported by some of our sheriffs and other law enforcement. We need to address issues like human trafficking and tackle the opioid pandemic.

As a father to two young daughters, I realize the importance of a quality education. Our current education system is failing our sons and daughters. We need to get our kids back into schools.

The governor is out of control. We need someone who will stand up to him, not enable him. The pandemic response in this state has been a complete mess, from out-of-control restrictions to an unemployment system in need of a total overhaul. We need a representative who will fight for change.

If elected, I will never lie to you. I promise that I will hear your concerns and I will have your back. As you may have seen or heard, when I knock on doors I jog from door to door. I will be relentless in my pursuit to serve you. I humbly ask for your vote.

Karl Jaeger

I have lived in the area for 15 years, and I am happy to be raising my family here. Mariel (Carter) and I have two daughters, Charlotte and Jane, both of whom are enrolled at the Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center. I am proud to say Mariel is currently serving our community as the president of the Peshtigo School Board.

I graduated from Northern Michigan University in 2004. I cur-



KARL JAEGER

rently work as an IT Analyst. I am proudly serving as an elected Marinette County Board supervisor and a member of the Town of Peshtigo Citizens' PFAS Advisory Committee.

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In my time on the County Board, I've learned the importance of working in a non-partisan way to solve problems rather than divid-

EDITOR'S NOTE

Elijah Behnke, Republican, and Karl Jaeger, Democrat, are the candidates in a special election Tuesday, April 6, to fill the unexpired term of former state Rep. John Nygren through 2022. The 89th Assembly District stretches from Marinette County to the Green Bay area, including the city of Oconto and the Oconto County towns of Abrams, Little River, Little Suamico, Oconto, Pensaukee and Stiles.

We asked the candidates to introduce themselves and describe "the political philosophy that will inform your votes in the Assembly and the issues that fuel your desire to serve."

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Tax hikes, federal funds discussed by legislators

Broadband access and emergency services also topics at budget listening session

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A state budget listening session held by Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, and Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-Crivitz, saw sparse attendance March 27 at the Oconto Falls Town Hall, but those who attended had plenty of concerns for the state legislators.

Felzkowski, who sits on the Senate Joint Committee on Finance, noted that certain powers the Wisconsin Legislature had years ago have since been abdicated to the governor. With the potential of an 11% tax hike, according to Felzkowski, being proposed by Gov. Tony Evers, the Legislature is looking at taking some of those powers back.

"It's basically been decided we're not going to work off the governor's budget, but we're going to work off a base budget," Felzkowski said. "This means we take the last session's budget and work off of that."

Mursau noted that was why the Legislature is also trying to take control of the stimulus money expected to come into the state. Wisconsin is expected to get about \$5.2 billion, with \$2 billion going to municipalities, counties and school districts. That leaves more than \$3 billion that the state has to figure where to spend.

"The governor has a lot of discretion on where he puts it, and he's the last person to say, that's where it goes," Mursau said. "We're saying that the Senate and the Assembly should have some say in that."

Felzkowski noted that, when the Great Recession took place in 2009 and federal funds were funneled to states then to help out, then-Gov. Jim Doyle and lawmakers worked out language that allowed for legislative oversight on where the money goes. Back then, the Democrats dominated the Legislature, while Republicans are the majority party now. Because of the party difference, Democrat Evers is not recommending that same level of oversight, she said.

"There is a precedent that was set in 2009," Felzkowski said. "When huge amounts of federal money came in, the Legislature had a say in where it was assigned. The governor puts out a spending plan, we review it, and we might say, governor,



State Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, answers an audience member's question during a budget listening session March 27 at Oconto Falls Town Hall as Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-Crivitz, listens. The pair discussed a number of issues, including broadband access, emergency services and the federal stimulus.

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maybe you should do some things over here, or it just goes through. It's not an active review; it's a passive review."

There are also some portions of Evers' budget where money is being spent before it's even collected, in Mursau's view. One example he cited is the governor's plan to legalize recreational and medical marijuana, which has not been decided by the Legislature.

"We don't even know what kind of revenue that would bring in," Mursau said. "There are a number of situations where he does that."

The legislators also talked about broadband internet access, an issue affecting rural areas across the state. Evers is proposing earmarking \$200 million to expand broadband across the state, much more than has been spent in recent years, but the Legislature is looking at spending more than double that, about \$500 million.

"This is one-time money that would get our rural areas caught up on broadband, especially those who don't have it at all," Mursau said.

"That could be a one-time thing

where we're not growing government and having ongoing costs associated with our spending," Felzkowski added.

Felzkowski and Mursau also discussed issues involving fire departments and emergency services. Felzkowski noted that ambulance and emergency services were the No. 1 topic she heard at the Oconto Falls listening session and the other three she held on March 27.

"We're hitting crisis mode around this," Felzkowski said, noting that some people with ambulance companies she talked to were unable to get contracts with municipalities.

Mursau has a bill circulating in the current legislative session that would put about \$25 million into fire and rescue services earmarked for receiving emergency calls. Mursau noted there's a tax that already exists on phone bills that would pay for this.

Felzkowski said there's also an issue with unions and volunteer agencies providing fire and emergency medical services. She noted the unions don't want there to be

volunteer fire departments anymore.

"What the big union guys want is for fire and EMS to become essential services," she said. "If that happens, the state is obligated to provide hundreds of millions of dollars to have full-time fire departments around the state."

Another topic Felzkowski touched on is term limits in Congress. The state Legislature is examining the possibility of calling an Article V convention to bring that up. So far, 15 states have passed resolutions calling for such a convention, and 12 more states are taking it up. At least 34 states must pass such resolutions to call such a convention, and then 38 states must approve any proposals brought to it.

"It won't happen overnight," Felzkowski said. "This is a long haul, but I firmly believe that if we're going to rein in the federal government, this is the only way we're going to do it."

The joint finance committee is expected to discuss the state budget on April 12.

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March 25

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 7100 block of state Highway 22, Stiles, 12:01 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 4000 block of Molitor Road, Town of Oconto, 7:04 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 5000 block of Geano Beach Road, Abrams, 8:40 a.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 7000 block of Red Bank Road, How, 11:09 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of North McKenzie Street, City of Gillett, 4:31 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along South Sandhill Lane, Brazeau, 7:20 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 5900 block of Duame Road, Stiles, 7:54 p.m.

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

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

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

March 24

Deputies logged 38 incidents,

including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 9000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 4:03 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 12000 block of County Road VV, Underhill, 6:58 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Pleasant View Drive, Chase, 9:41 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of Duame Road, Stiles, 3:32 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 8000 block of Swede Town Road, Little River, 4:26 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 15000 block of Long Street, Lakewood, 7:37 p.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in Abrams, 5:19 p.m.

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

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

911 — Six open 911 lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

March 23

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including the following:

Noise disturbance — reported in the 200 block of Birch Avenue, City of Oconto Falls, 12:51 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 7000 block of Waschbisch Road, Town of Oconto Falls, 9:39 a.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 2000 block of Kunzers Beach Lane, Pensaukee, 4:09 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 700 block of County Road B, City of Oconto Falls, 11:26 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 6000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 11:46 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged three traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one

citizen assist and four miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted four welfare checks.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a crash in the 3000 block of County Road A, Little River, 6:28 p.m., and logged one deer-related crash.

March 22

Deputies logged 53 incidents, including the following:

Fatal crash — reported along County Road VV near Kalas Road, Underhill, 3:10 a.m.

Trespassing — reported near Hunts Lane and Shawano Line Road, Town of Gillett, 7:07 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 14000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 8:50 a.m.

Lewd and lascivious — reported at the jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto, 1:36 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 7000 block of Columbia Street, Town of Oconto Falls, 3:12 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 6000 block of Military Road, Stiles, 4:10 p.m.

Lewd and lascivious — reported in the 17000 block of County Road F, Lakewood, 4:39 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 400 block of Madeline Lane, Little Suamico, 10:36 p.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 8000 block of state Highway 64, Brazeau, 11:50 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged six traffic stops, two citizen assists and one miscellaneous traffic incident.

Welfare check — Officers conducted two welfare checks.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near U.S. 41-141 and West Brown Road, Little Suamico, 4:13 p.m.

March 21

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of Sixth Street, City of Oconto, 9:14 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 100 block of West Highland Drive, City of Oconto Falls, 4:07 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 13 traffic stops, four traffic offenses and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

911 — Two 911 hangups and three

open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

March 20

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of Birch Avenue, City of Gillett, 9:36 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 9000 block of County Road G, Spruce, 10:19 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 2000 block of Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 10:45 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 15000 block of Long Street, Lakewood, 8:43 p.m.

Fireworks — reported in the 16000 block of Elm Street, Townsend, 11:36 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 200 block of Frank Street, City of Oconto, 11:58 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged seven traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

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

March 19

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including the following:

Fraud — reported in the 5000 block of Dar Ken Court, Little Suamico, 10:06 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 11000 block of Tom Post Road, Brazeau, 1:39 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 12000 block of Spring Lane, How, 9:11 p.m.

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

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

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

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Road D and U.S. 41-141, Abrams, 3:21 p.m.; and a property-damage crash in the 8000 block of River Road, How, 7:40 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crashes.

March 18

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of Duame Road, Stiles, midnight.

Drugs — reported at an address in the City of Gillett, 6:59 a.m.

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For more than 16 years, the Rural Health Initiative has provided safe, convenient access to care through in-home/on-site preventive health screenings for farm families. This photo was taken in 2015 at the Reminger Family Farm in Leopolis. On Jan. 1, RHI started operating under ThedaCare. CONTRIBUTED

Rural Health Initiative operating under ThedaCare

RHI, which helps rural families, can now focus more on helping rather than fundraising

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

On Jan. 1, the Rural Health Initiative became a program that is operated under ThedaCare.

The Rural Health Initiative will now be known as the ThedaCare Rural Health Initiative. The RHI is a program ran by executive director Rhonda Strebel for the last 17 years. The focus of the program is to reach out to the community and help those who may not have access to a physician. The nonprofit program is set on engaging in population health.

Strebel often reaches out to farmers in rural areas within Shawano, Outagamie and Waupaca counties. She and her staff physically go out to rural homes and farms to help those individuals with their health needs.

While being under the umbrella of ThedaCare, RHI has the ability to worry less about fundraising and applying for grants and more about what they can do to help people that are in need.

"We just want to make a difference for families," said Strebel.

Amy and Derick Zernicke recently got in contact with Strebel and the RHI to help their family. Derick Zernicke, a longtime farmer, was suffering from effects of stress and seasonal affective disorder. Without sufficient access or time to go to a hospital or physician, Amy Zernicke reached out to Strebel for help.

Strebel came out to the farm in Landstad and recommended simple remedies, like taking vitamin D and installing seasonal affective disorder lights into the house. She also recommended that writing in a journal could help. After not seeing much of a change, Strebel recommended that they should go in to see a doctor and receive medicine. Symptoms started to disappear, and Derick Zernicke began to feel better.

The Zernicke family expressed their gratitude towards Strebel and the program for making the trip out to be with the family.

"My husband is thankful and I am grateful that Rhonda was able to come out and help us," said Amy

Zernicke. "We even keep in contact today."

Amy Zernicke posted updates on her Facebook page detailing the situation and the help that Strebel provided. This opened up the community's eyes to the program, as well as gave her a platform to talk about what happened.

RHI is dedicated to helping and supporting rural farming families, like the Zernickes. Strebel believes that farms and farmers play a significant role in the community.

"Farms are very important to the community," said Strebel. "They are a lifeline for food."

With farming families not having sufficient access or not having time to see a doctor, the RHI is available to come to them.

"We are unique, in that we go to them when they need assistance," said Strebel.

When RHI staff go out to meet with families, they often check blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol. This leads to the staff of the program being able to recommend what the next step could be towards

recovery. The staff also provides these individuals with a "listening ear," according to Strebel, where they can have conversations about what is happening and how the two parties can work together to improve it.

With RHI now being operated under ThedaCare, they have become closer with health care within the hospital, even though RHI has had an office in the clinic on County Road B for years. This allows for easier and more efficient communication when trying to prescribe the help farmers or agriculture workers need.

Strebel said that the community has become very supportive and appreciative of the program. Those individuals who have been helped have even kept personal relationships with Strebel and the rest of the staff.

"Trust is built," said Strebel. "94% of people that we recommend referrals to end up going through with them."

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BUSINESS

Hammen's looking to grow business in 2021

Family orchard, winery and cider mill has 23 wines for sale this year

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

As the weather is starting to warm up, business is starting to pick up for one small orchard and winery in Shawano County.

Paul and Leslie Hammen, who moved to Shawano County in 1985, opened a winery and cider mill on Aug. 1, 2019. Hammen Family Orchard, Winery and Cider Mill is located between Shawano and Bonduel. Paul Hammen is an expert in making wine, planting fruit trees and working with bees, as he has been doing so for most of his life.

In order to get the place prepared, the Hammen family planted its orchard seven years ago. Paul Hammen mentioned that it took about five years for the plants in their orchard to start producing fruit.

The Hammens are assisted in the business by their three daughters, a son-in-law and their grandchildren.

Hammen decided to start the orchard to use as a retirement project. He hopes his children and grandchildren will take control of the winery in the future.

"It is just a retirement project," said Hammen. "Something for my kids to take and hand down for generations."

This year, the winery has 23 wines available. Other than wine, the business sells fruit, including 10 different varieties of peaches and 250 varieties of apples. It also sells honey, canned goods, free range eggs and t-shirts. Hammen hopes to keep adding products that he can sell, including cheese from local factories.

During apple season, late July to early November, apples are getting picked daily. Apple tasting is offered every Saturday during apple season. Customers are welcomed and encouraged to try any of the available apples. Hammen said that apple and peach season are the busy times.

"The busy time is once the apples and peaches are ripe," said Hammen. "Usually the Saturdays in the summer are very busy."

In 2020, the winery almost ran out of wine due to the increase in public



Leslie Hammen, left, Matt Wudtke, center, and Heather Radomski are bottling wine, getting ready for the summer. Hammen Family Orchard, Winery and Cider Mill bottle all of their wine and cider in house using ingredients from their orchard.

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demand. According to Hammen, the most popular wines last year were mead wines.

"The mead went fast last year, everyone who came in for wine tasting left with a bottle of raspberry mead," said Hammen. "A guy was in earlier who left with six bottles, because he remembered it from last year."

Along with the raspberry mead, Hammen has found that the mulberry mead has been a good seller as well.

"Mulberry has gone over well too, it has always been a family favorite," said Hammen.

Peaches have also been very popular at the orchard so far. Hammen planted 40 to 50 peach trees last year and has planted another 20 trees this year.

"Peaches went over very well, people come in week after week looking for peaches, because they are fresh

off of the tree," said Hammen.

Located in a small community, Hammen has noticed that people have been coming in to buy wine and taste apples from outside of the area.

"When people Google wineries near me, we get a lot of people from that," said Hammen. "During the summertime, I bet a third of the people that come in, just stumble in on their vacations or just driving through town."

All of the bottling and fermenting is done in house in the back room of the winery. Hammen also has a walk-in freezer where wine and ciders are stored during the winter months.

The winter is the slow time for the orchard, so the employees stay busy by getting the bottling of the wine done.

"It actually works perfectly," said Hammen. "We can bottle in the winter, and then all through summer and fall,

we can start on new wines in between the picking and the selling."

The fermenting process usually takes about three weeks to a month, but can take longer depending on the kind of wine that is being made.

"It depends on how long it takes to ferment, grape wines take about a month, which is fast," said Hammen. "My apple wines tend to linger on."

Hammen then lets the wine naturally clear.

Hammen hopes that, as more people are getting vaccinated and the pandemic start to slow down, the business will continue to grow.

The family plans to build an outside patio in order to make a place for wine tasting in the summer. Hammen hopes to put a long bar in the tasting room as well.

Spinning Wheel Inn sold as Lemhouses retire

Scott Mocco, Cari Shebuski bought the restaurant March 23

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Lemhouses have decided to sell the Spinning Wheel Inn on Shawano Lake.

On March 23, Steve and Lisa Lemhouse sold the Spinning Wheel to Scott Mocco and Cari Shebuski. Steve Lemhouse started working at the inn in 1970 as a dishwasher. In 1972, Steve's family bought the restaurant and in 1994, Steve took it over.

The Spinning Wheel Inn has staked a place in Shawano history as the restaurant has existed for more than 100 years.

Lemhouse recollected his experience operating the restaurant, thinking back to some of the fond memories he has had.

"We have had so many wonderful customers come in throughout the years," said Lemhouse, "I enjoyed seeing everyone during the Friday fish fries and on Saturdays for steak entrees."

The bad memory that Lemhouse remembers is when the restaurant burned down in 1983.

"The place burned down in 1983 because of an electrical fire behind one of the fryers," said Lemhouse. "We were able to build everything back up though."

All of the food that Lemhouse and the Spinning Wheel produce is home-made.

Shebuski lived in Shawano in the past and her family used to own Dockers, which is now Brothers.

Mocco said that Shebuski has always wanted to own a supper club.



Steve Lemhouse poses in front of the Spinning Wheel Inn sign at the bar. Lemhouse has been a part of the the Spinning Wheel Inn for the last 51 years, operating it since 1994.

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The two saw that the Lemhouses were selling the Spinning Wheel and saw that as an opportunity to fulfill this dream. With the inn and Dockers being close together in the community, Lemhouse and Shebuski's mother became friends. This led to the connection to make the sale.

Mocco and Shebuski plan to rename the restaurant to Dockers in tribute to Shebuski's stepfather, who died of cancer.

With the Spinning Wheel being an iconic place in Shawano, Mocco and Shebuski will try to keep it that way. Mocco and Shebuski hope to keep the strong reputation that the inn has established over the last 100 years.

"We are going to do our best to keep that strong reputation and we hope that the public embraces it," said Mocco.

With keeping the strong reputation, Mocco noted that they want to provide good food at a good price while giving good service, just like the Spinning Wheel has done for so long.

As far as renovations go, the pair are going to change the outside of the restaurant as well as the inside. Mocco mentioned that they were going to change a little bit of the exterior and interior, but they are going to keep it a supper club.

"There aren't many supper clubs left in Shawano County," said Mocco. "We want to keep this one as a supper club."

Mocco noted, as people start to get vaccinated and the COVID-19 pandemic eventually slows down, he hopes to

see business in the restaurant.

"I think that people will come check out the restaurant when we have everything renovated," said Mocco. "And then when they see everything I hope they will come in when they feel comfortable."

Now that he is retired, Lemhouse plans on delivering flowers for Lisa's Flower Shop in Bonduel.

"I will miss seeing everyone in the restaurant and the fun that we have had over the last 51 years," said Lemhouse, "but I think I am ready to retire."

Lemhouse also mentioned that he appreciates all of the customers who frequented the restaurant and employees who have worked with the Lemhouses over the years.

"The customers have been sad that we are leaving, but happy for us," said Lemhouse. "It hasn't really sunk in yet."

The Lemhouses will be operating the restaurant until May 1, when Mocco and Shebuski take over.



With supper clubs declining in Shawano County, the Spinning Wheel Inn remains one of the lasting ones.

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Woman's club gives to historical society



Shawano Woman's Club recently presented a \$500 donation to Shawano County Historical Society. Presenting the check to Lana Buelow, second from left, treasurer for the historical society, are, from left, Irene Leuenberger, secretary; Lynn Marcks, president; and Tina Flanagan, vice president. The club will hold a plant sale June 19 during the 13th Rhubarb Fest sponsored by the historical society at Heritage Park in Shawano.

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Fair attendance drops in 2020 due to pandemic

25% decrease expected; fair leader vows 'whole new show' this year

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The 2020 Shawano County Fair saw a 25% drop in attendance, according to an annual report submitted March 24 to the Shawano County Board of Supervisors.

The report submitted by Shawano Area Agricultural Society President Dale Hodkiewicz is a little later than usual, as the board usually invites fair representatives to speak in December each year, but like most things during the pandemic, the fair also saw itself changing to reflect the current times.

"I can only say that last year was one everyone would like to forget," Hodkiewicz said, "but it did challenge everyone."

The drop in attendance could be attributed to the pandemic, as many officials at the time were advocating skipping the fair for fear that it could become a superspreader for

the coronavirus. The fair board also adjusted many of its events, canceling the Bingo games that usually take place and opting to have smaller bands in the grandstands that wouldn't draw crowds, according to Hodkiewicz.

"We held the livestock auction at the Crawford Center this year, which gave people more room to spread out," he said, which was a different venue than the coliseum and was also held virtually, with people bidding based off photos instead of the animals being brought in by 4-H members and shown in person.

Hodkiewicz noted the drop in attendance was expected, and he didn't have any issue with people opting to skip this year's fair, given the circumstances. He noted that there were a lot of lost hours of sleep over the decision whether to hold the fair at a time when events on a massive scale were being canceled.

"We respect the decisions people made, whether they came or didn't come," Hodkiewicz said. "Those that came had a great time, and as I walked the grounds, I had multiple people come forward and said to thank the board to have the fair."

Hodkiewicz noted that some renovation projects on the fairgrounds were put on hold because the fair board did not know what kind of revenue to expect last year. Projects that did move forward was replacing the asphalt on the grounds and a new storm sewer drain system, he said.

"It wasn't a banner year, but we did stay in the black," Hodkiewicz said.

Volunteers also stepped up during a difficult year to make the fair a success, Hodkiewicz added.

"We were pleased, and we plan to put a whole new show together this year," he said.

Hodkiewicz also reported on the

2020 Shawano Speedway season, as the society also manages that activity on the fairgrounds. Because of the pandemic, racing activity did not start until June, he said, in coordination with other racing facilities in the state.

"They all started at the same time so we didn't overflow," Hodkiewicz said.

Among the things the society did to mitigate health issues, according to Hodkiewicz, was to change how it handled the food at the racetrack and adding hand sanitation stations all across the grounds. He noted those stations were also in place for the duration of the fair.

"We encouraged people to spread out throughout the grandstand and respect the people around you," Hodkiewicz said. "We had personnel traveling to the restroom on every hour (for sanitation), and people adjusted and were very grateful that people had a place to go and enjoy themselves."

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Evers talks broadband with county officials

Davel, others tell governor about lack of internet infrastructure

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Gov. Tony Evers is promising that more money is coming to increase broadband access to rural areas — a lot more — as Shawano County officials pointed out the need for better internet accessibility in all things.

Evers visited the county's human services facility in the Town of Wescott on March 26 and talked briefly with representatives from county management and human services, along with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Wolf River Region, about the need for broadband to serve health services, education and other needs in the county. He promised during the 20-minute session that more money would be coming, at least \$200 million, and noted it was one of the few issues that he and the Republican-controlled Wisconsin Legislature could both get behind.

"There are certain givens that transcend Democrats and Republicans," Evers said. "Among those issues is broadband. We will be increasing (funding) — there is no doubt in my mind that, when we go through the budget, that will be a top priority of our Republican legislators. They get it because they live in rural areas, too, many of them, and they realize how important it is in the business world but also in emergency management."

Evers noted that the state has struggled to provide broadband internet infrastructure in recent years, but he's hoping his proposal to put more than double the money in the biennial budget for that line item than has been provided in the eight years that the state has had broadband capabilities.

"The state of Minnesota has probably outspent us four to one," Evers said. "If we want to have to have good health care, we need to have good broadband in the state."

According to Tyler Huebner, commissioner on Wisconsin's Public Services Commission, which houses the state's broadband hub, the state has spent about \$72 million on broadband access in the last eight years, with only \$20 million being spent prior to last year. He noted the PSC has provided Shawano County with three grants to help expand broadband capabilities.



Gov. Tony Evers speaks with Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza following a discussion March 26 at the human services center in the Town of Wescott about broadband internet access, or the lack thereof. Evers is planning on getting the Wisconsin Legislature to approve \$200 million, almost triple what has been spent in the last eight years, in the 2021-23 budget earmarked for expanding broadband access.

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"We still have a big gap for connecting our rural communities," Huebner said.

Of the proposed \$200 million planned for the 2021-23 budget, \$150 million would go toward the expansion program, and the remaining \$50 million would help to make that broadband access affordable for individuals and families, especially if they're in the low-income category.

Rick Kane, county human services director, noted that the county has utilized telehealth extensively in the past year, as the pandemic shut down a lot of in-person services. Even once the pandemic is history, he expects that county officials will continue to utilize telehealth for mental health services, noting it's difficult to get psychiatrists to come to Shawano.

"There is a great need here, and we are large consumers of telehealth," Kane said. "One of the things we would like to see is broadband increased throughout the county because there is a tremendous need. There are a fair amount of people out in rural areas who do not have access to the internet, and that is a dilemma for them and for us."

The county found problems when

it deployed its workforce remotely, according to Jennifer Frost, behavioral health services manager for the county.

"Many of them did not have access to internet, so we couldn't have staff provide the service," Frost said. "A lot of the consumers also don't have access to internet or access to video."

James Davel, the county's administrative coordinator, pointed out that broadband capability is spotty at best, even for people living close to Shawano. He noted that just to install a tower for 9-1-1 services costs \$300,000 to \$400,000, so it would likely take more money than the county has received so far to tackle the issue with any success.

"What we discovered was that one home could get it, and the home next to it could not get it," Davel said. "A lot of it is really associated with the terrain. Because it's wireless, we're utilizing the towers we have with the county, which doesn't cover your entire area. We could never get broadband across the complete spectrum."

Davel said internet access to schools is also an issue. He noted that the Shawano School District was on virtual learning on that day as teach-

ers were getting their second vaccination for the coronavirus, but it's difficult for him and his two children to be able to access the schools via the internet because they live out in the country.

"We were out of school for three or four months, and to have two kids on (the internet), no way," Davel said. "It really affected the education level the kids were receiving this year. Doing that is incredibly difficult for a family."

Davel added that the school district tried to get hotspots to families who needed them, but even then it wasn't enough to "get the job done."

Evers noted that having broadband availability is just as important as providing electricity or phone service to people. He said the coronavirus pandemic has shown how lacking Wisconsin is because people have not been able to access programs like telehealth services because the internet infrastructure is not there.

"We have to have that access," Evers said, noting that he's declared 2021 the year of broadband. "It is an important utility."

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Little Suamico board needs a shakeup

To the editor:

April 6 is the spring election, and Little Suamico residents need to decide whether we want to move our town forward or backward.

Many may want to forget 2020, but we need to know what happened or did not happen in Little Suamico. Our town board felt the need to keep their constituents in the dark by not producing monthly bills under the excuse of emergency order, though neighboring towns kept going as usual and did not miss a beat. Little Suamico needs to listen to its constituents, instead of taking away the three-minute comment at meetings, and be transparent.

After the budget was approved in 2020, Little Suamico Board snuck in a major salary raise at a small meeting even after a 5% raise was to be implemented this year at a previous annual meeting. I question if it was legal. Town chairman's salary nearly doubled, and supervisors' salaries nearly tripled. How many of you re-

ceived a 100% raise? These are your tax dollars. Perhaps this is the time to hire a town administrator who will bring back transparency, understand state statutes and grow our town.

I am encouraging you to vote change for our board, either all board members or part, so we can get new voices and new ideas to move Little Suamico forward, not backward. We need a board who want transparency and will listen to its townspeople. This is your town, and please vote for change.

**Beth Trudell,
Sobieski**

Behnke is right choice for 89th

To The editor:

I will be supporting Elijah Behnke for the 89th Assembly District on April 6.

The 89th District consists of many rural towns with many close-knit communities reaching from Suamico in northern Brown County and northward through parts of

Oconto County, including Oconto to Marinette County. Elijah grew up in Oconto County working on the family farm and now lives in Pensaukee running his cleaning business. Elijah understands the true needs of his constituents he will represent as he has lived his whole life in our district. Elijah's life values is what drew me to Elijah as the best candidate for the 89th Assembly District.

Elijah believes in pro-Constitution, pro-God/pro-life, working with law enforcement with the Hand up program for struggling opioid addiction, and will be a voice for farmers and rural communities, along with local businesses. His

support of our Second Amendment and Pro-Gun is also very important to me and many in our district. Elijah is exactly what the 89th Assembly District needs to move our district forward.

Again, I will be supporting Elijah Behnke and encourage others to vote for Elijah for the 89th Assembly District on April 6, so we can send him to Madison to bring his bright new ideas and family values to move our beautiful district forward.

**Michael Trudell,
Sobieski**

Teal ribbons denote sexual assault awareness

Local police partner with Sexual Assault Center

April 2021 marks 20 years of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Sexual Assault Center of Family Services and its community partners in law enforcement will be teaming up all month long to raise awareness of the issue in communities across northeast Wisconsin.

Throughout April, teal ribbons will be displayed on the squad cars of 19 law enforcement agencies in Brown, Door, Marinette and Oconto counties, including the Oconto County Sheriff's Department and the Gillett, Lena, Oconto, Oconto Falls and Suring police departments..

Teal is the color of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The ribbons signify the relationship between the Sexual Assault Center and law enforcement in responding to and protecting survivors.

"We are committed to working with the Sexual Assault Center to educate, bring awareness, and work together to help protect victims and

apprehend the suspects responsible for these crimes," said Commander Kevin Warych of the Green Bay Police Department.

The Sexual Assault Center assisted 1,453 survivors of sexual assault and sex trafficking in 2020. Its advocates work closely with law enforcement and other community partners to make sure victims get the help they need to begin the healing process. Services are free and confidential and include one-on-one support at the hospital and throughout the legal process. Advocates also provide information and access to support groups, as well as prevention education at schools and organizations throughout the community.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gillett boys place 3 on all-conference list

Lena has 2 honored,
while Suring has 1

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Three Gillett, two Lena and one Suring boys basketball player were named to the Marinette & Oconto all-conference list.

The conference did not break the all-conference players down between a first, second and honorable mention team, instead releasing one list.

Lena

Max Beyer and Logan Shallow were each named to the all-conference list after leading Lena on the court as juniors.

Beyer averaged 22.6 points per game for the season to lead the conference. In the team's last eight games, he averaged 27.8 points per contest.

"It was definitely a blessing and it will motivate me to get better for next year," said Beyer on the honor.

Beyer also led the team in rebounds per game (8). He will enter his senior season having already topped the 1,000-point milestone. Beyer also already owns the school record for most career 3-pointers.

Shallow dished out 4 assists a game and also averaged 5.5 boards and 3.1 steals.

"This (honor) will definitely motivate me to work hard this offseason to help the team in every way possible (next season)," said Shallow, who averaged 7.7 points per game. "This will only boost my confidence and motivate me to push myself and my teammates harder and harder. We will do great things next season!"

Lena finished 6-6 in M&O play to place fourth. Coleman (12-0) finished atop the conference standings.

Suring

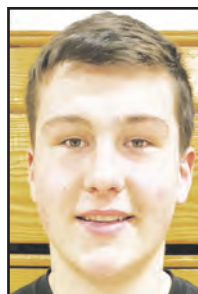
Taron Haak, another junior, represented Suring on the all-conference list.

Haak averaged 19.3 points per game, good enough for the second-



Lena's Max Beyer, center, drives to the basket while being defended by several Gillett players during a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup on Jan. 8 in Lena. Beyer made the all-conference list after leading the way in points per game.

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TARON HAAK

highest mark in the M&O, behind only Beyer.

"I think it is a very big accomplishment," said Haak. "I am very honored to be one of the people chosen for this

and it's a real big confidence boost for me, but there's always room for improvement. I'm very excited for next year."

Suring finished 4-8 in conference play.

Gillett

Gillett's Brandon DeBauch, Aydin Franti and Ben Matczak were all named to the all-conference list as freshmen.

Matczak finished as the team leader in points per game (8.2) this season. He also averaged 3.4 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.3 steals per game.

"This will motivate me to keep



Gillett's Ben Matczak, left, drives toward the basket as Lena's Logan Shallow defends during a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup on Jan. 8 in Lena. Matczak and Shallow each made the all-conference team this winter.

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trying to get better, so hopefully next season we'll have an amazing team," said Matczak. "I can build off of this year's success and keep improving every day."

Franti finished the season with averages of 7.3 points, 2.1 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game.

"To receive this honor as a freshman is motivation to keep working hard and getting better as a team," Franti said. "We have a tough conference with a lot of older teams to compete against. We still need to keep getting better and putting in work. By working and lifting in the summer and playing summer league we can work to achieve our goal of being conference champs."

DeBauch capped his first high school season with averages of 7.3 points and 1.3 assists to go along with a team-leading 6.7 rebounds. He also led the team with 15 blocks.

"It means a lot to me," said DeBauch of the honor. "It shows that all of my hard work towards this sport has truly paid off. This honor has shown me that others have noticed my abilities and my love for the sport."

Gillett finished with a 1-14 record in M&O action.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Oconto Falls ready to prove worth on field

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School baseball team will enter the spring season with a number of upperclassmen leading the way and needing a few other players to step up to fill out the roster.

Long-time coach Charlie Rochon says, "Missing out on a year of seeing player growth and development, it is almost like walking into a new coaching position and having to learn the players from a new perspective."

The last time the Panthers were on the field in 2019, the team had two players named to an all-conference team in the North Eastern Conference. Tucker Bouche, now a senior, is the only one back this spring.

Bouche and Braden Uelmen have the most varsity experience on the roster. Both will spend time on the mound and then play in the infield when not on the bump.

The pitching staff and infield are areas of strength, according to Rochon.

"I expect us to be very solid defensively, especially in the infield," the coach said. "We have guys that

have the ability to move around and play different positions quite effectively."

"Our pitching should be solid with numerous pitchers that have the ability to chew up innings and be effective out-getters. I am really looking forward to seeing that group in live action on the mound."

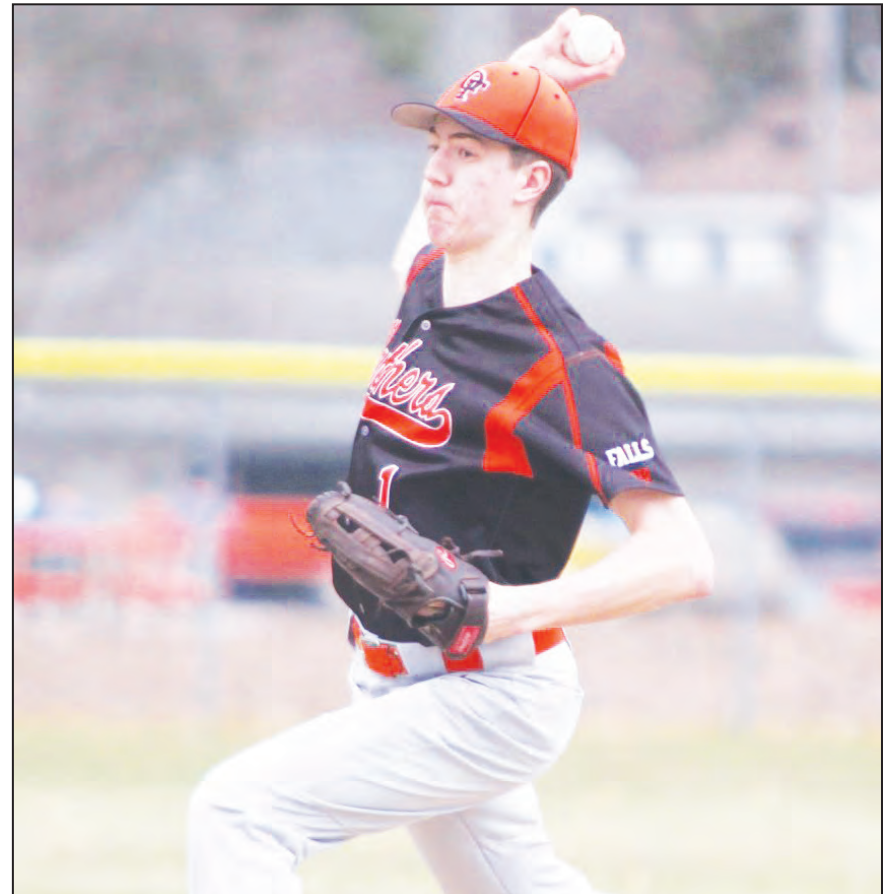
Junior Jake Sager and sophomore Braden Vandermoss are a couple other options that will spend time on the mound and in the infield.

Senior Adam Haines and junior Graeson Pankratz will also play in the infield, primarily at first and catcher, respectively.

Rochon says that Oconto Falls will be a work in progress is the outfield as players look to lock down roles for the team.

"It's early in the year and I have faith in the hard work our team is putting in," said Bouche. "We are getting outside as much as we can to get in reps for our infield and outfield. Our senior group is super connected to the underclassmen which is a big plus. Baseball is such a mental game so making sure our whole team is there mentally will result in success."

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Oconto Falls' Braden Uelmen pitches during a nonconference game against Shawano on April 22, 2019, in Shawano. Uelmen is one of several players that will round out a strong pitching rotation and infield for the Panthers this spring.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

3 area girls players named to WBCA all-star rosters

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Three area high school girls basketball players were named to Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game rosters.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Abi Fraaza and Emma Herb and Gillett's Aubrey DeBauch were the athletes honored with roster spots.

Fraaza and Herb will be part of the Division 4 North team, while DeBauch plays for the Division 5 North team.

"I'm honored to have been selected to this game and to have the opportunity to play," said DeBauch. "I'm super excited and definitely looking forward to playing the sport I love with the best girls in the state. It means a lot to me, and I think it'll be an incredible experience."

The Division 5 game is scheduled

for 9 a.m. July 14. Each all-star game will be played at JustAGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

"Being selected to the WBCA All-Star Game is such an incredible opportunity that I am so grateful for," said Fraaza. "Only being able to play four games this season, and no conference games (because of an injury), I just can't thank my coach, Nick Mechelke, and the other coaches of the conference enough for believing in me and my abilities with limited playing time."

"Being selected to play in that game feels great, and I am excited to be able to play with even more competition, along with my teammate Abigail," said Herb.

The Division 4 game is set for 10:45 a.m. July 14.

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Gillett's Aubrey DeBauch makes a move with the ball during a Division 4 regional playoff win over Crivitz on Feb. 9 in Gillett. DeBauch was named to the WBCA All-Star Game roster in Division 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

4 Lena wrestlers make M&O all-conference list

3 Gillett/Suring wrestlers recognized

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena and Gillett/Suring wrestling teams each had multiple athletes recognized by the Marinette & Oconto Conference.

The conference did not break the all-conference wrestlers down between a first, second and honorable mention team, instead releasing one list.

Lena

Senior Kevin Chang and the sophomore trio of Dylan Comins, Sam Marquardt and Luke Misco were named to the all-conference list for Lena.

Chang enjoyed a strong final season, going 11-2 on the mat. He wrestled most of the year at 126 pounds before dropping down to 120 late in the season.

"The honor honestly feels great," said Chang. "I never would have thought I was good at the sport, but now that I actually got mentioned, it's a crazy thought."

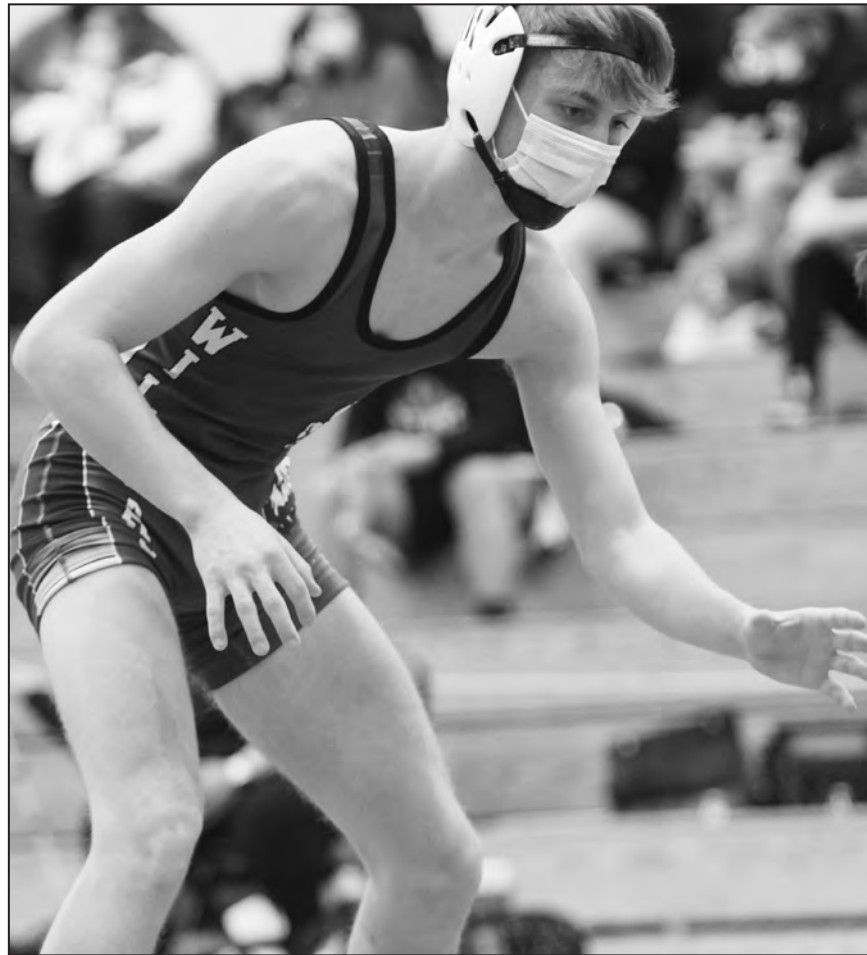
Comins wrestled at 106 pounds for the Wildcats. He finished the season with a 16-3 record.

"I just treated them (conference matches) like any other match — just went out and did my thing," said Comins.

Comins was the lone Lena wrestler to qualify for state.

"It's pretty cool that I got all-conference," said Comins. "Last season I wasn't even a contender."

Marquardt finished the season



Lena's Sam Marquardt wrestles during the Division 3 Valders Sectional on Feb. 6 in Valders. Marquardt was one of four Lena wrestlers that earned a spot on the M&O all-conference list. FILE | NEW MEDIA

with a 12-5 record, with most of his losses coming at the 138 weight class.

He competed in the 132 class during the postseason, and placed first at regionals to qualify for sectionals for a second straight year.

"I approached every match the same, believing that I could win," said Marquardt. "I always practiced hard throughout the week to get

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prepared for the matches. Working hard is how I achieved this honor."

Misco put together another strong season on the mats before breaking his leg just days before the postseason began. He was a state qualifier as a freshman.



TRENT VANDENELZEN

Misco finished his season with a 10-1 record, primarily wrestling at 113 pounds.

"I cannot wait to be back on the mat," said Misco. "This year has made me appreciate

every match, and every opportunity I have to wrestle and improve myself. I plan to come back strong and give all of my effort to bring the best person and wrestler I can be."

Gillett/Suring

Sophomore Keegan Rattin and freshmen Trent VanDenElzen and Carter Whisman all made the all-conference list for the Gillett/Suring co-op.

Rattin finished with an 11-4 record on the season.

"I approached my matches like anyone else would — a little nervous at first but then realizing no matter what to always try your hardest and set your mind to a specific goal and conquer it which leads to great achievements," said Rattin.

VanDenElzen capped the year with a 9-4 mark.

Whisman finished 3-9 on the season.

"This award is something that most athletes do not expect to get their freshman year and it is a great achievement that I am happy to receive," said Whisman.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Upperclassmen ready to lead Shawano on diamond

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School softball team has high expectations going into the spring season despite losing four of its six all-conference players from a couple seasons ago.

The last time the Hawks took the field in 2019, the team finished in the middle of the Bay Conference standings. Six players received all-conference nods, but only seniors Taylor Johnson and Naomi Wynos remain from that group.

Johnson earned a spot on the first team, while Wynos was an honorable mention.

Johnson will serve as Shawano's top pitcher this spring, and play in the outfield when not in the circle. Wynos will serve as the team's third baseman.

Also back with significant varsity experience are juniors Brianna Wright



Shawano's Naomi Wynos follows through on a swing during a Division 2 regional quarterfinal game against Clintonville on May 16, 2019, at Martzke Park in Shawano. Wynos is one of two all-conference players back from the 2019 team.

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(shortstop) and Margo Gull (center field).

Another boost for the Hawks will come from senior Kendra Kristof, who is back after an injury and a couple of

years of recovery. She led the team in hitting as a freshman.

"I will work to lead by example both offensively and defensively to show the underclassmen and less

experienced players how we do things on varsity," said Johnson on how she'd help lead the team. "I'll make sure to stay positive and encourage all the girls when we encounter any obstacles along the way so we can be successful. We all need to focus on one common goal and buy into the system and we'll be successful!"

According to long-time coach Brian Johnson, the rest of the lineup will be figured out in the weeks leading up to the season.

"We expect to have some great position battles this year after a two-year layoff," said Brian Johnson.

"We have some depth for the first time in awhile."

One challenge the team might encounter is finding pitchers behind Taylor Johnson, with the coach noting the team will need "freshmen pitchers to step up in a hurry."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Bonduel will rely on hitting early, hope pitching develops

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Bonduel High School baseball team hopes to rely on its hitting while trying to establish some pitchers this spring.

Since the last time the Bears stepped on the field in 2019, the team graduated all six players who landed on a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division team. Still, the team expects another strong season.

"I think we should be competitive all year and, like every year, think we should compete for the conference

title," said Bonduel coach Donnie Gruenewald. "We will have to try to find answers on who will step up to take on a large share of the pitching load. Our hitting will have to carry us to start the year."

While no all-conference players are back, the Bears do have several experienced seniors to turn to.

One of those players is senior catcher Garrett Engel, who will try and take some of the pressure off the team's pitchers.

"My job behind the plate is always to make my pitcher look good," said Engel. "With having the experience

I've got, I will always be sharing my knowledge. I firmly believe a catcher calls an entire game and can be the difference between a win or loss with even just one pitch in the game.

"I believe a catcher and pitcher need to have good chemistry and understand each other in order for things to work, so that is what we are doing right now," Engel continued. "I'm working on understanding each and every one of my new pitchers. Framing, blocking and my throw downs are as sharp as ever to go along with that. Even with the inexperience of our pitchers this year, I believe we will

surprise many people and teams."

Seniors Carson Robaidek (shortstop) and Cole Anderson (third base) will help fill out the infield, while Anderson figures to take the mound as well.

Seniors Brett Margelofsky and Jack Johnson will help anchor the outfield.

Juniors Reece Stoltenow and Adam Beilfuss and freshman Noah Weier also will play in the infield for the Bears. Stoltenow also is expected to be a part of the team's pitching staff.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Bonduel must blend experience with new varsity players

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Like many teams across the state, the Bonduel High School softball team will try and fuse its experienced players with several underclassmen to put together a strong season.

Bonduel, which is coached by Chris Reinke, does not return any all-conference players from the 2019 season, but it does have several experienced players back as it prepares to play in the always tough Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division.

Senior Halea Sporisky will serve as a leader for Bonduel's outfielders, while senior catcher Joanie Wudtke helps the team's pitchers. Juniors Julia Lorbiecki and Nicole Koeller will fill out the outfield.

Junior Claire Gehm was the team's top pitcher in 2019, but she'll have some more help this season.

Reinke says sophomore Naki-

yah Henning and freshmen Hailee Thompson and Hailey Zernicke could also spend time in the circle. All three players will play in the infield.

Sophomore Macy Niles is another option in the infield for the Bears. Freshman Lila Pleshek can play all over the diamond, including catcher.

While the upperclassmen know the varsity game, they also know team success could depend on how quickly the underclassmen get acquainted with the elevated level of play.

"As a senior on the team this year, I plan to try and help make them (underclassmen) feel as comfortable as possibly with us upperclassmen," said Sporisky. "I know it's very intimidating coming up to the high school level with the older girls, but I hope I can help them make a smooth transition and just overall have a fun successful year!"

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Bonduel's Claire Gehm throws a pitch during a game against Amherst on May 7, 2019 in Bonduel. Gehm is one of several pitchers the team can turn to this coming spring.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls High School graduate Samantha Coron capped a strong freshman season for the North Iowa Area Community College women's volleyball team last week.

In the team's regular-season victory over Southeastern Community College (Iowa) on March 23, Coron tallied 10 digs, two assists and an attack kill.

North Iowa Area had its season come to a close after a postseason loss to Hawkeye Community College (Iowa) on March 28. Coron tallied five digs, four attack kills, an assist and two block assists.

Rockhurst

Shawano graduate Averii Vomastic put together a pair of strong matches to help the Rockhurst University (Missouri) volleyball team to a pair of sweeps last week.

In Rockhurst's 25-20, 25-22, 25-14 win over Southwest Baptist University (Missouri) on March 26, Vomastic led the team with 12 attack kills. She added seven digs, two serving aces, three block assists and a solo block.

Vomastic contributed six digs, four attack kills, three block assists, two solo blocks and a service ace in the team's 25-19, 25-20, 25-18 win over William Jewel College (Missouri) on March 26.

St. Norbert

Oconto Falls grad Emily Gonnering competed in four events for the St. Norbert College track and field team during the Carroll Alumni Invitational on March 27.

Gonnering placed 14th in the javelin throw (21.36 meters). She took 35th in the shot put (8.53) and 37th in the hammer throw (25.92). She didn't post a distance in the discus competition.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Simon Stewart pitched a scoreless inning for the St. Norbert baseball team during a 10-4 loss to the University of Chicago on March 27.

Stewart allowed a pair of hits but also struck out a batter to get out of the inning unscathed.

Edgewood

Gresham graduate Mackenzie Hoffman and the Edgewood College softball team went 0-4 across a pair of doubleheaders last week.

Hoffman scored a run and had a sacrifice bunt for her team in a 10-2 loss in the first game against Concordia University on March 24. Hoffman drew a walk in the second game against the Milwaukee School of Engineering on March 27.

Hamline

Shawano grad Peyton Buerman lost a doubles match while competing for the Hamline University (Minnesota)

women's tennis team on March 27. Hamline lost 8-1 to St. Olaf College (Minnesota).

Buerman and her No. 3 doubles partner Janie Schwartz lost 8-0.

Bryant and Stratton

Shawano graduate Bayleigh Laabs helped the Bryant and Stratton softball team to a doubleheader sweep over College of Lake County (Illinois) on March 22.

In a 15-4 win in game one, Laabs finished with two hits and three runs scored. Laabs added another hit in the team's 14-0 win in game two.

UW-Stevens Point

Oconto Falls grad Mitchell Manns helped the UW-Stevens Point baseball team accomplish some history during his first career collegiate game. Manns served as the catcher for the team's combined no-hitter against Finlandia University (Michigan), a game UWSP won 10-0 on March 25.

UWSP pitchers struck out 18 batters across eight innings. Only four Finlandia batters reached. At the plate, Manns drew a walk and then stole a base.

Ripon

Witt-Birn graduate Lauren Bahr competed in several events for the Ripon College women's swim team in its season-ending dual against Lake Forest

College (Illinois) on March 27.

As an individual, Bahr placed second in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2 minutes, 31.03 seconds. She placed third in the 100 backstroke (1:06.78) and came in 11th in the 50 freestyle (27.32). Bahr was also on the second-place finishing 200 medley relay (1:59.69) and third-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:47.38).

Concordia

Shawano grad Jewel Waupekenay played in her first career collegiate game on March 24 for the Concordia University softball team.

Waupekenay served as a pinch-runner and scored a run in the team's 10-2 victory over Edgewood College.

Des Moines Area

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner helped the Des Moines Area Community College (Iowa) men's basketball team to two wins last week.

Haffner knocked down three 3-pointers and four total field goals during an 11-point performance in a 78-57 win over Northeast Community College (Iowa) on March 24. He also had two assists and a rebound in 26 minutes of action.

Haffner didn't score in the team's 77-65 victory over Kirkwood Community College (Iowa) on March 27, but he did post two assists, two rebounds and a steal in 27 minutes of play.



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Agriculture keeps county economy turning

Shawano County 4th in Wisconsin in hay production

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The state of agriculture in Shawano County is a good one, according to a report given March 24 to the Shawano County Board of Supervisors.

Robert Krause, vice president of the Shawano County Farm Bureau, noted that there were a lot of whippers on the county board when he was a supervisor that the individual farms were getting bigger and there was concern that corporations were taking over and pushing out the farmers who have called this place home for decades. Not to worry, he said, because 1,093 farms — about 96% of the farms in the county — are family farms, according to information compiled by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension in 2019.

“Some of those family farms have outside investors,” Krause said. “Yes, the family farm has changed drastically since that Saturday Evening Post picture of Ma in her kerchief and Pa holding a pitchfork. That’s completely changed.”

Instead, farmers are contending with spotty cell phone coverage and trying to access farm records on “the cloud,” Krause said. He noted that the county board has managed to improve the situation a little when it comes to cell phone and internet access.

“It’s an interesting world we’re living in — farming in Shawano

County,” Krause said.

Shawano County is fourth in the state for producing hay and other crops, according to UW-Extension data. The county produces \$9.9 million in crops each year.

UW-Extension also noted that the county farmers produce \$157.2 million in milk, \$39.9 million in grain, \$38.2 million in beef cattle and \$959,000 in Christmas trees. About \$509,000 is sold directly to local consumers, and about 247,241 acres in the county are managed by farmers, or about 43%.

Economically, farms are a key part of the county. Farms pay about \$16.3 million in sales, property and income taxes, according to UW-Extension, and they generate about \$789 million in economic activity and provide 4,849 jobs.

He noted that the farm bureau advocates for agriculture producers in the county, and it is helped by the UW-Extension office in Shawano. Even with the COVID-19 restrictions, farm bureau employees are working behind the scenes to make things happen.

“We look forward to any kind of conversation you’d like to have with us,” Krause said. “If you have an issue coming up that has something to do with farming or agriculture in Shawano County, and you’d like some information or someone to sit on a committee and come up with a proposal, we’ll try to put somebody out for you.”

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2 write-ins emerge for Gresham village president

With Grosskopf's passing, Giese and Bahr vying for chance to lead community

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Voters in Gresham will be casting their vote April 6 for their next village president.

For the village president, the only candidate on the ballot is incumbent Lyle Grosskopf, who recently passed away. With Grosskopf as the only name listed, Rick Giese is running as a registered write-in. Art Bahr is on the ballot for a trustee position, but is also running a non-registered write-in campaign for the village president position.

Giese has been serving on the Gresham Village Board for 20 years and also has a spot as the vice chairman on the Shawano County Board.

Giese began his campaign for the position after he was approached by a number of board members.

As he is running his write-in campaign, he has noticed a lot of support from those he has talked to.

"I have been going door to door, letting people know that I am running," said Giese. "I have talked to a lot of people who have told me that they would support me."

If he was elected as the village president, Giese would like to see some changes within the infrastructure of the village.

"I would like to upgrade the infrastructure in the village; some of it is still from the mid-1950s," said Giese.

Specifically for infrastructure upgrades, Giese wants to upgrade Fisher and Main streets including adding sidewalks. Upgrading the infrastructure within the village would also appeal to Giese's next point of wanting to better market the village.



ART BAHR



RICK GIESE

Giese wants to focus on the marketing of the village as he noticed that there are empty lots to be filled.

"There are a number of lots in the village that can be filled,"

said Giese. "We can fill these lots by marketing the village better with marketing grants."

With the increase in the price for water in the city, Giese also believes that strong marketing in terms of bringing more residents in will reduce the burden on residents.

"With more residents in the village, there will be less burden on all of the residents that are paying for water in their houses," said Giese.

The Abby Bank in Gresham is also a point of emphasis for Giese. Due to the bank's size, Giese sees an opportunity for moving the village office inside of the bank.

"We have preliminary talks of moving the village office inside of the bank, because it is so big in a small community," said Giese.

Due to serving as a trustee for numerous years and his position within Shawano County, Giese believes that he is qualified for the position of village president.

"I am qualified for this position due to my experience working with local governments," said Giese.

Even though he is not on the ballot, Bahr is running a write-in campaign, talking to local businesses and people within the community, in hopes of them writing him in.

Bahr has lived in Gresham for most of his life. He has previously served as the village administrator and utility manager as well as serving as a trustee.

"I am running for the village president, because I really do have a passion for the village," said Bahr.

Bahr is currently employed as a community development specialist with MSA Professional Services. In his position, Bahr's experience includes having worked with a funding team on various state and federal agencies grant and loan programs, having attended client council meetings to help them with the community and economic development, and having administered grants and loans.

Bahr has worked with 60 differ-

ent communities within Wisconsin and believes that his experience engineering projects would be beneficial for Gresham.

"This would be a perfect opportunity for the community to capitalize on my experience," said Bahr.

If elected president, Bahr plans to assign specific responsibilities for the committees to provide the planning necessary for the village board to discuss and debate issues. Bahr wants to see important decisions made based on data and reports, rather than assumptions.

"The problem is that the committees in Gresham do not have strong plans," said Bahr. "I want to go back to the basics and be able to have a plan in case certain situations arise"

After telling those in the community that he is running a write-in campaign, Bahr has noticed that the feedback has been positive.

"Almost everyone that I have talked to has thought that it was a good idea," said Bahr. "People have been wondering why I wasn't on the ballot."

Bahr would also like to see a change in how the public is able to get their information from board agendas.

"There could be improvements made in facets of the village operations," said Bahr. "Improvements to the agendas, so that all public members can more clearly understand the decisions that are being made."

Bahr would also make plans on to use the American Rescue Plan Act funds and other stimulus programs.

"I just want to see a better planned future with respect to all of the village residents," said Bahr.

When the election comes around, village clerk Judy Kristof noted that if voters ask specific questions about Giese and Bahr, the poll workers can only give information about Giese because he is a registered write in, as Bahr is not registered.

When at the election site, voters will see a place for a write-in name on their paper ballot or an area to type in a name on the machine ballot.

If Grosskopf does in fact win the election, then the next step would be for the village board to appoint someone else as the next village president.

lreimer@newmedia-wi.com

ITEMS WANTED FOR SEYMOUR FFA ALUMNI 25TH ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

- Tractors and Farm Equipment
- Lawn and Garden Equipment
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Other times by appointment ONLY

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For more information or to consign equipment call

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SKID STEER - EQUIPMENT

Bobcat 825 skid steer, newer Troy Bilt Bronco riding lawn mower & push mower, h.d. welding table, garage style hoist, large winch, floor drill press, Craftsman 12" floor band saw, Craftsman 10" table saw, Milwaukee Sawzall, tool boxes, parts cabinet, air transfer tank, 100 gal & smaller LP tanks, new in box corner wood heatilator, 2 wheel barrels, shop vac, 40/200 battery charger, jump starter, many gas cans, older Craftsman welder, wood furnace, air conditioner.

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20' Jamaica Sun Cruiser pontoon with 50 hsp Evinrude motor & 2 yr old Trinity trailer, 14' Aluma Craft boat w/Sea Nymph trailer, paddle boat, Jayco 24' camper trailer, 4 place ATV trailer, 7 boat motors from small Antq Mercury up to 15 hsp Mercury, boat anchors, 2 nice 6 & 7 gun cabinets, picnic table, Cabela size 12 gortex boots, Harley & Carhart jackets 2X & 3X, Mahogany dresser, Samsung 60" flat screen t.v., Martin compound bow, glass end table, pet tote & more.

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ART BAHR

Village President

April 6th

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Mobile mammography unit schedule expands

The city of Oconto Falls and its surrounding communities will soon have greater access to breast health screenings thanks to mobile mammography that will be offered on the campus of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital.

Starting Friday, April 2, a mobile mammography unit will travel to the HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Oconto Falls Health Center, 835 S. Main St., Oconto Falls on the first, third and fourth Fridays of each

month and the second Monday of each month. Appointments will be available between 8:40 a.m. and 2:40 p.m.

The unit, fully accredited by the American College of Radiology, is equipped with mammography technology that has the capability to provide 3-D and/or digital images. It also features two changing rooms and a waiting room and is staffed by a registered mammography technologist.

Prevea Health and HSHS Eastern Wisconsin hospitals launched the

mobile mammography unit in 2018 to provide residents in rural areas greater access to high-quality breast health screenings. The unit also currently travels to HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Health Centers in Gillett, Lena and Mountain, as well as Prevea Health Centers in Oconto, Pulaski, Shawano, Marinette and other northeast Wisconsin communities.

Appointments in any of those communities can be made by calling 920-496-4789. To learn about the mobile

mammography unit and watch a video tour, visit www.prevea.com/mammo

All women should talk with their health care provider about the appropriate timing for screening mammograms, especially women who are age 40 or high-risk. A schedule will be based upon an individual's health. At age 40, any woman may wish to begin regular screening mammograms. By age 45, women should have a screening mammogram and continue to have one at least every other year.

Vegetable selection for home gardens begins now

This is not exactly prime gardening weather in far Northeast Wisconsin. However, if you are planning on having any type of a vegetable garden, now is the time to order/procure seeds for that garden. Gardeners who start their own seeds at home need to get some of those long-season plants started sooner rather than later. Also, if you plan on planting very particular cultivars, 2021 seed supply of some items may be a bit shorter than normal, so you will want to get your seed orders submitted.

As you look through the myriad of available options when it comes to selecting vegetable seeds, there are a few key criteria that you should keep in mind. First, make sure your family actually likes them. Granted, this sounds a bit silly, but you don't want to plant 20 plants of a new tomato or cucumber cultivar only to find out that the flavor doesn't match your family's desires. Part of the fun of gardening is trying new species or cultivars, but do so with caution and only try a small row of a new carrot or a plant or two of a new tomato, pepper, etc. — until you know that you do like it.

Along with a few new ones, have your primary production be the stand-by types that you know are acceptable for your flavor and use desires. If trying a new species, consider one of the recommended cultivars found in the Vegetable Cultivars and Planting Guide for WI Gardens, available free online at: <https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0145/8808/4272/files/A1653.pdf>.

In our growing region, another major consideration factor is maturity. Granted, this is a relative measurement. A 55-day tomato does not produce mature, edible fruit 55 days after planting the seed. However, a 55-day tomato will produce edible fruit much sooner than will an 80-day cultivar.



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In the Oconto County region, you will want to avoid growing vegetables that have days to maturity ratings of over 100 days. The only way these are viable is if you start the seeds indoors

long before you are able to transplant them outside. In particular, avoid longer day maturity vine crops (squashes, pumpkins, melons); tomato family plants (tomatoes, eggplant, pepper); and any other full-season, heat-loving crop that is later maturing.

Other traits to consider include plant size, growth habit, disease resistance, and pest likelihood. If planting in-ground gardens, you have more flexibility on the first two traits, but if planting in containers, you will likely want to select smaller plants. Simple to grow plants can surprise you if you get the wrong trait. A row of green beans you thought were bush-type, but are actually pole beans, may goof up your garden plan, and will definitely create a need for a full-scale trellis or support system. Alternatively, an easy way to expand a small garden's production is to raise vining crops and go vertical.

Some pests are very predictable, and if we don't have the inclination to manage them, we may simply not want to plant the vegetables which they impact. In some vegetables, we can select for pest resistance and make our gardening less frustrating and require less work. Not all plant groups have natural pest resistance, however. There is no resistance within the cabbage family to the caterpillars which feed on them.

Some vegetables have types within which we need to choose. A good

example is onions. In our region, we need to plant long-day onions and get them in the ground as early as feasible. Long-day onions will start forming the bulb after triggered to do so by nights being shorter than a certain number of hours. In our northern region, this occurs in mid to late June. If we plant short-day onions, such as Vidalia types, they would not be triggered to start forming their bulbs until way too late in our growing season and we would likely only get green, salad-type growth from them.

As an example, let's focus on the most commonly grown home garden vegetable = tomatoes. If you buy seed and start your own plants, you can choose from over 500 different cultivars. Buying plants locally, you may have 20-30 to choose. When you select a tomato cultivar, you are selecting for fruit size, color, and shape, but, most importantly, maturity and growth habit. You certainly want to have tomato fruits that meet your desires, whether that be for salads, sandwiches, or making salsa and other processing uses. However, you really need them to mature in our growing season and be ready when/how you want them.

Tomato plants come in all shapes and sizes, but the most important difference is whether they are determinate or indeterminate. Determinate tomatoes are generally more compact plants and they form all their flowers within a relatively short time frame, meaning that most of the fruits mature within a shorter time period. These are the types grown for commercial harvest to make into tomato products, but also work very well for home canners. Indeterminate tomatoes are more vining, larger plants which produce flowers up until they get killed by frost. This trait gives them more yield capacity, but can also be frustrating,

as they may put their energy into constant growth and blooming and not into maturing the fruits already set on the plant, leading to very late maturing fruit. You can help get around this by pruning off new blossoms starting in early to mid-August.

The last point we will discuss is seed cost. 2020 was not the best seed production year for some vegetables and demand is already high, so seed cost is likely to be higher than recent years. You may need to do some searching at various locations or through multiple catalogs to find the cultivar you want, and don't be afraid to do some cost comparison. If you grow the same types of vegetables year after year, one simple way to cut cost per seed planted is to buy a larger quantity and freeze the seed you don't plant. Placing the seed in glass jars in a freezer is optimum, especially if you have a self-defrosting freezer. Non-defrosting freezers are better for seed storage, as you have more flexibility in containers utilized. Seed viability of most species is very good in the freezer, allowing you to plant them for many years, up to decades in some cases.

We can't review every possible decision point here, but if you do a little homework and look at resources such as the planting guide already referenced, you can find information to assist you. Anyone can always contact me, Scott Reuss, UW-Madison Division of Extension agriculture/horticulture agent, with any questions about vegetable selection, or any other horticultural or agricultural issue. I can be reached at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu. You can also find locally oriented horticulture management articles, including seed starting basics, at the Marinette Extension office webpage.

NOTICE OF BUDGET CHANGE

The following budget adjustment/transfer has been approved by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on March 18, 2021:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Contingency Fund	Land & Water Conservation	\$114,823	Retain Conservation Planner Position (through 9/30/2024)

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

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Town of Stiles
April 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Stiles on the 6th day of April 2021, the following will be submitted to a vote of the people:

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Question 1: Should the Town of Stiles Town Board allow ATV/UTV traffic on town roads?

A copy of the entire text directing the submission of the advisory (non-binding) referendum question can be obtained from the office of the Town of Stiles Clerk. Persons with questions regarding the referendum should contact Marilyn Magnin, Town of Stiles Clerk.

Done in the Town of Stiles
on March 23, 2021
Marilyn Magnin, Town of Stiles Clerk

WNAXLP

Notice of the City of Oconto Falls Open Book & Board of Review

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COUNTY OF OCONTO

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK FOR ASSESSMENT ROLL EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the Year 2021 assessment will be open for examination on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 2021 at the City Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Ave from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. **If property owners have questions regarding the valuation of their real estate or personal property and are unable to attend Open Book examination date, you are encouraged to contact R & R Assessing, 307 N Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin (920-846-4250) prior to this date to discuss any concerns.**

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review (from here on referred to as BOR or board) for the City of Oconto Falls shall meet on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the City Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Ave to hear objections from property owners who follow requirements pursuant to s.70.47(7), Wis. Stats.

Please be advised of the following requirements:

- Sec.70.47(7)(aa), Wis.Stats., provides that the BOR may deny a hearing to a property owner who does not allow the assessor to complete an exterior view.
- After the first BOR meeting and before the BOR's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the BOR may contact, or provide information to, a member of the BOR about that person's objection except at a BOR session.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the BOR or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub. (3) (a), that person provides to the BOR clerk a notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub.(6m) and if so which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.
- When appearing before the BOR, the person must specify in writing, his or her estimate of the land value and improvements that he or she is objecting and the person must specify the information that he or she used to arrive at that estimate.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or object to a valuation; if the assessor or objector made the valuation using the income method; unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under state law (sec.73.03(2a), Wis.Stats.), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county must provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses provided to the assessor under this paragraph and provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under state law (sec.19.35(1), Wis.Stats.).

Respectfully submitted, City of Oconto Falls Deputy Clerk Nancy M. Brye

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TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of voting machines to be used at the General Election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, will be conducted for the Town of Oconto Falls on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Town of Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22 West, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Rodney Fifield
Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY
A PUBLIC TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC
VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE April 6, 2021
ELECTION WILL BE HELD
ON April 1stst, 2021 AT 5:30 pm
AT THE MAPLE VALLEY TOWN HALL
9088 CNTY HWY Z
SURING, WI 54174

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CURRENT COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Oconto Falls School District is currently seeking the following coach(es):

HIGH SCHOOL COACH(ES)

- Boys Basketball Varsity - Head Coach (WECAN Vacancy ID #102191)
- Volleyball - Freshman Coach
- Football - High School Assistant Coach

Requirements:

- CPR Certified or willing to become certified



To apply email jerome.moynihan@of-ps.org

TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS 8680 HWY 22 OCONTO FALLS WI. 54154

Bids & Proposals bid request

this is L.R.I.P. Project. The town of oconto falls requests sealed bids for the following project. Gray lake reconstruction approximately 4890ft x 24ft wide

Work to performed

replace existing culverts in that section of road
add 3 inches of gravel and grade, compacted.
pulverize existing roadbed with new gravel
fine grading
mulch and seeding were needed
staking
traffic control
excavation

bidders are required to provide proof of insurance

questions directed to dave alsteen 920-373-7435 or email dalsteensouthernfire@hotmail.com

bids must be submitted by april 12 at noon to
dave alsteen

5469 elm lawn road
oconto falls wi. 54154

mark bids L.R.I.P project gray lake road

the town reserves the right to reject any and all bids or accept the bid most advantageous to the town of oconto falls march 6th 2020

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Notice of Special Election for Partisan Office, Election for Nonpartisan Office, Referendum Election and Sample Ballots

April 6, 2021

OFFICE OF THE OCONTO COUNTY CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF OCONTO COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a Special Partisan Election and Spring General election to be held in Oconto County on the 6th day of April 2021, at which the officer named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for this 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, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Paper Ballots and Optical Scan Voting is Used

ATTENTION: Special Partisan Office – Oconto County voters in the 89th Assembly District will vote for the following: Representative to the Assembly District 89
Vote for 1
Karl Jaeger, Democratic
Elijah Behnke, Republican
Write-in, Libertarian
Write-in, Constitution
Municipalities represented by the 89th Assembly Districts are as follows:
Towns of Abrams, Little River, Little Suamico, Oconto, Pensaukee, Stiles, City of Oconto.

ATTENTION: ALL OCONTO COUNTY VOTERS WILL VOTE FOR:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Vote for 1
Jill Underly
Deborah Kerr
Court of Appeals Judge
District 3
Vote for 1
Rick Cveykus
Gregory B. Gill, Jr.

THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES WILL ALSO VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES AND OFFICES:

Multi-Jurisdictional Judge
Municipal Judge for the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, and Towns of Beaver and Pound, Villages of Coleman and Crivitz, Marinette County
Vote for 1
Clifford Patz
Municipal Judge for the Towns of Breed, Doty, Gillett, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverview, Townsend, Underhill and the City of Gillett, Oconto County and the Town of Green Valley, Shawano County
Vote for 1
Randy G. Winkler

Town of Abrams
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Don Dameron

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Debbie Annie Winans
Dennis R. Ferdon
Curt A. Haffeman

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Jean Hansen
Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Tara Klug

Constable
Vote for 1
Raymond Rybka

Town of Bagley
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Greg Lechleitner
Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Tom Bauer
Darryl Houska
Herb Fischer
Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Alan Sleeter

Town of Brazeau
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Ryan Wendt

Town of Abrams
Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
John A. Fetterly
Write-in

Town of Breed
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Richard Vande Wattering

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Timothy D. Mitchell
Deven Babicky
Larry Zimmerman

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Deanna Tachick
Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Ethel Firgens

Town of Chase
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Gary Van Lannen
Adam H. Gwidt

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Jeff Van Enkevort
Dennis Kroll
Mike Schwarm

Town of Doty
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Andrew Stemp

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Randy Siewert
Andy Dryja

Town of Gillett
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Andy Schaal

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

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Renee Carlson

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Kim Schroeder

Town of How
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
William Bartz Jr.

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

Town Clerk/ Treasurer
Vote for 1
Mary Woods

Town of Lakewood
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Write-in

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Edward W. Edison
Write-in

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Write-in

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Virginia Nelson

Town Assessor
Vote for 1
Peter A. Liptack

Town of Lena
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Kevin Jagiello

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Wade Kosmal
Scott Cook
Anthony Fetterly

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Dawn Van Ark

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Jean St. Louis

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device, ImageCast Evolution-ICE*, to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad 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 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 Touch Screen Voting is Used.

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. 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 questions.

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

Spoiled Ballots

If the voter spoils a **paper or optical scan ballot**, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another

ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been 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.

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 shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

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

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

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI

The following is a list of candidates for office and samples of the official ballot.

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
Steven Carlin
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
Dave Alsteen

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Victor Peterson

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Michael L. Kaczmarek

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Susan L. Mogged

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Sue A. Konitzer

Town of Pensaukee
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Mike D. Skaggs

Town Clerk/ Treasurer
Vote for 1
Lynn Kauzlaric

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Daniel Bergh

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Jacki Nelis

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Jody Liegeois

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Ann Telford Ristow
Sandra Falk

Town of Riverview
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Ann Hogan

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Jim Zittlow
David Szepanski
Dick L. Booth

Town of Spruce
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Terry Brazeau

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Fred Witt
Brian M. Rieth

Town of Stiles
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Steve Dupuis

Town Board Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Dani Sonesen
Blaine Konitzer

Town Board Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
Robert Telford

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Marilyn A. Magnin

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Tanya M. Peterson

Referendum
Should the Town of Stiles Town Board allow ATV/UTV traffic on town roads?

Town of Townsend
Town Board Chairperson
Vote for 1
Carla Rae Van Camp

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Lisa Duca
Joe Heyman
Monica Zeller
Linda B. Adamczyk

Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Linda Ziegler

Town Treasurer
Vote for 1
Beth Hartman

DOG PARK REOPENS



The Oconto Falls Dog Park was scheduled to open for the season on Thursday, April 1. The park features a special area for smaller dogs, and dogs must wear current license tags on their collars while in the park. A complete list of rules is posted outside the entrance to the park, 238 N. Maple Ave. The park was a Gold Award project of Girl Scout Emily Gonnering of Oconto Falls, who is now a sophomore at St. Norbert College in De Pere. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

MARRIAGES

Peter Jo Katers and Jody Lynn Pinkowski, Oconto Falls.
Noah Fredrick Peterson, Oconto, and Renee Cameron Schlador, Oconto Falls.
Casey Daniel Carre and Sarah Ann Lauman, Chase.
Brian James Weslow and Amanda Mae Williams, Little Suamico.

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Town of Underhill Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1 Peter Vorpahl Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2 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 Nicholas Heise Write-in	Village of Suring Village President Vote for 1 Leslie Steffek Village Trustee Vote for not more than 3 James F. Kohlwey Amber Wozniak Terry Bengtson Dale Hazelrigg Angie Whiting City of Gillett Alderspersion Ward 1 Vote for 1 Matthew Stroik Alderspersion Ward 2 Vote for 1 Gary Spaulding Alderspersion Ward 3 Vote for 1 Debbie Rudie	City of Oconto Alderspersion at Large Vote for not more than 2 John W. Reed Jean Feldt Wesley A. Markusen Tina Frye City of Oconto Falls Alderspersion District 1 Wards 1 & 2 Vote for 1 Devin Wirtz Alderspersion District 2 Wards 3 & 4 Vote for 1 Ashley Bahrke Alderspersion 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:	Coleman, Crivitz, Lena, Peshtigo, and Wabeno publish separately from Oconto County Gillett School District School Board Member At Large Vote for not more than 2 Jamie Heroux Katie Pecha Daul Oconto Unified School District School Board Member Rural Seat Vote for 1 Samantha Routheau Boucher School Board Member City Seat Vote for 1 Bobbi Brazeau Christopherson
Referendum Question I BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Oconto Unified School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the District's buildings and grounds and equipment acquisition including: learning space modernization, renovations and improvements; safety and security upgrades; and building infrastructure and systems upgrades and replacements. Shall the foregoing resolution of the School Board of the Oconto Unified School District be approved?	by Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes for a period of five years commencing with the 2021-22 school year and ending with the 2025-26 school year on a non-recurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs. Shall the School Board of the Oconto Unified School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount of \$800,000 each year for a period of five years commencing with the 2021-22 school year and ending with the 2025-26 school year on a non-recurring basis for the purpose of paying District operation and maintenance costs as provided in the foregoing resolution?		
Referendum Question II BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Oconto Unified School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, that the final school district budget shall include an amount of \$800,000 each year in excess of the revenue limits imposed	Oconto Falls School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 3 Clint Gardebrecht Bryan B. Baumler Kenneth Harter		
Pulaski School District School Board Member Zone 2 – Townships of Chase, Little Suamico, and Morgan Vote for 1 Jaclyn Fradette Jeromy J. Delebrea	School Board Member Zone 5 – Town of Pittsfield and Village of Suamico Vote for 1 Sara Mangold	School Board Member – Member at Large Vote for 1 Dan Nowak Megan Mills-Koehler	Suring School District School Board Member the Village of Suring Vote for 1 Dennis D. Piepkorn
			School Board Member From the Town of Breed Vote for 1 Paul Thomson Wendy Wozniak

system will be widely used for emergency service, home deliveries and other uses such as snow plowing.

LENA –John and Pat Senn announce the birth of a son, Gregory Paul, March 24. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 21inches long.

40 years ago • April 1, 1981 •

Times Herald

GILLETT – It was a sad day Friday afternoon when the Mirro Aluminum plant closed its doors, affecting 47 employees. As late as last summer, 191 people were employed in the 24,000 square-foot building.

OCONTO – A utility pole caught fire on the Art Noack property, knocking out service to the Noack home.

OCONTO FALLS – Millard (Chief)

Delsart, electrical superintendent, retired from Scott Paper Company after 34 years of dedicated service.

35 years ago • April 2, 1986 •

Times Herald

OCONTO – It was called the worst flood in Oconto history, with comparisons made to the floods of 1956 and 1923. The warm weather from March 24 to 31 brought a rush of water to Oconto with the Oconto River starting to overflow Tuesday and cresting Thursday.

From the archives of NEW Media and the Oconto Falls Community Library.

EGG HUNT



Easter egg hunters gather outside Gillett Elementary School for a past year's Eggstravaganza. This year's event is 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the church, 5890 State Highway 22 West, Gillett.

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OCONTO COUNTY LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

At the election to be held on April 6, 2021, in the County of Oconto, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated below.

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

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

Town of Abrams W1-3

Jean Hansen (920) 826-2299
5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI 54101

Town of Bagley W1

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

Town of Brazeau W1-3

Brooke Kriescher (920) 897-3855
10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161

Town of Breed W1

Deanna Tachick (920) 842-2166
11155 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174

Town of Chase W1-5

Dan Kroll (920) 822-1560
8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162

Town of Doty W1

Cheryl Field (715) 276-7554
14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149

Town of Gillett W1&2

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

Town of How W1&2

Mary Woods (920) 842-4584
12896 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
Mailing address: 12875 Birch Lane, Suring, WI 54174

Town of Lakewood W1

Denise A. Jactett (715) 276-3579
17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, WI 54138
Mailing address: PO Box 40, Lakewood, WI 54138

Town of Lena W1

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

Town of Little River W1&2

Amy Peterson (920) 373-7095
3627 County Road A, Oconto, WI 54153

Town of Little Suamico W1-8

Nikki Tolzman (920) 826-7655
5964A County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171

Town of Maple Valley W1

Cindy Tousey (920) 598-0601
9088 County Road Z, Suring, WI 54174
Mailing address: PO Box 384, Suring, WI 54174

Town of Morgan W1&2

Julie Belongia (920) 846-0699
3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Mailing address: 4093 Elm Lawn Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Town of Mountain W1

Lynn Kauzlaric (715) 276-6474
Bill Lazansky Community Center
13412 State Highway 32/64
Mountain, WI 54149
Mailing address: 13503 Weller Road, Mountain, WI 54149

Town of Oconto W1-3

Lori Scanlan (920) 834-4351
6120 Cream City Road, Oconto, WI 54153
Mailing address: 3649 State Highway 22, Oconto, WI 54153

Town of Oconto Falls W1&2

Rod Fifield (414) 403-3366
8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Mailing address: 9256 Holtz Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Town of Pensaukee W1&2

Jody Liegeois (920) 826-2010
4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101

Town of Riverview W1&2

Beth Hartman (715) 276-6914
15471 State Hwy 32, Mountain, WI 54149
Mailing address: PO Box 220, Mountain, WI 54149

Town of Spruce W1&2

Lisa Peitersen (920) 829-5111
9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Mailing address: PO Box 52, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Town of Stiles W1&2

Marilyn A. Magnin (920) 846-3159
5718 Watercrest Road, Lena, WI 54139
Mailing Address: 7031 Bacon Road, Lena, WI 54139

Town of Townsend W1

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

Town of Underhill W1

Tracy Winkler (920) 855-2942
5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124

Village of Lena W1

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

Village of Suring W1

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

City of Gillett W1-3

Chelsea Anderson (920) 855-2255
150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124

City of Oconto W1-7

Sara Perrizo (920) 834-7711
1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153

City of Oconto Falls W1-6

Nancy Brye (920) 846-4505 x106
500 N. Chestnut Ave, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers

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

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Peppers**
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 8oz Bag

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 3# Bag

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Turkey Breast**

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 Asst Variety
 16oz

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 12oz

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 Asst Variety
 24oz

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Frosting**
\$1.49
 Asst Variety
 12-16oz

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\$1.29
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