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A blue-winged teal makes his landing approach May 14 at the Oconto Marsh, which teems with waterfowl this time of year, both migratory and native birds.
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Charges dropped against former Gillett mayor

Allegations of theft in a business setting dismissed 'without prejudice'

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

An Oconto County judge has dismissed the theft charges filed last year against former Gillett Mayor James Beaton.

"The state cannot meet its burden of proof," District Attorney Edward D. Burke Jr. said in a two-sentence motion filed May 13 in Oconto County Circuit Court.

Judge Michael T. Judge granted the motion May 18 and ordered the case dismissed without prejudice, meaning the charges could be filed again in the future.

A jury trial had been scheduled for June 23-25 until Burke moved to dismiss the charges last week.

**JAMES BEATON**

Beaton, 40, now of Appleton, was charged in February 2020 with 13 counts of theft in a business setting over allegations he misappropriated funds for his own use while managing Legacy Funeral

Chapels, now known by its original name of Kuehl Funeral Home.

The criminal charges had been filed a few weeks after Beaton filed a breach of contract suit against the former owners of the funeral home. That case remains unresolved, with a scheduling conference currently on

the court calendar for Aug. 4.

Beaton was mayor of Gillett from April 2018 until October 2019, three weeks after the funeral home was sold and the new owners terminated him and evicted him from the attached living quarters.

Because he moved in with a friend outside the city limits, City Council members privately asked for his resignation and negotiated a "release and separation agreement" in a secretive process that was not made public until after it was approved. Beaton received a lump-sum payment representing his salary for the last six months of his term (\$2,762.50) in exchange for his resignation.

School board to review building audit

Consulting firm analyzed all Oconto Falls facilities, especially middle school

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

The Oconto Falls School Board is scheduled to get an in-depth briefing Monday on the recent audit of the school district's educational facilities.

The meeting is scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. in the performing arts center at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

The board has been working for years toward a possible referendum next spring on whether to repair or replace Washington Middle School. As part of that process, it hired the consulting firm Nexus Solutions to study all of the district's school buildings.

That study is now completed, and company officials gave an overview May 10 summarizing the 300-page report and promising a thorough review at Monday's meeting. Mike David, president of Nexus, appeared before the board with Brian Winterle, architectural engineer, and Chris Gibbs, an architect and educational planner.

The audit involved a room-by-room review of how each building

supports the programs being offered, down to the size and proportions of spaces, safety and security, and whether related spaces are positioned adjacent to each other, Gibbs said.

"One of the things that's really important since you guys are in the world of educating students, is how well your facilities really support that," Gibbs said.

The buildings were each given a scorecard with an analysis of 22 areas graded red, yellow or green — red meaning that improvements are definitely needed and green meaning the space is adequate.

Although no recommendations or decisions have been made, Gibbs acknowledged that Washington Middle School needs a lot of work.

"We're talking about things like how we make the front entry more secure, how we get the commons and the cafeteria space to work as efficiently as possible so it makes the educational time more effective for the rest of the day, (and) how we might look at flex spaces, which critically are important for middle-school learning," he said.

The group also presented a conceptual diagram about how a new building might be positioned on the property purchased as a possible middle school site, across County Road I from the campus that now includes the high school, Oconto Falls Elementary School and the district offices.

"Lots of conversations need to be had about what this would actually be, but it's one placeholder of how a middle school might fit on that site," Gibbs said.

The Nexus group included a timeline for continued study and work leading up to an April 5, 2022, referendum question. The summer would be spent reviewing and prioritizing projects with staff, gathering community input and conducting a community survey.

In the fall, the community would be engaged as the district convenes a facilities task force and develops a financial plan for any project, with the board making a final decision and setting the question in December and January.

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The proposed amendment is intended to update the comprehensive plan including but not limited to land uses, projections and the general plan design which will extend the design year of the plan to the year 2040.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town Hall by appointment only by contacting the Town Clerk, by mail at 8489 Sunshine Rd., Lena, WI 54139, by phone at 715-281-4672, or by email at lenatownclerk@gmail.com. A copy of the proposed amendment is also available on the County website at <https://www.co.oconto.wi.us/>. The public is invited to speak on the proposed amendment at the Public Hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. Any questions, written comments, or requests for a copy of the proposed plan amendment should be directed to the Town Clerk. Written comments will be given the same weight as oral testimony and be part of the public record.

The Plan Commission will review the comments received prior to adoption of the plan update. Plan Commission and Town Board action will occur at future meetings, for which separate notice will be provided.

Dated the 21st day of May, 2021.

Dawn Van Ark, Clerk
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Dated the 10 days of May, 2021

Mary Woods, clerk
Town of How,

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Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirement if appearing before the board:

- 1.) No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real and personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view the property.
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Geese roundup, euthanization gets green light

Resident geese numbers continue to grow while harassment efforts have limited effect

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council signed off May 12 on a plan recommended by the city parks and recreation commission that could euthanize some of the geese that have clung to Smalley Park and Huckleberry Harbor and refused to let go.

During summer months, geese have frequented the two recreational facilities and left behind their fecal matter. For the last couple of years, the city has attempted harassment techniques and other ideas to humanely get the geese to leave, but they have not.

The latest effort to control the geese started in July 2020, according to parks and recreation director Matt Hendricks. After communicating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, the recommendation was to plan a roundup, where geese would be captured and euthanized, while keeping current efforts in place.

The financial aspect is minimal, according to Hendricks. The roundup itself is expected to cost the city about \$3,500 and would be handled by the USDA. As far as the continued harassment efforts, the park and recreation department plans to purchase a radio-controlled boat and a dozen green lasers to chase away geese will cost \$200, while adding 30 minutes every night for park staff to harass the geese every night for about 18 weeks will add \$750 to the cost.

With those low financial costs, the plan would not normally need council approval. Hendricks said the matter was going before the council because the plan required working with state and federal agencies.

"The park and recreation commission, in my opinion, did its due diligence and truly evaluated the situation," Hendricks said. "It keeps in things that are already in place. It allows us to continue the vegetative management and allows us to continue robust use of the park by everyone. We believe this is the best plan going forward."

Council members agreed, noting that the city has tried other methods but still failed to keep the geese away. Alderwoman Rhonda Strebel noted that the city has more geese in the area than what is healthy.

"We are way over the limit, and



A pair of Canadian geese, along with their goslings, roam around a grassy area in Smalley Park on May 13 looking for food. The geese have long been an issue for the city of Shawano at the park and Huckleberry Harbor, and after years of trying more humane methods, the Shawano Common Council approved asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to round up and eradicate the geese.

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it's no wonder that we're having the problems and the issues that we're having," said Strebel, who noted that a city Shawano's size should have about 800 geese, but the current population was over 1,200. "I've heard from many, many constituents that, by the time they get down there at 10 o'clock with their kids and their families, all that work that was done was almost for naught."

Strebel noted that a goose leaves behind about three pounds of feces daily.

"That's a lot," she said. "When we have 800 geese, that's a lot, and we're well beyond that."

Alderman Kevin Barkow, who sat on the commission prior to being elected to the council, said that it's the resident geese that are the primary

issue. There are migratory geese that come through Shawano and other communities in northeast Wisconsin en route to other locations.

"We've tried the humane way of doing it, and it's not working," Barkow said. "You can harass them all you want. The bottom line is that they're going to come back. People can chase you out of your house, but eventually, you're going to come back home."

Alderman John Hoeft's noted that harassment efforts have prompted some of the geese to relocate to other parts of the community, making the issue more widespread.

"I've been out in the field quite a bit this year, and there are geese nesting in areas I've noticed they weren't there before, right off the field," Hoeft said. "Some of them might infiltrate the river system, too. There are a lot of geese nesting on the edge of the creeks and fields."

Alderman Brad Keuschel, who lives near Smalley Park and works with the Shawano Ski Sharks, noted that the Ski Sharks and others have tried to pitch in with chasing away the

geese, to no avail.

"I had a four-pack of lasers, and after practice, we'd go out there, but we no sooner leave the parking lot, and then they're back on shore," Keuschel said. "You can't be there 24 hours a day."

Alderwoman Lisa Hoffman noted that the city has put too much money into parks like Smalley and facilities like Huckleberry Harbor to allow the geese to ruin them for residents.

"I get people that say they try to go down there and they don't want to be there (because of the geese)," Hoffman said. "It's a protection of our investment that we've made."

Alderwoman Sandy Steinke said she advocates for animals, but she agreed that the city has done everything else to avoid killing the geese, but the problem has gotten too large.

"This is something that needs to be done, just for the city and also for the geese themselves," Steinke said. "If there's too much of something, you end up having troubles and diseases. I'd prefer not to see that happen."

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Parents unhappy with mask mandate communication

One parent cut off from speaking to board after blaming issue on superintendent

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Parents expressed their displeasure about the Shawano School District's communication issues regarding the mask mandate at the May 17 Shawano School Board meeting, with one parent getting cut off when she directly criticized the superintendent.

Several parents had gathered at Memorial Park to speak on the issue remotely via Zoom, as the school district has not resumed in-person meetings yet.

Chelsea Gilling, who currently has two children attending Shawano public schools, told the board that she understood the district was "between a rock and a hard place" during the pandemic, but she was not happy about how parents and even staff were informed that the mask mandate had been lifted once the Wisconsin Supreme Court had overturned the Gov. Tony Evers' mask policy for the state.

"At the very least, prior to the first communication going to a parent about the mask mandate essentially ending with the Supreme Court ruling, I really, really, truly feel that a communication needed to be sent to all staff members notifying them of the situation at hand," Gilling said. "After the situation was brought to light via social media, which many parents and many staff members don't have social media, there was still no email or any correspondence to parents until the following day."

Gilling added that she felt the situation could have been handled differently. She said it raises concerns about whether the district is being transparent with the community.

Parent Sondra Guetschow also spoke out about the district's transparency, and she told the board that her concerns start at the top, with the administration.

"Being a Shawano High alum, a taxpayer and a parent of three students in the district, I'm very concerned about how things are being run within our district," Guetschow said. "There is very clearly a lack of leadership, and it is starting at the top."



Shawano School District parent Chelsea Gilling, left, makes her remarks on the district's communications on the mask mandate May 17 from a picnic bench at Memorial Park remotely to the school board as Sondra Guetschow listens. Both parents had issues with the way the district informed the community that wearing masks was no longer a requirement.

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Guetschow said she has heard from a number of district employees who are unhappy with the leadership of Superintendent Randi Anderson, only referring to her as the superintendent and not naming her by name. Guetschow said she listened as they vented, but after the number grew, she realized there was something to really be concerned about.

At that point, Guetschow was abruptly cut off from Zoom access, and school board president Michael Sleeper gave a stern admonishment.

"Okay, folks," Sleeper said. "I read the policy. We're going to adhere to the policy. This kind of direct personal commentary and attack is out of order."

The policy Sleeper referred to was the board's policy on public

comments at board meetings, which does not permit any criticism of specific employees. The parents at Memorial Park had not heard Sleeper reading the policy on the YouTube livestream, as they were on the Zoom waiting room for the district, waiting to make their comments.

Sleeper asked Gilling, who spoke after Guetschow, if she had heard the reading of the policy, to which she replied: "No, I was just let in right now."

Meanwhile, Guetschow was angry about the board not listening to her concerns and spoke further with local media on what she was going to say.

"What I was going to say before I was rudely cut off by our district was that there was clearly a lack of leadership within our district, and to me, the straw that broke the camel's back was the way our mask mandate was handled," Guetschow said.

Guetschow said she felt school staff had been left in the dark when the district finally communicated there was no longer a requirement to wear masks in the schools.

"If our superintendent had shown some leadership, called the board, immediately called the staff and teachers, set up (the change) for the following Monday to give some time to get a game plan in place as far as masks go, with or without, that was never done," Guetschow said. "There was no cooperation within the district at all."

Gilling told NEW Media after the public comments that she felt it wasn't right that the district didn't inform staff of the change on the mask mandate, leaving teachers and other school employees to fend for themselves when parents found out and inquired on what was going on.

"I was just disappointed with how the communication was handled," Gilling said.

Guetschow vowed her speaking out about leadership within the district was not going to end just because the board cut her off.

"I'm more mad now than I was before today," Guetschow said. "Besides going to our local media, we're going to do some (speaking out)."

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If you don't have allergies, you likely know someone who does. The itchy, watery eyes and sneezing alone can make you miserable. We typically associate them with the seasons of spring, summer or fall; but what really are seasonal allergies?

Seasonal allergies are immune system responses triggered by exposure to allergens. The word "seasonal" implies that they occur at the same time of the year every year, if you remain in the same general location. The medical term for seasonal allergies is allergic rhinitis.

The classic symptoms of seasonal allergies include:

- Itchy, watery eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny, stuff or itchy nose
- Dark circles under the eyes
- Drainage from your nose down the back of your throat

Many people's allergy and asthma symptoms are triggered by pollen. The types of pollens that trigger symptoms vary from person to person and region to region. Here in Northeast Wisconsin, pollen is produced by most trees and weeds during the spring; grasses during summer; and ragweed in the fall.

Finding Relief

There are a few lifestyle changes that can help some individual's symptoms. When pollen levels are high, be sure to close your windows and doors and stay inside, preferably in air conditioning. Stay indoors in the morning and venture out in the afternoon as pollen counts are the highest between 5 and 10 a.m. Should you have problems with animals such as cats and dogs, be sure to avoid exposure to these pets as best as possible. If you should have issues, with dust mites, the most successful

non-medication way to relieve symptoms is by obtaining "dust mite covers" or "allergy covers" for your pillow and mattress.

Here are some other tips:

- Wear glasses or sunglasses when outdoors to minimize the amount of pollen getting into your eyes.
- Try not to rub your eyes; doing so will irritate them and could make your symptoms worse
- Do not dry your clothes on a clothesline, as the pollen in the air will stick to them.
- If you are outdoors during the day, shower at night and change your clothes.
- Wash your hands immediately after petting any animals; wash your clothes after visiting friends with pets
- To limit exposure to molds, keep humidity in your home low and clean the bathrooms, kitchen and basement regularly.

If avoiding the items that trigger your seasonal allergies is impossible, there are additional options that can help to reduce your seasonal allergy symptoms.

- **Antihistamines** – These medications counter the affects of histamine, a chemical which is released in the body during an allergic reaction. They can be found in eyedrops, nasal sprays and oral forms (tablets/syrups). Many of these medications are available over the counter.
- **Nasal sprays** – Many of these formerly prescription-only sprays have gone over the counter, but some forms are still prescription only. Sprays will reduce the swelling and mucus in the passageways. The time it takes for nasal sprays to take affect varies from person to person, but allow for a couple of weeks for the spray to reach maximum effectiveness.

- **Allergy shots** – This is a type of treatment referred to as immunotherapy. Each allergy shot contains a tiny amount of the item you are allergic to. You receive these shots regularly for three to five years. Over the course of the treatment, your allergist will gradually increase the amount of allergens in each shot to help your body become more and more desensitized to the allergens. As your immune system builds a tolerance to the allergens, your symptoms will decrease.
- **Sublingual tablets** – These are a dried form of the allergy extracts used in allergy shots. These tablets dissolve under your tongue. The first dose is taken in your allergist's office, but the rest are taken daily at home. Like allergy shots, the tablets involve teaching the immune system to tolerate the allergens. This type of therapy must begin four months before the season starts and continue until the end of the season. Right now, tablets are only available for grass pollen and ragweed pollen, and dust mite allergen.

If you are having issues finding the right form of relief for your seasonal allergy symptoms contact a Prevea Allergist.



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Spring has arrived in all of its glory

Although we've had several late frosts over the past few weeks, the glory of spring continues to unfold and grace our gardens and landscapes with bursts of vibrant color. The promise of another beautiful gardening season is upon us. We relish, as gardeners, these glorious days of May.

Each morning, it seems, there is something new to enjoy in the yard and garden. Even the first dandelions, dressed in vibrant yellow, bring a smile to my face as I see them thrust forth their sunny



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dispositions to take advantage of the first pollinators of the season.

The violets are bursting into bloom, as well, adorning our borders and beds with their rich blues, purples, yellows and white. Smart gardeners know to take advantage of this bounty and create enjoyable delicacies, such as candied violets, violet jelly, violet syrup and violet blossom cookies and scones. Find recipes for all of these and more online.

Magnolias are just about finished blooming for the season, and now the flowering crabapples are taking center stage. In colorful, feathery plumes of red, magenta, pink and white, the flowering crabapples put on a spectacular show during May. These are not only beautiful ornamental trees to have in the landscape, but important for songbirds later in the season and throughout the winter season. Robins, cedar waxwings, catbirds, bluebirds and others take advantage of their bountiful berries throughout fall and winter.

Some of the most spectacular blooms of this glorious May are the heirloom tulips, daffodils and other bulbs that adorn our garden beds. Classics, such as giant snow drops, double flowering tulips, colorful daffodils, hyacinths, fritillaria and other heirloom bulbs provide early-season color, texture and beauty when not much else is in bloom.

Heirloom daffodils are some of my favorites, and there are many to choose from. The glistening, snowy white Thalia daffodil is a classic, dainty favorite. Others include the



Bleeding hearts, here in gold, are among the glories of the May garden.

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Flowering crabapples are beginning to burst into bloom beneath the May sunshine.

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double flowering, multiple blooming Cheerfulness and Yellow Cheerfulness, as well as the unique pincushion bloom of Rip van Winkle. Many gardeners still haven't learned that

daffodils come in many other colors than yellow. Some of the most beautiful varieties bloom in shades of pink.

The crown imperials are members

of the fritillaria family and feature massive "crowns" of colorful blooms in yellow and orange. These may reach 3-4 feet tall, looking like palm trees or pineapples in the spring garden. They have a distinct, skunk-like odor — perfect for keeping deer and rabbits out of the garden beds.

Native wildflowers also put on quite a show in the spring garden. Virginia bluebells dance in the spring winds, their long, tubular blue, bell-like blooms attracting the first hummingbirds of the year, as well as bumblebees and other pollinators. Trilliums bloom in showy white, while jack-in-the-pulpits bloom in exotic maroon, striped silvery green.

As the glory of May continues, we will see more and more garden flowers burst into bloom. Bearded iris, lilacs, columbine, oriental poppies, allium and late tulips will all grace our garden beds and set the stage for the coming growing season.

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Greater yellowlegs spied at Oconto Marsh

The high-stepping quick strides and rapid head bobs of the greater yellowlegs as it waded through the shallows caught our eye on a recent visit to the Oconto Marsh.

A relatively tall shorebird, its yellow legs and a long black bill that is slightly upturned distinguish this sandpiper from others. Now in its breeding plumage, the head, neck and breast are heavily streaked in black, and its back sports an intricately embroidered mosaic of blacks, browns and white.



CATHY CARNES

We also hear its distinctive call, a loud string of three or more slightly descending “tew” notes, aptly described by National Geographic’s Field Guide to the Birds of N.A. (Fifth Edition).

According to TheCornellLabs “All About Birds” website, the greater yellowlegs is often called a “marshpiper” because it wades through deeper water than other sandpipers — its long legs allowing it to easily navigate its watery world. It is heavier and longer-billed than its lookalike, the lesser yellowlegs, which we also caught a glimpse of at the marsh. Its diet, like other sandpipers, includes small invertebrates (snails, worms) picked from the mud, as well as small fish and frogs.

It is a relatively solitary bird. You may see them migrating with other sandpipers, but they rarely interact with them beyond traveling together.

It’s amazing to think of the breadth of the migratory flight of this sandpiper pulled by its biological clock, changing weather, and day length to journey north. It’s only here at the marsh for a stopover, to fuel up and rest so it can continue that journey. According to

“All About Birds,” the greater yellowlegs winters along the marshy coastal areas of the U.S., Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and parts of South America. The journey ends at its breeding ground hundreds if not thousands of miles north in the boreal wetlands of Canada and Alaska.

Once on the breeding grounds, no time is lost; the males energetically court the females, diving and calling and running in circles around her, then pausing to pose with upraised wings before her. How can she turn down such an attentive, flashy suitor? Their nests are often located at the base of short, evergreen trees. The chicks, amazingly, leave the nest a few hours after hatching and feed themselves. A very successful strategy for survival!

According to “All About Birds,” the population of the greater yellowlegs appears stable. Like many birds that were hunted in great numbers, sometimes with hundreds lost in one season, these birds are now protected by The Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Although hunting is not a problem in mainland North America, it still is in the Caribbean where thousands of migrating shorebirds are shot every year, including greater yellowlegs.

Loss of wetland habitat on the wintering grounds is also a threat, but difficult to measure. Head down to the Oconto Marsh or other wetland areas to get a glimpse of the greater yellowlegs before it resumes its migratory journey north.

May is a great time to bird watch with so many migratory birds passing through. Also look for ducks, grebes, sandhill cranes, woodpeckers, yellow-rumped warblers and other bird species, all the while being serenaded by the boisterous konk-la-reee of the red-winged blackbirds.

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



The greater yellowlegs, a tall sandpiper, is seen at Oconto Marsh on May 5.

CATHY CARNES

Shawano County libraries offer summer reading program

Public libraries across Wisconsin are gearing up to offer summer reading programs for all ages.

At Shawano County Library, the program begins June 1 and runs through Aug. 7. The children’s program is from birth through fifth grade. The teen program is for grades 6-12,

and the adult program for those ages 18 and older. To register for the program, stop at any library, participate online at shawanolibrary.beanstack.org or use the Beanstack Tracker app.

In addition to the reading portion, many great programs, crafts and activities are planned at the libraries

this summer. In all, over 135 programs are scheduled throughout the county’s libraries during June, July and August. From children’s performers to petting zoos, from local tours to photography, from story times to do-it-yourself projects, there will be something for everyone. Program

times and locations are located on the library’s Facebook page and online at shawanolibrary.org. Full program brochures are available to pick up at the main and branch libraries.

For information, contact the library at sha@shawanolibrary.org or 715-526-3829.

DNR finds 'no impact' from higher water levels

Long-term resolution of Shawano area water level controversy sought

By **DAVID WILHELM**
Reporter

"Biologically, we've come to terms with the year-round water level and there is no impact at all," Jean Romback-Bartels, secretary's director for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said May 12.

Romback-Bartels' comment referred to the proposal to maintain the water level at the Shawano paper mill dam at 802.9 feet above mean sea level year-round. She is the agency administrator with water issue responsibilities for northeastern counties.

David Fox said there has not been any negative impact from the higher water level and the dam's operation. Fox is director of regulatory process for Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, the dam's operator. The dam's electric's output goes exclusively to power the adjacent Little Rapids Paper Mill, Fox added.

The DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Shawano Area Waterways Management and other local organizations are seeking a permanent solution to the ongoing controversy for levels in Shawano Lake, the channel and the Wolf River pool above the Shawano paper mill dam.

Fox said ECRE wants to pursue a two-year temporary amendment before addressing the permanent change from the Federal Energy Resources Commission. FERC is the national agency with jurisdiction over dams.

An additional year "will buy us adequate time to get the permitting process done," Fox added.

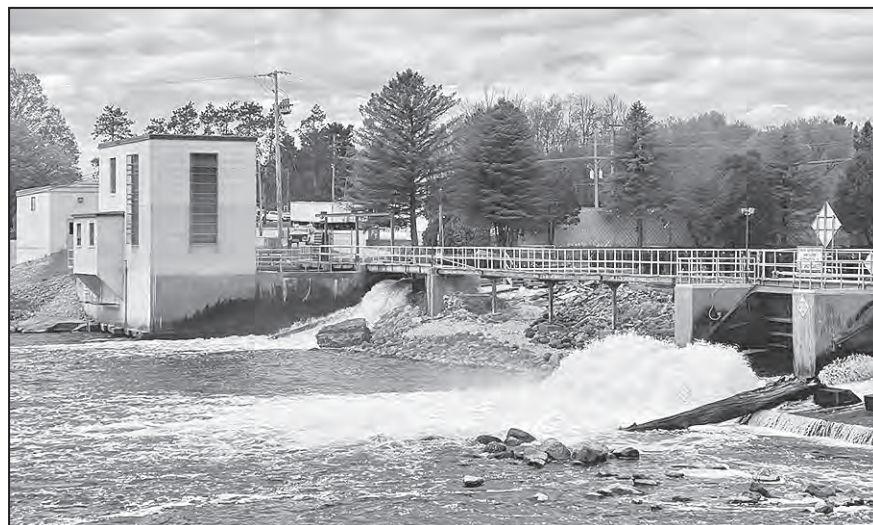
Romback-Bartels agrees with ECRE's plan to apply for a two-year amendment to its current operating permit.

"It affords us the opportunity, meaning all groups affected, to take a look at the one outstanding issue of impacts of going year-round," she said.

That "one outstanding issue" is the potential flood impact above the paper mill dam, requiring a hydrologic and hydraulic study, she said.

Romback-Bartels said she would consult her staff in coming days to confirm the need for the study and gather suggestions for funding.

She said, although there is adequate internal staffing, the DNR would have to contract additional resources for the



The spillway of the dam at the Shawano Paper Mill regulates the water level of the Wolf River at a level regulated by the Federal Energy Resources Commission.

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FYI

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provides guidance for conduct of hydrologic and hydraulic studies. FEMA develops flood data and publishes flood hazard maps to support the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP). According to FEMA, there are normally three major phases to a flood study of a stream or river:

- Assess the flows (usually involving a hydrologic study)
- Flood elevations and the floodway (via a hydraulic analysis)
- Map the floodplain and floodway

study and does not have readily available funds.

Romback-Bartels explained her agency now has five years of data on the seasonal water level changes and noted there were some impacts.

As opposed to the potential hazards of seasonal changes, "critters that need to burrow into the mud" to survive the winter won't have to contend with the possibility of water that is too low, Romback-Bartels continued.

Those "critters" include frogs, turtles and salamanders, the agency director said. They are important parts of the food chain, including for desirable game fish such as walleyes, she added.

In spring, the watershed, especially below the paper mill dam, needs to have enough water long enough to support spawning.

"The interesting thing about the system is that when they start to fill up the lake, the sturgeon have already spawned as well as walleye, red horse and white bass" but the need is to keep eggs wet and oxygenated, the DNR director explained.

Noting fish in Shawano Lake have the same need, Romback-Bartels concluded, "A year-round level avoids all

of those possible impacts."

The DNR's next steps will be to get in its comments into the FERC in a timely fashion during the regulatory process, Romback-Bartels said. It will also "absolutely be reaching out" to ECRE, SAWM and other organizations, probably including help on funding for the study, she said.

Bill Monfre, a SAWM board member involved in the water level resolution, said he was hopeful that FERC would act on the temporary amendment by June. He said he is hopeful that the area waters will return to the higher water levels by the Fourth of July weekend and will continue to attract boaters to the area.

Romback-Bartels added the agency will continue to balance all of the needs of stakeholders throughout the Wolf River watershed. Fox said the dam operator is also "interested in balancing all of the interest of all stakeholders."

FERC initially concurred with Shawano resident Brian Knapp's May 2015 complaint of high water and ice damage to his riverside residence and ordered a drawdown of the water at the paper mill dam from 802.9 feet msl to 802.5 feet msl. The 802.9 foot level had been the norm since at least 1985.

Knapp politely but firmly declined on May 10 to comment on the efforts this year to permanently resolve the issue. Manager of Shawano Municipal Utilities and a riverside resident, Knapp said he didn't have anything to offer beyond the contents of his original letter to FERC. In it, he complained of high water levels and damage from ice to his property.

ECRE acknowledged in a letter to FERC that the dam exceeded autho-

DID YOU KNOW?

What does "msl" mean? Put simply, according to the National Geographic Society, "Sea level is the base level for measuring elevation and depth on Earth." Mean sea level, the measurement at the heart of the ongoing controversy over water levels in the Shawano Lake area, is calculated from the average of hourly measurements of sea levels over a period of 19 years at various locations, according to the National Geographic web site.

However, "Gauging average global sea level is trickier than sticking a ruler in the depths and noting the day-to-day or year-to-year changes," according to climate.gov, a service of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

rized water levels on three occasions in 2013 and 2014 due to above-average amounts of precipitation. Dam operations were automated in 2016, resulting in more consistent water levels.

Since that initial order, there has been pushback from boating groups, waterfront landowners, fishing groups and other organizations representing interests above and below the paper mill dam.

One effort has been a yearly request from local groups, spearheaded by SAWM, to make a seasonal adjustment back to the 802.9 level, a level believed to enhance safety of boating but also protect fisheries. Fishing groups, such as Walleyes for Tomorrow and Sturgeon for Tomorrow, have contended the lower water levels endangered spawning and other habitat.

The controversy has also spawned rumors ranging from the low water levels hosting blastomycosis, a deadly bacterial disease, to numbers of injured boaters being treated at local emergency rooms and urgent care facilities.

Typical of the results in the past five years was the FERC order of June 2020. The regulatory body accepted the ECRE proposal to keep the level at a target normal elevation of 802.9 feet msl between May 15 and Nov. 15, or 0.4 foot above the authorized normal impoundment elevation of 802.5 feet msl.

This year, records from the Shawano paper mill dam operator show the water is being maintained at the level required by FERC despite local observations of the water being too low.

FERC noted its awareness of the need for additional environmental analysis of raising the water level and a clear definition of the "ice-free months" during which the dam would operate at the higher level, according to a June 2018 article in the Shawano Leader.

Shawano school teachers get pay hike

Grams feels proposal is 'slap in the face,' advocates for more

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District will be giving its teachers a pay hike after the Shawano School Board approved the measure May 17, but one board member feels the increase isn't high enough.

The pay increase was split into two parts, something that board member Chuck Dallas described as a "goodwill system." The first part was based on a point system established by the district where teachers earn one to 49 points and get additional money depending on the number of points earned. That increase is expected to cost the district \$131,855.

"We feel that it's a good gesture to pay off the points that have been earned by those teachers," Dallas said, noting that the first part would permanently be added to teachers' wages instead of being a one-time bonus.

The second part was a base increase for all teachers, expected to cost the district an additional \$163,269. The increase would give teachers a 1.23% increase, based on the consumer price index (CPI) from January 2020.

The pay hike had the recommendation of the district's executive and finance committees.

"From our perspective, it's really been a tough year," Dallas said. "The teachers have gone through a lot — all the employees have gone through a lot, and they've worked awfully hard during this time period. We look at it as a goodwill gesture to

show our appreciation."

Board member Mart Grams felt increasing salaries only by just over 1% was a slap in the face to the teachers, in light of the unusual school year.

"We gave more than 2% to the administrators, and we keep hiring administrators," Grams said. "I don't think we should give them (the teachers) anything less than 2%, which I still think is crappy."

Grams tried to amend the measure to allow for a 4.6% increase for all teachers to reflect the CPI as of April 2020, but the effort failed because no one would second his motion. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the index increased 4.2% before seasonal adjustment, the largest 12-month increase since September 2008, when the CPI jumped up 4.9%.

Dallas noted that the current plan was an interim move until the district could complete its review on teacher salaries and compensation.

"We are comparing like-size (districts) to our neighbors," Dallas said. "It helps compare what our teacher compensation is to others."

Grams noted that the Ashwaubenon School District gave its teachers a 2% hike plus a \$1,000 bonus, which prompted Superintendent Randi Anderson to point out that the points and the base increase give teachers a 4.3% increase total.

Grams said not all of the teachers are getting the maximum points, however.

"It's a select group," he said.

Board member Jamie Beyer said the increase was good for now but hoped more would come soon.

"I know we can't do it all at once," Beyer said, agreeing with the pay hike, "as long as you're looking forward to giving a more percentage later on."

Board member Chris Gull, who voted against the base increase with Grams, also felt the 1.23% increase was not satisfactory.

"I'm a big proponent of paying our teachers more, but we have to have the money to pay them," Gull said. "In my mind, it's better than nothing, but I just don't think it's good enough yet to retain teachers."

Board member James Davel brought his own experience as Sha-

wano County's interim administrative coordinator into the discussion, noting that pay increases can only come when the school district has the money to provide them.

"As much as you want to pay people more and you want to do it right away, it's a little bit like biting an elephant," Davel said. "You got to chomp what you can chomp and work your way at it to get to what you're trying to do. This, at least, gets us moving in the right direction."

Grams recalled a board conversation years ago where the matter on instilling trust with the teachers was brought up. He felt the packaged pay increase did not accomplish that.

"This is a good way to cut the ladder out from underneath them," Grams said. "They think we disdain them again."

The board voted 7-1 to approve the first part of the pay increase, with only Grams opposing, and 6-2 for the 1.23% base increase. Board president Michael Sleeper abstained from both votes.

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SAM25 receives bronze seal of excellence

Group given award due to work associated with shelter, upcoming health clinic

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A bronze seal of excellence has been awarded to a local health clinic that will provide care to the uninsured when it opens in late summer.

Shawano Area Matthew 25 was presented with the award April 29 from the Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (WAFCC).

"They have been helping us get organized with our clinic and policies," said SAM25 Board President Muffy Culhane.

The award was given to SAM25 because of its staffing, the planning, policies and procedures that are going into creating its health clinic.

Culhane said that WAFCC is giving SAM25 three years to continue to grow and continue to progress to reach the next level, a silver designation. She also said that WAFCC has a number of standards that need to be met to continue to progress into the silver and gold designations.

"We will keep working towards those standards," said Culhane. "They have actually really helped to start because we kind of know what we need to be focusing on."

She said that the award stands for a number of factors.

"I think it is important because it shows that we want to provide the best care as possible for our patients," said Culhane. "It also tells the community that we are trying to set up something reputable."

As work is continued on building the health clinic, Culhane looks forward to opening its doors to the less fortunate in our area.

"This clinic will be for the un-



A free health care clinic is in the process of being built at the SAM25 shelter on 105 E. Richmond St. in Shawano. The health care clinic will service those who cannot afford health insurance.

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insured in our area that are living around the poverty level," said Culhane.

According to Culhane, there are a lot of people who are either uninsured or under-insured and are not seeking health care. This is a reason why the decision was made to build the health clinic.

"There are about 8% of people in Shawano County and Menominee County that are uninsured," said Culhane. "We just think that everyone deserves good, basic health care — so we want to provide that and plug them into other health systems."

Culhane said that the community plays a major role in the success of the shelter and the clinic.

"I have to say that I think we live

in one of the most supportive communities that I have ever lived in," said Culhane. "For the shelter and the clinic, the community surrounds us with support, donations, volunteers and supplies."

SAM25 Executive Director Jennifer Bisterfeldt said that poverty and homelessness affects everyone in the community.

"We should all care about everyone," said Bisterfeldt. "Whether you are rich, poor or middle class, it is an issue for all of us."

"There are always instances where you will be going through a tough time, and that is what we are trying to do here — help folks who are struggling," Culhane added.

Started in 2014, SAM25 is a

nonprofit organization that aims to help community members who are struggling with poverty. According to Culhane, the goals of SAM25 are to provide those in need with a meal, a safe space to sleep, accessible health care and access to resources to get back on the right track.

In 2015, the shelter was located at 213 E. Green Bay St. After five years, the shelter was moved to 105 E. Richmond St.

The shelter is open during winter months from Nov. 1 through April 30, what Bisterfeldt calls "shelter season."

Bisterfeldt estimated that 30-40% of shelter guests leave SAM25 to permanent housing destinations. She also said that the other 60% don't necessarily go back to homelessness, but rather they find homes with families or other friends.

"The goal is to try to get people connected to a permanent situation where they are not going to enter back into homelessness," said Bisterfeldt.

She also said that on the last night of the 2020-21 shelter season, there were only two guests in the shelter. Both of them had plans for when the shelter season ended.

In a normal year, Bisterfeldt said about 100 people come in to use the facilities at the shelter.

As the health clinic is being built, Culhane and Bisterfeldt have plans to keep continuing to grow both the clinic and the shelter.

"We will start out small and do baby steps, but the goal is to keep improving the organization and the care we give to eventually end up with a gold standard," said Culhane.

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Gillett High School honored in Top 100

Franti, students recognized for proficiency in personal finance

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

One local high school has been honored on a national top 100 ranking list.

Gillett Secondary School achieved this feat by becoming one of the top 100 high schools in the nation for personal finance. Gillett was able to earn its spot on a list that includes high schools from New York City, Miami and Memphis, along with other cities around the country. The school was recognized April 22. Schools are ranked by a national educational non-profit, Working in Support of Education.

Danyell Franti, Gillett School District business education teacher, credits this recognition to the students in her class having a high percentage of pass rate. She also said that socio-economic status is taken into consideration when devising the list.

Franti said that teaching classes on personal finance has become very gratifying to her.

“As a low-income school in rural Wisconsin, I take a lot of pride in teaching those kids,” said Franti. “It is so necessary for them.”

According to Franti, receiving this recognition means more to her than just an award or a name on a list.

“It means to me that our kids are on the same playing field as other students in more populated areas where more resources are available,” said Franti.

She added that the school is recognized for having a high proficiency in personal finance because of the students.

“It is their work that we have been recognized for; it’s not my work,” said Franti.

Franti said that “pretests” are taken before the class starts to get a general idea of what the students know. She added that a class average score on a “pretest” is around 40%. After the lessons have finished, Franti said that the 40% average gets bumped up to an 85% average.

“That is a huge growth for these students,” said Franti.

Lessons that can be used for life are taught in Franti’s classes. She teaches topics like the psychology of money, taxes, checking accounts, types of credit, managing credit, insurance, investing and budgeting to juniors and seniors at Gillett High School.

“Even though these students come



Danyell Franti, left, business education teacher in Gillett School District, helps junior Ryann Wagner with her homework May 14. Franti teaches business classes, including personal finance and accounting.

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A flag recognizing Gillett High School as being a top 100 personal finance school in the country hangs in the classroom of Danyell Franti, the business education teacher in the Gillett School District, on May 14.

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from a rural area, we can teach them skills that are very necessary in life,” said Franti.

She said that the lessons surrounding credit are the ones that mean the most to her.

“It is for the kids to have the big picture before they go into dealing with credit in real life,” said Franti. “I know at 23 years old, when I bought

a house and a car, I had no idea what that credit meant. That is why I am particularly passionate about credit.”

According to Franti, the pandemic played a large role in her ability to teach and communicate with her students. After the school shut down in 2020 and with the hardships faced by the pandemic, Franti saw an opportunity to continue to educate her

students.

“I still put things out for kids, which was still very relevant. People were losing their jobs. Businesses were closing; families were losing a lot of financial assistance,” said Franti. “I wanted the kids to understand that this is why you need to know how to manage money.”

As the pandemic slows, Franti said that crisis lessons will still be valuable.

“Post-COVID, personal finance is still going to play into effect,” said Franti. “We still have to teach them lessons on how to handle money after a pandemic.”

Franti believes that since the high school is now on the top 100 radar, Gillett students will try to be recognized again.

“What I think is going to be helpful is that the kids will now see this recognition of their work has been celebrated,” said Franti. “As more kids come through for future classes, they are going to say, ‘I want to score better than that group.’ It’s more of a competition now.”

She said that this ranking not only recognizes the school, but also the Gillett community.

“This recognition puts us on the map, and it shows that our kids are getting taught the necessary skills to do well in life and to prepare them for life,” said Franti. “I think that it is just a great honor to be able to teach this.”

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Nelson

Evelyn Nelson passed away on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. She was born on Feb. 8, 1915, in the Town of Brazeau, the daughter of John and Augusta Kopatz. Evelyn married Fred Charles Nelson in July 1930. They farmed in Bagley until Fred started work at the Suring Co-Op in 1946. The couple celebrated 64 years of life together before Fred's passing in 1994. They had a winter home in Lehigh Acres, Florida, for 20 years, returning in summer months to be near family and friends. Evelyn continued to enjoy her Florida home and the beautiful yard until her eyesight failed. She returned to Suring in 2003, living in the Manor Apartments until she was 101 years old.

Evelyn was very creative, could sew anything, make her own patterns, and she cooked the tastiest comfort foods. She made piece quilts and crocheted many afghans for family and friends. While in Florida, Evelyn gathered sea-



shells from Sanibel Island beaches and made a treasure of wreathes; she won blue ribbons at the Lehigh Acres Shell Fair. Her cinnamon rolls were the best, and she made them into her nineties.

So far, no one in the family has found her magic touch. Evelyn also made cottage cheese pierogies; we couldn't get enough of these.

Over the years, Evelyn and Fred had chances to travel. They traveled to Washington D.C., California, Yellowstone Park, Seattle, Vancouver, and Toronto. They also took a trip to Denmark, France, Switzerland, and Germany, with a day cruise on the Rhine. Fred was fascinated by the engines powering the boat, while Evelyn sat on

the front deck enjoying the vineyards and the castles on the hills.

When asked for her secret to a long life, Evelyn stated, "Stay on the good side, and stay with the Lord."

Evelyn leaves behind four children: Jenevie Jensen of Milwaukee; Loretta Baxter of Franklin; Joan (Frank) Jones of Delavan; Charlette (Dave) Collins of Suring. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Augusta Kopatz; her husband, Fred; daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Frank Wyskochil; son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Lyn Nelson; sons-in-law, Bill Baxter and Russ Jensen; grandson, Chad Caughey; granddaughter, Wendy Sue Wyskochil.

Visitation has been scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Maple Valley Community Church from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with

Pastor Andrew Jantz officiating. Evelyn will be interred at Frostville Cemetery. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be sent to the Maple Valley Community Church.

Thank you to The Bay at Suring and the angels who cared for Evelyn the last five years and to the Southern Care Hospice Team including Kristin, Erin and Chaplin Judy. Special thank you to Dr. Gremban and Dr. Maltinski.



Prison sentence ordered for child care neglect conviction

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Pulaski area woman has been sentenced to spend nine years in prison, followed by 18 years of extended supervision, in connection with harm that befell children at her unlicensed home child-care service.

Nicole M. Brewer, 37, pleaded no contest and was convicted Feb. 26 to two counts of child neglect resulting in great bodily harm, one count of child neglect causing bodily harm and one count of child neglect causing emotional damage, in connection with incidents that occurred from 2018 to 2020. Four other counts were dismissed but read into the record.

Judge James A. Morrison issued separate sentences on May 11 for each of the charges and ruled that they be served consecutively.

The case came to light Feb. 14, 2020, after hospital officials alerted authorities that a 12-week-old boy was treated for a broken arm believed to have been sustained while Brewer was caring for him and other children at her home in the Town of Chase.

Brewer denied knowing what caused the boy's fractured arm but admitted she never contacted the parents after she noticed his arm

was swollen, the criminal complaint said.

Oconto County Sheriff's Department and Human Services investigators looking into the infant's injury uncovered additional incidents involving children who were hurt at Brewer's home.

Brewer represented herself as licensed and certified to provide child care for up to six children at a time, but she had no such license, the complaint said, and parents told investigators she had as many as 15-20 children on the property during the summer months.

Morrison ruled that Brewer may have no contact with any child under age 18 who is not a blood relative during her time in prison and under extended supervision.

She must undergo a psychological evaluation and any treatment deemed necessary by the Department of Corrections and follow through with recommended treatment and counseling; take all medication as prescribed by a physician and approved by her agent; and maintain absolute sobriety, with no possession or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia.

Morrison ordered that Brewer pay \$3,492.89 in restitution to victims plus an additional \$1,000 in

court costs and fees, all of which was taken from the \$20,000 in bail

she posted after she was charged in March 2020.

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#1342
May 21, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0060224-09-0
Permittee: Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, 9535 Green Acres St, Suring, WI, 54174-9600
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1, 9493 St. Bernadette Rd., Suring, Wisconsin
Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater of Little River Watershed, SE of NE Sec. 1, T29N-R18E Town of Maple Valley, Oconto County
Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes:
Treatment consists of two septic tank trains, a dosing chamber, four recirculating sand filters with discharge to four seepage cells. A groundwater monitoring system has been provided. These facilities were constructed in 1999. The collection system includes seven lift stations. Solids generated at the facility are considered septage.
a. Chloride monthly monitoring added.
a. Total Nitrogen limit of 10 mg/L as a monthly average was added.
a. A management plan for the land treatment system has been added in a compliance schedule.
Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Lisa Lumley, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 362-0171, Lisa.Lumley@wisconsin.gov
Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Laura Gerold, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6728, laura.gerold@wisconsin.gov
Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.
Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that

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all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.
Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>.
Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.
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MARRIAGES

Terry Turnal Binion and Brandie Lee Robinson, Oconto Falls.

Joshua John Krueger and Cassandra Rose Toellner, Little Suamico.

Christopher Louis Deering and McKenzie Rene Meyer, Breed.

Larry Gene Buchholz, Gillett, and Jacqueline Karen Begolke, Underhill.

Joshua Phillip Schlafer and Mikaela May Pawlak, Oconto Falls.

Craig Allen Spice and Lori Ann

Cecelia Atkinson, Chase.

Andrew Allen Wright and Briana Lynn Breitenfeldt, Little Suamico.

John Paul Zeitler, Lena, and Nicole Marie Garbrecht, Morgan.

Jordan Michael Mahoney and Bridgett June Nurine Roffers, Chase.

Brandon Ray Dehne and Jenna Marie Steeno, Oconto Falls.

Dustin Lee BremPELL and Mickayla Lee Buch, Oconto Falls.

Board of Review Notice of Meeting to Adjourn Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County

The Board of Review will meet on the 7th day of June, 2021, at 6pm at the Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.47(1).

The Board of Review will be called into session, officers will be elected and then will be adjourned until the 22nd day of June, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Notice is hereby given this 10th day of May, 2021, by:

Susan L Mogged, Town Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN TOWN OF HOW, OCONTO COUNTY

Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. stats., the Town of How assessment roll for the year 2020 assessment will be open for examination on **Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 2021 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** at the

Town of How Community Building 12896 Hwy 32 Suring, Wisconsin 54174
Instructional material about the assessment, how to file an objection and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.

Please contact R & R Assessing services if you have any questions. 920-846-4250

Notice is hereby given this 5th day of May, 2021.

Published May 12, 2021

Mary Woods, clerk/treasurer
Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.

Pursuant to s. 70.47 (2), Wis. Stats.:

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

1. No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property, if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of the improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies to the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s.73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Oconto Falls has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or 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 s. 19.35 (1), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 10th day of May, 2021, by:

Susan L Mogged, Town Clerk

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Lena/STAA boys, Suring girls 1st at county meet

Oconto Falls boys,
Gillett girls place 2nd

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy boys and Suring girls track and field teams each earned first-place finishes at the 45th Oconto County Meet on May 10 in Oconto Falls.

The Lena/STAA boys earned 112 points to edge Oconto Falls (107) and win just their second county meet ever, with the other coming in 1986. The Suring girls accumulated 97 points, with Gillett (78) placing second.

The Lena/STAA co-op was led by Sam and Kennedy Marquardt, who combined for six first-place finishes.

Sam Marquardt won the boys 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 11.7 and 23.7 seconds, respectively. Kennedy Marquardt won the 100 (13.0), 200 (27.6), 400 (1:05.1) and long jump (14 feet, 9.5 inches) to help the girls co-op place fifth.

What made Kennedy Marquardt's top finishes even more impressive is the fact she's dealing with an injury. "Tonight I was just hoping for the best," she said.

"I set a personal record in the 100 and a season record in the 200. It's always exciting when you can place higher at big meets. It gives me a little extra motivation to keep striving for better marks."

Max Beyer won the high jump (5-6) and Jacob Belongia claimed the top mark in the triple jump (36-11) to help the Lena/STAA boys to the team title.

The Suring girls had four top finishes to place first as a team.

Olivia Noack won the 1,600 (6:05.1), while Chantelle Vanden-Elzen claimed the top time in the 3,200 (14:47.5) for the Eagles. Grace Fischer won the pole vault competition after clearing 7-6.

The team's other top finish was from the 4x200 relay team, which was formed by Birdee Cramer, Kaylee Otradovec, Lily Hakes and Lillie Taylor and posted a time of 2:06.

Josh Saari and Tucker Moynihan



Lena/STAA's Max Beyer, right, and Sam Marquardt head toward the finish line during the 400 dash competition at the Oconto County Track Meet on May 10 in Oconto Falls. Marquardt took second, with Beyer placing third.

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had a pair of top individual finishes to lead the Oconto Falls boys team.

Saari was the top finisher in the 110 hurdles (16.5) and 300 hurdles (43.7). Moynihan won the shot put (43-0.25) and discus (118-11) competitions.

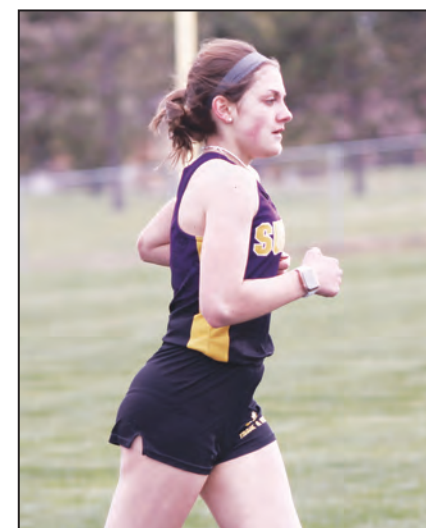
"I am incredibly proud with my performance tonight, with a PR (personal record) in the discus and

another high throw in the shot," said Moynihan. "As this season has gone on, I have watched my throws improve after each meet and practice, which will help with my performance at the conference and regional meets at the end of the season."

Oconto Falls' Joe Adams won the boys 3,200 with a time of 10:51

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Full results from the meet can be found at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/431295/results>.



Suring's Olivia Noack runs the 1,600 at the Oconto County Track Meet on May 10 in Oconto Falls. Noack placed first in the event, and the Suring girls went on to take first as a team at the meet.

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and was also on the 4x800 relay team that placed first in 9:46.6. Riley Treichel, Ethan Rennie and Grant Yuma filled out the relay team.

Treichel was also on the top-finishing 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams, which posted times of 50.1 and 1:46.7, respectively. Devon Dorn and Justin Spaulding were a part of both relays, with Nicholas Allen rounding out the 4x100 team and Owen Huber the 4x200 quartet.

The Gillett girls were led by a pair of top finishes from Karissa Schaal. She won the discus (109-5) and shot put (36-7.5) competitions. Sylvia Hansen won the 800 (2:31.2).

Hansen teamed up with Aubrey DeBauch, Ryann Wagner and Carleigh Kaczmarek for a top finish in the 4x400 relay (4:41.2). Amber Brehmer, Kasey Hansen, Angela Mosconi and Megan Wagner formed the top-finishing 4x800 relay (12:07.2).

The Oconto Falls girls placed third with 65 points and had two first-place finishes.

Brailyn St. Louis won the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.4. Kearra Champeau, Joana Espino, Natalie Delzer and Elsie Desterheft formed

the first-place finishing 4x100 relay (1:00.5).

The Suring boys came in third behind first-place finishes from Jeremy Hensel in the pole vault (10-6) and 400 (55.7).

"I accomplished (the top finishes) by focusing on the prize," said Hensel. "I always think to myself when I'm running or vaulting to always just push myself to the best of my ability."

The Gillett boys came in fourth place with 52 points.

Connor and Derek Hanson each won an individual event and helped the 4x400 relay team to first place in 3:46.2. Alex and Evan Peterson filled out the relay team.

Derek Hanson won the 800 (2:04), while Connor Hanson made a late pass to win the 1,600 (4:56.5).

"With the 1600, I just did what my coach (Bill De Jung) told me — 'trail the leader then make your move and go.' Sticking right on his heels seemed more like a mental battle than anything else," said Connor Hanson. "I made my move on the



Gillett's Cheyenne Krueger clears the bar during the girls pole vault competition at the Oconto County Track Meet on May 10 in Oconto Falls. Krueger ended up taking second, just like the girls team did.

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last lap, and my coach yelled at me to not settle in, and the fear of getting passed pushed me the hardest."

Team scores (boys): 1. Lena/STAA 112; 2. Oconto Falls 107; 3. Suring 63; 4. Gillett 52; 5. Oconto 30.

Team scores (girls): 1. Suring 97; 2. Gillett 78; 3.

Oconto Falls 65; 4. Oconto 64; 5. Lena/STAA 52.

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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Navarino 9

Cecil 1

Navarino opened league play with a win over Cecil on May 16 in Navarino.

Travis Wollenberg had three hits, walked twice and scored three runs for Navarino. Mason Dingeldein and Matt Krause each added two hits, with Krause also driving in two runs and scoring twice.

Paul Sellner earned the win after pitching eight innings, inducing four double plays on the day. Tyler Rosin tossed the ninth inning.

Noah Beilfuss suffered the loss for Cecil after pitching four innings and striking out three batters. He had three hits to lead the Mudhens at the plate.

Bonduel 21

Freedom 0 (5 inn.)

Bonduel cruised to a win over Freedom on May 16 in Freedom. Bonduel scored five or more runs in three different innings and had 23 hits in the contest.

Barrett Bohm drove in five runs on four hits to lead the Broncos at the plate. Matt Scheelk and Luke Kostreva each drove in three, while Chase Reinke, Bryce Weier and Wyatt Reinke drove in two runs each. Jack Reinke, J.C. Reinke, Adam Frost

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For more details on the Dairyland League, visit teams' Facebook pages.

and Kostreva each scored three runs.

Chase Reinke earned the win on the mound after striking out 11 batters over seven innings. He only allowed two hits and one walk.

Travis Vander Loop and Dakota Brockman had Freedom's hits. Hunter Schabo, Jake Gonnering, Tyler Hayes and Ty Meyers all pitched in the game.

Shawano 11

Nichols 0 (7 inn.)

Shawano eased past Nichols on May 16 in Shawano. The victorious Lobos tallied 15 hits in the contest.

Dylan Berg, Brad Bartz, Bryce Szymanski, Chase Stenson and Ben Bystol all had multiple hits for Shawano.

Hunter Hoffman earned the win on the mound after pitching all seven innings. He struck out three batters.

Hortonville 6

Waupaca 0

Hortonville posted a shutout win over Waupaca on May 16 in Waupaca.

Logan Grossman, Will Salaman and Dan Wunderlich tallied two hits each for Hortonville. Mason Thiel earned the win after striking out 12 batters across seven shutout innings.

Ryan Makuski and Johnny Popham

posted two hits each for Waupaca. Cam Seidl was dealt the loss despite

striking out nine batters over six innings and not allowing an earned run.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

SOFTBALL

Gillett/Suring 13

Wausaukee 3 (6 inn.)

Gillett/Suring scored six times in the sixth inning to finish off a Marinette & Oconto Conference win over Wausaukee on May 14 in Gillett. The hosts scored four runs in the opening inning and then three times in the third for its other seven runs.

Kelsey Smith had two hits and three RBIs to lead Gillett/Suring's bats, while Emily Umentum had two RBIs on two hits. Smith and Paige Krueger scored three times each, while Umentum and Liz Soper crossed home plate twice each.

Joslyn Sexton, Autumn Dryja, Parker Zahn, Carrie Griffin and Soper all drove in a run each for the co-op.

Dryja picked up the win in the circle after pitching all six innings. She struck out one batter while surrendering no walks and seven hits.

Oconto Falls 8

Fox Valley Lutheran 3

Oconto Falls picked up a North Eastern Conference win over Fox Valley Lutheran on May 13 in Appleton.

Alexis Euclide had four hits and two RBIs to lead Oconto Falls at the plate. Ashlyn Allen also drove in two runs on two hits. Jamesen Engel totaled four hits, one of which was a triple.

McKayla Goebel, Abbi Remic, Lily Kurek and Brooke Senn all chipped in two hits for the Panthers. Goebel scored two runs.

Kurek earned the win in the circle after pitching all seven innings. She surrendered eight hits and six walks, but struck out six batters to limit FVL's run total.

Coleman 14

Gillett/Suring 2 (5 inn.)

Gillett/Suring couldn't slow Coleman's bats in a M&O clash May 13 in Coleman.

Liz Soper and Parker Zahn drove in Gillett/Suring's runs, plating

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Soper and Paige Krueger. Zahn had two of the team's four hits.

Emily Umentum took the loss in the circle after pitching a complete game.

Oconto Falls 10

Clintonville 9 (8 inn.)

Oconto Falls rallied multiple times before Jayden Arndt delivered a walk-off double to score Abbi Remic and give the Panthers a NEC win over Clintonville on May 11 in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls trailed 7-0 before a seven-run fourth inning tied the game. After the Panthers took a brief lead, Clintonville scored twice in the top of the seventh to go up a run, but Oconto Falls' Alexis Euclide tied the game in the bottom of the frame with a hit that scored Sydney Bell.

Arndt finished with three RBIs on four hits, while McKayla Goebel added two RBIs on three hits. Ashlyn Allen also had three hits. Euclide drove in three runs.

Lily Kurek earned the win after allowing two runs over 4 1/3 innings. Arndt started and went the first 3 2/3 innings.

Niagara 14

Gillett/Suring 3 (5 inn.)

Gillett/Suring scored three runs in the first inning but wasn't able to score again in a M&O loss to Niagara on May 10 in Gillett.

Parker Zahn drove in two runs for Gillett/Suring, while Emily Umentum had the team's other RBI. Umentum finished with three hits, while Carrie Griffin had two.

Umentum took the loss in the circle after pitching all five innings.

BASEBALL

Luxemburg-Casco 10

Oconto Falls 8

Oconto Falls couldn't hold on to a late lead in a NEC setback to Luxemburg-Casco on May 14 in Luxemburg. The hosts scored three runs in the sixth inning to pull ahead.

Jake Sager led Oconto Falls' offense with three hits and a RBI, while Braden Vandermoss added two hits and a RBI. Adam Haines drove in three runs on two hits.

Sager took the loss after working two innings in relief of Tucker Bouche. Vandermoss got the final three outs without allowing any other runs. Bouche struck out three batters, while Sager had a pair of strikeouts.

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Notice is hereby given this 21st day of May 2021.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Viterbo

Gillett Secondary School graduate Lauren Herzog earned a second-place finish as an individual while representing the Viterbo University women's track and field team at the North Star Athletic Association Outdoor Championships that took place May 13-14.

Herzog posted a time of 12:58.23

in the 3,000 steeplechase, which was about over 50 seconds better than her seed time. The finish earned her team eight points.

St. Norbert College

Emily Gonnering, an Oconto Falls graduate and current athlete for the St. Norbert College women's track and field team, competed in the hammer throw at the Midwest Conference Championship that ran May 14-15.

Gonnering had a top throw of 31.01 meters to place 10th.

UW-Eau Claire

Oconto Falls grad Autumn Canavera and Suring grad Mitch Stegeman each competed in an event for the UW-Eau Claire track and field team during the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 14.

Canavera placed sixth in the women's 1,500-meter run, posting a time of 5:04.14.

Stegeman claimed second in the men's pole vault after clearing 5.01 meters.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: LOGAN SHALLOW

Lena senior helping baseball co-op win

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op baseball team is finding success on the diamond this spring. Lena senior Logan Shallow is among the players leading the charge for the co-op.

Shallow's best performance of the season so far came in a Marinette & Oconto Conference win over Gillett/Suring on May 6. Shallow tossed a complete game shutout to help the team to an 8-0 win.

Shallow struck out 17 batters in the 21 outs he got. The senior allowed just one hit.

The Lena senior also helped himself out at the plate, posting two hits and scoring two runs.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: My interest in baseball began when I was around 2-3 years old, playing baseball with my dad (Richard) in our yard. He got me hooked on baseball at a young age, and I've been hooked ever since.

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

A: My favorite part of the baseball season is the conference and statewide tournament. I feel like it is the time where it means the most, and your team can show all of the skills you learned over the course of the year.

Q: What are your individual goals for your senior season?

A: My goals for my senior season is win ballgames. I also want to get lots of kids from Lena to play baseball in the future.

Q: Your team is off to a strong start this spring. What's been the key to the team's early success?

A: This spring we have definitely played great team baseball! Our pitching and fielding have been pretty good and have led us in a lot of games.

Q: You recently pitched a gem against Gillett/Suring. Talk



Lena/STAA's Logan Shallow runs to first base after hitting the ball during a May 4 nonconference game against Bowler in Bowler.

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about how you were so effective in that contest and how that success will help you as the season progresses.

A: My team and I were feeling confident going into the game. We had a good couple days of practice, and we were playing good baseball. I was able to hit my spots and stay ahead in the count. My catcher,

Josh Kristof, was helping me out behind the plate as well, giving good targets and even framing a couple pitches.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Lena/STAA baseball team?

A: My favorite memory this year has to be the first game this year. It was my first win with our team

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Logan Shallow

SPORT: Baseball

POSITIONS: Pitcher, shortstop

SCHOOL: Lena High School

YEAR: Senior

ever, and we got it in our first game. We were very excited, and it got us fired up for the rest of the season.

Q: Talk about what it's like competing on a team that also features athletes from a different school.

A: Playing with STAA is very fun. They have some very good athletes, and they are vital to the team. We also have become great friends and teammates who always have each other's backs.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a game starts?

A: I like to play long toss before every game. I feel like it stretches and warms up my arm and gets me ready for the game.

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

A: TV show — "Hogan's Heroes." Movie — "The Sandlot." Musical artist — I don't have one.

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

A: I am more often than not very secretive.

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

A: "No matter what happens throughout the game, forget it. If you hang onto it, it'll wreck your whole game. So move on and play your heart out."

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

A: I plan to go to college for electrical engineering as well as hopefully play baseball in college.



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PRO FOOTBALL

LaFleur on Rodgers: 'We want him back in the worst way'

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur reiterated his hope that he'd get to continue working with Aaron Rodgers this season while offering no news on the quarterback's status.

"I've got nothing new to update, and we still obviously feel the same way," LaFleur said May 14 after the opening workout of the Packers' rookie minicamp.

"We want him back in the worst way. I know he knows that and, you know, we'll continue to work at it each and every day."

After ESPN reported just before the NFL draft that Rodgers doesn't want to return to Green Bay, Packers CEO Mark Murphy posted a column on the team's website in which he said "this is an issue that we've been working on for several months." Murphy acknowledged that he, general manager Brian Gutekunst and coach Matt LaFleur had met with Rodgers "on a number of occasions" during the offseason.

Gutekunst has indicated he doesn't plan to trade Rodgers, who has three



Green Bay Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, left, talks to quarterback Aaron Rodgers during the second half of a game against the Chicago Bears on Jan. 3 in Chicago. LaFleur reiterated his hope to have Rodgers back on the team for the upcoming season.

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years remaining on his contract. LaFleur said after the draft that he "can't fathom" Rodgers not being in Green Bay.

The Packers addressed their quarterback depth by signing Blake Bortles, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2014 draft. Packers offensive coordinator

Nathaniel Hackett held the same position with Jacksonville during Bortles' tenure as the Jaguars' starting quarterback. Bortles spent the 2019 season and portions of 2020 with the Los Angeles Rams.

Until the Packers signed Bortles, the only quarterbacks on their roster

were Rodgers and 2020 first-round draft pick Jordan Love. Tim Boyle, who backed up Rodgers last season, has since joined the Detroit Lions.

"You're always going to have three if not four guys typically in an offseason program and in training camp," LaFleur said. We liked "Blake's familiarity with Hackett, with being in the Rams' offense, with a lot of carryover in terminology and just his overall experience in this league. I mean this is a guy that started a lot of games and has had a lot of success."

Two more quarterbacks — Kurt Benkert and Chad Kelly — were at the rookie minicamp as tryout candidates.

Benkert signed with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent out of Virginia in 2018 but hasn't played in an NFL game.

LaFleur was asked whether he'd have to go into offseason workouts preparing Love for the possibility of being the starter just in case the Rodgers' situation doesn't get rectified. Love didn't play a single down during his rookie year as the Packers went 13-3 and lost in the NFC Championship Game for a second straight season.

"I'm not going to make any assumptions about anything at this point," LaFleur said. "We're just going to take it day by day. But I think every player on our roster has got to have the mentality that they're going to be the guy. If not, when you do get your opportunity, you will not be prepared for it. So that is always what we stress to every player on this football team."

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On Feb. 25, the health department launched its first vaccine clinic, and since then, just under 2,000 people were vaccinated.

The intent of the clinic was to bridge the gap of the limited COVID-19 vaccine providers in the area, according to Harmala. Due to the opening of

even more providers in our community, this clinic has ended, she said. The health department has partnered with the Shawano County Jail, Rural Health Initiative and ThedaCare to reach out to vulnerable populations and rural community members.

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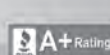
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OPINION

Time to let the public back into meetings

Things are getting back to normal as the threat of the coronavirus has gone from a deafening roar to almost a faint whisper. Events are coming back in at least a partial form, if not at full strength. The requirements that we hide from anyone not living in our homes and avoid public places like the plague — pardon the poor comparison — have been scaled way back. Not only that, it was just announced that those who are vaccinated can shed the masks and show their pearly whites again.

With precautions becoming less necessary, the city of Shawano has even returned to having meetings in the council chambers again. Previously, meetings were held in the larger community room at City Hall to allow the necessary social distancing. While that was happening, the city renovated the council chambers with a fresh coat of paint, new desks for the council members and state-of-the-art equipment to allow livestreaming for those who can't make it to the meetings.

The increased efforts by the city to increase public transparency are commendable. Then there's the Shawano School District.

I looked in the email the other day and saw that the next meeting for the school board was once again a virtual meeting. In other words, the board was meeting together, but no one else from the public is allowed to go in.

It's rather ironic that the district is continuing to stick with virtual



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meetings instead of allowing them to happen face to face. Several months before the pandemic, a proposal by a local resident to allow livestreaming of the school board meetings was being met with awkward glances and a large dose of skepticism.

"Sometimes that stymies the conversation." "The dialogue isn't as real." Those were statements in a committee meeting in January 2020 by school board members who questioned whether the effort to expand public access to the board meetings was prudent or even necessary. Despite resident Shelby Kaveinga saying that other school districts were doing it successfully, the collective opinion was that it didn't seem like a good idea.

Then the pandemic hit, and with it edicts from the governor to close down the schools and avoid having any type of gathering where there was more than 10 people. That left the district with little choice but to get with the times and start livestreaming the board meetings so as to avoid violating the open meetings law.

That's the way it has been ever since with the school board. Since then, other school boards and government entities have reopened their doors, allowing anyone who has wished to attend meetings in person to

do so while still providing livestreaming options for those not yet ready to face the world again. Not so with the Shawano School District. The livestream option allows the board to continue its work but keep members of the public 600 feet or more away.

I've heard of social distancing, but that seems a little ridiculous at this point in time.

It's not the first time the district has dragged its feet on getting back to normalcy. After months of being in full virtual learning mode, the board approved a plan that brought students back into school, but only after parents expressed their frustration at having to deal with virtual learning in an area where internet infrastructure is poor or nonexistent.

Interestingly, that raises the question on whether livestreaming only really allows for public meetings to be truly public. There was one instance where my home internet went kerflop right in the middle of a school board meeting, so I had to drive back to the office — where the internet was working fine — to view the rest of the meeting. I was lucky to have another option; many folks in our rural areas don't have that choice.

Recently, the Bonduel School Board made the decision to lift its mask mandate, and it did so with members of the public in attendance and advocating for it. When news spread about the decision, Shawano residents were taking to social media and asking if our schools would follow suit. Then

came word that the district's mandate went away when the Supreme Court overturned Gov. Tony Evers' extended public health emergency more than a month prior.

That left some people scratching their heads and others taking to social media asking why no one in the public knew about it when it supposedly happened. Communications with the school district are clearly in need of improvement. Allowing in-person access to school board meetings would be a good step in fixing those lines of communication.

The district winced at the idea of livestreaming public meetings, treating it like an unwanted mistress. Now it's fine shacking up with the livestreaming concept and doesn't want to go back to public meetings, the metaphorical wife. That's not right. While the district is in keeping with the letter of the law with virtual meetings, the spirit of the law seems to be getting stomped on.

In-person and virtual instruction is taking place in harmony at Shawano's public schools. It should be the same way with the board meetings. To not do so indicates the school district has something to hide, and if that's the case, the public needs a way to confront its elected representatives face to face. If the Shawano School District refuses to accommodate this, then we, the public, should demand it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not all minority issues linked to racism

To the editor:

In a March 19 letter, Ken Kroenke posed the question: "Can White people claim they're not racist?" Lumping people together as racist is incorrect. He continues that "racism is deeply ingrained in our society. I have come to agree that racism is systemic." Is racism systemic? The question is too broad. Is the free enterprise system racist? Still too broad.

Despite problematic times and places like the Jim Crow South, Black people have made significant socioeconomic gains since the Civil War. Black

people own 2.6 million businesses (10% of the total, or close to the Black percentage of the U.S. population) and are starting ever-increasing numbers of businesses (especially Black women, who are now the most-educated and most prolific entrepreneurs in the U.S.).

Two most pressing needs of business startups — mentors and capital — are lacking in Black communities, 70% of which lack a branch bank. This might not be due to racism. Implicit effects of taxation and regulation hit middle class minorities and small businesses especially hard and stymie the best kinds of help — self-help and person-to-person help. How about beating the system by allowing tax

credits for helping small businesses (81% of Black startups need less than \$100) or allowing certain small businesses, like barbershops, to operate without a license?

Society, per se, is not racist; but the legacy of Jim Crow exists in government institutions and policies, which reveal an ingrained pattern of destructive politicization. The welfare system creates a dependent class of destroyed, poor White and Black families. Public education systems comprise a virtual monopoly which, due to tax-based funding, offers inferior education to students in poor, segregated districts.

Perhaps the most advantageous change for Black people to hope for is universal expansion of school choice.

The Democrat Party is still "standing in the schoolhouse door." Why not allow every poor, struggling student, Black or White, a chance at a better-performing (as shown by report cards on schools) private school?

Kroenke claims that authorities reacted more aggressively toward the "Summer of Love" protesters across the country in 2020 than they did toward the rioters at the U.S. Capitol. Not quite. On Jan. 6, police at the U.S. Capitol were overwhelmed by hundreds of protesters, including dozens of violent, organized White supremacists and neo-Nazis, but acted very aggressively — using tear gas and making 82 forceful arrests.

Nick Theisen, Oconto Falls



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Council discusses alternative uses for hospital land

Some concerned about letting property just sit

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

After years of sitting dormant, much of the old Shawano Medical Center land is still undeveloped, despite multiple efforts to transform the land into residential dwellings.

As a result, some members of the Shawano Common Council are questioning whether the city should continue to push for housing on the land or instead focus on other land uses. When the council met May 12, Alderman John Hoefts broached the subject and suggested that maybe the council's focus shouldn't be so narrow.

"It's a pristine piece of land, and the way that Shawano's growing, I think it should be left open for other projects besides housing," Hoefts said. "I think we should be open to other ideas."

Alderman Brad Keuschel, whose district includes the former hospital land, suggested looking at turning the land into a green space or consider other uses.

"Some of the people I've talked to in that area, they don't feel that housing in there would be the best use as a community-helping area," Keuschel said. "We're building a lot of houses in some different areas, and I feel like that land be more utilized for something that benefits the entire community."

Alderman Lisa Hoffman felt changing course now would be un-



The site of where the former Shawano Medical Center sat is still vacant today as various housing proposals have fallen through. Some members of the Shawano Common Council have suggested the city look at other uses for the property or to sell it for other uses.

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wise, as there have been committees looking at the land, previous council discussions, and developers currently looking at the land for possible housing use.

"Our little community is in desperate need of housing," Hoffman said. "I guess I'm a little confused about why this is coming back when the discussion has been had many times."

Hoefts pointed out that there has been no commitment to develop the site.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said that, in order to change course, there would need to be a specific plan or recommendation, like a community center. He noted that there have been efforts in the past to push for senior care facilities, elder use apartments, multi-family residences, community

centers and more.

"The charge has been to find single-family (housing)," Sheppard said. "That's been the direction the council has placed on city staff. There isn't a proposal for it right now, but there are two people who are looking at it."

Keuschel suggested renting out the space for events, noting its riverfront view would make the land valuable to those who want to use it.

"Right now, there are two churches that do at least one service down there a year, bringing in about 1,000 people to do their stuff," Keuschel said. "We use that area, and that has more impact to the community than packing it full of houses because you can sell it right here and now. There are plenty of opportunities to use that area, like wedding venues. The Ski

Sharks are bringing in four tournaments this year and looking to draw over 5,000 people over the summer."

Hoffman was quick to point out that there were plenty of other parks in the community to be used for the activities Keuschel described.

"I think that's all beside the point," Hoffman said. "We don't have anybody looking at it right now."

Sheppard clarified there are developers looking, but there are no proposals yet.

Alderman Rhonda Strebel said she would rather the city stick with trying to find a developer willing to put single-family housing. She felt it was essential to grow Shawano.

"We do need housing," Strebel said. "I am on the SCEPI (Shawano County Economic Progress Inc.) board, and it's something we talk about over and over and over again. If we want economic development, and if we want to draw people to the community, we want houses for people who can live and work here and not have people drive to Appleton, Wausau, Green Bay for their work. We would rather see people live and build here and stay here so they're spending money here."

Sheppard noted the city has spent about \$700,000 already into developing and marketing the land, so finding a way to recoup the costs, like selling for a housing development, should be the top priority.

"You can't just let it sit forever," Sheppard said. "You've got to put something on there that generates a tax base to pay for the costs that you've already put into it."

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EDDIE SHEPPARD, Shawano city administrator



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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of May 12

Ruperto Estudillo Zuniga, 36, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of false imprisonment, misdemeanor battery and two counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 12. Arraignment was scheduled for June 21.

Proceedings of May 11

Casey James Kelly, 32, Pound, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to first-degree recklessly endangering safety, strangulation-suffocation, aggravated battery and misdemeanor or disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 20. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 17.

David James Zabawa, 30, Oconto, was freed on a \$10,000 signature

bond after he was charged with child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 4. During a subsequent appearance, a preliminary hearing was scheduled for May 28.

Proceedings of May 10

Travis Michael McDermitt, 30, La Crosse, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession with intent to deliver amphetamine (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 22. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 17.

Jennifer K. Powers, 33, Shawano, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor

charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 14. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for July 13.

Rodney L. Baumgarten, 39, Gillett, was released on a \$10,000 signature bond after he was charged with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 25. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for June 7.

Katherine L. Reith, 29, Sussex, pleaded not guilty to possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 26. A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for July 12.

Michael M. Nerenhausen, 30, Oconto, waived his right to a pre-

liminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 1, and felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 24. Arraignment was scheduled for June 17.

Proceedings of May 6

After a two-day trial, a jury found Aaron James Haun, 44, Abrams, guilty of four counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13, in connection with incidents that occurred Jan. 1, April 1 and July 19, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 7 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

'Clock Church' to install new pastor

Byars has previously served congregations in Florida and Indiana

St. John's Lutheran Church, (the "Clock Church"), 101 W. Main St., Gillett, plans to install the Rev. Chris Byars as their new pastor at their 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 23.

Byars was called to the congregation last fall and started his ministry in Gillett on Oct. 1.

He and his wife, Dawn, have six children and make their home in the church parsonage.

Born and raised in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Byars graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, in May 2007.

He has previously served congregations in Florida and Indiana.

The installation service will include assistance from Pastor Carole Neitzel-Schnur, who will also install Pastor Byars. In addition, an ecumenical choir will perform several choral selections. Holy Communion will be offered, and all baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table.

After the service, all are invited to a meal in the church's fellowship hall. A free-will offering will be accepted.



Pastor Chris Byars of St. John's Lutheran Church in Gillett with his wife, Dawn, and their six children. Dawn in her white dress is flanked by Nathaniel, left, and Jameson, with Roslyn in front. Jameson is holding Harrison, with William front and center and Charlotte next to Pastor Byars, who is scheduled to be formally installed Sunday.

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Providers: Masks still required in our facilities

Area health care providers are still requiring patients to wear face coverings when they visit.

"The CDC announced May 13 that people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can go without masks indoors and outdoors," said a joint statement from Bellin Health, Advocate Aurora Health/Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Prevea Health and HSHS hospitals including St. Clare Memorial in Oconto Falls. "However, certain higher risk settings, such as health care facilities, are excluded from this guidance. In alignment with the CDC, masking and social distancing will continue to be required at all our health care facilities to protect the safety and well-being of our patients, visitors and communities."

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Gillett FFA chapter holds 2021 awards banquet

SPECIAL TO NEW MEDIA

The Gillett FFA held its annual awards banquet May 2 at Romy's Holiday Inn, with 95 people in attendance.

State FFA President Joe Schlies, a member of the Denmark FFA chapter, was able to attend and presented an inspirational message.

Degrees handed out at the banquet included Discovery Degrees, Greenhand Degrees, Chapter Degrees, and Honorary Member.

Discovery recipients included Clayton Borremans, Dominic DiMaggio, Sophie Limberg, Brianna Mayville, Trinity Nelson, Jack Sturm, Juan Sanchez

The outstanding middle school member award was presented to Zander Davis.

Greenhand Degree recipients were Bradin Bjelland, Hailey Elsner, Mackenzie Piper, Brandon Rodgers, Lance Wendorff, and Noah Woosman. Star Greenhand Awards were presented to Hailey Elsner and Brandon Rodgers.

Those who received the Chapter Degree were Holly Brock, Christina Cioncio, Delaney DeBauch, Hanna Elsner, Kierstin Genz, Blake Goodreau, Phillip Heroux, Alaina Herzog, Virgil Herzog, Emelie Horsens, Cheyenne



The 2021-2022 Gillett FFA officers installed during the May 2 awards banquet are, from left, Junior Advisor Kierstin Genz, President Ryann Wagner, Historian Laney DeBauch, Reporter Holly Brock, Sentinel Cheyenne Krueger, Secretary Taylor Schuster, Treasurer Bradin Bjelland, and Vice President Thayne Bjelland.

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Krueger, Taylor Schuster, Hannah Simpson, Colton Sturm, Megan Wagner.

The Star Chapter Degree awards were presented to Alaina Herzog and Kierstin Genz.

The freshman Scholar Award recipients were Bradin Bjelland, Hailey Elsner and Lance Wendorff.

The sophomore Scholar Award recipients were Megan Wagner, Phillip Heroux and Virgil Herzog.

The Junior Scholar Award recipients were Ryann Wagner, Taylor Schuster and Alaina Herzog.

Senior class scholar Awards went to Aubrey DeBauch, Brandon Rodgers and Emelie Horsens.

The Gillett FFA presented Mel and Turner Gross of Pound Insurance Center with an Honorary FFA membership for their contribution to the chapter this past year.

Gillett FFA Alumni presented senior Hanna Elsner with a scholarship.

Career Development Events, or CDEs allow members to learn more

about specific agriculture careers while also competing with other local chapters at the regional and state levels. Gillett FFA had members compete in five different events.

Dairy Cattle Evaluation participants were Bradin Bjelland, Thayne Bjelland, Aubrey DeBauch, Laney DeBauch, Kierstin Genz, and Alaina Herzog.

Hanna Elsner was a Horse Evaluation participant. Livestock Evaluation participants were Virgil Herzog, Cheyenne Krueger, Hannah Simpson, Megan Wagner and Ryann Wagner.

Milk Quality and Processing participants were Dean Hillesland, Tani Lucht, Colten Sturm, Ryann Wagner and Noah Woosman.

Wildlife participants were Jack Arneson, Dylan Nelson, Mathew Rost and Cole Watts.

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolutions have been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on May 11, 2021. A full text of said resolutions may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 21-004: City of Oconto Falls & Oconto Falls Area Ambulance Resolution to participate in the Wisconsin Length of Service Award Program.

RESOLUTION 21-005: Resolution selling Industrial Park lot to Steffens.

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